

BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



RECTORY: 22870 S. Nunneley, Clinton Twp., MI 48035
PHONE: (586) 792-5346 • FAX: (586) 792-5119
WEBSITE: sanfrancescochurch.org
RECTORY HOURS: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME Pastor

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Italian) and 12 p.m.
HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
DAILY MASS: 8 a.m. **SATURDAY MASS:** 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
CONFESSIONS: Friday Nights 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
BAPTISMS: Sunday at 1 p.m. or by appointment.
MARRIAGES: Check with Father six months before the wedding date for the office work and necessary instructions.



January, 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing everyone good health and a blessed new year!

Called to Treasure God's Gift of Time

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Before becoming your pastor, my empathy for St. Paul's anxiety for the communities he had established and which he was shepherding was mostly cerebral. I understood that, in addition to the hardships and labors he had to endure as a minister of God's Word, he had mounting daily concerns for his churches. *And apart from these things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches.*

2 Corinthians 11:28

Now, what St. Paul mentions about daily pressure on his heart is met by the daily pressure that I feel in mine. Practically every day there are some who approach me to "unload" their fears, heart-breaking losses, confusion and moments of darkness on me.

Several months ago, I would have drawn spontaneously close to their pain and reassured them of my prayers to the Lord. But, in recent months, the anguish that I read in my people's eyes is of an unmatched intensity. There is no reticence in telling me how they feel. All former hesitation in mentioning their heartaches is replaced by the urgency to let me know, because I presume they must see me as a link to get closer to God. They feel besieged by attacks from different flanks. What is not revealed right away is the new type of pain coming from propensity to be irritable for no apparent reason, and the emergence of quick outbursts of anger with which they were unfamiliar.

While I feel honored by the unloading of their pain on me and their considering me an intercessor before God on their behalf, each time, my heart feels a surge of empathy of new intensity and magnitude. I, also, know the awful truth that too many people even in our country have committed suicide, and others are entertaining the same thought. And I have etched in the back of my mind the heart-stopping word "despair" whispered to me, thankfully so far, by only a few...

For this reason, I have developed a three-tier prayer list for the special needs of my people. Their names are moved up or down from one tier to another according to urgency and gravity. Every morning I mention all those on the three lists and I always add a request to the Lord to answer those pleas according to His infallible knowledge to make up for my imperfect, yet sincere information...

One way the Lord supplements our imperfect prayers for each other is by inspiring us all to be our "brother's keepers."

We begin this New Year with palpable apprehension amid rising uncertainties. But, as believers, we must keep in mind that time is a gift from God to be used most wisely to bear the fruits of the Spirit: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and faithfulness.* **Galatians 5:22**

Psalm 90 speaks of time as a gift from God and prays: *"Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart."* **Psalm 90:12**

In order "to count our days aright" in 2021, we should learn to avoid the pitfalls we fell into last year. Apathy, indecisions, loss of enthusiasm and interest, idleness and many other ills can be replaced by productivity through the simple decision of making a schedule for each hour of each day of the week so that **we can look forward** to the next activity on the schedule. This is a "secret weapon" against the enticements of the devil that pounces on our indecisions and idleness to suggest something evil... For centuries it has been implemented by all members of religious communities and, of course, without exception, by every single Saint.

Our schedule for 2021 must include time to act as social beings in communities of love of all sizes; because we are made in the image of God who is a "Community of Love" called the Holy Trinity. The Coronavirus cannot stop us from keeping, nurturing, and/or mending personal contacts with everyone in our family, but also, virtually (including by phone or by mail), with anyone whom we know is feeling lonely, depressed, or unloved.

In the 19 years of my priestly ministry among you, you heard me repeat *ad nauseam* that we must be always in a listening mode for God's Word. This is how we can be sustained by unwavering hope, even amid all the discomforts and challenges caused by Covid-19. This is how

(Continued on pg. 2)

Called to Treasure God's Gift of Time

(continued from page 1)

we can stick to our schedule and bear generous fruits of the Spirit. This is how we can overcome irritability, anger, and depression without getting anywhere near the brink of despair.

