

BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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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. or by appt.

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.

October, 2021

Oppressors and the Oppressed: **All God's Children**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

In his explanation of the parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus identifies the devil as the enemy who sowed weeds among good grain (cf. Matthew 13:39). The devil keeps sowing the seed of discord, division, prejudice and hatred among the citizens of this country. Without reticence, it must be said that the proponents of Critical Race Theory are helping Satan divide America into two distinct groups: either oppressors or the oppressed. This satanic work is forced upon us under the guise of justice and equity by rewriting history and by ignoring any parts of it that contradict and debunk this vicious narrative. We must resist this sinister attempt with all means at our disposal. The Holy Scripture warns us that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (cf. 2Co 11:14) and that he is a liar and the father of lies (cf. Joh 8:44).

You must have all heard of the "1619 Project." According to this warped narrative, which is forced in many schools as an enlightened curriculum, the birth of our nation was not 1776, but 1619, the year in which the first slaves from Africa arrived to the coasts of Virginia — undeniably a birth of oppression, injustice and unspeakable sufferings. However, for the sake of accuracy and objectivity, we must place the oppression, injustices and unspeakable sufferings of those slaves from Africa alongside the oppression, injustices and sufferings of the slaves of all skin colors in the entire course of history.

Looking at history from the perspective of Holy Scripture reveals that God creates only one human race in His image. For that reason, human race has a spark of divinity that transcends skin color, physical features and any other potentially divisive factor. However, that image was disfigured by original sin that in every age and place gave and gives rise to the urge to do violence and dominate anyone perceived as weaker and exploitable.

This is the tragic script that has been repeating itself all over the world without exception, with unspeakable cruelty but also with the inevitability of retaliation. Brother has turned against brother, and brothers have

joined forces to attack those from without. Thus, in the course of history, the oppressed became oppressors and the oppressors became oppressed and on and on it went; and it is going on seriously saddening the heart of the one Father of the one human family.

Turning the pages of history one by one, it seems impossible to find a single corner of the world spared by the blight of slavery in some of its vicious forms.

With that sobering thought lingering in our minds we should wonder who captured those unfortunate slaves that landed on the coasts of Virginia in 1619 to begin a miserable life marred by abuses, hardships and untimely death. It is easy to focus on the Portuguese, British, French, Spanish, Dutch and other slave traders who, over the next three centuries, would bring into the New World human cargo upon human cargo of African slaves. Those who raided vulnerable neighboring villages to round them up were cruel and greedy African chieftains, who kept some of their human booty for local servitude and sold the rest to the European slave traders.

Critical Race Theory decides to overlook history for the sake of preserving an untenable theory. Alas, in our country there were some black slave owners. In Northern Africa, the notorious Barbary pirates, at times in partnership with English and Dutch privateers, terrorized the coasts of Europe and destined many fair skin slaves to serve Muslim masters. Renegade Christians from Europe, who had converted to Islam, helped the Turks of the Ottoman Empire raid the coasts of Italy and Dalmatia to round up able men to be chained to the benches of Turk galleys as oarsmen and girls and young women as sex slaves in harems; but the old were all butchered and, at times, cut to pieces as a warning to discourage future resistance.

It is hard also to determine which group of oppressors displayed the fiercest cruelty on their victims: the Spaniards in the New World or the Aztecs who sacrificed massive numbers of slaves to their blood-thirsty gods? Who horrifies us more quickly: Pol Pot and his killing fields of Cambodia or the Nazis' atrocities in their concentration camps?

The list of enslavements is endless; it takes many forms, and it continues in ways that could go unnoticed to the

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self-centeredness of many. Here are the ones more obvious to me: human trafficking, forced child labor, inhumane labor conditions, organ harvesting of kidnapped or imprisoned people, servitude imposed by indebtedness, recruiting and training of child soldiers, etc.

The only viable solution is the one begun by God when He freed His chosen people from the bitter slavery in Egypt. At the same time, He gave them His Law to slowly lead them to a more complete form of freedom. He ordered them to be mindful of the hardships they had endured as slaves (cf. Deut. 15:12-18) so as to treat their slaves in humane and considerate ways. The lesson towards freedom from resentment and revenge culminated in the Incarnation when God assumed the form of a slave (cf. Phil 2:7) to free us from all inner enslavements; this is so that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we could work towards unity, solidarity, and mutual cooperation with all children of the same Father. By the way Jesus forgave those who nailed him to the cross and by giving us his new commandment (cf. Joh 13:34), he has given us the surest way of healing all the terrible wounds that slavery has inflicted on God's universal family.

