

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.
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.



DECEMBER 2022

Merry Christmas, Buon Natale!

A Dirty Job or An Exciting Mission?

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Sadly, this year for the first time, the Archdiocese of Detroit did not ordain a single new priest. We should all be anguished and concerned by this gut-wrenching fact. As a Community of Faith, for months now, we have been reciting the prayer for priestly vocations after Holy Communion at all our weekend Holy Masses. We all should realize, of course, that this is the very minimum we can do. All parents and grandparents who have boys and young men in their family should actively entertain the thought that the Lord might be calling their sons and grandsons to the ministerial priesthood. Frankly, even if entertained for a minute or so, this perspective requires courage and boldness just picturing a son or grandson choosing to study for the priesthood. There is no glamor or financial gain in this “crazy” picture, which is mostly otherworldly.

My hope, in writing this letter, is that some boys and young men in our Community of Faith may read my story of over 50 years of ministerial priesthood and dare to consider it a challenge they might take up.

To be a priest means to take on a very dirty job. Think of the most horrendous sins you can possibly imagine—I heard them all, and—too many times! Some confessions take a heavy toll on me. When I was a young priest, I heard a remark from a retreat master that struck me deeply: “a priest is a spiritual swage system; the smelliest, most putrid waste of heinous sins flows down through him so that the penitent may feel clean and refreshed.”

A priest continues Jesus’ mission of freeing people of whomever, whatever oppresses them. “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free*” **Luke 4:18**. The fetid smell of the dungeons from which a priest sets his people free clings to him and makes his breathing difficult...

At the end of a deliverance prayer session, I am advised to recite the *Prayer for the Healer* so that I may not be ill-affected by the dislodged forces of evil. A priest’s dirty

job embeds in his mind the firm notion that he is a sinner among sinners. In these past 50 years, mindful of my own sins, I never looked down on any penitent. The Holy Spirit made sure of that!

At times I had to jolt people from their condition and tell them that the Lord Jesus died on a cross and rose from the dead so that no one would choose to remain in the false security of a prison when freedom was attained at such a high price. But most times, the Holy Spirit prompts me to speak words of compassion, comfort, encouragement, and hope.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, arguably more than anywhere else, the physicality of the Church’s Sacraments is so evident. Whenever penitents make a good confession, they hear my voice assuring them that God had indeed forgiven their sins; and I experience a heavenly sensation like what Jesus felt as the hemorrhaging woman touched his cloak, I feel the power of God’s grace gone out of me (Cf. Mark 5:30) because they leave totally renewed and uplifted.

Indeed, the power to forgive sins, given to some men, should prompt people of any age of the Church to glorify God (Cf. Matthew 9:8).

The part of my calling which requires the most of myself must be the priestly service of preaching God’s Word (Cf. Romans 15:16). God’s Word, especially the Gospel, is a personal, direct, intimate encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. In the troubled landscape of my sinfulness, the Holy Spirit is engaged around the clock so that my mind, heart, and soul are receptive to the Gospel; to live it out amid all the wrinkles and unpredictability of daily life and process it in such a way as to share it passionately with you so that all of us may receive the Eucharist. I am called to set up the Table of the Word and the Table of the Sacrament for us. Thus, doubly nurtured, we offer to God the Father the sacrifice most acceptable and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, the sacrifice of our whole selves in union with Christ Jesus.

Spontaneously, you humbly realize how much you need God’s grace to lead lives consistent with your state and calling. So, do I. Truth be told, there is not much need for that: the Holy Spirit inspires many of you to let me know, repeatedly, that they pray for me, daily. Their prayers are always united with mine for the needed result. I am called to live a difficult emotional rollercoaster: I, a very weak and fragile human being, am expected to pass from situations of sadness and tears like notification that a beloved person is

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diagnosed with cancer to good news you love to share with me. My body language should convey a celebratory tone at a wedding, followed by a heartfelt share in the pain of a family grieving the loss of a loved one (Cf. Romans 12:15). I should be ready to give, generously, all of myself to my mission while having etched in the back of my mind the sobering notion that it is impossible to please everyone. I am called by Christ to reassure the dying of God's infinite mercy or to sustain those in doubt even when my faith is weak.

Mine is, at the same time, a dirty job and a difficult, yet exciting mission that can be carried out only with the Holy Spirit's uninterrupted, flow of grace. Dear young men, are there any takers of such a challenge?

