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PRESENTS

GOD, FAMILY & COUNTRY AWARDS LUNCHEON

HONORING:

**THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS
OF THE DIVINE CHILD**

THE JOHN CHRISTIANO FAMILY

THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2016

MASS at 11:00AM

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH; 160 COURT STREET

LUNCHEON at 1P.M. SALVATORE'S ITALIAN GARDENS



Christiano Family
San Fele, Italy to Buffalo
1873



1st Generation



Vito Michele Cristiano (1820-1884)

He arrived in Buffalo in 1873 with his wife,
Angela Maria Muccia & their children

Vincenzo M.

Rosa C. Lombardo

Maria N. Andriaccio (Andriatch)

Teresa Lapetina

Filomena Marino/ Crecca (Crage)

2nd Generation



Family of Vincenzo Cristiano
& Serafina Lapetina

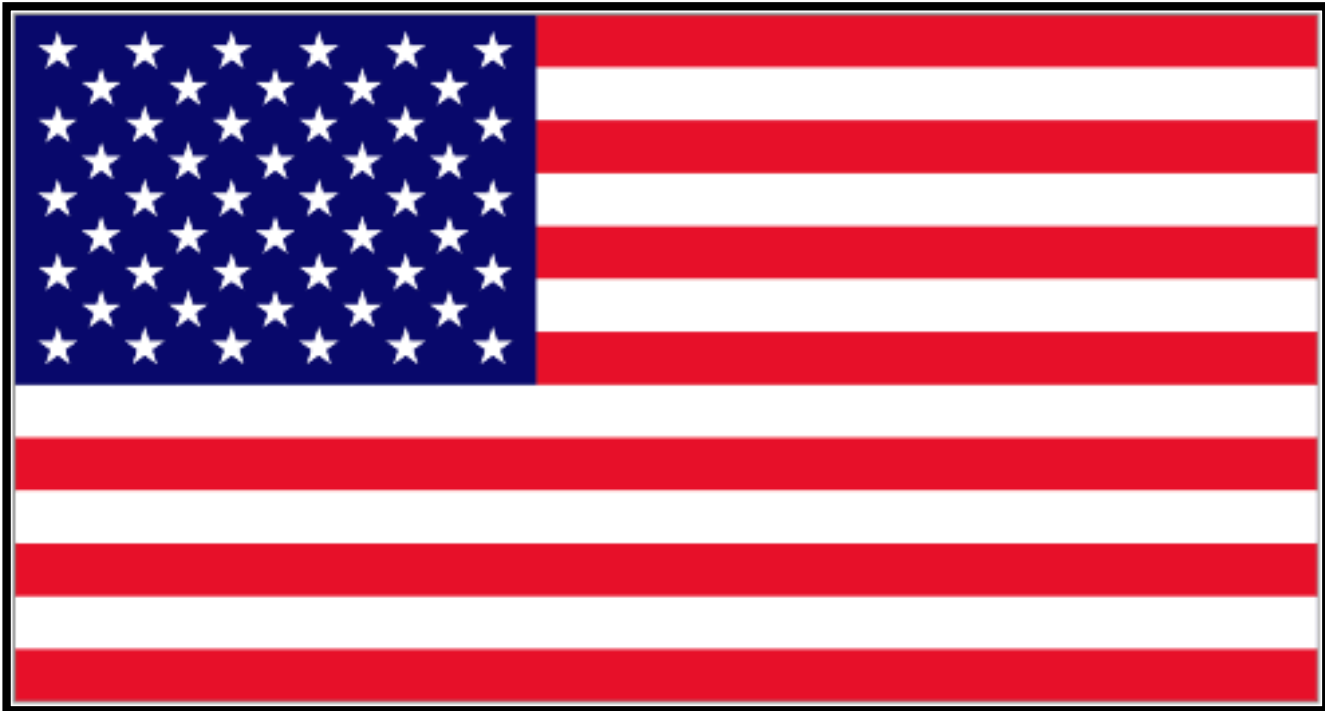
Vincenzo Michele Cristiano (1847-1912)

Son of Vito & Angela

- Owned fruit stand in the Washington (Chippewa) Market.
- Moved to Winchester Ave. in 1893
- 1st Italians to settle in the Fillmore-Ferry area (Pine Hill Colony).
- Helped found St. Anthony of Padua Church.



3rd Generation



Vito V. Christiano (1877-1937)

Son of Vincenzo & Serafina

- Italian interpreter in the Courts.
- Mediated labor disputes.
- Elected to the Erie Co. Board of Supervisors in 1920.
- Democratic candidate for the NYS Assembly in 1932.



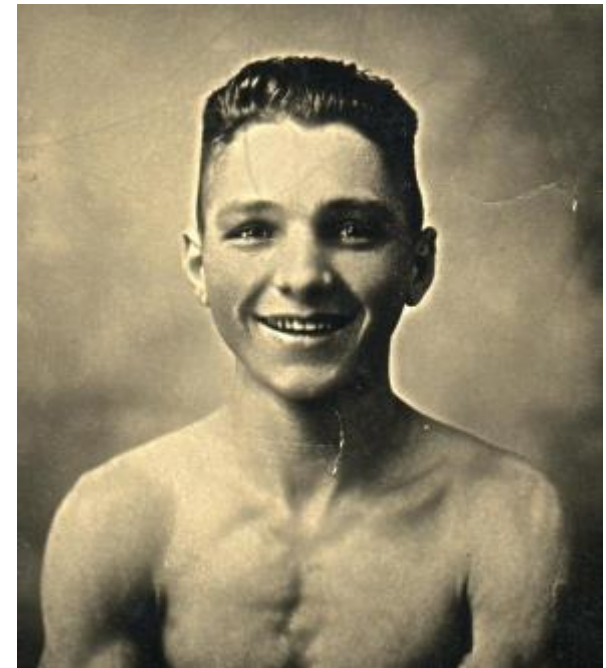
Angelo Christiano 'Al Rogers' (1888-1959)

Augustine 'Bud' Christiano (1897-1967)

Sons of Vincenzo & Serafina



- Outstanding prizefighters
- Inducted into the Western NY Boxing Hall of Fame in 2005.



Joseph J. Christiano (1891-1966)

Son of Vincenzo & Serafina

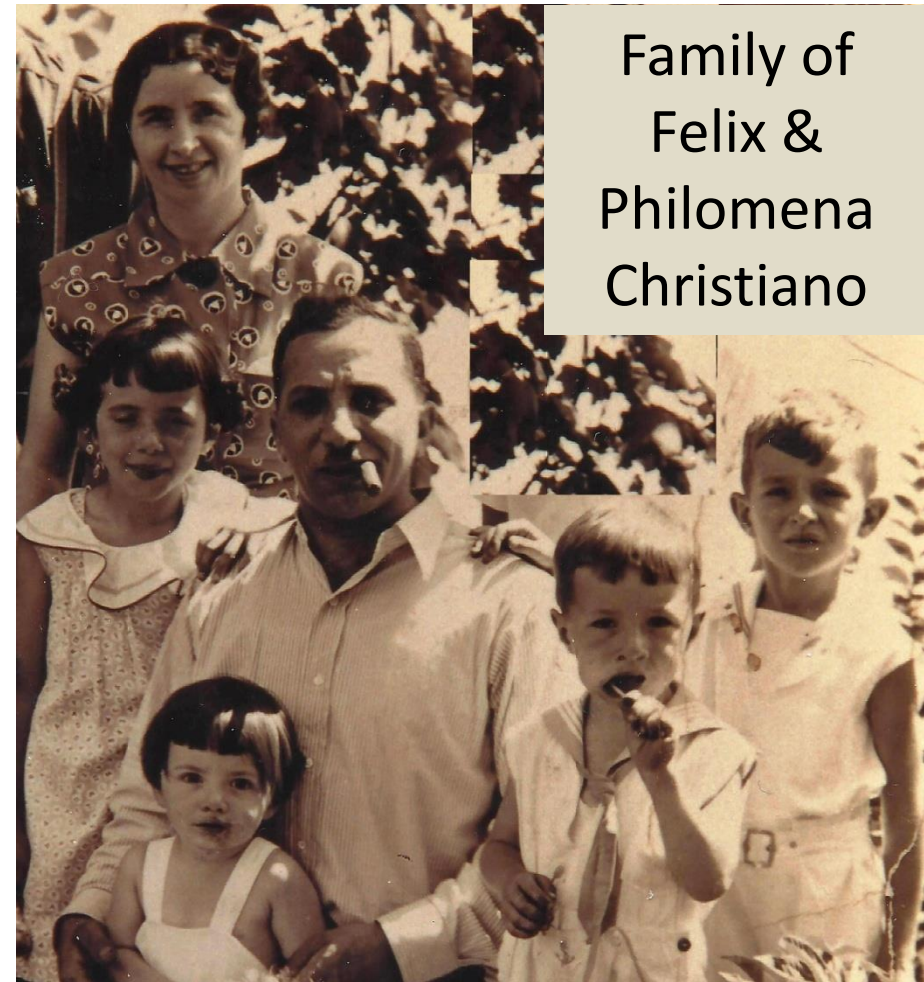
- Operated fruit stand in the Washington (Chippewa) Market & Niagara Frontier Food Terminal with brother Felix.
- Owned Lackawanna Liquor Store founded by his brother Daniel (1881-1951).