Fr. Dino Vanin, Pastor of San Francesco Church

MASS INTENTIONS:



October 1-Friday 🍁

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

October 2-Saturday

Tammi Miller by Mary Mutti
Joan Marie Corbit by Mary Mutti
6pm Thomas Michael by DiMichele family
6pm Giuseppe Ruggirello by family
6pm Maria Lombardi by Assunta Society

October 3-Sunday 🍁

8am Fr. Dominic Rossi by Frabotta family
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Danny Connolly by Tom Daniel
8am Vini Bordei by Tom Daniel
10am John Blindu by Casali family
10am Rita Bartolini by Casali family
10am Natalina Sarti by Casali family
10am Germano & Loris Costa by family
12pm Joseph Paul Zimmermann by family
12pm Irene Iacobelli by Iacobelli family
12pm Michele Santangelo by family
12pm Deceased members of Stumpf family by N & C Butros
12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

12pm Feast of San Francesco Celebrated w/Procession

October 4-Monday

Joe Vettraino by wife Blanche
Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Jones

October 5-Tuesday

Joseph Pavan by John Mantovani

October 6-Wednesday

Filippo Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo

October 7-Thursday

Lucia Strazzulla by family
Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

October 8-Friday 🍁

Fr. Dominic Rossi by Geraldine Calderone
Salvatore Manzella by Rosa
Armando Gennari by wife Savina

October 9-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
6pm Special Intention for Juricic family

October 10-Sunday

8am James Nowc, Sr. by family
8am Joe Fragomeni by Debra Caron
10am Alessio Fallone by family
10am Raphael & Emma Marchi by family
10am Michelina DiPonio by husband Antonio & family
10am Marino Gai by Mary Calabrese
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family
12pm Cepranese Club-Memorial Mass
12pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig
12pm Spec Intent-Christine Durkee & fam by Deanna Mayle

October 11-Monday 🍁

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

October 12-Tuesday

Virginia Scarcelli by Glenn & Helen Callans

October 13-Wednesday

Paolo & Columba Maiani by Nora Maiani

October 14-Thursday

Catherine DeAngelo by Maria DiLorenzo

October 15-Friday

Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina
Michael Clark by DiMichele family

October 16-Saturday 🍁

Antonio Miriani by family
6pm Pierina & Vincent Frabotta by family
6pm Mary Kolis by family

October 17-Sunday (Orphans Club Breakfast)

8am John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Domenic Maiani by wife Nora
10am Armando & Adele Boschian by family
10am Giovanni Audia by Maria & family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe
10am Lisa Fabbri by Pia & family
10am Giuseppe & Maria Lucido by Paolo & Angie Milana
12pm Jack & Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela
12pm Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria
12pm Frank Arnone by Maria DiLorenzo
12pm Frank & Elvira Bizzocchi by son & daughter
12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family

October 18-Monday

Richard Giuliani by Angie & Paul Giuliani

October 19-Tuesday

Antonietta Biundo by family
Fortunato Valerio by family

October 20-Wednesday 🍁

Santino Mantovani by son John
Salvatore Ventimiglia by family
Pierina Secchi by family
Evandro DiMichele by DiMichele family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

October 21-Thursday

Anna Alexander by sister-in-law Tina

October 22-Friday

Richard Giuliani by Angie & Paul Giuliani

October 23- Saturday

Rinaldo Barera by William Hickey

6pm Marco & Anna Ceccoli by daughter Tina

6pm Angela & Paolo Audia by Rosa Spadafora

October 24-(World Mission Sunday)

8am Joe Fragomeni by Sharon Ruggioli

8am Ana Maggiorino by Debra Caron

10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family

10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

10am John Blindu by Casali family

10am Rita Bartolini by Casali family

10am Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by family

10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family

12pm Maria Lombardi by Assunta Society

12pm Joseph Mayle by Deanna Mayle

12pm Deceased members of Socia family by C & N Butros

12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

12pm Virgilio & Maria Candida Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

12pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini

12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

October 25-Monday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Deanna Mayle

October 26-Tuesday

Marilyn Trainor by friends

October 27-Wednesday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

October 28-Thursday

Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

October 29-Friday

Guerrino & Assunta Terenzi by daughter-in-law Tina

October 30-Saturday

Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

Liv & dec members of Hickey & Barera fams by William

Louis Leone by sister Dorothy

6pm Sarah DeVuono by sister Rosa

Wedding: 1pm *Caroline Brosky & Roger Soulliere*

October 31-Sunday

8am Lucille Cataldi by family

8am Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

10am Sant' Elia Club-Memorial Mass

10am John P. Langan-8th anniversary by family

10am Kathleen Garbo by Dino D'Andrea

10am Lisa Fabbri by family

12pm Deceased members of Kattula family by C & N Butros



Lectors for October:

Oct. 03-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, N. Butros

Oct. 10-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, S. Santilla

Oct. 17-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantonio, A. Perugi

Oct. 24-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, N. Butros

Oct. 31-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, S. Santilla

Saturday, 6:00pm-Oct 2-D. Brosky, **Oct 9-**J. Foglyano,

Oct 16-D. Brosky, **Oct 23-**D. Brosky, **Oct 30-**J. Foglyano



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE MISSIONS & THE ROSARY

Every year, all over the world, there is a weekend set apart for the Missions and it is called "**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.**" This year it will be on **October 24th.**

Mission Sunday is a reminder that as Catholics our duty to be Missionary must extend throughout the year because the Church is by its very nature Missionary. If we do not preach our faith with our life we will be failing in our task. Furthermore, we need to do our best to contribute with prayers and even financially to the efforts of preaching the Gospel everywhere.