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME

MASS INTENTIONS:

December 1-Thursday ❄️

Roberto Cicchelli by Eda

August Rivard by Brenda Rivard

December 2-Friday

Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

Annunziata Santi by Savina Gennari

Natale & Carolina Gasperoni by Savina Gennari

December 3-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

6pm Valerie Peardon by husband & family

6pm Rosemary Peardon by son & family

6pm Del Peardon by son & family

6pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

December 4-Sunday ❄️

8am Antonio & Angelina Slongo by family

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

10am Michele & Marianntonia Sabetti by Joanna & family

10am Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

10am Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society

10am Luigi Bitonti by brother Domenico

12pm Honorable Peter Maceroni by Anthony Marrocco

12pm Mary Milana by Paolo & Angie Milana

12pm Giuseppe & Angela Notarianni by Giovanni/Antonietta

12pm Margherita & Salvatore Gelfusa by B & F Risuri

December 5-Monday

Merli family by Eufemia Berra

December 6-Tuesday ❄️

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

Maria De Caroli by friend Lena Catanzaro

December 7-Wednesday

Primo Righi by wife Lorraine

December 8-Thursday (Immaculate Conception)

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

Vincenzo Sperduti by Maria Katona

Special Intentions of DiMichele family by DiMichele fam

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Carmela Maiorano by family

7pm Holy Mass for Immaculate Conception

December 9-Friday

Marion Bontorin by Cordenos Club

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

December 10-Saturday ❄️

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Maria Luisa Ellero by DiMichele family

6pm Valerie Peardon by husband & family

6pm Rosemary Peardon by son & family

6pm Del Peardon by son & family

December 11-Sunday

8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino

10am Rocco Ruggirello by family

10am Antonino Badalamenti by family

10am Antonio Moraccini by wife Anna Maria

10am Bruno Busignani by Pia & family

10am John Pocelli by Joanna Sabetti & family

10am John Blindu by family

12pm Societa SS. Crocifisso di Montelepre-Club Mass

12pm Giuseppe & Lucia Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli

12pm Maria Viviano by Maria Di Lorenzo

12pm Salvatore (Sam) Serra by family

12pm Dr. Anthony Tiberio by family

December 12-Monday ❄️

Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family

Special Intention Tom & Mary Burris by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Richard & Cecilia Harrison by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Steve & Sheila Gutierrez by Mary Mutti

Special Intention MaryEllen Washburne & family by M. Mutti

Special Intention Diana Nelson by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Robert & Helen Miller by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Vicky Ricketts by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Jackie Velmer & family by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Catherine Elliott & family by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Carrie Cruse & family by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Chuck & Kathy Roelant by Mary Mutti

Special Intention Jan Orskey & family by Mary Mutti

December 13-Tuesday

Domenico Catanzaro by wife Lena & son Joseph

December 14-Wednesday

Angelo Catanzaro by mother Lena & brother Joseph

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Edward Howard by DiMichele family

December 15-Thursday ❄️

Carlo Chiodini by Eufemia Berra

John & Bambina Berra by Eufemia Berra

December 16-Friday

Italina Bonucchi by family

Linda Kozlowski by Brenda Rivard

December 17-Saturday

6pm John MacDonald by Faith Allen

6pm In honor of St. Lucy by Anna Bertolini

6pm Valerie Peardon by husband & family

6pm Rosemary Peardon by son & family

6pm Del Peardon by son & family

December 18-Sunday ❄️

8am Pietro & Josephine Badalamenti by family

8am Albert & Lucille Cataldi by family

10am Francesco Belcastro by Domenico Bitonti

10am Emma Martinelli by family

10am Giuseppe Riggi by family

10am Angela Farina by niece

10am Franca Esposito by husband & family

12pm Vincenzo & Giuseppina Manzo by Angie/Paolo Milana

12pm Andrea` D'Angelo by daughter Maria DiLorenzo

12pm Special Intentions for Soave Family by daughter Maria



December 18-Sunday (continued)

12pm Jack & Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela
 12pm Calvino Frabotta by wife Virginia
 12pm Maria Teresa Notarianni by Giovanni & Antonietta
 12pm Special Intention Fr. Dino by Aileen Ciavatta
 12pm Marco & Tina Caponi by niece
 12pm Raimondo Ciavatta by wife & daughters
 12pm Giuseppe Liano by family

December 19-Monday ❄️

Fortunato Valerio by family

December 20-Tuesday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family
 Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by daughter Lorraine

December 21-Wednesday

Marlene Zatelli by family

December 22-Thursday

Teresa Ranucci by the Assunta Society
 Carlo Pasquali by Nonna

December 23-Friday

Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family
 Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones
 Michael Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones

December 24-Saturday (Christmas Eve)

Louisa Barera by William Hickey
6pm Theresa & Charles MacDonald by son Mike
6pm John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
6pm Marcel & Rita Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino
6pm Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
6pm Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
6pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
6pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Joe & Maria
6pm Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
6pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini
6pm John M. Sternicki-20th anniversary by family
MIDNIGHT MASS FOR ALL-Refreshments afterwards

December 25-Sunday (Christmas Day) ❄️

8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
 8am Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria
 8am Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
 8am Mary Kolis by family
 8am Marie & Duncan Sousa by daughter & family
 10am Alessio & Luisa Fallone by family
 10am Ada Russo by husband Fernando
 10am Albino Martinelli-36th anniversary by family
 10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo
 12pm Bart, Rose & Leo Frontera, Sr. by wife & mom
 12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

December 26-Monday

Colzani family by Eufemia Berra

December 27-Tuesday

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

December 28-Wednesday ❄️

End of transgender mutilation of children by Brenda Rivard
 Protection of The Unborn by DiMichele family

