

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.



To Handle Our Bruised Ego

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Over the years, we collect a vast array of spiritual pointers from homilies, from the good example of fellow worshippers, and from the looks of approval of people whose piety is out in the open and “well advertised.” However, the reasons why we rush to imitate them could be completely tainted by vanity if we forget that, while we are ordered by God to be holy as he is holy, our reliance must be completely on the Holy Spirit and not our desire to be admired and held in high esteem.

If our efforts to fulfill this very tall order are triggered by a covert search for approval, we could go on for years or for decades nurturing the illusion of being on the right path to holiness. But we can determine the real intention of our efforts from how we react to a minor humiliation, a hint of criticism, or mild slighting.

Here are some tell-tale signs that we were building a spiritual house of cards. We take offense. We decide to steer clear of the sources of the criticism. We look for a way to retaliate or to undermine the credibility of our critics. If we had previously enjoyed their approval, now we make sure that their flaws are broadcast in a subtle but effective fashion. All channels of communication with them are shut down, at least for a long while. We report the incident in which our ego got bruised to our most trusted friends; we do so using slightly different terms and clever spins, so our friends are left with no choice but to agree with us and justify the measures we took to resume building our house of cards. In this case, not a trace of inner peace would remain in our hearts. Then, we would refurbish the pious ways that had brought us people’s admiration.

In some more serious cases, our ego could have been bruised by someone’s truthful reaction to what we must have said, done, or failed to do because their truthful, honest reaction had exposed an ugly corner of our soul.

On the other hand, here are the comforting signs that we are working with the Holy Spirit: we do not allow the initial pain to bother us considerably. The Holy Spirit would remind us that whatever caused that pain was a

divine favor to smoke our vanity from its hiding place and expose it to the light of Jesus’ Gospel.

As we welcome the insights that the Holy Spirit offers us whenever we quietly probe the recesses of our hearts, we would find out how insidious and how deep the roots of vanity are. Even self-effacing efforts can be tainted by vanity! We might put ourselves down a little hoping that such a display of “humility” would elicit a denial from our audience followed, hopefully, by praises of our virtues...

As we hurt from the bruises to our ego, if we are somewhat versed in Holy Scripture, we might even try to use a Bible verse or two, with a clever spin, to justify our reaction. But to abuse Holy Scripture to soothe our hurt ego would be a desecration of the gift of God’s light. Hence the Holy Spirit would propose to us, instead, the metaphor with which we are all familiar: “Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye,’ while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye.” **Matthew 7:3-5**

The work of the Holy Spirit in us is usually gentle yet untiring. Under his guidance, we can find out rather quickly the size of the beam in our eye. He will lead us to admit to ourselves that we were blinded and, thus, without justification in taking offense. However, until the Holy Spirit perseveres in shedding his light and exposing the intensity of our vanity, we will resist acknowledging to anyone that we were not justified in feeling offended. Furthermore, lacking sufficient humble docility, we would not yet accept that we are still inclined to lie to cover up our mistakes and poor judgment.

Mindful of that metaphor, we should remain fully aware of the beam in our eye so that we learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in reducing its size in transparency and patient kindness with the flaws of others. The efforts in the direction of mutual understanding and patience lead to spiritual growth and to bearing the fruits of the Spirit; while the pressure of trying to cover up and achieve self-justification makes for a sterile waste of energies and exposes us to hypocrisy, presumption, and spiritual blindness.

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Naturally, in the future, there will be ample opportunities for serious spiritual growth but also for feeding our vanity which, inevitably, will reduce our level of happiness and serenity.

We should all be ready to admit that, looking ahead at the time that the Lord will keep us on this earth, we are bound to experience successes and failures. This is what all can reasonably expect. However, those who are ruled by pride and spiritual blindness will insist on taking credit for their successes and they will be crushed by their defeats or will waste an incredible amount of energy camouflaging their objectionable words and deeds.

However, in humble docility, those choosing to be led by the Holy Spirit will admit their mistakes, learn from them and try again. They will readily acknowledge that all the credit for their successes goes to the Lord; they will rejoice in what they have received and will be even more productive in their newly found self-confidence.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME



From our CCD Coordinator

We are scheduled to start our 2022-2023 CCD Program **Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00pm**. Tuition is \$65 for the first child, \$30 for each additional child, with a Family Maximum Tuition of \$135.00. Tuition is due upon registration, (\$10 late fee will be imposed for any tuition not paid before October 31). Please keep in mind our fee is nominal, we charge as little as possible for this program. All classes are scheduled from **5:00-6:15p.m.** We request and pray for your parental support. We only have a short amount of class time with your children, and we need you as parents to support us by helping with homework, making sure reading and workbook assignments are completed, and assisting with the memorization of your child's prayers.