The Rosary has been a very easy, yet most powerful prayer introduced into the Catholic world since the middle ages. It is a prayer that by invoking the Motherly intercession of Mary our Blessed Mother, is designed to sooth our souls with the contemplation of the mysteries of our salvation while repeating to ourselves that our prayers are sent to heaven through the hand of our most powerful heavenly Mother. We are urged to recite the Rosary as a family, as a community, and individually to attain from heaven all the favors that are most pressing to us.



Dates to Remember:

FEAST OF SAN FRANCESCO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

A solemn celebration in honor of our Patron Saint and in conjunction with the Columbus Day celebration will be held at **12pm** with a Mass, procession, and refreshments. All Societies & Clubs are invited to participate with their banners. **At 2:00pm, San Francesco Church in cooperation with BELLINI OPERA FOUNDATION will present REGINA delle ROSE.**

Songs of Faith & Devotion In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary performed by **Eva Evola, Dino Valle, & Matthew Fillion.** This is a free will donation event.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH IS COLUMBUS DAY



ORPHANS CLUB BREAKFAST-OCT. 17th AFTER EACH MASS

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk & orange juice will be served. Adults-\$5.00 & children -\$3.00
Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Events: Thanksgiving Food Drive

The students from our CCD Program are launching San Francesco's annual "Thanksgiving Food Drive" for the needy families in our area. We have used this food drive as a mode to teach students Corporal works of Mercy. This year due to Covid-19 we are asking you donate **only** gift cards and/or monetary donations of any denomination. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Food Drive" and give to Fr. Dino. With your generous donations we will make sure those in need are well cared for during the holiday season and beyond. Your participation in this project has always been a huge success, please help us by donating so we can continue assisting those in need. We thank you in advance for your donation and support. If you have any questions the undersigned can be reached at 586-242-1981.

Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Sarete di certo a conoscenza circa il tentativo dell'estrema sinistra marxista di dividere l'America in due gruppi: i bianchi, quali oppressori, e i neri come oppressi. Passa col nome di Teoria Critica della Razza. In molte scuole americane, purtroppo, s'insegna, come parte del curriculum scolastico, ai bambini bianchi di sentirsi in colpa per essere i discendenti degli schiavisti e, ai bambini neri o di pelle scura, a considerarsi vittime dei soprusi del passato.

Ora, a parte il fatto che il male e il bene si devono attribuire all'individuo indipendentemente dal colore della sua pelle, la storia dimostra come questa teoria sia completamente infondata.

Gli europei che portavano e vendevano schiavi ai proprietari delle piantagioni in America, compravano gli schiavi dai potenti capi villaggio africani che facevano razzie in villaggi ritenuti facile preda. Non tutti gli schiavi arrivavano qua. Alcuni restavano a lavorare per i loro padroni neri in Africa. E in America alcuni schiavisti erano neri...

Per più di tre secoli, i Turchi dell'Impero Ottomano facevano razzie sui villaggi costieri del Mediterraneo meridionale: le ragazze e le donne giovani catturate, finivano negli harem dei sultani mussulmani...; gli uomini abili erano incatenati, giorno e notte, come rematori ai banchi delle galee turche, mentre i vecchi erano passati

a fil di scimitarra e, a volte, fatti a pezzi come monito... I pirati berberi dell'Africa settentrionale schiavizzavano europei fino all'inizio del XIX secolo per gli stessi motivi o per intascare un possibile riscatto...

Non c'è posto al mondo, dove la schiavitù non sia stata presente. Le sofferenze degli schiavi non conoscono colore della pelle e continua ancor oggi.

Dal punto di vista della fede, la Bibbia ci dice che c'è solo la razza umana, creata da Dio a sua immagine. Il peccato originale distorse tale immagine e sta a noi, figli e figlie di Dio, a evitare in ogni modo gli sbagli del passato e a imparare da Gesù a vivere come fratelli e sorelle uniti nell'amore vicendevole, nel perdono, solidarietà e umile servizio fatto con gioia in seno all'unica famiglia di Dio Padre.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to act as Sacristans to prepare & set up before Holy Masses and to clear away afterwards.
If interested please contact Fr. Dino. Many thanks!

Join our **Pro Life Rally** and **Recitation of the Holy Rosary** in front of the church @ 12pm on Saturday October 16th.

Remember to browse our website:
sanfrancescochurch.org