



## Press Release

Hammonton, NJ (April 24 , 2015).The Historical Society of Hammonton invites the public to a community program to be held Thursday, May 7th, 8:00 PM at the Canoe Club, Lake Park, Hammonton. Programs are free, provided as a service to the community. There is no requirement to be a member of HSH to attend. The program is videoed and a copy is placed in our archives so that now or future generations will be provided with a snapshot of Hammonton's past.

Program for the evening is entitled "Sabatino Donio: The Engine of the Long Train."

Most of the Donio family in the Hammonton area traces its origins to one man, Sabatino "Sam" Donio, who came to the United States when he was 20 years old from the small hilltop village of Longano in the Region of Molise in Italy. A railroad foreman living on a small farm in Rosedale with his wife and fourteen children, his choice to come to the United States began a legacy that continues to impact many aspects of local life to this day. Join his great-grandson, Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C., on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM at the Canoe Club , Lake Park, Hammonton as he shares the story of Sabatino Donio, from his life in the Italian *Mezzogiorno* of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to his immigrant journey that is emblematic of those of millions of others.

Fr. Frank is Director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in Washington, D.C. and holds a number of other positions in the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers. His academic background includes degrees in history, Church history, Catholic theology, adult spiritual formation, and Church management. He is an adjunct professor at Fordham University and St. Joseph's College of Maine and does pastoral work at The Catholic University of America and University of Maryland, College Park. Fr. Frank gives presentations nationally and internationally on evangelization and on effective collaboration among Catholic leaders.

Enjoy the evening with friends, HSH members and our speakers. Refreshments will be served prior to the program.

### **About The Historical Society of Hammonton**

The Historical Society of Hammonton was established to provide for generations to come a living collection relating to the rich and unique social, political, economic and cultural heritage of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey. The mission of the society is to increase awareness of history relating to Hammonton, New Jersey environs and to establish public access to that history by collecting, conserving, studying, interpreting and promoting the history to the widest audience.

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