As we reach out with richness of love and sincere concern to those who feel lonely, depressed, or unloved, we can draw much closer to them if we never hide our frailty and fears from them. God taught us this valuable lesson. Christmas is so comforting and reassuring because God lowered Himself to fully embrace our human flesh in all its limitations and frailty. Those in whom we are trying to rekindle hope and purpose in 2021 will be reached successfully, if we can show them that we do not rely on our personal resources as we face our share of challenges, but on the Lord's power, love, and closeness.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME, Pastor of San Francesco Church

MASS INTENTIONS:



January 1-Friday (New Years Day)

8am Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti
8am Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
10am Luigi Soave by sister Anita & family
12pm Aldo Marrocco by wife & children
12pm Enrico & Theresa Iannucci by children/grnchildren
12pm Mary Mother of God Prayer Group & Holy Souls

January 2-Saturday

Deceased members of Santi family by Marino & Silvana
Deceased members of Giulianelli fam by Marino/Silvana
6pm Sarah DeVuono by Joan

January 3-Sunday

8am Pietro Badalamenti by family
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am James & Joanne Nowc by family
10am Antonio Moraccini by wife & family
12pm Peggy Lorenzano by Stanley & Martha Renaud
12pm Desiree Barger by family
12pm Michele Santangelo by family
12pm Antonio & Francesca Lena by Lombardi family
12pm Giuseppe & Maria Lombardi by Lombardi family

January 4-Monday

Paola Paolini by Terenzi family

January 5-Tuesday

Special Intent-Mark & Kristina Hermiz by Ilean Hajgato
Louisa Conte

January 6-Wednesday

Rose Mazzuchelli by family
Special Intent-Angelina Nevaeh Yaro by Ilean Hajgato

January 7-Thursday

Lucia Strazzulla by family
Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

January 8-Friday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

January 9-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Irene & Richard Spanke by family
6pm Special Intentions

January 10-Sunday



8am Theresa MacDonald by family
10am Erminia Coletti by Fallone family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family
10am Mena Militello by sister
12pm Paolo & Elena DeLeonardis by family

January 11-Monday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

January 12-Tuesday

Special Intentions

January 13-Wednesday

Albino Bertolini by family
John Pavan by John Mantovani
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

January 14-Thursday

Paola Paolini by Giulianelli family

January 15-Friday

Special Intentions

January 16-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Living & dec members of Szymkowicz & Allen fams

January 17-Sunday

8am Special Intentions
10am Armando Gennari by wife Savina
10am Mario Maiuri by sister
12pm Emma Martinelli Langan-3rd Anniversary by family
12pm Vincent Frabotta & Mary Frabotta Kolis by family
12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter

January 18-Monday

Special Intentions

January 19-Tuesday

Special Intentions

January 20-Wednesday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by wife Piera & family

January 21-Thursday

Sophia Conte

January 22-Friday

Giovanna Mantovani by son John

January 23-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Special Intentions

January 24-Sunday

8am Alexandra Schwab by family
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family
10am Assunta Avolio by Lanni family
10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
12pm Beverly Zappa by Stanley Renaud
12pm Angelo Mazzuchelli by family

January 25-Monday

Special Intentions

January 26-Tuesday

Special Intentions

January 27-Wednesday

George Hurley

January 28-Thursday

Special Intent Doris McQueen-90th Bday by Byrne family

January 29-Friday

Antonietta Biundo by family

January 30-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina

January 31-Sunday

8am Theresa MacDonald by family
10am Special Intentions
12pm Enzo DeLeonardis by family
12pm Joseph Paul Zimmermann by family



Called to *Serve*

Jan 01-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, A. Perugi
Jan 03-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros
Jan 10-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantonio, S. Santilla
Jan 17-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi
Jan 24-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros
Jan 31-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, S. Santilla
Saturday, 6pm Jan. 2-D. Brosky, **Jan. 9**-J. Foglyano,
Jan.16-D. Brosky, **Jan.23**-J. Foglyano **Jan. 30**-D. Brosky



Thank You!

CHRISTMAS brought a good number of the faithful to San Francesco and to the Sacraments. This is a source of great joy! **Special thanks to all those who contributed so generously to make our liturgical liturgies heartwarming and inspiring. Sending many thanks to those who so faithfully volunteer to sanitize the pews and church compound after every Holy Mass and to those who decorated the church so nicely for Christmas. You are a tremendous help and you are appreciated.**



SENDING MANY THANKS to those who donated for the flowers, the church looks so beautiful because of your generosity. Thanks so much for making Christmas merrier!

MUCH APPRECIATION FROM OUR CCD PROGRAM



We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who donated to our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity went above and beyond this year! Due to your generous response we were able to assist families in need, and assist families on a smaller scale for the Christmas holiday! We would like you to know all donations were sincerely appreciated by the recipients, and we would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you who donated. May God Bless You and Your Family!

Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator



Reminder To All Parents:

As your child's primary catechist, I would like to remind you to bring your children to Mass and support us by helping them with their CCD homework. Please bring your children to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Prepare for Mass by getting ready as much as possible the night before. Allow plenty of time to get to the church and get settled. If we want our children to have faith they must

experience the acts of faith in their young life. Support your child's learning process by guiding and helping them to understand and learn their faith.

Ann Burrell~CCD Coordinator



Important News: 2021

JANUARY 1st-FRIDAY

New Years Day

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses @ 8:00am,
10am (Italian) & 12:00pm

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3rd-Sunday

UPCOMING:



is on February 17th

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19th

PLEASE REMEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES



They are in the church for anyone to take and help with financial support of our church. Thank you, your donations are greatly appreciated.



DONATIONS FOR BULLETIN PAPERS

We appreciate any donations for the mailing of the bulletin papers as it is very costly to have these printed and sent by mail.

REMINDER: We also need your careful assistance as you support financially our beloved church of San Francesco. Your cooperation will make the work of our bookkeeper that much easier! PLEASE, **do not** combine different requests in one check. Donations to the church should be on a check by themselves. Requests for Holy Mass intentions should be on a separate check. Financial support for the Giving Tree or the Food Drive should be on a separate check. Other drives or causes should each be on their separate check. Thank you so much for your help & understanding.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP



**MEETS EVERY MONDAY @ 1:00pm
HERE AT THE CHURCH...**

All are welcome!

Visit us on our website: sanfrancescochurch.org & also on facebook. We have accomplished so much the last couple of months with upgrades. Pictures of our new roof and windows will be posted on the fb page soon! The bell tower has received a makeover as well!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



✿ Usare bene il tempo nel 2021

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Abbiamo iniziato un nuovo anno con tanta apprensione perché il disagio, l'insicurezza e l'ansietà causati dal coronavirus continuano a imperversare su di noi e sui nostri cari.

Quest'anno ci sarà molto più difficile credere che il tempo è un dono prezioso concesso dal Signore per portare i frutti dello Spirito, *amore, gioia, pace, longanimità, bontà, benevolenza e fiducia.* (**Galati 5:22**). Il salmo novanta sia la nostra preghiera anche nel 2021. *"Insegnaci a valutare i nostri giorni, e così potremo offrire un cuore sapiente."* (**Salmo 90:12**)

Per valutare i nostri giorni e offrire al Signore un cuore saggio, prima di tutto, dobbiamo evitare gli sbagli che abbiamo fatto l'anno scorso, in gran parte a causa del coronavirus. L'apatia, le indecisioni, la perdita di entusiasmo e d'interesse per certe attività che una volta ci piacevano tanto, l'ozio, la svogliatezza dovrebbero, con l'aiuto dello Spirito Santo, venir sostituiti da produttività genuina. Il modo più sicuro affinché ciò avvenga è tramite la creazione di un programma di azione giornaliero cosicché, ora per ora, avremmo già fissato che cosa fare e guardare avanti con fiducia a quello che dovremmo fare in seguito.

Il nostro programma giornaliero dovrebbe includere veri contatti personali di sincero interesse, di vicinanza, di amore e comprensione sia con i nostri famigliari, sia con tanti altri. In casa nostra questo deve avvenire in modo spontaneo, spinti come dovremmo essere dall'amore che distingue ogni vero cristiano. Lo stesso tipo di amore ci deve spingere a creare o mantenere contatti via telefono, internet o posta con conoscenti e amici che abitano da soli, che si sentono abbandonati e dimenticati da tutti.

La Parola di Dio dovrebbe essere la vera sorgente di quotidiana ispirazione, di luce e conforto a casa nostra. Naturalmente, essendo Parola di Vita possiamo usarla anche per pregare al telefono o al computer con quelli ai quali desideriamo essere vicini. Possiamo citarla per portare loro conforto o possiamo suggerire loro di leggere con comodo dei passi della Bibbia che sostengono le nostre sfide col male e ci rasserenano.

In ogni modo da noi scelto per essere vicini ai nostri cari e a coloro che si sentono soli e depressi dobbiamo lasciar loro vedere le nostre debolezze e la nostra fragilità cosicché si possano rendere conto che noi riusciamo a vincere la depressione e l'apatia e a resistere alla disperazione non contando sulle nostre risorse personali ma sulla grazia, compassione e premuroso amore del nostro Padre comune.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME