

BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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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.



March, 2022

God Wants to "Need" Us

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Whenever we feel completely distraught and at a loss for the many ways people tend to mess things up, especially at higher levels where the pain is more intense and more widespread, as believers we might be tempted to imagine how the world would be if entrusted again solely to the hands of our Creator God as it was when he stepped back after completing his creation and admired his stupendous handiwork: *God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed-- the sixth day.* **Genesis 1:31**

However, with complete foreknowledge, the Lord God entrusted his magnificent and flawless creation to the hands of the human beings he had formed from the dirt of the earth. *Then the Lord God said: "Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."* **Genesis 1:26**

Reflecting on this decision that seems bold even for God, the Psalmist wonders: *What are humans that you are mindful of them, mere mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them little less than a god, crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them rule over the works of your hands, put all things at their feet:* **Psalms 8:5-7**

The Old Testament doesn't hide the flaws of Israel's most prominent leaders, prophets, kings, and heads of dynasties. Actually, their mistakes are reported in disturbing detail and are contrasted with the feats of the humblest, lowliest members of Israel whom Yahweh commissioned to carry out his most important missions.

We would think that in the New Testament, Jesus, God in human flesh, with direct knowledge of how weak human nature truly is would have changed the divine MO, but he didn't! After a whole night spent in prayer to the Father (cf. Luke 6:12), he chose twelve from among his disciples. Humanly speaking, Jesus did a poor job! To lead this mottled "elite group", he picked Simon Peter, a natural bragger, overconfident, easily scared fisherman who would deny knowing him three times. He also picked James and John whom he nicknamed *Boanerges* for their fiery, quick temper; Matthew, a tax collector, sold to the hated Roman occupiers; even a terrorist by the name

of Simon, the Zealot and, of course, Judas who would betray him. In spite of having the best of teachers, Jesus's Apostles proved to be a slow learning, narrow-minded, set in their way, easily scared bunch. Yet, he made them the pillars of his Church.

St. Paul, who before his dramatic conversion, tried his very best to uproot the fledgling Church by force, considered himself a failure, totally unworthy of any divine favors (cf. 1 Cor. 15:8). Hence, he found plenty of evidence to decipher God's mysterious plan for us: *"Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God."*

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Pondering our past while owning up to our abundant share of mistakes I am certain that none of us would have any trouble concurring with St. Paul's description of God's millennia-tested, *modus operandi*.

Overlooking the countless messes that God's chosen people have made over the millennia and continue to make so frequently, he still wants to need our hearts, our minds, our hands, our feet. The Lord has already factored in our propensity to mess things up for ourselves and others. At times we do it with the best intentions in mind, other times we do it because we can be big-time stinkers!

What happened during the Last Supper in the Upper Room sheds some light on why God decided to create us free. It is so that we can respond with our imperfect love to his perfect love. Hence, even with the foreknowledge of our future failures, Jesus reminds us that we did not choose him, but that he has chosen us to bear lasting fruit. (cf. John 15:16)

It is rather easy to see how God uses the mouth, hands, and heart of a priest to preach his words of life, to assure a penitent of divine forgiveness, to anoint, to bless, to be the extensions of Jesus' body. It is a bit more difficult to see God's action as we nurture each other, encourage each other, embrace each other, bring comfort to each other, visit each other, keep company with a lonely person, lend a helping hand, or listen patiently to stories from a troubled heart. Yet this is what we have been doing every single time we were prompted by love to

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reach out and be Jesus Christ to whoever needed his divine closeness in a physical fashion.

By divine decree, all our good deeds done for the Body of Christ acquire the same value as if they were done by Jesus himself. ... *and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his Body, which is the Church, Colossians 1:24*

Such is our dignity! We embrace it gladly in view of our eternal reward: *"Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."*
Revelation 14:13

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME, your Pastor

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP



Meets every Monday @ 1:00pm. Join us for prayer and refreshments afterwards in the church social hall.

MASS INTENTIONS:



March 1-Tuesday

Joe Buccinna by Buccinna family
Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family

March 2-Wednesday

Stan Pawlukiewicz by Jurmo family

March 3-Thursday

Onorio Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

March 4-Friday

Isa P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family
Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti

March 5-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

6pm Eileen Michael by DiMichele family

6pm John MacDonald by Faith Allen

March 6-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
8am Laura Slongo by family
10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family
10am Arcangela Puzzuoli by Boschian family
10am Anthony Stringa by Maria DiLorenzo
10am Maria Sarti by Pia Busignani
10am Vito & Domenica Manzella by Rosa Manzella
10am Vincenzo & Concetta Armetta by Rosa Manzella
10am Fr. Dominic Rossi by Casali family
12pm Special Intention for Mark Barger by mom
12pm Dennis & Geri Teper by Dennis & Jill Teper & family

March 7-Monday

Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family
Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

