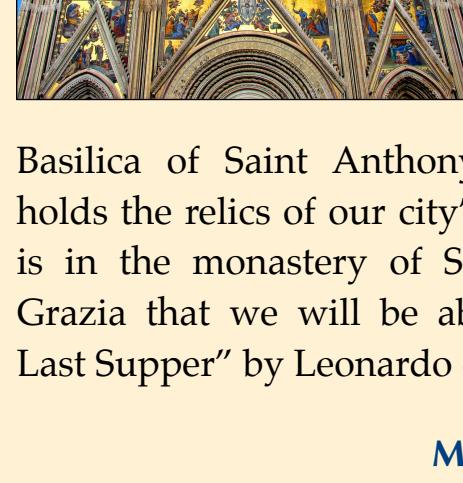
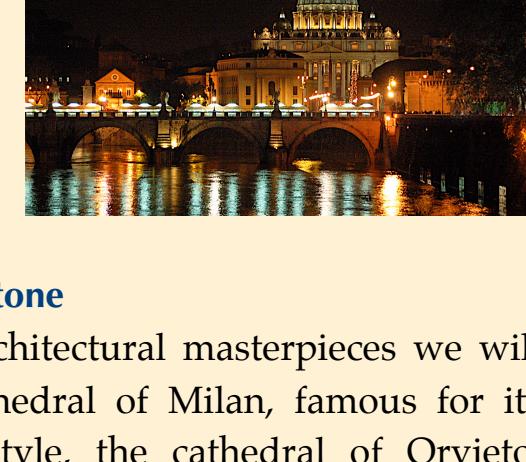


Parish Pilgrimage to Italy

— from Como in the North to Capri in the South —

Want to hear the details of our parish pilgrimage?

Then come to our first meeting on **Sunday, September 10, at 2 p.m.** in the Emmaus Room in the San Damiano Building. Our 15-day pilgrimage is scheduled for both May 5-19 and September 15-29. Both tours share identical itineraries. Choose the dates best for your schedule.



Cathedrals – Faith in Stone

Among the many architectural masterpieces we will visit include the cathedral of Milan, famous for its flamboyant Gothic style, the cathedral of Orvieto, famous for its shimmering mosaic façade, the Basilica of Saint Mark in Venice, its Byzantine influence presented in glittering gold, and the

Basilica of Saint Anthony in Padua that holds the relics of our city's patron saint. It

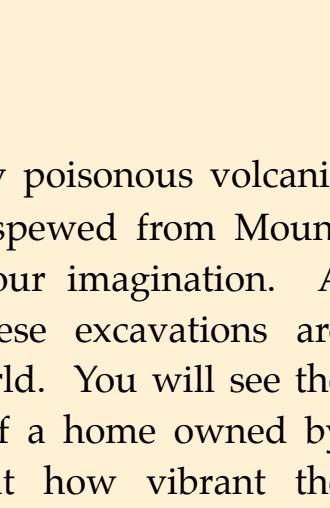
is in the monastery of Santa Maria della Grazia that we will be able to view "The

Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci.

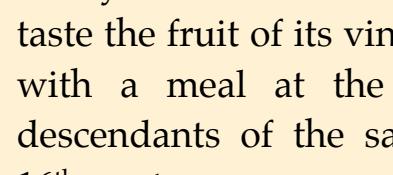


Museums – Call of Art and History

We will take the extraordinary Night Tour for Pilgrims at the Vatican Museums, the largest museum complex in the world and repository of some of the greatest works of art, including Rafael's "School of Athens," Hellenistic "Laocoön," and "Apollo of the Belvedere."



In Naples we will visit the highly acclaimed National Archaeological Museum in Naples, a treasure trove preserving some of the world's best preserved Roman artifacts, including the famous *Cave Canem* ("beware of the dog").



Archaeology – Memory of Earlier Life

Pompeii, the Roman city covered by poisonous volcanic gas and a blanket of volcanic ash spewed from Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD will capture your imagination. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, these excavations are possibly the most famous in the world. You will see the Villa dei Vettii, a superb example of a home owned by wealthy merchants, and marvel at how vibrant the frescoes appear in the palatial Villa dei Misteri, and be saddened by the remains of a young boy petrified by ash.

Wine and Balsamico – "In Vino Veritas"

The region of Valpolicella is famous for its award-winning wines. So, it is fitting that we should have a tour of a centuries-old vine-yard in the foothills of Monti Lessini, taste the fruit of its vines, and pair that fruit with a meal at the estate overseen by descendants of the same family since the 16th century.

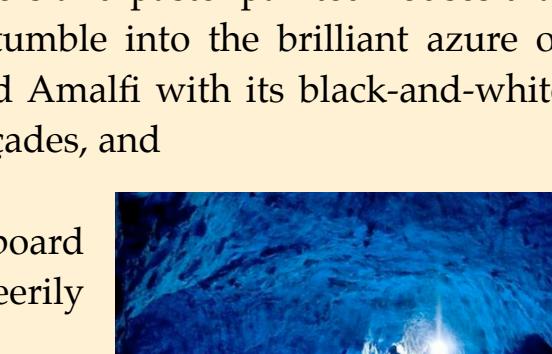


Equally intriguing and complex is the *balsamico* (balsamic vinegar) produced by an *acetaia* owned and operated in Modena by descendants of the same family since 1850. There we will take a gastronomic tour of the production site, and then enjoy a tasting with our meal.



Lakes and Sea and Villages – God Revealed in Nature

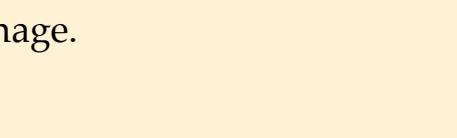
Gliding along the tranquil cerulean blue waters of Lake Como with a view of the Alps on the northern horizon is a memorable experience. We will leave our boat for leisurely climbs and strolls in the lakeside towns like Bellagio and Varenna and visit some of the most exquisite gardens and villas in Italy where you can breathe more and sigh less.



Positano drenched in colorful flowers. We will board our boat to the island of Capri and sail into the eerily captivating Blue Grotto of extraordinary color.



In the south is the fabled Amalfi Coast with impossibly beautiful towns like Ravello with red-tiled roofs and pastel-painted houses that appear to tumble into the brilliant azure of the sea, and Amalfi with its black-and-white Moorish façades, and



And these are only some of the highlights of our pilgrimage. There is more, much more to be experienced together.

Join the Journey

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