

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.



FEBRUARY, 2023

Sorting Through Lies

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

The Healing of Families by Fr. Yozefu-B Ssemakula deals with the many ways in which Satan devastates our lives and, being the father of lies (cf. John 8:44), how he alters our perception of reality and God Himself.

Just to give you an idea of what a masterful job Satan is doing to our Church and our Country, consider how polarized we have become and how seldom we stop to sort things out and question our stances and our perceptions. Too often the process of trying to ascertain the veracity of our information sources is skipped entirely. Within the Catholic Church, while most people side with Pope Francis, others question the way he is shepherding the Church and are baffled by some of his statements and decisions.

Politically, the polarization is even more acute. Hence, we live and operate with the visceral certainty that we are on the right side and those on the other side are the enemy that we must challenge, refute, silence, overpower, and defeat.

To expose Satan's MO, it would be sufficient to follow Fr. Yozefu's description of how the father of lies alters the life of an abused child through deception. The small child concludes that he must have done something quite wrong to deserve what happened to him. After all, the assailant was bigger and older and well-regarded by many. But as the abused child grows, this first lie is weakened by the realization that no good person would ever do that to a defenseless child. Hence, the perpetrator must be a very evil person. This is the second lie! Do we realize how, except for people who love the assailant very much, everybody else thinks that he deserves to have the book thrown at him?

This second lie fools practically all of us who have good intentions but do not question our stances regularly. To unravel this lie we must ask ourselves when, in our judgment, the innocent child victimized by a wicked adult becomes himself the assailant deserving merciless

condemnation. How quickly we forget that, in most cases, the abused become abusers due to warped ways of reasoning and unfortunate circumstances. As we will see later, the truth is that good people can do very bad things.

As the victimized child becomes an adult, a third lie can bring havoc to his relationship with God. God is infinite love, boundless justice, and all-powerful but he concludes "not for me". Satan leads his victims to ignore that God so loved the world that he sacrificed his only Son on a cross for ALL. (cf. John 32:16). He also convinces many to overlook that God respects our freedom even when we choose to do evil. Satan points his victims away from God's silent work of inspiring people of goodwill to alleviate the sufferings of those who are ill-affected by the poor decisions of others.

Satan doesn't want people to face the following unpleasant truths: *all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God.* **Romans 3:23**

If you, LORD, mark our sins, Lord, who can stand? **Psalms 130:3**

If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. **Matthew 7:11**

Undoubtedly, we must take stock of how much devastation Satan has already caused in us. Not only do we routinely fail to dwell on the truths revealed by Holy Scripture about our real condition concerning God's infinite holiness, but we also might have decided to ignore the awesomeness of our adoption as children of God.

Parents are the last ones to believe that one of their children is doing something very bad. And even when the evidence is overwhelming, they cannot stop loving them.

Many of us are questioning why Pope Francis doesn't publicly condemn politicians who, although Catholic, are actively promoting abortion; support transgender mutilations and favor same-sex unions. Why has Pope Francis opened the door to the Sacraments to divorced and remarried people? Some of his more resounding decisions leave many confused and/or visibly upset. Why would he promote and favor bishops who are lenient and more pastoral than doctrinal in their shepherding?

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Nobody can deny that Pope Francis has forcefully and clearly condemned all the above-mentioned unethical behaviors. But he has refrained from condemning any of the offenders. Indeed, he seems to draw close to God's children who keep misbehaving, causing scandals, and showing no signs of wanting to reform their lives.

Since nothing in this world can happen by chance but all happens within God's mysterious and even troubling plan of salvation, we must conclude that Pope Francis is forcing us to recover the full weight and significance of our Baptism and the infiniteness of the Father's mercy and boundless love for ALL His children. In His eyes, they are all wicked, weak, sinful, and blind but priceless, nonetheless, in the Blood of the Son.

