

BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Italian) and 12 p.m.

HOLYDAY 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.



April, 2023

All Wonderfully Made

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

The whole January 29-February 11, 2023, issue of the *National Catholic Register* was dedicated to the life and the voluminous, inspiring spiritual legacy of Pope Benedict XVI. I must share with you this quote: "During his inauguration Mass in 2005, Pope Benedict reminded the faithful that 'we are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is *willed*; each of us is *loved*; each of us is *necessary*.'"

Benedict was simply repeating, eloquently and elegantly, what is revealed about human life in Holy Scripture. For example: *You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! My very self you knew;* **Psalm 139:13-14**

It is also divinely revealed that from before the beginning of time, we were, are, and will forever be in the mind of God as a precious part of His universal design. "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.*" **Jeremiah 1:5**

You might recall how, a few years ago, prominent Iceland doctors boasted that Down syndrome had been almost completely eradicated in that northern (cold) country! It is done, of course, through prenatal screening....4 out of 5 pregnant women, there, opt for such screening because they want solely beautiful, healthy babies. Alas, in many other parts of the world, abortion is the cold, soulless, aseptic way to cull unwanted artworks of God in the womb. We cannot forget that the reasons for opting for the destruction of some of God's wonderful knitting in the womb, besides from detection of serious illness and/or fetal deformation, could be, of course, being of the "wrong sex," being unplanned, being seen as a problem or a financial burden, a career spoiler and any other reason, all irreconcilable with hearts designed by God for true, unselfish love as the only source of genuine and lasting joy.

Nowadays, prenatal surgical advancements are such that true miracles can be performed to correct defects in a preborn baby.

Up to a few weeks ago, most people were inclined to believe that it would be reasonable to perform intentional feticide to save the life of the mother. But, Dr. John

Bruchalski, an abortionist for many years, now turned pro-life activist, has revealed that, with goodwill and diligence, it is practically never necessary to destroy the baby to save the mother, even in the worst-case scenario of the amniotic sac rupturing. The examples of children conceived in sexual assaults being a true source of joy and great comfort to mothers who endured those very awful ordeals, are too many to be discarded.

Influenced by a narcissistic tendency prevalent especially in our western world of self-sufficiency and rugged individualism, quite a few people cannot even stop to think that God wills every single human being ever conceived. For God, there are no exceptions for He made all human beings in His image and likeness. There are plenty of human hearts ready to be filled with love and tender caring for even the most pitiful cases.

Hence, I invite all of you to begin to see with me how even less-than-perfect babies are willed by God and are *wonderfully made*; and are all designed to bring happiness to the lives of many people in this world.

Sr. Mary Casey O'Connor, 40, has a twin sister with Down syndrome, Casey Gunning, who is a teacher's assistant and special Olympian. This is what Sr. Mary Casey says about her sister: "I wish everyone had someone like her because she just taught me what it means to love and to not expect anything back." "And I mean, that's ultimately our experience of God's love..." "She places no judgment; she always forgives; she always gives the benefit of the doubt... she always sees the good in the other." Both sisters are very active in helping women who might consider aborting their children.

How many caring people would love to welcome into their family, naturally or through adoption, less-than-perfect children! They know viscerally that each one of them is loved by God and, thus, is *necessary* to enable them to decipher His messages in these valuable gifts.

I took Pope Benedict XVI's statement: "each one of us is necessary" as a challenge. So, now I would like to share with you my albeit incomplete list of messages that make less-than-perfect people *necessary*. They remind us that we must treasure and protect our health to be with undivided hearts at the service of others; they are living and loud calls for using all our energies, talents, and time to do God's will; they teach us how to be resourceful and face with courage and resolve the obstacles in our path; their smile and positive outlook on life can create in us a healthful sense of embarrassment...; they teach us that in interacting with them we can drop our mask, phoniness, and any pretension; we do not need to impress them, however,

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they keep us on our toes as, with candor, they might point out to us hurtful truths about flaws we have been trying to hide; their friendliness and enjoyment of simple pleasures can help us lighten up and stop feeling sorry for ourselves; they expand our ability to love...

Yes, O Lord, I have come to believe that all babies are willed; all are loved; all are necessary. And I pray that many more people may find true happiness in loving them and may praise You for all are wonderfully made!

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME



PALM SUNDAY, April 1st & 2nd
Distribution of blessed palms at every Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th
7:00pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th
1:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death
Holy Communion, The Way of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th
Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30pm



EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th
Masses: 8:00am 10:00am (Italian) 12:00 Noon

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 16th
Masses: 8:00am 10:00am (Italian) 12:00 Noon

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL~BUONA PASQUA!

MASS INTENTIONS:



April 1-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
6pm Special Intentions

April 2-Palm Sunday

8am Mary Hickey by William Hickey
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Donna Barrett by Sheila Barrett
8am Piera Franklin by Assunta Society
8am Spec Intent-Robert & Janet Ezzo-60th by Pat & fam
10am Michele DiCicco by Joe & Marie Pacitto
10am Rocco Ruggiello by family
10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family
10am Enrico DiPonio by son Antonio DiPonio & family
10am Piera D'Anna Giannole by Rosa Manzella
10am Vilma Farquhar by family
10am Maria Bartoli by family
12pm Anita Soave by Rocca Lanni
12pm For Peace in Families

April 3-Monday

Paolo & Columba Maiani by Nora

April 4-Tuesday

Special Intention for Rowan Hanks by Nonna

April 5-Wednesday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
Vincenzo & Maria Buccinna by family

April 6-HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm Holy Mass

April 7-GOOD FRIDAY

1:00pm Liturgies

April 8-HOLY SATURDAY

7:30pm Vigil Mass

April 9-EASTER SUNDAY

8am Piera Franklin by daughter Mary
8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
8am Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti by mom
8am Theresa & Charles MacDonald by Mike
8am Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard
8am Domenic Maiani by wife Nora
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family
8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by fam
8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
10am John & Gerald Agostini by family
10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa
10am Antonio & Emilia Zicarelli by Ida & family
10am Clelia Stoppa by Ida Zicarelli & family
10am Ottavio & granddaughter Melissa Zicarelli by Ida/fam
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family
10am Maria Bartoli by family
10am Giuseppe & Linda Di Santo by family
10am Giuseppe & Maria Gonino by Ida Zicarelli & fam
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family
12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria
12pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria
12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

April 10-Monday

Oscar Stefani by Savina Gennari

April 11-Tuesday

Mike Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones

April 12-Wednesday

Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by Sandra Biundo

April 13-Thursday

Special intentions

April 14-Friday

Rose Mazzuchelli by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

April 15-Saturday

Primo Righi (Birthday) by wife Lorraine
6pm Salvatore & Rosa Spadafora by Spadafora family
6pm Corinne Tocco by Paupert family
6pm Marlene Zatelli by family

April 16-Divine Mercy Sunday

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family
8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by fam
8am Piera Franklin by Assunta Society
8am Pearl & John Marino by Ron & Michelle
8am Theresa & Charles MacDonald by son Mike
8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard
10am Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society
10am Franca Esposito by husband & family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe
10am Maria Bartoli by family
12pm Thomas Zima by Maria DiLorenzo & family
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

April 17-Monday

Santi family by Savina Gennari

April 18-Tuesday

Special Intentions

April 19-Wednesday

Fortunato Valerio by family

April 20-Thursday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

April 21-Friday

John Agostini-Anniversary by wife Olivia & family

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

Douglas Paniccia-2nd anniv. by parents Angelo & Ines

Mike Clark by DiMichele family

Thomas Michael by DiMichele family

James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family

April 22-Saturday

6pm Joe Peardon by brother Paul

6pm Frances Puzzuoli by family & friends

6pm Carolina Visone by family

April 23-Sunday

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

10am Federazione Abruzzese of Michigan-Club Mass

10am Anna Villa by family

10am Armando & Adele Boschian by family

10am Maria Bartoli by family

10am Salvatore Biondo by Nicolina Biondo

10am Amalia Armetta by Nicolina Biondo

12pm Umberto & Maddalena Liano by family

12pm Maria Liano by family

12pm Carmela Liano by family

12pm Aboud Talia by Nancy & Clyde Butros

12pm Sabri Garmo by Nancy & Clyde Butros

12pm Raymond Arnold by Nancy & Clyde Butros

April 24-Monday

Mario Signorelli by wife & family

April 25-Tuesday

Giuseppe & Savina Righi by daughter-in-law Lorraine

April 26-Wednesday

Antonio & Assunta Croceni by Nora Maiani

April 27-Thursday

Special Intentions

April 28-Friday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by the DiMichele family

The Protection of the Unborn by the DiMichele family

April 29-Saturday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Maria Luisa Ellero by the DiMichele family

