

1. **Alfonse Marcello D'Amato** (August 1, 1937 -) Former New York politician who served as a U.S. Senator.
2. **Fulvio Melia** (August 2, 1956 -) Italian American physicist/astrophysicist and writer. He is a professor at the University of Arizona.
3. **Tony Bennett** (August 3, 1926 -) Born Anthony Dominick Benedetto. An American singer of popular, standards and jazz music. He is also a painter.
4. **Nicolas-Jacque Conte** (August 4, 1755 - December 6, 1805) Inventor of the modern pencil.
5. **Antonio Cesti** (August 5, 1623 - October 14, 1669) Italian singer, organist and composer of the Baroque era. Most celebrated musician of his time.
6. **Niccolò Salvi** (August 6, 1697 - February 8, 1751) Architect best known for the Trevi Fountain in Rome.
7. **Columbus** Explorer arrives in the Caribbean.
8. **Dennis Anthony Tito** (August 8, 1940 -) First space tourist to pay for a ticket. While in orbit he did perform scientific experiments.
9. **Sistine Chapel** First mass celebrated in chapel in Rome.
10. **Nicoletta Braschi** (August 10, 1960 -) Italian Actress known for work with husband Roberto Benigni in such films as *Life is Beautiful* and *Dora*.
11. **Hulk Hogan** (August 11, 1953 -) Born Terry Gene Bollea. Professional Wrestler who upon retirement acted in films and television.
12. **Henry Fonda** (May 16, 1905 - August 12, 1982) Academy Award actor dies at 77 from heart disease.
13. **Salvador E. Luria** (August 13, 1912 - February 6, 1991) Italian American microbiologist; received the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine.
14. **Enzo Anselmo Ferrari** (February 20, 1898 - August 14, 1988) Car driver, entrepreneur and founder of the Ferrari Car Company. Died in 1988.
15. **Peter Sammartino** (August 15, 1904) Founded, along with wife Sylvia, Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1942 in Rutherford, New Jersey.
16. **Agostino Carracci** (August 16, 1557 – March 22, 1602) Printmaker and Painter.
17. **Federico Cesi** (February 16, 1585 - August 1, 1630) Roman Prince who was a distinguished scholar and patron of letters, on this date he assembled in his palace a number of scholarly persons, and with them founded the Accademia dei Lincei for the study of science and letters.
18. **Pietro Belluschi** (August 18, 1899 - February 14, 1994) Architect from Oregon who led the Modern Movement in architecture.
19. **Christopher Frank Capuano** (August 19, 1978 -) Major League Baseball pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers. He played on Team USA and was valedictorian of his class at Catholic High School in Springfield, MA.
20. **Frank Joseph Guarini** (August 20, 1924 -) Served as U.S. Congressman as well as a New Jersey State Senator.
21. **Renato Fasano** (August 21, 1902 – August 3, 1979) Italian conductor who founded Virtuosi di Roma in the late 1940s. This small orchestra helped popularize Italian Baroque music.
22. **Bill Parcells** (August 22, 1941 -) Football coach won two Super Bowls with the NY Giants. Now Executive Vice President for the Miami Dolphins.
23. **Sacco & Vanzetti** Executed on this date. In 1977, fifty years to the day, exonerated by Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis.
24. **Bernard Castro** (August 24, 1904 - August 24, 1991) Invented the convertible couch.
25. **Regis Philbin** (August 25, 1931 -) Emmy Award TV personality, actor, singer, talk and game show host.
26. **Geraldine Anne Ferraro** (August 26, 1935 -) New York Congresswoman and the first woman Vice Presidential candidate.
27. **Frank Francis Fasi** (August 27, 1920 -) Longest serving Mayor of Honolulu, Hawaii.
28. **Ben Gazzara** (August 28, 1930 -) Movie and TV actor.
29. **James Florio** (August 29, 1937 -) Congressman; served as the 49th Governor of New Jersey. First Italian American to hold the position.
30. **Anita Garibaldi** (August 30, 1821 - August 4, 1849) Brazilian-born wife and comrade-in-arms of Italian revolutionary Giuseppe Garibaldi.
31. **Maria Montessori** (August 31, 1870 - May 6, 1952) Physician, feminist, social reformer, educator; known for Montessori method of education.

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