We cannot forget that what keeps us from doing the evils we are so ready to condemn is only God's grace. We must acknowledge that we, too, need to return to Him daily. It is time we stop considering ourselves better than our brothers and sisters who are patently erring and notice that our common Father's heart is grieving because we have found enemies within His Family. Thus, we humbly ask the Holy Spirit to tell us what we can do to correct this sad situation.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME



MASS INTENTIONS:

February 1-Wednesday

Piera Franklin by Rosa Traskal

February 2-Thursday

Giovanni Bologna by Tina Terenzi

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

February 3-Friday

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom

Piera Franklin by Elsa Izzi

February 4-Saturday

Spec Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

6pm Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

February 5-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

8am Dorothea Barera by William Hickey

8am Nancy & Carl Kaspari by family

8am Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria

8am Lucille Adcox by Brenda Rivard

10am Louisa & Valfredo Risuri by Bruna & Fernando

10am Michele DiCicco by Carlo & Teresa Alu

10am Carmela Pisacreta by Maria & John Pisacreta

10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife & family

10am Daniele Sabetti by wife & family

10am Giovanni Biondo by Nicolina Biondo

10am Antonietta Viviano by Nicolina Biondo

12pm Souls in Purgatory by Arlette Barger

12pm Anita Soave by Maria Lanni

12pm Salvatore Caruso by niece Carmela Simon

February 6-Monday

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family

February 7-Tuesday

For the Cavalli family by Harry & Roselyn Crespi

February 8-Wednesday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

Jay Ludington by Ludington-Dawson family

February 9-Thursday

Special Intention-Shirley & Tom Latimer-60th wed anniv

February 10-Friday

Special Intentions

February 11-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivar

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

6pm Special Intentions

February 12-Sunday

8am Special Intention for John Hickey by William H.

8am Antonio & Angelina Slongo by family

8am Piera Franklin by Tom & Rose Daniel

8am Joseph Vermader by family

10am Antonino Badalamenti by family

10am Franca Esposito by husband & family

10am Rocco Ruggirello by family

10am Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by Sandra Biundo

10am Mary Jane Calmi by Joanna Sabetti & family

12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

12pm Teresa Mattei by Assunta Society

February 13-Monday

Special Intentions

February 14-Tuesday

Rocco Ruggirello by family

February 15-Wednesday

Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society

February 16-Thursday

Special Intentions

February 17-Friday

Special Intentions

February 18-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Special Intentions

February 19-Sunday

8am Carl & Nancy Kaspari by family

8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino

10am Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society

10am Michele DiCicco by wife Anna & family

10am Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria

12pm Special Intentions

February 20-Monday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

Joan Buccinna by Geraldine Calderone

February 21-Tuesday

Gerald Agostini by mother Olivia & family

Maria & Afonso Crespi by Harry & Roselyn Crespi

February 22-Wednesday

Special Intentions

February 23-Thursday

Special Intentions

February 24-Friday

Special Intentions

February 25-Saturday

Anna & Edward Colorida by Mary Ann Morgan

6pm Maria Viviano by Lorraine DiLorenzo

February 26-Sunday



8am Piera Franklin by Assunta Society
8am Donna Barrett by The Daughters of Charity
10am Angelina LaMarra by Assunta Society
10am Michele DiCicco by Jerry Melarangni
10am Antonio & Rosa Tundo by family
12pm Paulette Bertolini by family

February 27-Monday

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family

February 28-Tuesday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family



LECTORS:

Feb 05-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, N. Butros
Feb 12-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, L. Sawyer
Feb 19-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, A. Perugi
Feb 26-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, N. Butros
Saturday, 6pm-Feb. 04-D. Brosky, **Feb 11**-J. Foglyano,
Feb 18-D. Brosky, **Feb 25**-J. Foglyano.



SUNDAY ENVELOPES

We do not mail offering envelopes due to the expense of the mailing. Remember to take a handful of envelopes with you when attending church, this helps keep our church stay operational through your contributions. Donations for the mailing of the monthly bulletin are always appreciated! We are truly grateful to all who have made our progress possible.

THANK YOU

To our parishioners & friends who generously donate throughout the year, we couldn't keep the church running without you! Your support keeps us together.

To those who donated for the **Giving Tree**, your kindness will touch and help others in need. God's Blessings to all of you for the generous and heartfelt donations received.



Order of
Carmelites
Province of the
Most Pure Heart of Mary



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 at San Francesco Catholic Church. Our group is currently considered a spiritual Carmelite group with the hopes of forming a new community. In this group you will learn about lectio divina, the Divine Office and how to recite it, and also deepen your faith life learning about all Saints of Carmel. Men and women who are 18 years and older and who are single, married, widowed or divorced are welcome to join us. For questions, Please call Amy Perugi TOC 734-674-4772 Carol McConnell TOC 1-248-408-3192. God Bless you.

Our **MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets every Monday at 1:00pm here in the church. Refreshments and conversation afterwards in the church social hall. Come join us, we would love to have you!

