

# 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.

## October, 2022

### Blessings in Disguise

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

As we gain experience from the trials of life, we should reduce the times we get upset and succeed in keeping an even keel even when most people would complain about their misfortunes. We believers should have etched in the back of our mind that we are the adopted children of the Father of all goodness and love. *Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4*

Far from considering trials as sources of joy, those who forget that their lives are in the hands of a Father who is almighty and of infinite love, will curse their fate and fill their heart with resentment and bitterness. Not only that, but they might also make many others feel miserable with them.

Since life can be so challenging and the next serious trial could be just around the corner, it would be wise of us to pause from time to time and recall the "blessings" that started out as very painful and constraining.

Here is a brief list of the most common ones: breaking up with someone, then finding the love of our life; losing a good job only to find a better and more fulfilling one; becoming temporarily disabled and being assisted with much kindness by a person we had judged as being selfish and superficial; an unexpected pregnancy that changed us from being self-centered into a caring, reliable, warm, sweet mom; a debilitating injury that made us discover hidden talents leading to a profitable career; being stranded in a place with extremely limited resources and finding out our real mettle; the list is endless.

In the Bible those cases and countless others are referred to as "being disciplined," as toughening up for future tests. *You have also forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as sons: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges." Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are without discipline,*

*in which all have shared, you are not sons but bastards. Besides this, we have had our earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not (then) submit all the more to the Father of spirits and live? They disciplined us for a short time as seemed right to them, but he does so for our benefit, in order that we may share his holiness. At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. Hebrews 12:5-11*

If it is true that discipline imparted on us by someone whom we trust can prepare us to successfully handle future challenges, the opposite is also demonstrably true. If we indulge and yield to laziness and apathy, we can grow soft and become ill-prepared for what lies ahead.

There is a fundamental perspective on life which must be imbedded in our mind so that we progress towards becoming productive members of society and accountable members of the Body of Christ. It is the rock-solid, visceral knowledge that nothing in our life and all around us can happen by chance. Whenever faced with suffering, the deeper that conviction is the faster we will shift from the inevitable initial rebellion (innate in all of Adam's descendants) to courageous acceptance. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus himself recoiled at the prospect of the impending cruelty of his passion. But the conviction of knowing infinitely well the love that his Father had for him, enabled him to surrender unreservedly. (cf. Luke 22:42)

St. Paul is a splendid example of reading unmistakable signs of the Father's love even in the scariest, most painful events befalling us. *"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, 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*

We are not expected to reach the point of rejoicing in our sufferings, at least not right away; but we are expected to fight against our innate tendency to rebel. The trials of life are depicted by St. Paul as a battle that rages inside us as well as all around us. (cf. Ephesians 6:10-ff.; I Thessalonians 5:8).

Looking at our past trials, most likely, we are proud of some of our faith-motivated reactions and embarrassed

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by every time we rebelled. We know that the battle rages on inside and outside. We can read the biographies of any Saint, and, without exception, we will find inspiration from how they embraced their sufferings as blessings; and how those sufferings made them better, more productive members of the Body of Christ. But we also see reactions totally unbecoming of a believer. They range from cursing God and one's cruel destiny to self-pity, bitterness, and making life miserable for those around, to cynicism, despair, and suicide...

Thus, it must be abundantly clear that the battle of turning trials into blessings is a battle that requires the constant assistance of the Holy Spirit and the prayerful support of those who care deeply for us.

**Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME**



## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

### **October 1-Saturday** 🍁

Spec Intentions for the Mary Mother of God Prayer Group  
Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family  
Evandro and Sally DiMichele by family  
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family  
**6pm** Special Intentions

### **October 2-Sunday**

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon  
8am Thomas Michael by DiMichele family  
8am Albert Cataldi by family  
10am In honor of Antonio Casali, III by Zia & Zio Casali  
12pm Pauline Torres by family  
12pm Spec Intention-Jack Ptashnik by MMOGPrayer Group  
**12pm Feast of San Francesco Celebrated w/Procession**

### **October 3-Monday** 🍁

Special Intentions

### **October 4-Tuesday**

Joe Vettraino by wife Blanche  
Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family  
Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr.-anniv by daughter Michele Jones  
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

### **October 5-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

### **October 6-Thursday** 🍁

Special Intentions

### **October 7-Friday**

Armando Gennari by wife Savina  
Simona Santi by Savina Gennari  
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family  
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family  
Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti

### **October 8-Saturday**

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
Fr. Dominic Rossi by Geraldine Calderone  
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa  
**6pm** Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini  
**6pm** Theresa & Charles MacDonald by son Mike

### **October 9-Sunday**

8am Pietro & Josephine Badalamenti by family  
10am Rocco Ruggiello by family  
10am Raphael & Emma Marchi by family  
10am Michelina DiPonio by husband Antonio & family  
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family

### **October 9-Sunday (cont.)**

12pm Cepranese Club-Memorial Mass  
12pm Thaddeus & Irene Antonczak by Paolo & Angie Milana  
12pm Anita Soave by Antoinette & Rob Arkenburg

### **October 10-Monday**

Special Intentions

### **October 11-Tuesday** 🍁

Special Intentions

### **October 12-Wednesday**

Paolo & Columba Maiani by Nora Maiani

### **October 13-Thursday**

Special Intentions

### **October 14-Friday**

Special Intentions

### **October 15-Saturday**

Special Intentions

### **October 16-Sunday** 🍁

8am John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino  
10am Armando & Adele Boschian by family  
10am Marino Gai by Mary Calabrese  
10am Lisa Fabbri by Pia & family  
10am Olimpia DeToma by Mary Calabrese & family  
12pm Pierina & Vincent Frabotta by family  
12pm Mary Kolis by family