Felix D. “Fil” Christiano (1894-1973)

Son of Vincenzo & Serafina

- Served in the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI
- Operated fruit stand in the Washington (Chippewa) Market & Niagara Frontier Food Terminal with brother Joseph.
- Republic Steel (1941 - 1955)



4th Generation

Staff Sgt. Vincent P. Christiano (1917-1944)

Son of Joseph & Angela

Wounded 3 times

Killed in Action in 1944 in Northern, Italy



Paschal “Pat” Rubino (1918-2002)

Grandson of Rosa Cristiano Lombardo

- Rubino Memorial Home
- President of the Buffalo Board of Education.
- Buffalo News “Outstanding Citizen” in 1959.



Joseph A. DeCillis (1902-1975)
Grandson of Rosa Cristiano Lombardo
Buffalo Police Commissioner



Esmond's Restaurant - Williamsville

Founded by Bob Esmond Sr. in 1953

Son of Anna Christiano & George Asmondus



Joan Christiano (1928-2012)

Daughter of Joseph & Angela

LDS Family History Library Volunteer

President of Buffalo & Western New York Italian Genealogy Society



John A. & Sally A. Christiano

Son of Felix & Philomena

- Retired Buffalo teacher
- Alumni & benefactor of Canisius College
- Businessman
- COO & Director of San Fele Association of WNY
- Director of the Romulus Club



Filflora Realty (North Buffalo)

