



Figli di Pomigliano d'Arco

Dear Members,

On January 16, 2016, Figli di Pomigliano D'Arco celebrated a mass in honor of St. Felice, patron Saint of Pomigliano D'Arco. Father Italo Barozzi celebrated the mass, which was conducted at St. Mel's Church in Flushing, where many Pomigliesi and friends were in attendance.

Father Barozzi remembered in his offertory prayers the passing of Aniello De Falco, Marie Colombo and other Pomigliese friends who are no longer with us from the passing year. Also Father Barozzi asked us to pray for one of our members who are sick and not able to be with us today.

Father Barozzi highlighted the life of St. Felice in the homily. The family of St. Felice was originally from Asia and relocated to Nola, Italy. There, St. Felice and his brother were born. Each brother was different from the other. His brother followed in his father's footsteps by joining the army, while St. Felice chose to follow the calling of the Lord that he felt in his heart and became a priest. He became a follower and close collaborator of the Bishop of Nola. During the time of the Christian persecutions, St. Felice was imprisoned and tortured. Legend stated that an angel freed him from prison and he went to take care of the Bishop of Nola who was ill. Later on in life, St. Felice refused to become a Bishop and wanted to remain devoted to the pastoral life and poverty.

Following the mass, Figli di Pomigliano D'Arco provided a lunch for those who attended. FDPD Vice President John Caiazzo on behalf of our President Elio De Falco thanked Father Barozzi for the beautiful ceremony in honor of our patriot Saint Felice. John Caiazzo also thanked Sofia Di Maiola and Vincenzo De Falco for volunteering much of their time in the preparation for this beautiful mass.

Ceriello Fine Foods of Wantagh provided sandwiches for the members to enjoy. Part of the lunch was a lovely assortment of homemade desserts and sweets that were donated by some of our members and were enjoyed by all.

Figli di Pomigliano D'Arco would also like to thank all those who graciously donated their time and energy to make this event possible. Most notable is Sofia Di Maiola, whose time and effort truly helped to make this special mass a success.

Fondest and warmest regards,

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