



# Viva Maria!



## Food, Family, Friends & Bocce

Society of Maria SS. Lauretana  
— Annual Picnic – 2026 —

*Families and Friends Welcome*

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**Location:**

**McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park**  
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd • Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Park admission is free • *Society members receive a free meal!*



### Menu

#### Italian Sandwich (Sausage or Roast Beef)

Includes chips, water, peppers & onions

**Non-Member Prices:**

Sausage or Roast Beef – **\$12**

Combo (Sausage & Beef) **\$15**

**Kids Menu – Free**

Hot Dogs, Chips & Water

### Picnic Schedule

**11:00 AM** – Arrival & Social Time

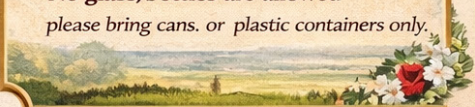
**12:00 PM – 2:30 PM** – Lunch Served

**2:30 PM** – Picnic Games Begin

#### Bocce Tournament

• Beer and wine are permitted under our park permit.

• **No glass, bottles are allowed** —  
*please bring cans. or plastic containers only.*



### RSVP

Please confirm attendance with **Lina Davi**

Phone: **602-418-5679** • Email: [ldavi@msslaz.com](mailto:ldavi@msslaz.com)

We kindly ask that you RSVP, if possible, to help us plan for food and seating.



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### SAVE THE DATE

MOTHERS DAY DINNER  
MAY 9, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Society, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this year's St. Joseph's Table such a beautiful and meaningful celebration. We were truly blessed to welcome over 200 people—our largest gathering yet.

We are especially grateful to Father Parks for his presence and for offering a special blessing in the kitchen, at the altar, over the statues of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, upon all those in attendance, and over the food tables. We also continued our cherished tradition of the Tupa-Tupa (Knock-Knock), reminding us of the Holy Family seeking shelter.

As always, your generous donations will be given to St. Joseph Church and St. Vincent de Paul to assist those in need, continuing the promise of charity that lies at the heart of the St. Joseph's Table tradition.

A special thank you to Dina Cardella for preparing the beautiful traditional St. Joseph breads for the altar and for offering a heartfelt prayer. We are also especially grateful to Maria Guagliardo and Josie Savino for preparing the St. Joseph's altar table and for their tireless efforts in cooking, serving, and helping with cleanup throughout the day. Thank you as well to all who worked so hard to prepare the food, serve the meal, set up the day before, and clean up afterward.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of the salmon for the feast.

It takes many hands to make this day possible, and we are truly grateful to each and every one of you. Most of all, thank you for helping us preserve and carry forward this beautiful Sicilian tradition for future generations.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Maria SS. Lauretana, we wish all of our family and friends a very blessed and happy Easter. Under the loving care of our Blessed Mother, Maria SS. Lauretana, may we continue to grow in faith, support one another, and carry on the traditions that bring our community together. Wishing you and your loved ones peace, joy, and many blessings this Easter season.

With gratitude,  
Rita Belder  
President  
Society of Maria SS. Lauretana

# ANNUAL PICNIC

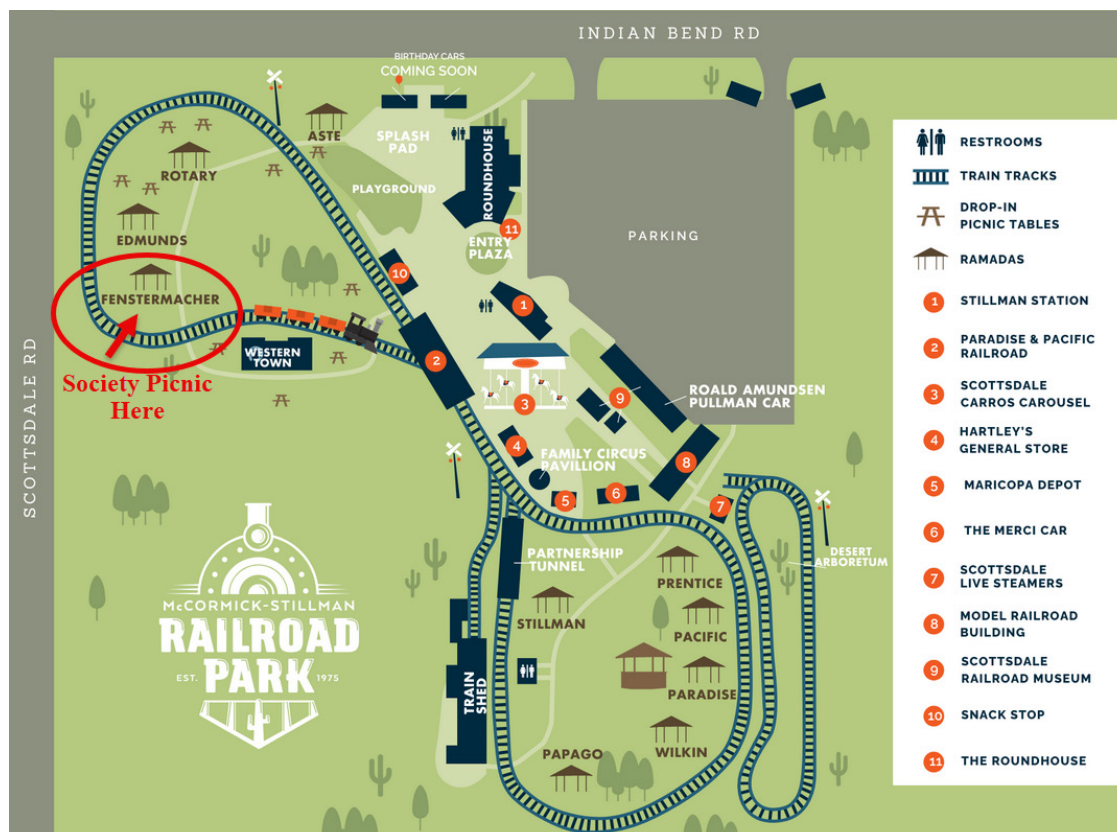
We're looking forward to a wonderful day of food, family, friends, and bocce at our Annual Picnic! Below are a few reminders to help everyone have a comfortable and enjoyable time.