March 8-Tuesday

End of Abortion by Serafina Shields

March 9-Wednesday

Arcangela Puzzuoli by Jurmo family

March 10-Thursday

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family

March 11-Friday

Gerald Agostini-anniversary by mother Olivia & family
Armando Gennari by wife Savina
Giuseppe Gennari by Savina Gennari
Annunziata Santi by Savina Gennari

March 12-Saturday

Deceased members of Colandrea family by William Hickey
Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life

6pm Maria Bertolini by family

6pm Lisa Cicilian by Judy Manczuk

March 13-Sunday

8am Carolina Visone by family
8am Carl & Nancy Kaspari by family
10am Giovanni Buttacavoli by wife Giovanna
10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family
10am Giuseppe Pipitone by daughter Giovanna
10am Giuseppe Casarubea by friend Giovanna Buttacavoli
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
12pm Mary Kolis by family
12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family
12pm Rosalie Vitale by family
12pm Deceased members of Kattula family by C & N Butros
12pm Robert Rancilio by wife Dorothy
12pm Dennis Burrell by family

March 14-Monday

Jack Sheeran by Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

March 15-Tuesday

John Paluzzi by family

March 16-Wednesday

Special Intentions

March 17-Thursday

Veronica Pisa by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones

March 18-Friday

John MacDonald by Faith Allen

March 19-Saturday (St. Joseph Day)

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
Eric Peters by DiMichele family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family
Joe Vettraino by wife Blanche
Ernest LaBranche by sister Blanche
Fortunato Valerio by family
6pm Lauren Palazzolo by Deanna Mayle
6pm Lucia Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli

March 20-Sunday

8am Marcel Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Antonio & Angelina Slongo by family
8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family
8am Special Intention for Dominic Juricic
8am Special Intention for Scott Barger by mom
10am Lisa Casali by family
10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family
10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
10am Giuseppe Iocco by Francesca Iocco
10am Giuseppe Casarubea by Francesca Iocco
10am Salvatore Ventimiglia by family
10am Vito & Domenica Manzella by daughter
12pm Special Intention for Dina Caringi

March 21-Monday

Special Intentions

March 22-Tuesday

Special Intentions

March 23-Wednesday

Anthony Bertolini by family

March 24-Thursday

Special Intentions

March 25-Friday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

March 26-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Patricia Law by Judy Manczuk

6pm Lauren Palazzolo by Blanche Vettraino

March 27-Sunday

8am Special Intentions

10am Antonina Biondo by Sugameli family

10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family

10am Maria Pizzo by family

10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family

12pm Deceased members of Youna fam by C & N Butros

12pm Filbert Corsetti by wife & children

March 28-Monday

Special Intentions

March 29-Tuesday

Antonietta Biundo by family

March 30-Wednesday

Special Intentions

March 31-Thursday

Special Intentions



Mar 06-J. Nowc, T. Silverio, S. Santilla

Mar 13-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, A. Perugi

Mar 20-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros

Mar 27-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, S. Santilla

Saturday, 6pm-Mar. 5-J. Foglyano, **Mar. 12**-D. Brosky,

Mar. 19-J. Foglyano, **Mar. 26**-D. Brosky.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES



We appreciate your donations throughout the year and thank you for keeping our church vibrant & active with your participation. Offering envelopes are in the church for you to take, or mail your donations by sending them to the rectory office.



Important Dates:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday @ 7:00pm during Lent.

Every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence.

No meat on these days for all between the ages of 14 onwards.

Please note that confessions will be heard from 6:00pm to 6:45pm on Friday's during Lent.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Daniele Criscione, PIME

Date change in March! Bible study will be held on

Wednesday, **March 16th**-Isaac & Rebecca

(NOT on Thursday, March 17th)

April 21st-Jacob & Leha, Rachel, Bilhah, & Zilpah

May 19th-Judas & Tamar

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

ST. JOSEPH-SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH

Regular Holy Mass times: 8am (for St. Joseph) & 6pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH @ 12PM HOLY MASS

Our parish will honor Ms. Dina Carangi on her newly appointed position as Clinton Township Chief of Police. We pray for our entire community's safety and success.

Come show your support!



CONGRATULATIONS FATHER DINO VANIN, PIME

San Francesco Church will host its annual Dinner Dance at Penna's of Sterling, doors will open at 3:00 p.m. with a sit-down dinner served at 4:00 p.m. Live entertainment by Pino Marelli. Tickets are \$60 per person (No Tickets sold at the door). This event is a fundraiser, all proceeds go directly to the maintenance and preservation of the church.

This year the parish will be honoring Father Dino Vanin, PIME on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Father will celebrate his special Anniversary Holy Mass at 12:00 (Noon) prior to the dinner dance. We are very fortunate to have this ethnic Italian Catholic Church in our community for so many years, it is truly a blessing. Please help us celebrate this special event in support of San Francesco Catholic Church and to honor Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME.