6pm Joe Peardon by brother Paul

6pm Paul Tocco by Paupert family

6pm Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

April 30-Sunday

8am Antoinette Lane by William Hickey

10am Roberto Cicchelli by wife Eda

10am Vita Messina by Maria & Andy Sugameli

10am Giovanni Sugameli by Maria & Andy

10am Maria Bartoli by family

12pm Special Intentions

12pm First Holy Communion



LECTORS:

Apr. 02-P. Graebert, M.Sugameli, A. Perugi

Apr. 09-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, N. Butros

Apr. 16-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, L. Sawyer

Apr. 23-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, A. Perugi

Apr. 30-P.Graebert, V. Amaro, N. Butros

Saturday, 6:00pm

Apr. 01-D. Brosky & J. Foglyano **Apr. 08**-J. Foglyano &

A. Perugi **Apr. 15**-D. Brosky **Apr. 22**-J. Foglyano

Apr. 29-D. Brosky



DATES TO REMEMBER:



CONFESSIONS Every Friday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

ADORATION

Holy Hours every Friday from 8:30am to noon.



April 2nd – PALM SUNDAY

ORPHANS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

-AFTER ALL HOLY MASSES

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, orange juice & fruit cocktail will be served. Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.00
Everyone is welcome!



April 9th – EASTER SUNDAY

Wishing you the newness of life brought about by the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.



Events:

April 30th First Holy Communion 12:00pm Holy Mass

Please remember you must register every year for catechism classes even if your child has attended the previous year.

EASTER ENVELOPES

Deepest thanks to you for your kindness and generosity.

Dinner Dance 2023



Father Dino with our honorees (from top left): Tony Casali, Ada & Mario Lisi, George & Silvana Alsheimer.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Tutti Meravigliosamente Fatti

Carissimi Parrocchiani e Amici di San Francesco Church,

Vi voglio riportare qui una frase di Papa Benedetto XVI dalla sua omelia della S. Messa inaugurale come Papa nel 2005: "Nessuno di noi è un fortuito prodotto dell'evoluzione privo di senso. No, ciascuno di noi è il risultato del pensiero di Dio. Ciascuno di noi è voluto; ciascuno di noi è amato; ciascuno di noi è necessario." La Bibbia ci assicura che ciascuno di noi è un capolavoro di Dio chiamato in vita come parte importante del suo disegno divino e universale.

Sì, tu hai plasmato i miei reni, mi hai tessuto nel grembo di mia madre. Ti rendo grazie perché sono stato formato in modo stupendo: stupende sono le tue opere! La mia anima lo riconosce appieno. Salmo 139: 13-14

«Prima che io ti formassi nel grembo, ti ho conosciuto, e prima che tu uscissi dal seno, ti ho santificato; profeta per le genti ti ho costituito». Geremia 1:5

Per un credente non ci sono più eccezioni sostenibili per distruggere una vita che Dio sta tessendo nel grembo di una madre.

La chirurgia è avanzata così tanto che sono possibili dei veri e propri miracoli, impensabili sino a pochi anni fa, per correggere difetti fisici nel feto. Il Dottor John Bruchalski, passato dal fare numerosissimi aborti a diventare un gran difensore della vita al suo inizio, scrisse recentemente che, con buona volontà e destrezza, è possibile salvare sia la madre sia il bambino anche in casi di complicazioni gravissime.

Si riscontrano tanti casi di donne coraggiose che hanno trovato conforto e sostegno nel dare alla luce e allevare i figli frutto di stupro.

Ci sono tante persone disposte ad accogliere in seno alle loro famiglie bambini molto "imperfetti"...

Papa Benedetto aveva ragione: ogni bambino è voluto da Dio per la felicità di qualcuno che sa già amare; ogni bambino è amato da Dio per essere poi amato da altri; e ogni bambino è necessario per farci apprezzare di più la vita e accogliere i vari messaggi che Egli ci manda tramite anche dei suoi capolavori ritenuti "difettosi" da chi non ha ancora imparato ad amare davvero.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME



SPECIAL THANKS

TO ALL OF OUR LECTORS, SERVERS, USHERS, THE VOLUNTEERS WHO TAKE CARE OF THE FLOWERS & DECORATIONS, & CLEANING ASSISTANTS WHO SELFLESSLY DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO SERVE OUR CHURCH, YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED.

Browse our website: sanfrancescchurch.org for Fr. Dino's homilies, the monthly bulletin and updated info.



Prayer Group-Every Monday @ 1:00pm

Refreshments & conversation afterwards in the church hall. Everyone is welcome, join us!