

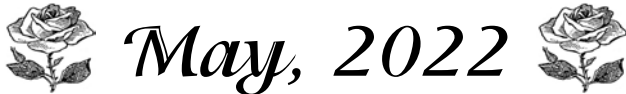
# BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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**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. 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.



## A Most Painful Decision

Dear Parishioners & Friends of San Francesco Church:

Something that all children dread is deciding when to drastically limit the freedom of movement that their parents enjoy. It could be to decide the right time to stop Mom or Dad from driving anymore, or from continuing to live alone as they had done for years since their spouse had died and they had somewhat adjusted to the loss.

As we grow older, we naturally tend to stick to a routine that reassures us while removing as much as possible unsettling changes in schedule and/or activities. For this reason, to be thrust into a completely new setting such as an assisted living facility can be very painful and, in some cases, even traumatic. And the children who could not put off a decision of this magnitude any longer cannot expect Mom or Dad to understand that they were forced by deteriorating health conditions or compelling circumstances. Part of the pain involved stems from the lack of rational reasoning on the part of aging, ailing parents

In most cases, the thought of their safety and the safety of anyone who could be hurt by them if they had continued their independent lifestyle doesn't cross their mind. Rather, feelings of lack of appreciation for their sacrifices over many years can be overlapping unanswerable questions and even feelings of betrayal.

While the remedy for keeping aging parents from driving again is as simple as the onerous commitment of becoming their glad, always available chauffeur, what "remedies" can be suggested for children who have made the harder decision of moving their frail parent to an assisted living setting? Even the best facilities available can be considered by a slow-to-adjust, angry parent, a "golden prison, at least for a while."

The wisest suggestions should flow from the humble realization that we need the light of the Holy Spirit to find "remedies" that are dictated by sincere love, albeit within what is permissible according to the facility's policies.

Now that Covid-19 restrictions are slowly lifted, the possibilities seem to be more numerous. If we think that Mom or Dad might still be upset with us, let our children and grandchildren be our peace ambassadors. At home, we are to build up expectations about their going to visit grandma or granddad. In their arms, our children's and grandchildren's body language will melt away a lot of

resistance. Cards they draw for different occasions or no occasion at all will light up the "golden prison." Joining grandma in prayer to the Blessed Mother or her favorite Saint will bring her back to past, brighter days. Sharing news about school and sports and other school-related activities is also a wonderful way of proving that they are not cut off from the life of their loved ones.

If grandchildren can set up the internet for their grandparents, all this could be made easier and enhanced considerably. Grandkids can also routinely check to fend off frequent internet threats so that photos, bits of news, and, perhaps, even short videos, can liven up their days.

Being people of profound faith, aging parents would appreciate immensely a Sunday ride to their beloved church to feel closer to God, maybe light a votive candle and, who knows, chat with old friends whom they had not seen in years.

We cannot overestimate the bond that aging people have established with the Lord and with the Blessed Mother and their favorite Saints over a lifetime and nurtured daily with heartfelt prayers. Thus, as soon as possible, their room at the "golden prison" should be turned into a modest replica of their church (minus candles or with faux candles) because, whenever they are hurting, they need to take refuge in their heavenly friends...

There are, for certain, more suggestions that the Holy Spirit can give us to dissipate some of the loneliness and dark feelings flooding the minds and hearts of our aging parents. Given their supernatural source, they will all be inspired by sincere love.

However, to benefit from them when it will be our time to be in their state, we must prepare ourselves by storing away a huge amount of humility. Humility prepares us to accept gracefully even the final stage of our lifespan.

*There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. Ecclesiastes. 3:1-8*

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Humility brings peace to the twilight of our earthly life. It reminds us often of human frailty: that of all members of our family as well as ours. Hence it will help us appreciate their imperfect way of loving and hopes that they cherish ours. Finally, genuine humility will inspire us to prove our usefulness by praying daily for each member of our family and our friends. Even our mounting aches and pains endured out of love will prove our usefulness to the very end. Genuine hope will sustain us and intensify our serenity because we will never forget that the Lord is with us and that he will never forsake us.

**Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME**



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

The **12:00pm Holy Mass on May 1st** will mark a special occasion for our CCD Program as children receive the Lord Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.