PARENTS: Please make sure you complete a 2022-2023 registration form even if your child participated in last year's program. You as a parent can help your child be successful in completing our course and know what is expected. We sincerely encourage parental participation in this year's program and look forward to a great year with all of our CCD Family. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 586-242-1981, if I am not available simply leave a message and I will return your call. We welcome back all of our children. Thank you for your continued support. **Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator**

MASS INTENTIONS:

September 1-Thursday

Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family
Granddaughter Melissa Zicarelli by family

September 2-Friday

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary
Spec Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
Gino Paluzzi by family

September 3-Saturday

Mary Hickey by William Hickey
Chiarina Di Virgilio by Corrado Paris
6pm Carlo Pasquali by nonna

September 4-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Rick & Arlene Johnson by Sharon Ruggioli
8am Special Intention for Robert Ezzo by family
10am Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
10am In honor of Antonio Casali, III by Zia & Zio Casali
10am Karen Busignani by Pia & family
12pm Charlette Joyce Pagnani by Vincent & Sandra
12pm Marco, John, & Angeline Soave by Gerarda & fam
12pm For ill Soave family & friends by Gerarda & fam
12pm Dec members of Sabri Garmo fam by C/N Butros

September 5-Monday

Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by daughter Lorraine

September 6-Tuesday

Gino Paluzzi by family

September 7-Wednesday

Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family

September 8-Thursday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family
Elio Bosca by family

September 9-Friday

Armando Gennari by wife Savina
Annunziata Santi by Savina Gennari
Leone Giulianelli by wife Marie

September 10-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
6pm Charles & Theresa MacDonald by son Mike
6pm Salvatore Spadafora by family
6pm Dec Mem of Emidio Leone family by sister Dorothy
6pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Joe & Maria
6pm Benedetto & Mesia Lollo by Joe & Maria Sabatini

September 11-Sunday

8am Special Intentions
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Artemio Del Serrone by wife Linda & family
10am Stefano Busignani by Pia & family
10am Maria Sarti by Pia Busignani
10am Angelo Flumian by wife Annie & family
12pm Leonarda Coppola-Milana by Paolo/Angie Milana
12pm Special Intention for Mike Serra by Pepper Girls
12pm Deceased members of Soave fam by Gerarda & fam

September 12-Monday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Thomas Michael by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

September 13-Tuesday

Special Intentions

September 14-Wednesday

Robert Gilsdorf by Judi Blindu & family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

September 15-Thursday

Giuseppe & Savina Righi by daughter-in-law Lorraine
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

September 16-Friday

Special Intentions

September 17-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Rosa Spadafora by Gina & Vicky Lamerato

September 18-Sunday

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family
8am Rita Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino
10am Vito & Domenica Manzella by Rosa Manzella
10am Vincenzo & Concetta Armetta by Rosa Manzella
10am Vito LoConte & Donald Binetti by Mary Calabrese
10am Maria Antonia Di Ponio by son Antonio & family
10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
10am Giusto Benvenuto by Nicolina Biondo
10am Caterina Benvenuto by Nicolina Biondo
12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
12pm Mary Kolis by family
12pm Marge & John Soave & fam by Gerarda & fam

September 19-Monday

Fortunato Valerio by family

September 20-Tuesday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

September 21-Wednesday

Special Intentions

September 22-Thursday

Primo Righi by wife Lorraine

September 23-Friday

Maria Fanelli by Maria Katona
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

September 24-Saturday

Irene Rykala by Ludington-Dawson family
6pm Rosa & Salvatore Spadafora by grandchildren
6pm Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
6pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
6pm Emilia Pinelli by Reno & Barbara Pinelli

September 25-Sunday

8am Lucy Raciti by Geraldine Calderone
8am Lisa Cician by Judy Manczuk
10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family
10am Francesco Sarti by Pia & family
10am Anna Villa by family
10am Rosa & Giovanni Sciarino by family
12pm Serafino Fanelli by Maria Katona
12pm Natale & Vincenza Cusenza by Paolo/Angie Milana
12pm Dec members of George Youna fam by C/N Butros
12pm Dec mem of Jabouri Hannosh fam by C/N Butros