The picnic will be held at **McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park**, and our group will be gathered near the Ramada in the picnic area (please refer to the map for location details).

Food will be provided during serving hours. You are also welcome to bring additional food or beverages **for your own personal enjoyment**. Beer and wine are permitted, as the Society has secured an alcohol permit for the event. Please remember that **no glass bottles are allowed**—all beverages must be in cans, plastic, or stainless steel containers.

Picnic tables are available, but you're welcome to bring lawn chairs for added comfort.

To stay comfortable in the Arizona sun, we recommend bringing items such as sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, water, and comfortable shoes. You may also want to bring bug repellent, a cooler with ice, or a shade umbrella depending on your preference.



# FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

On February 28, 2026, a membership meeting was convened to consider the proposed sale of the property at 2929 E. Eberlee. The membership voted in favor of the sale, and the Board of Directors subsequently ratified that decision. The property has now been listed for sale.

As discussed at the meeting, monthly income and expense reports will be shared in the newsletter to promote transparency. Included here are financial summaries for January, February, and March 2026.

St Joseph's Table	
Income and Expenses	
Donations and Lunch Receipts Total	2913.95
Expenses Total	881.56
Net Income	Donations - Expenses 2032.39

Property January 1-March 22, 2026				
	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar 1 - Mar 22 2026	Total
Rent income	2,000.00	2000	2,000.00	6,000.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
Expenses				
Property				
HOA expense	315.37		-315.37	0
Property maintenance expense	235		160	395
Rental insurance		1,217.00		1,217.00
Repairs		260		260
<b>Total for Property</b>	<b>550.37</b>	<b>1,477.00</b>	<b>-155.37</b>	<b>\$1,872.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,449.63</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>2,155.37</b>	<b>\$4,128.00</b>

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Statement of Activity				
Society of Maria SS Lauretana				
January 1-March 22, 2026				
Distribution account	January 2026	February 2026	Mar 1 - Mar 22 2026	Total
Income				
Donation income	25.00	120.00	344.00	489.00
Event - raffle income	140.00	0	0	140.00
Members dues	600.00	500.00	50.00	1,150.00
Monthly meeting/dinner	1,175.00	2,570.00	0	3,745.00
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>1,940.00</b>	<b>3,190.00</b>	<b>394.00</b>	<b>\$5,524.00</b>
Expenses				
<b>Total for Event expenses</b>	<b>565.44</b>	<b>1,868.30</b>	<b>881.56</b>	<b>\$3,315.30</b>
<b>Total for Operations expense</b>	<b>478.64</b>	<b>965.18</b>	<b>769.50</b>	<b>\$2,213.32</b>
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>1,044.08</b>	<b>2,833.48</b>	<b>1,651.06</b>	<b>\$5,528.62</b>
Other Income				
Interest income	0.27	0	0	0.27
St Joseph table - lunch donations	0	60.00	2,162.00	2,222.00
St Joseph table - purchase contributions	155.00	25.00	511.95	691.95
<b>Total for Other Income</b>	<b>155.27</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>2,673.95</b>	<b>\$2,914.22</b>
Other Expenses				
St Joseph Table donation to St Joseph Church	0	45.00	1,219.43	1,264.43
St Joseph Table donation to St Vincent dePaul	0	15.00	812.956	827.96
Mass cards-funerals-flowers expenses	100.01	100.00	0	200.01
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>100.01</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>2,032.39</b>	<b>\$2,292.40</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>951.18</b>	<b>281.52</b>	<b>-615.50</b>	<b>\$617.20</b>

# ST JOSEPH TABLE



**FATHER  
PARKS  
BLESSINGS  
AND PRAYERS**