

**Welcome Back Luncheon**  
**Friday November 13, 2020**  
**“Il Miracolo Economico”**

**Featuring Dr. Paul Baxa**

**Doors open at 11:00**

**Lecture 11:30**

**Luncheon to follow Price \$49**

**Stonebridge Country Club**

**Chairs: John Petralia & Anthony & Mary Gatto**

Please join us at the beautiful Stonebridge Country Club as Dr. Paul Baxa discusses Italy’s Economic Miracle: “*il miracolo economico*”, or “*boom economico*” (1950-1963). He will show us how Italy was able to recover from the disaster of World War II to become one of the world’s leading industrial nations. Emphasis will be on the many social, political, and cultural changes that came with economic prosperity. Dr. Baxa will also highlight some of the tensions and challenges that came with such radical changes. Special attention will be given to some of the iconic brands and cultural achievements of the postwar period, such as automobiles, film, and architecture.





**Dr. Paul Baxa**

**Dr. Paul Baxa** is a cultural historian who specializes in Modern Italy. He is an Associate Professor and Chair of the History Department at Ave Maria University. He is an Italian-Canadian who specializes in fascist Italian studies with an emphasis on cultural history. He graduated with a B.A. Spec. Hon. from York University, and holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of Toronto. Dr. Baxa teaches courses on Western Civilization, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe, Historiography, and the History of Western Art.