### **October 17-Monday**

Domenic Maiani by wife Nora

### **October 18-Tuesday**

John MacDonald by Faith Allen

### **October 19-Wednesday**

Antonietta & Gaetano Biundo by family  
Fortunato Valerio by family  
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

### **October 20-Thursday** 🍁

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family  
Evandro DiMichele by DiMichele family  
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

### **October 21-Friday**

Special Intentions

### **October 22-Saturday**

Rinaldo Barera by William Hickey  
**6pm** Paolo & Angela Audia by family

### **October 23-Sunday**

**(World Mission Sunday & Orphans Club Breakfast)**

8am Special Intentions  
10am Alessio Fallone by family  
12pm Jack & Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela  
12pm Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria  
12pm Joseph Serra by Serra family

### **October 24-Monday** 🍁

Special Intentions

### **October 25-Tuesday**

Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by Nora Maiani

### **October 26-Wednesday**

Special Intentions

### **October 27-Thursday**

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

### **October 28-Friday** 🍁

Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

### **October 29-Saturday**

Liv & dec members of - Hickey & Barera fams by William H.  
**6pm** Rosa & Salvatore Spadafora by children  
**6pm** Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini  
**6pm** Pietro & Serafina Moscone by Maria Sabatini

### October 30-Sunday

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family  
 10am Sant' Elia Club-Memorial Mass  
 10am John P. Langan-9th anniversary by family  
 10am Teresa Ranucci by Maria DiLorenzo  
 12pm Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

### October 31-Monday

Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

### Lectors for October:



**Oct. 02-**P. Graebert,, V. Amaro, S. Santilla  
**Oct. 09-**J. Nowc, , M. Sugameli, A. Perugi  
**Oct. 16-**P. Graebert, L. Pietrantoni, N. Butros  
**Oct. 23-**J. Nowc, T. Silverio, S. Santilla  
**Oct. 30-**P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, A. Perugi  
**Saturday, 6:00pm**  
**Oct. 1-**D. Brosky, **Oct. 8-**J. Foglyano,  
**Oct. 15-**D. Brosky, **Oct. 22-**J. Foglyano, **Oct.29-**D. Brosky



### 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 23rd.

**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 2ND

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. The precious relic of Saint Francis will be displayed, in addition to Holy Mass, procession and reception in the church hall. All Clubs & Societies are asked to attend with their banners in support of their Italian heritage. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated for this special celebration. Anyone wishing to donate can simply bring items to the church kitchen prior to Holy Mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH IS COLUMBUS DAY



### OCTOBER 16th

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



### ORPHANS CLUB BREAKFAST-OCT. 23rd AFTER EACH MASS

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk & orange juice will be served along with fruit cocktail as well. Adults-\$7.00 & children \$3.00 Everyone is welcome!

### Order of Carmelites welcomes you to join the formation of a new 3rd order Carmelite group

Meetings will be held the 3rd Saturday of every month after the 8am Holy Mass here at San Francesco Church. The group is currently considered a spiritual Carmelite group with the hopes of forming a new community. All are welcome who are 18 years of age or older. For questions call Amy Perugi TOC (734) 674-4772 or Carol McConnell TOC (248) 408-3192.

### 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. Due to Covic 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**



**Assunta Society Procession on August 14, 2022**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Benedizioni nascoste**

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Davanti al dolore e alle prove che incontriamo sul nostro cammino, la nostra reazione deve essere quella di credenti che sono sempre sostenuti dalla speranza e dalla grazia. Coloro che non credono in un Dio d'amore infinito e non sono sorretti dalla speranza cristiana, nelle prove severe cadono vittime dell'amarezza, cercano commiserazione, imprecano contro il loro destino crudele e contro Dio e, se tutto sembra vano, si disperano; alcuni, purtroppo, si suicidano...

In netto contrasto, nella sua lettera, San Giacomo ci espone chiaramente l'attitudine che si confà a credenti: *"Ritenete tutto una gioia, fratelli miei, quando vi imbattete in prove svariate, sapendo che la genuinità provata della vostra fede produce la perseveranza, la perseveranza poi è quella che deve portare a perfezione l'opera, in modo che siate perfetti, completi, senza che vi manchi niente."*  
**Giacomo 1:2-4**

Ecco allora una lista di prove che possono essere viste, dapprima, come disgrazie e, in seguito, diventano come benedizioni da chi ha fede: Il rompere un serio rapporto con una persona per trovare quella giusta da sposare; perdere un impiego e trovarne, dopo, uno molto migliore; essere infortunati e bisognosi di assistenza e trovarla in una persona da cui non aspettavamo niente di buono; una gravidanza imprevista che, una volta accettata, ci

trasforma da una donna egoista in una mamma piena di cure amorevoli e pazienti per il figlio; un infortunio che ci cambia la vita e ci fa scoprire talenti nascosti che ci arricchiscono la vita; trovarsi tagliati fuori da tutto e tutti e uscirne più forti e più sicuri di sé; e così via.

Le prove della vita non sono disgrazie ma opportunità di crescita e di arricchimento interiore. Accettiamole con riconoscenza e affrontiamole fiduciosi sostenuti dalla grazia. **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!

**REMINDER**-put all of your mail, newspapers, etc. in our recycle bins located in the church parking lot!  
Thank you for your support.

Remember to browse our website:  
**[sanfrancescochurch.org](http://sanfrancescochurch.org)**

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP**

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