

# BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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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.

**HOLYDAY 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.



## FEBRUARY, 2022

### Insidious Guiles

Dear parishioners and friends of San Francesco Church,

After over 20 years, I still remember a peculiar confession of a pious woman who had been fooled by Satan. She confessed that, on a first Saturday, she had gone from a quick run to the store back home to assist her sick daughter, rather than going to church to keep her Five First Saturdays devotion uninterrupted. It was not easy for me to convince her that she had made the right decision. Had she instead spent an hour or so in church fulfilling the prescribed requirements of the Five First Saturdays, she would have been committing the rather serious sin of neglecting her daughter's needs!

This article is on warning you about the guiles used by the devil to fool and mislead his favorite target: pious, devout people. The devil was an angel of light (Lucifer) who fell from grace because he refused to be humble and to serve. None of us can match his acumen. He knows that pious people would not fall for doing something patently sinful. Hence, he first points out to devout souls how pleasantly satisfied they felt at the end of a particularly rewarding devotion. As he makes sure that they keep faithful observance of that devotion, he might reinforce their desire by following that with a subtle mention of how people in church noticed their piety and devotion. At strategic intervals, he also reminds them that such and such a saint had the same devotion. Satan's intention, of course, is to deceive them into thinking that they too are on the right path to sainthood. If, for whatever reason, next time they encounter some difficulties in keeping their streak of devotions going, undoubtedly, Satan will try his best to remind them that they have a reputation of holiness to protect.

My dear friends in Christ, between the consequences of original sin and our innate hubris, we do not stand a chance! We ought to resort to what Jesus did when tempted by Satan: we shall resort to God's Word! Hence, it becomes incredibly simple to sort things out and to make the right choice. God's Word assures us that, on Judgement Day, we will be judged on whether or not we attended to Jesus' needs as he drew close to us in the least and the neediest of our brothers and sisters: (cf. Matthew 25: 31-46).

With the help of the Holy Spirit, once we have established a solid prayer life and we attend Holy Mass on Sunday, the rest of the time meant for our activities, we should spend carrying out the work assigned to us and also joyously attending to the needs of all the people the Lord has placed in our life. Only if we are confident of having sufficient time to meet our obligations, rather than instead of, we should go to church on weekdays. Actually, if my reading of God's will is correct, I would recommend that we draw close and spend quality time mainly with those people with whom we would not choose to "waste" our precious time. And if it becomes evident that we are the only ones left to assist someone living alone, ailing in some ways, and/or aging, the Lord is asking us to stay joyfully with that person rather than going to Mass on Sunday! In such an extreme case, being with that person might be the only sacrifice acceptable to the Lord.

Obviously, the "least" of our brothers and sisters the Lord places in our lives and who clamor for our care, includes more than just the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill, and incarcerated mentioned in the gospel segment about Judgment Day.

However, the voice of the Holy Spirit can be softer than the voice of Satan. Hence, if we ignore his voice, we would not experience the joy that he reserves for those who choose to inconvenience themselves and attend to the needs of the least of their brothers and sisters.

Devotions such as First Fridays, the Five First Saturdays, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, various Novenas and so on, even hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament are not offered by Mother Church mainly for our personal satisfaction. They are offered so that we find inspiration and motivation to be able to attend to the needs of the least, including those we would rather stay away from or spend only a token amount of time with to silence our conscience.

Providentially, if we observe our favorite devotions in a careful listening mode, the Lord will make it unmistakably clear that we cannot delegate our share of love and care to anybody else. On Judgment Day, we would not be able to say that *Visiting Angels* or *A place for Mom* fulfilled our obligation towards people who made many sacrifices for us. Nor will we be able to say that we were busy doing more important things.

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Hopefully, a long time before Judgment Day, we would have listened to the soft voice of the Holy Spirit and it would have dawned on us that absolutely nothing else could have been as important as spending a generous portion of time with the Lord in his many and, often, inconvenient disguises.

But since we do not know when the Lord will call us in death, if we are wise and prudent, we would resolve this very moment not to waste a single opportunity to fill our quota of loving and caring for the Lord "horizontally," by loving and caring for him in any of his many disguises.

