

*The Dante Alighieri Society of Washington*

*Invites you to*

*Festa di Natale per i Bambini*  
*(Italian Christmas for Children)*

*First Saturday of December*

**December 1, 2018**

1:00 to 4:00 pm

*The Celebration*

*La Befana* is a beloved character in Italian Christmas folklore, similar to Santa Claus. An old woman all dressed in black, she is always sweeping. Legend says that before Christ's birth *La Befana* was approached by the Three Wise Men asking for directions. She couldn't help, but offered hospitality, and they invited her to join their search. She declined, but had a change of heart—and now she's destined to sweep forever, looking for the Christ Child and the Magi.

*The Presepio* is an Italian nativity, a manger scene featuring the Holy Family, shepherds, and Magi. However, it also displays an Italian village and depicts biblical characters as well as local figures and scenes from everyday life.

*Tombola* is an Italian card game, with prizes!

*Pizzele* are wonderful Italian cookies, made right before your eyes!

Plus, a light dinner is served, to thank you for your participation, and indulge in the timeless and gracious Italian tradition of hospitality.

## Activities

Procession of the *Presepio*

The Tale of *La Befana*

Italian songs

Games of *tombola*

Italian word games

Christmas letter to parents

Fresh *pizzele* cookies

Pizza and Salad

## Reservation Information

Please help us to ensure that we have adequate refreshments for all our guests by returning this form with your payment by November 26, 2018.

**Cost:** \$3 per person, child or adult. Parents, grandparents, and others are welcome.

**Pre-payment is required for this very popular holiday event. *Grazie!***

Questions: [speranza.se@gmail.com](mailto:speranza.se@gmail.com)

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

# of children \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_

Please MAIL your information and check made out to DAS (Dante Alighieri Society) by November 26, 2018 to:

**Caterina Wartes  
37667 Hansville Rd NW  
Hansville WA 98340**

# *Directions to Festa di Natale*

**Location:**

**Christ the King Church and School**

405 N. 117<sup>th</sup>, Seattle WA 98133

**Brannan House (event location)**

11544 Phinney Avenue North

**Directions:**

From I-5 northbound: Take exit # 172

for North 85<sup>th</sup> Street. Drive west to Greenwood Avenue; turn right. Drive north to 117<sup>th</sup> Street and turn right. Make the first right onto Phinney and Brannan House is on your immediate left.

From I-5 southbound:

Take exit #173 west and turn right onto Northgate Way at the off-ramp signal. Drive west to Greenwood Avenue, turn right. Drive north to 117th Street and turn right. Make the first right onto Phinney and Brannan House is on your immediate left.