Reverend Dino Vanin, PIME was born in Cendon di Silea, Province of Treviso, Italy in 1946. He entered the PIME Seminary at Treviso at the tender age of eleven. He came to the United States in 1968, studying Theology at Darlington Major Seminary in New Jersey. He has a MA in Secondary School Administration from Seton Hall University. Ordained June 10, 1972, he served as an administrator, teacher, rector and principal at the PIME High School Seminary in Newark, Ohio before being sent to the missions of Thailand, where he served for six years. On December 16, 2018 he was installed as Pastor of San Francesco Catholic Church.

For Tickets/information please contact Ann Burrell at (586) 242-1981 or Sharon Ruggioli at (313) 882-5132.

CONFIRMATION-SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

11:00am Most Rev Gerard W. Battersby



ORPHANS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST-APRIL 10TH

After all Holy Masses: pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk & orange juice will be served. Adults \$5.00 - children \$3.00. Everyone is welcome!

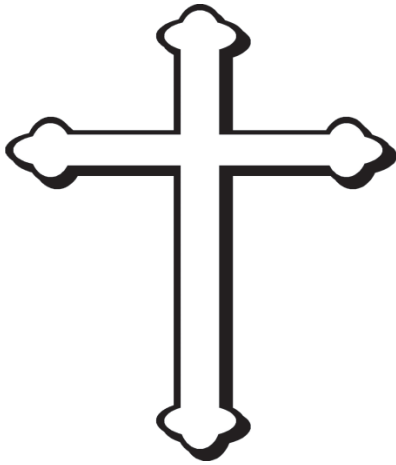
PALM SUNDAY-APRIL 10th

EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 17th

Come celebrate with us!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICES-APRIL 24th

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



II SIGNORE VUOLE AVER BISOGNO DI NOI

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Nell'ottavo salmo il salmista si fa una domanda esistenziale: *Quando contemplo i cieli, opera delle tue mani, la luna e le stelle che tu hai fissate; che cos' è l' uomo perché ti ricordi di lui? Che cos' è il figlio d'uomo, ché di lui ti prendi cura? Sì, di poco l'hai fatto inferiore ai celesti e di gloria e di onore tu lo circondi; qual signore l' hai costituito sulle opere delle tue mani; tutto hai posto sotto i suoi piedi. Salmo 8:4-7*

Constatando tutti gli enormi sbagli fatti nella storia dell'umanità e che hanno causato e continuano a causare così tanto male, potremmo essere tentati di chiederci come mai il Signore ci abbia creati liberi e abbia affidato a noi tutto il creato (vedi **Genesi 1:26**). La risposta è la seguente: il Signore ci ha creati liberi e ha ci affidato tutto il creato perché vuole una risposta libera al suo amore per noi. Siamo liberi di essere custodi affidabili del suo creato o creatori d'ingiustizie e dolore per noi e per gli altri.

Quello che ci può sorprendere ancora di più è che, sia nel Vecchio Testamento, sia nel Nuovo, di proposito, vediamo che il Signore sceglie i più deboli, i più sprovvisi, quelli di rango più basso per compiere le sue missioni più importanti cosicché tutta la gloria vada giustamente solo a lui! (vedi **1 Corinzi 1:26-29**)

Anzi dobbiamo renderci conto che, ancora di proposito, il Signore vuole aver bisogno di ciascuno di noi. Il Signore ha deciso che noi diventassimo, gioiosamente, il prolungamento di lui. Vuole che usiamo la nostra mente

per pensare a chi ha posto vicino a noi; le nostre mani per curarli, le nostre braccia per abbracciarli, i nostri piedi per farci vicino a loro; il nostro cuore per amarli.

Pensiamo dunque a quale dignità il Signore ci abbia chiamati! Tutto ciò che noi facciamo per amore e, gioiosamente, acquista lo stesso valore che avrebbe se fosse fatto da Gesù stesso.

Viviamo ogni giorno con l'attesa, piena di speranza, che le nostre opere buone ci accompagneranno in paradiso: *Quindi udii una voce dal cielo che diceva: «Scrivi: Beati i morti che muoiono nel Signore, sin da ora. Sì, dice lo Spirito, poiché si riposeranno dalle loro fatiche; li accompagnano, infatti, le opere loro».* **Rivelazione 14:13.**
P. Dino Vanin, PIME

LOST & FOUND BOX

If you think you may have lost something in the church please check the box located in the vestibule. We will only be holding found items for 7 days. If they are not picked up within one week they will be donated to charity.
Thank you for your cooperation.

CHURCH KITCHEN

If you are using the hall for a gathering after a Memorial Mass or for a club meeting we kindly ask that you keep the kitchen clean after your function. Thank you!

Be sure to check our website: sanfrancescochurch.org for updated news, the weekly homilies & monthly bulletin.