**Fr. Dino Vanin, your Pastor**



### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

#### **February 1-Tuesday**

Souls in Purgatory by Serafina Shields

#### **February 2-Wednesday**

Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina

Ronald Joseph Penz by Mary Mutti

Special Intention James Cianciolo & fam by Barb Motala

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Eric Peters by DiMichele family

#### **February 3-Thursday**

Maria & Alfonso Crespi by Harry & Roselyn Crespi

#### **February 4-Friday**

Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti

Michael Clark by DiMichele family

Maria Luisa Ellero by DiMichele family

#### **February 5-Saturday**

Tony Valerio by wife Victoria

Dorothea Barera by William Hickey

For Holy Souls of Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

Spec Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

**6pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

**6pm** Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by fam

#### **February 6-Sunday**

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

8am Marcel & Rita Normandeau by Ron/Michelle Marino

8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

8am Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

10am Arcangela Puzzuoli by Boschian family

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

12pm Josephine Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo

12pm Carlo Giovanni Pasquali by Frank & Grace Mediati

#### **February 7-Monday**

End of Abortion by Serafina Shields

#### **February 8-Tuesday**

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

Jay Ludington by Ludington-Dawson family

#### **February 9-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 10-Thursday**

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

#### **February 11-Friday**

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

Adamo & Antonia Gennari by Savina Gennari

Natale & Carolina Gasperoni by Savina Gennari

Annunziata Santi by Savina Gennari

Oscar Stefani by Savina Gennari & family

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Thomas Michael by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

#### **February 12-Saturday**

Special Intention for John Hickey by William Hickey

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

**6pm** Lauren Palazzolo by Geraldine Calderone

**6pm** Angela & Paolo Audia by Joan Audia

#### **February 13-Sunday**

8am Antonio & Angelina Slongo by family

8am Carl & Nancy Kaspari by family

10am Antonino Badalamenti by family

12pm Frank Calabrese by wife Mary

12pm Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria

12pm Frank Arnone by Maria DiLorenzo

12pm Special Intention for Erisa Kurti by Dawn Debenedet

12pm Special Intention for Rebecca Ramm by Dawn Debenedet

12pm Special Intention for Michael Reynolds by Dawn Debenedet

#### **February 14-Monday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 15-Tuesday**

End of Pandemic by Serafina Shields

#### **February 16- Wednesday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 17-Thursday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 18-Friday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 19-Saturday**

Special Intentions

**6pm** Special Intentions

#### **February 20-Sunday**

8am Joan Buccinna by Geraldine Calderone

8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino

10am Anthony Stringa by sister Maria Mancini

10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

10am Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

10am Maria Colasanti by Mario & Ada Lisi

12pm Elena DeLeonardis by family

12pm Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria & children

12pm Josephine Leone by Maria & Angela DiLorenzo

#### **February 21-Monday**

Gerald Agostini by mother Olivia & family

#### **February 22-Tuesday**

Souls in Purgatory by Serafina Shields

#### **February 23-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

#### **February 24-Thursday**

Cavalli family by Harry & Roselyn Crespi

#### **February 25-Friday**

John Paluzzi by family

#### **February 26-Saturday**

Special Intentions

**6pm** Paulette Bertolini by family

## February 27-Sunday



8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family  
8am Veronica Pisa by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones  
10am Antonina Biondo by Sugameli family  
10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family  
10am Antonio & Rosa Tundo by family  
12pm Antonio Frustaci by Buccinna family  
12pm Special Intention for Jack Juricic  
12pm Roberto Cicchelli by wife Eda & family  
12pm Suora Maria Cicchelli by Eda & family  
12pm Guido & Quartina Cicchelli by Eda & family  
12pm Nina & Rocco Mammarella by Eda & family  
12pm Deceased members of Socia family by C/N Butros

## February 28-Monday

Antonietta Biundo by family



### LECTORS:

**Feb 06**-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros  
**Feb 13**-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, S. Santilla  
**Feb 20**-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi  
**Feb 27**-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantoni, N. Butros  
**Saturday, 6:00pm-Feb. 05**-J. Foglyano, **Feb 12**-D. Brosky,  
**Feb 19**-J. Foglyano, **Feb 26**-D. Brosky.



### SUNDAY ENVELOPES

We do not mail offering envelopes due to the expense of the mailing. Remember to take a handful of envelopes with you when attending church, this helps keep our church stay operational through your contributions. Donations for the mailing of the monthly bulletin are always appreciated! We are truly grateful to all who have made our progress possible.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who generously donated for flowers and decorations inside and outside for the church at Christmas time, it made the church look so nice and welcome to all. The church looked so beautiful!

Thank you to all who volunteer time in the church to help straighten and clean throughout the week, your help is appreciated and never goes unnoticed.

To our parishioners & friends who generously donated throughout the year, we couldn't keep the church running without you! Your support keeps us together.

To those who donated for the **Giving Tree**, your kindness will touch and help others in need. God's Blessings to all of you for the generous and heartfelt donations received.

Our **MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets every Monday at 1:00pm here in the church. Refreshments and conversation afterwards in the church social hall. Come join us, we would love to have you!

**MASS INTENTIONS** need to be called in to the rectory office by the 15th of the previous month in order for the name to be placed in the church paper. If Mass intentions are not in by this time the only way your intention will be mentioned is by going into the sacristy and requesting the name to be mentioned on that day.