Established by John & Frank Christiano in 1979

Sons of Felix & Philomena

Currently owned by Michael G. & Anthony, Jr. Christiano

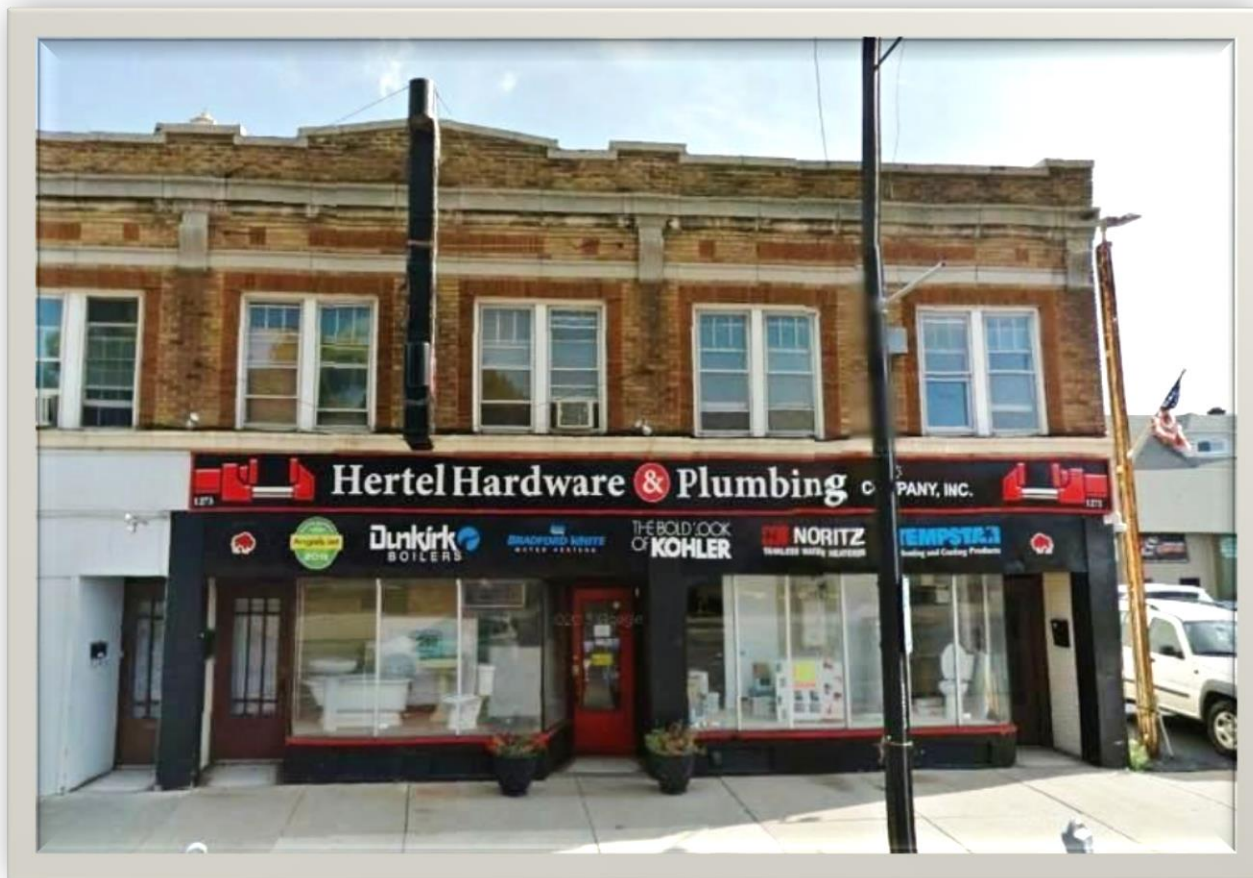


Hertel Hardware & Plumbing

Purchased by Anthony Sr. & John A. Christiano in 1980

Sons of Felix & Philomena

Currently owned by Anthony Christiano Jr.