***Congratulations to all our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 9th. May the Holy Spirit guide you and lead you throughout your life.***

## **|| Mass Intentions**

### **May 1-Sunday**

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon  
8am Rosemary & Anthony Marino by Ron & Michelle  
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family  
8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family  
10am Pescosolido Society Club-Memorial Mass  
10am Peter Fallone by family  
10am Vincenzo & Concetta Armetta by Rosa Manzella  
10am Vito & Domenica Manzella by Rosa Manzella  
10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family  
10am Roberto Cicchelli by Eda & family  
10am Giuseppe & Nunziatina Cicchelli by Eda & family  
10am Concetta & Concezio Cicchelli by Eda & family  
10am Domenico Copioli by Anna Maria Moraccini  
10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family  
12pm Deceased members of Stumpf family by C & N Butros  
**12pm First Holy Communion Mass**

### **May 2-Monday**

Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Jones

### **May 3-Tuesday**

Special Intentions

### **May 4-Wednesday**

End of Abortion by Helen Aguilera  
Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

### **May 5-Thursday**

Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina

### **May 6-Friday**

Armando Gennari by wife Savina  
Giuseppe & Luigi Santi by Savina Gennari  
Giuseppe Gennari by Savina Gennari  
Natale & Carolina Gasperoni by Savina Gennari  
Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti

### **May 7-Saturday**

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group  
Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family  
Mary Hickey by William Hickey  
**6pm** Lauren Palazzolo by Addis family  
**6pm** Victor Kunarski by wife Lia  
**6pm** Salvatore & Teresa Gallo by sister Rosa Spadafora

### **May 8-Sunday (Mother's Day)**

8am Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine  
8am Lucille Cataldi by family  
10am Vilma Farquhar by family  
10am Anna Martinelli-27 year Anniversary by family  
10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa  
10am Maria Pizzo by family  
10am Pompeo & Carmela Russo by grandchildren  
10am Carmela Maiorano by family  
10am Beni Parisi by Vita Parisi  
12pm Rosa & Jack Alu by daughter Carmela  
12pm Rose Mazzuchelli by family  
12pm Lucia Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli  
12pm Rosa D'Angelo & Antonia Cracolici by Maria DiLorenzo

### **May 9-Monday**

Special Intentions

### **May 10-Tuesday**

Special Intentions

### **May 11-Wednesday**

Guerrino & Assunta Terenzi by daughter-in-law Tina

### **May 12-Thursday**

Andrea & Rosa D'Angelo by daughter Maria

### **May 13-Friday**

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

### **May 14-Saturday**

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
**6pm** James & Ida Marino by daughters  
**6pm** John MacDonald by Faith Allen  
**6pm** Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by daughter Maria  
**6pm** Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria  
**6pm** Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria  
**6pm** Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe  
**Wedding: 3pm Michelle Zaltsman & Stephan Pilarski**

### **May 15-Sunday**

8am Evandro DiMichele by family  
10am Luisa Fallone by family  
10am Max Campbell by Blindu family  
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family  
10am Giovanni & Rosa Sciarrino by family  
10am Massimina Scarsella by Philomena Bernabo  
12pm Andrea D'Angelo by daughter Maria  
12pm Josephine Serra by Serra family  
12pm Jack & Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela  
12pm Antonio Montalto, Sr. by wife Antonina  
12pm J & M Bosca & family by Lelia Bosca

### **May 16-Monday**

Special Intentions

### **May 17-Tuesday**

Evandro DiMichele by family

### **May 18-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

### **May 19-Thursday**

Fortunato Valerio by family

**May 20-Friday**

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

**May 21-Saturday**

Special Intentions

**6pm** Michael John Kehrig by Kehrig/Christensen fams

**6pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory by Kehrig/Christensen fams

**6pm** Michael Jude Kehrig by Kehrig/Christensen fams

**May 22-Sunday**

8am Pietro & Josephine Badalamenti by family

8am John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino

10am Pasquale & Maria Lucci by family

10am Armando Boschian by family

10am Antonina Biondo by Sugameli family

10am Lorenzo Russo by wife Marina & family

10am Anna Giuffre` by Marina Cantarella Russo & family

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

12pm Mary Kolis by family

12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family

12pm Rosario & Vincenza Milana by Paul & Angie Milana

12pm Vincenzo & Giuseppina Manzo by P & A Milana

**May 23-Monday**

Special Intentions

**May 24-Tuesday**

Special Intentions

**May 25-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

**May 26-Thursday**

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

**May 27-Friday**

Anna & Marco Ceccoli by daughter Tina

**May 28-Saturday**

Special Intentions

**6pm** Special Intentions

**May 29-Sunday**

8am Antonietta Biundo by family

10am Rosa Sarti by Pia Busignani

10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

10am Maria DeCarolis by Maria & Andy Sugameli

12pm Antonia & Lorenzo Cracolici by grd. Maria

12pm Antonino & Maria D'Angelo by grd. Maria

**May 30-Monday**

Special Intentions

**May 31-Monday (Memorial Day)**

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family



**LECTORS FOR MAY:**

**May 01**-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, N. Butros

**May 08**-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, S. Santilla

**May 15**-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, A. Perugi

**May 22**-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, N. Butros

**May 29**-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, S. Santilla

**Lectors for Saturday, 6:00pm**

**May 7**-D. Brosky, **May 14**-J. Foglyano, **May 21**-D. Brosky

**May 28**-J. Foglyano

*Fr. Dino* would like to thank you all for the Easter greetings, prayers, and donations and also for the gracious reception and generosity shown at the Dinner Dance for his 50th year of Ordination party. He is truly grateful to all!