## Dates to Remember:



**Happy Valentine's Day!**  
February 14th

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
is March 2nd



There will be two Masses: 8:00am & 7:00pm.  
With distribution of ashes

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday @ 7:00pm during Lent  
starting on March 4th

### FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 19th

Mass @ 8:00am & 6:00pm

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:



### CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 9th @ 11:00am

Palm Sunday is April 10th

Easter Sunday is April 17th

### REMINDERS:

#### We are proud to announce...

Bible Study with Father Daniele Criscione, PIME  
The Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

San Francesco Church Hall

Significant figures of the Bible:

**February 17, 2022** - Abraham and Sarah

**March 17, 2022** - Isaac and Rebecca

**April 21, 2022** - Jacob and Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, Zilpah

**May 19, 2022** - Judas and Tamar

Please come join our journey through the Bible with  
Father Daniele, everyone is welcome!

### March 20, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Holy Mass

San Francesco Parish will be honoring  
Ms. Dina Caringi who was recently appointed to the  
position of Clinton Township Chief of Police. The Caringi  
Family have been parishioners at our parish for quite  
some time. We would like to properly congratulate Ms.  
Caringi and her family on her newly appointed position  
and pray for our entire community's safety and success.  
Please come show your support.

**Membership Cards:** Please let us know of any changes in  
address if you have moved or changed a PHONE NUMBER.  
We need to keep current information on file.



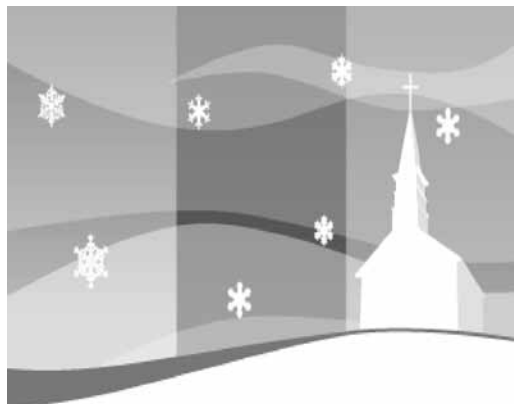
### SAN FRANCESCO CHURCH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

San Francesco Church will be hosting its annual Dinner  
Dance on **Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Penna's of Sterling.**

**This will be a celebration of Fr. Dino's 50th year of  
ordination into priesthood.** This event features a sit-down  
dinner and is a fundraiser where proceeds go directly to  
the maintenance and preservation of our parish.

For tickets & information contact **Ann Burrell @  
(586) 242-1981 or Sharon Ruggioli @ (313) 882-5132.**  
Please join us, we would love to see you there!

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Insidie nascoste**

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Il demonio è furbissimo. Può far leva sul nostro orgoglio anche in materia di culto e di fede. Per esempio ci può suggerire di farci vedere in chiesa durante la settimana anche quando in famiglia o, comunque, vicino a noi ci fossero delle persone che hanno bisogno della nostra presenza e cure.

In situazioni normali, una volta che abbiamo soddisfatto il precetto festivo andando a Messa la domenica e le altre feste di precetto e la nostra vita di preghiera è solida, tutto il nostro tempo dovrebbe essere usato per eseguire il lavoro richiesto dal nostro stato e ad essere vicino alle persone che il Signore ha posto nella nostra vita.

Sappiamo già dalla descrizione del Giorno del Giudizio che si trova nel vangelo di Matteo al capitolo 25, versetti 31-46, che saremo giudicati sul come siamo venuti incontro alle necessità del Signore nascosto sotto le sembianze delle persone in difficoltà e nel dolore. Gesù elenca gli affamati, gli assetati, i senzatetto o estranei, gli ignudi, gli ammalati, gli incarcerati, ma, naturalmente, quelli che il Signore ha posto sul nostro cammino e che necessitano delle nostre premure sono molti di più.

Non possiamo delegare ad altri la porzione di carità e di sollecitudini che il Signore si aspetta da noi. Il Giorno del Giudizio non ci saranno scuse che tengano: entreremo in paradiso solo se abbiamo riconosciuto il Signore in tutti i nostri di casa e in tutti i bisognosi della nostra presenza, del nostro affetto e delle nostre cure, tutto fatto per amore di Gesù.

*E il Re risponderà loro: "In verità vi dico: tutto quello che avete fatto a uno dei più piccoli di questi miei fratelli, l' avete fatto a me".* Matteo 25:40

**P. Dino Vanin, PIME**



**Recycling News**

Support for this fund-raiser will help us in the future with Church projects and expenses. Please bring all of your newspapers, mail, catalogs, office & school papers (No telephone books) to our bins located in the church parking lot.

**Remember to visit our Website:**

**sanfrancescochurch.org** for access to monthly bulletins, updated information and weekly homilies.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is offered here at San Francesco every Friday, after 8am Holy Mass til noon.