Englewood Collision

Founded by Vincent Christiano, Sr. in 1962

Son of Felix & Philomena



Head-On Collision

Founded by James Christiano in the 1970
Son of Felix & Philomena



Sport Achievement Awards

Vincent Christiano Sr. -

Hall of Fame-Foar Score Auto Racing Club 1993

Anthony Christiano Sr. -

Bishop Fallon High School Sports Hall of Fame

Frank Christiano Sr. -

Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame

5th Generation

The Left Bank

Restaurant

Founded by Michael G. Christiano in 1991

Son of John & Sally



North Park Theater

1920's Art Nouveau movie theater

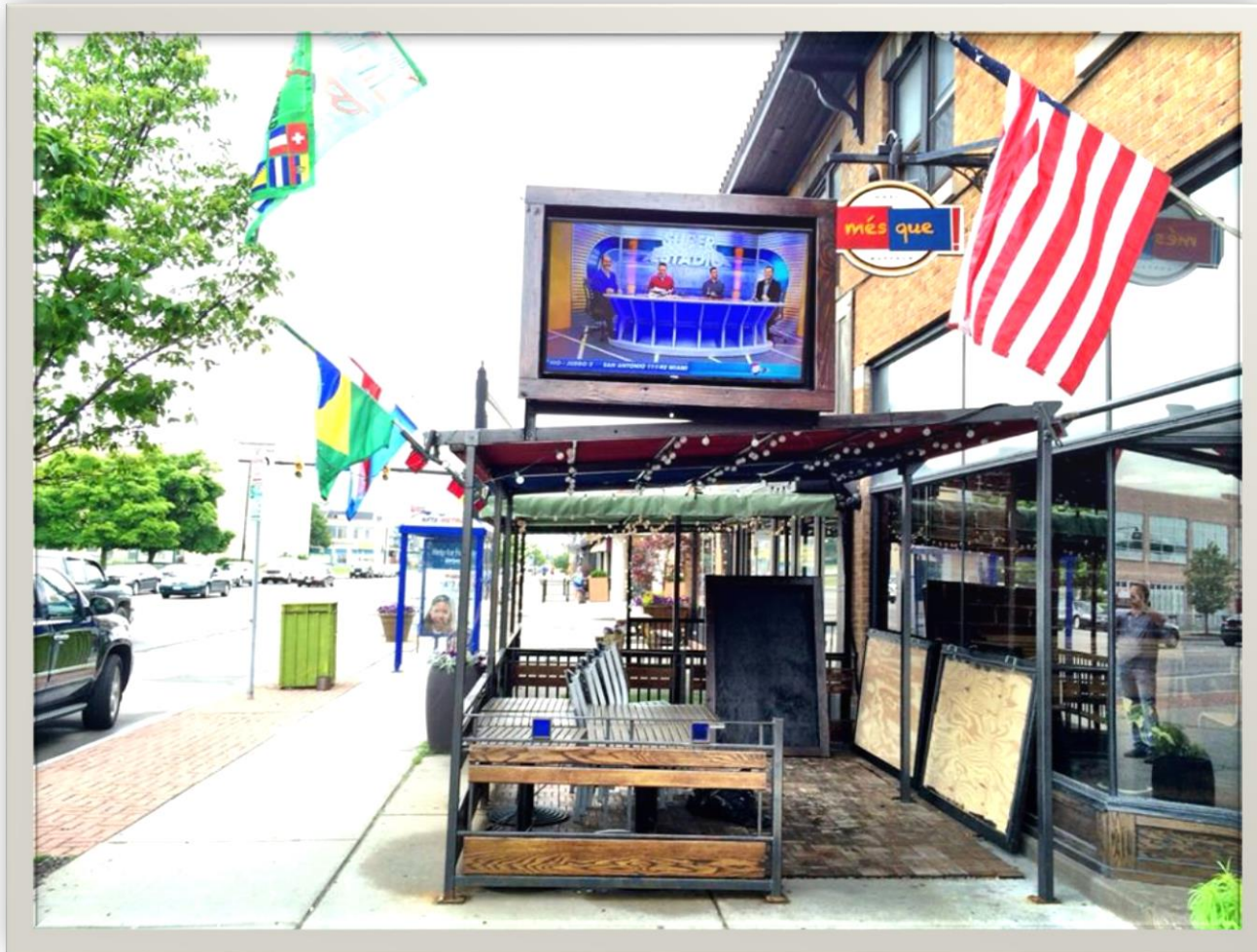
Owned & restored by Michael G. Christiano & Tom Eoannou



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Soccer Bar and Restaurant established in 2012

Owners Michael G. & Anthony Jr. Christiano



Jon Christiano

Son of John & Sally

Pro Scout - Buffalo Sabres (2004 – Present)

- Canisius College
Hockey (1976-1980)
- Coached hockey in
Northern Italy (1982 -
1992)
- Assistant Coach for the
Carolina Monarchs &
Rochester Americans
(1995-2003)



Frank Christiano, Jr.

Son of Frank Sr. & Nancy (Dec.)

Resident Agent in Charge of the Buffalo Office of the
U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
(Retired)



The descendants of Vito & Angela Cristiano are successful & proud Italian-Americans: Businessmen & Women, Leaders, Public Servants, and Proud Buffalonians.



Descendants of Vito Cristiano & Angela Muccia

