

*The Dante Alighieri Society
of Washington
Invites you to*

*Festa di Natale
per i Bambini*



"The Adoration of the Magi" by sculptor Niccolò Pisano, c. 1260, on the Baptistery pulpit in Pisa.

Saturday, December 7, 2019
1:00 to 4:00 pm

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church
1408 W Dravus St
Seattle, WA 98119

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

Delizioso Italian dinner

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.

Reservation Information

Please help us to ensure that we have adequate refreshments for all our guests by returning this form with your payment by December 2, 2019.

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 or late reservations: contact Caterina at 360-638-2500, or email 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 December 2, 2019 to:

**Caterina Wartes
37381 Hansville Rd NW
Hansville WA 98340**

Directions to Festa di Natale

Location:

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

1408 W Dravus St

Seattle, WA 98119

Phone: 206-282-1804

Directions from Ballard:

-Head south on 15th Ave NW, crossing the Ballard Bridge

-Exit at W Dravus St; turn left onto Dravus

-Church is on the left; turn left onto 14th Ave NW for parking

Directions from downtown:

-Go north on 15th Ave NW

-Exit at W Dravus St; turn right onto Dravus
- Church is on the left; turn left onto 14th Ave NW for parking

From Hwy 99 or Interstate 5:

St. Margaret's is located in the Interlake neighborhood. Please use your GPS for directions.