**Orphans Club Breakfast** was a huge success!

Thank you to all who stopped in for a bite to eat and for the support you give!



**Mark Your Calendar**



Remember to register your child for next year! You must do this every year to attend again in the fall. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church in the magazine rack.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER-TUESDAY, MAY 3rd**

San Francesco Church will be hosting this dinner at 6pm in the social hall. Adults **\$15**-Children **\$7**. All proceeds go directly for the support of our church.

Everyone is welcome!



**FLOWER SALE-MAY 7th & 8th**

We are selling carnations after all Holy Masses on these days. This is a free will donation to benefit the Church and Central Macomb Right to Life.



*Mother's Day* **IS MAY 8th**

May the Lord shower His blessings on all our moms living and deceased, on this day and beyond.

Have a wonderful day!

**May** is a lovely month of the year, filled with plenty of flowers and sunshine. This could be the reason why it is dedicated to the Blessed Mother, the most beautiful of creatures, the masterpiece of God, the Mother of all mothers.

**THURSDAY, MAY 19TH**

Bible study continues with Fr. Daniele Criscione @ 7pm Judas & Tamar

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

San Francesco Church in cooperation with Bellini Opera Foundation will present **Madonna Del Rosario** @ 2pm.

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

**MAY 31st IS MEMORIAL DAY**



Remember - our fallen heroes.

They are the reason that we are free.

Keep all those who defend our country and give their lives for us in your thoughts & prayers. God Bless our men and women in service and **God Bless America**.

**CSA 2022**

Our target figure this year is **\$19,551.00**. We understand in these difficult times it may be hard to contribute but even a small donation would help us reach our target swiftly.

Any donation you give is truly appreciated. It is our hope that our parish will respond with openness and a generous spirit to support the Church's ministry.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**L'ultima fase della nostra vita**

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Due dei valori più sentiti, qui negli Stati Uniti sono i valori della libertà di movimento e di autosufficienza. Come accettare di buon grado il giorno in cui ci sarà tolta la patente di guida e, in seguito, saremo trasferiti in una casa di riposo? La Bibbia nel libro dell'Ecclesiaste (Eccl. 3:1-8) ci ricorda che c'è un tempo per ogni momento della vita, compreso un tempo per nascere e un tempo per morire.

Gesù nel Vangelo ci invita a imitarlo:

*"Portate su di voi il mio giogo e imparate da me che sono mite e umile di cuore; e troverete ristoro per le vostre anime."* **Matteo 11:29**

Dobbiamo imitare il Signore anche nell'ultima fase del nostro soggiorno qui in terra in vista di quando ci chiamerà a sé in Paradiso. L'umiltà ci farà accettare che con l'avanzare degli anni i nostri limiti aumentano e i nostri riflessi si allentano. Pensiamo a quanto rimorso avremmo se causassimo un incidente d'auto e rovinassimo famiglie intere? L'umiltà ci porterà a capire che i nostri figli e nipoti non hanno cessato di amarci; ma che ci amano da essere umani, in modo imperfetto, come il nostro modo di amarli, purché ancora intensissimo, è imperfetto.

Nell'ultima fase della nostra vita allontaniamo assolutamente dalla mente il pensiero che siamo diventati inutili, perché abbiamo più tempo per pregare per ciascuno dei nostri cari, uno per uno, ogni giorno, più volte il giorno.

Offriamo al Signore i nostri acciacchi e dolori per sollevare il peso che grava sulle spalle dei nostri cari e facciamo tutto con gioia, sostenuti dalla speranza, anzi, dalla certezza che anche se tutti ci abbandonassero, il Signore e la Madonna saranno sempre al nostro fianco.

**P. Dino Vanin, PIME**



**Browse our website:** [sanfrancescochurch.org](http://sanfrancescochurch.org) to keep current on information. You can also go to the facebook page as well for changing events.

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP**

Meets Every Monday @ 1pm. Join us for prayer and refreshments afterwards.



***Fr. Dino's anniversary Mass with Fr. Daniele, Fr. Bruno & the Knights of Columbus. Thank you to everyone who attended this special celebration.***