Dates to Remember:



Happy Valentine's Day!
February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY
is February 22nd



There will be two Masses: 8:00am & 7:00pm.
With distribution of ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday @ 7:00pm during Lent
starting on February 24th

CONFESSIONS will be heard from 6:00pm to 6:50pm
on Fridays during Lent.



San Francesco Dinner Dance

San Francesco Parish will host our annual Dinner Dance **Sunday, March 5th, 2023**, 3:00 p.m. at Penna's of Sterling. This event features a sit-down dinner, open bar and entertainment will be provided by Pino Marelli. This event is a fundraiser, all proceeds go directly to the maintenance of our parish.

The 2023 honorees will be: George and Silvana Alsheimer, Antonio Casali, & Mario and Ada Lisi

The number of hours volunteered by this group of people is immeasurable, and we are blessed to have their leadership and support. Please help us celebrate this special event...not only to honor these upstanding citizens of our community but also to support our Italian Parish.

Tickets are \$70 per person and will be sold in church at all weekend Masses. If you are interested in purchasing tickets simply write your name and telephone number on the form provided in back of church and/or contact Ann Burrell (586) 242-1981 or Sharon Ruggioli (313) 882-5132.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday, March 18, 2023 after 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass in his honor we will offer many of the traditions associated with this beloved Feast: St. Joseph soup will be served in the Father Rossi Hall. Distribution of oranges and bread, Holy Prayer Cards in Italian and English and a raffle for the beautiful St. Joseph statue will be held! The winner will be announced on this night. Anyone wishing to donate or help with the event should contact Lisa Nowc @ (586) 260-4912.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH WITH AARON CARUSO & FRIENDS

Sunday, March 19, 2023 after 12:00 p.m. Holy Mass San Francesco Parish will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph with entertainment by Aaron Caruso and Friends and **dinner by Chef Santino Polidori** in our church hall. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$15 per child. Please come celebrate with us and show your support for our Italian community. For tickets/information please contact Ann Burrell 586-242-1981.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Cari Parrocchiani e Amici di San Francesco Church,

Ultimamente, Papa Francesco ci ha ammonito di evitare di essere ideologicamente e politicamente polarizzati in modo irriducibile. Siamo chiamati a reclamare la nostra appartenenza alla Famiglia di Dio Padre al di sopra di ogni schieramento politico. In altre parole, il Santo Padre ci ricorda che apparteniamo alla Famiglia di Dio grazie al Battesimo, alla S. Comunione e alla Fede cattolica. Nessun' altra appartenenza può essere al di sopra di questa dignità sublime.

Papa Francesco ci vuole far capire che i nostri schieramenti politici, scelti indubbiamente con buone intenzioni e buona volontà, recano angoscia al Padre comune perché ha sacrificato sulla croce il Suo Unigenito Figlio Gesù per TUTTI i suoi figli e figlie di adozione.

Forse senza accorgercene, un po' alla volta, siamo giunti a considerare quelli che sono dalla parte opposta non come fratelli e sorelle nostri, bensì come nemici. Può darsi che addirittura non ci accertiamo più se le fonti delle nostre informazioni siano vere o fasulle. Forse siamo giunti al punto in cui quanto viene dalla nostra parte e con cui siamo d'accordo sia vero e quanto arriva dalla parte opposta sia da rigettare.

Il Battesimo ci impone una condotta di vita da gente santificata dalla grazia e chiamata a vivere tutte le sfide proposte dal Vangelo. Questo in un contesto in cui nessun partito politico può offrire posizioni che siano

completamente consone al Vangelo nella sua integrità. Sia la destra sia la sinistra politica sono molto carenti. Quello di Papa Francesco è pertanto un richiamo alla riconciliazione, al rispetto, a considerare seriamente anche le posizioni che abbiamo sommariamente rigettato. Dovremmo spesso metterci nei panni di coloro che prendono tali posizioni e cercare di capire perché hanno fatto quelle scelte. Chiediamo pertanto allo Spirito Santo che cosa vuole da noi cosicché il cuore del Padre non sia più angosciato e che regni l'armonia nella sua Famiglia.

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REMINDERS:

Visit our website: sanfrancescochurch.org for access to monthly bulletins, updated information and weekly homilies.

Membership Cards: Please let us know of any changes of address if you have moved or changed a phone number. We need to keep current information on file. Thank You!



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