December 29-Thursday

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

December 30-Friday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
 Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
 Cyril Van Marcke by family

December 31-Saturday (New Year's Eve)

6pm Salvatore & Rosa Spadafora by children

Our Lectors for December:

Dec. 04-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, S. Santilla
Dec. 11-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, A. Perugi
Dec. 18-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, N. Butros
Dec. 24-6pm Vigil Mass-D. Brosky
Dec. 24-Midnight Mass-J. Nowc
Dec. 25-P.Graebert, L. Pietrantonio, S. Santilla
Saturday, 6pm Dec. 3-J. Foglyano, **Dec. 10**-D. Brosky,
Dec. 17-J. Foglyano, **Dec. 31**-J. Foglyano

San Francesco Catechism Students are currently collecting for mothers in need who "Choose Life". We will be accepting gift cards and/or monetary donations. Gift cards can be purchased from any establishment where baby supplies are sold. Simply place your monetary donation or gift card in an envelope clearly marked "Mothers in Need" and give to Father Dino (please do not place in the collection basket). We thank you in advance for your generosity. I would like to send a **sincere thank you** to all who so generously donated to our **2022 Food Drive**. We have many kind and generous people who support our programs at San Francesco Parish. Many individuals who truly remember their Corporal Works of Mercy, may Jesus send you all many Blessings. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator

San Francesco News:



HEALING MASS

Monday, December 5th

6:30pm with Fr. Augustine Mundackatt, VC

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th

THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Holy Masses @ 8am & 7pm



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th, Saturday, (Christmas Eve)

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass: doors open at 11pm.

December 25th, Sunday (Christmas Day) Mass Times:

8am, 10am (Italian) & 12 noon.

December 30th-Friday

The Holy Family of Nazareth-**This is not a day of obligation**

December 31st-Saturday (New Year's Eve)

Holy Masses: @ **8am & 6pm**

January 1st-Sunday-New Years Day

Mass Times: 8am, 10am (Italian) & 12pm

SAVE THE DATE: January 14th, 2023 @ 10am

San Francesco Parish will host "A One Friar Musical" by Brother Al Mascia, CFM-Inspired by the life of Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*May Jesus Christ bring love and
peace to you at Christmas and
bless you the year through.*

Lavoro sudicio o Missione meravigliosa?

Carissimi parrochiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Questa è la seconda volta in pochi mesi che vi parlo di mancanza di sacerdoti per la nostra arcidiocesi. Lo faccio sottolineando aspetti fondamentali del sacerdozio cattolico vissuto da me da oltre 50 anni.

Solo qualche anno dopo la mia ordinazione, il sacerdote che ci predicò gli esercizi spirituali disse una frase che rimase scolpita nella mia mente: "Il sacerdote è come una fognatura attraverso la quale il sudiciume dei peccati scorre via dal penitente che esce dal confessionale pulito e rinfrescato." Sì, è vero, ho perso il conto di quante volte fui felice di sentirmi come lo scolo della fogna cosicché dopo una bella confessione di peccati grossi, vidi rinascere la persona riconciliata con Dio e con il prossimo.

Il peso dei peccati passa dal penitente al prete; ma ciò non mi rincresce perché ho scelto di essere lo strumento tramite il quale la gioia di vivere in Cristo rinasce in chi ritorna da Lui. E poi c'è sempre la gioia di essere il portavoce di Gesù che sussurra parole di conforto, compassione, incoraggiamento e speranza. Queste parole non sono solo per il penitente ma anche per me consapevole delle mie debolezze e miserie.

La mia di sacerdote cattolico è anche una missione meravigliosa. Per brevità, mi limito a trattare solo del mio compito di imbandire la Tavola della Parola e la Tavola dell'Eucaristia. Ogni volta che celebriamo la S. Messa devo prendere le parole di vita che solo Gesù ha, viverle seriamente, e renderle più semplici e accessibili cosicché

tutti noi possiamo portare i frutti che il Signore si aspetta da ognuno, e poi, sostenuti dal Pane di Vita alla Mensa dell'Eucaristia, essere pronti a servire il Signore nascosto nel prossimo più bisognoso di aiuto. Questa missione meravigliosa centrata nella S. Messa, si estende oltre le mura della nostra chiesa, anche a quelli che stanno male, sono scoraggiati, feriti o moribondi affinché possano continuare il loro cammino verso la Patria del cielo.

Provate a vedere se qualcuno dei vostri figli o nipoti sia disposto a continuare questo lavoro sudicio e questa missione meravigliosa. **P. Dino Vanin, PIME**

SINCERE APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE, to all the **Ushers, Lectors, Servers**, and to **the people who help clean**, for your time & dedication to our Church and in serving our parishioners.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Christmas is a time for sharing and giving. We thank God for giving us His Son, Jesus. In this bulletin you will find an envelope. We ask you to help us in our Pastoral and Missionary work. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. God Bless you all.

TAX RECEIPTS-If you would like a tax receipt for your donations you have made throughout the year, you must sign up in the church hall with complete name, address and phone number. Thank You.