September 26-Monday

Isa P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

September 27-Tuesday

Special Intentions

September 28-Wednesday

Special Intentions

September 29-Thursday

Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones
Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

September 30-Friday

Leone Giulianelli by Luis Martinez



Lectors for September:

Sept. 04-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, N. Butros
Sept. 11-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantoni, S. Santilla
Sept. 18-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, A. Perugi
Sept. 25-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros

Saturday 6pm

Sept. 03-D. Brosky, **Sept. 10-**J. Foglyano,
Sept. 17-D. Brosky, **Sept. 24-**J. Foglyano

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:



LABOR DAY IS SEPTEMBER 5TH

Wishing all of you a safe, memorable day and best wishes to all the children for a great school year!



CATECHISM



Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator

We look forward to another successful school year!

COME JOIN OUR MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER

GROUP! WE MEET EVERY MONDAY @ 1:00PM. We have coffee, snacks and plenty of conversation in the church hall afterwards. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



FEAST OF SAN FRANCESCO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

A solemn celebration in honor of our Patron Saint will be held at **12pm** with a Mass, procession, and refreshments.

SERATA-THURSDAY OCTOBER 6th, 2022

Celebrate 75 years of PIME's service in the United States with us at the San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan, at the annual Serata benefit dinner. Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and an Italian family-style dinner – all to benefit the work of the PIME Missionaries.

Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1,200 per table.

For information & tickets: pimeusa.org/serata or call (313) 342-4066.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Cura per l'orgoglio ferito

Carissimi parrochiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Quali sono le ragioni che ci feriscono il cuore? Ci offendiamo se uno ci accusa ingiustamente; se uno ci mette in imbarazzo; se ci svergogna; se ci insulta personalmente o insulta uno dei nostri cari; e circostanze del genere. Ci sono però dei casi in cui ci offendiamo perché uno usa un modo troppo diretto per dire il vero o per farci notare un nostro difetto che cerchiamo di nascondere, o anche perché ci confessa di non condividere le nostre scelte o le nostre vedute.

Naturalmente, sappiamo bene che il Signore ci chiede di perdonare qualsiasi offesa fattaci anche quelle che ci pesano moltissimo. Ce lo chiede perché questa è l'unica condizione che egli pone per perdonarci le nostre offese verso di Lui e i suoi Comandamenti e ammetterci al Paradiso. Le offese tra noi poveri esseri umani anche se ci bruciano di dentro, sono un niente a paragone con le nostre verso di Lui che è infinito...

In questo articoletto voglio soffermarmi sui casi in cui è la verità che ci offende o il modo con cui ci è comunicata o quello che cercavamo di tener nascosto di noi stessi viene svelato. Siccome niente capita per caso, anche un'offesa racchiude una lezione del Signore che ci vuole migliorare. A questo fine, Gesù ci ricorda l'insidia dell'ipocrisia parlando della trave nel nostro occhio, ignorata da noi e

la pagliuzza nell'occhio del fratello che, invece, notiamo subito. (Vedi Matteo7:3-5).

Istintivamente, davanti alla verità, appena offesi, l'orgoglio ci può far reagire in modi che non si addicono a seguaci di Gesù. Con l'offesa che ci brucia dentro, ci allontaniamo da chi ci ha detto la verità; cerchiamo modi per vendicarci; oppure parliamo ad altri circa le sue magagne; riportiamo l'accaduto ad amici, ma omettendo particolari scomodi e cambiando leggermente i termini cosicché ci colpiamo del tutto, e così via.

Se invece vogliamo accettare l'aiuto e la luce che lo Spirito Santo ci offre, affrontiamo con umiltà e coraggio la nostra trave piuttosto che insistere sulla pagliuzza nell'occhio dell'altro; non nascondiamo più i nostri difetti; evitiamo l'ipocrisia; viviamo in comunione con gli altri consapevoli che siamo tutti deboli peccatori bisognosi della misericordia di Dio e chiamati a sopportarci e a perdonarci a vicenda se vogliamo tutti ritrovarci nella Casa del Padre celeste, felici per tutta l'eternità.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME

Make sure to browse our website:

sanfrancescochurch.org & visit our **facebook** page. You can access **facebook** directly from the website.

Reminder: Call or send Mass intentions to the rectory office by the 15th of the previous month to place in bulletin.