

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.



March, 2023

A Potentially Deadly Weapon

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

In his letter, St. James points out that there is a message in the fact that our Creator made us with one mouth and two ears, *for we all fall short in many respects. If anyone does not fall short in speech, he is a perfect man, able to bridle his whole body also.* **James 3:2.**

Speaking of perfection, Jesus orders us to strive for absolute perfection proper to God: *So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.* **Matthew 5:48**

Most likely, we never thought that control of our tongue would be a sure way to perfection, to holiness. If this is so, again, St. James warns us that the opposite is also true: misuse of our tongue can be most deadly... *In the same way, the tongue is a small member and yet has great pretensions. Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. ⁶ The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna (Hell).* **James 3:5-6**

God gave us two ears because we are supposed to always be in a humble listening mode for every Word that comes from His mouth, to nourish our soul and to make us ready to carry out His will. He gave us two ears also because the way to perfection passes through the gate of kind listening to other people's troubles so that we can lighten their burden and soothe their hearts. Our lending a listening ear in sincerity would tell aching souls that there is nothing more pressing to us than their well-being.

Our Roman ancestors had a very wise motto: *de mortuis nihil nisi bonum.* ([do not say anything] about the dead unless [it is] good). Well, the way to perfection and holiness proposed by Jesus and by St. James urges us to apply the same motto to all the living as well.

Misuse of our tongue covers a rather wide spectrum: from repeating snippets of unflattering things to gossiping, to exaggeration and embellishment of hazy facts, to detraction, fabrication, and slander.... As St. James indicates what comes out of our mouth can start as a very small fire, but it can grow quickly into a blaze big enough to wipe out a whole forest. We must not allow anything negative, however innocent it might be deemed by us, to leave our lips. Once whispered, it is out of our control and, added to something said by somebody else can destroy reputations,

family relationships, friendship bonds, and the future of individuals especially if they are already the target of rumors and gossip.

It might be less painful for us to ask: Why do people gossip? Rather than ask: why do I gossip? Because the second, the direct question, which is the only beneficial one in the long run, can be asked prematurely.

Some people gossip and repeat gossip as a form of "recreational sport" to fit into a group in which they feel safe... Others gossip to divert attention from their flaws. Still, others gossip because, in their superficiality, cowardice, and woeful insecurity, they resort to pointing out someone's flaws rather than confronting that person directly, thus assigning others the task of doing the fraternal correction that they will never dare to do themselves. Also, some gossip to feel important by sharing with others the privileged knowledge they have of an important person with whom they are associated.

If we feel strengthened enough by the Holy Spirit to assess the damage we have done to other people's reputations thus far in our life, we can learn from the following story. St. Philip Neri gave as penance to a woman who confessed the sin of gossiping to go around Rome plucking the feathers of one of her chickens.... The next time she confessed the same sin, St. Philip gave her the penance of trying to retrieve the feathers of her chicken...

Regrettably, to a lower or higher degree, we have all done more harm with our tongue than we can possibly fathom. Hence, to show our sincere contrition and resolve to stop this deadly sport "cold turkey," I came up with these points of reflection: We can start by reminding each other that, through Baptism and Holy Communion, we are one with Christ Jesus. That awesome reality in which we live forces us to admit that whatever form of gossiping we employed, ultimately, our target was Jesus himself! (cf. Matthew 25:40-45). We proved how unfair we were because we gossiped even though we could not possibly have had accurate and full knowledge of the situation we talked about. We also did not refrain from gossiping even though the defects and errors we pointed out were similar to those that we have. And with every gossiping activity in which we have engaged, we have reinforced in our audience the decision of never making us privy to their troubles and problems because we are very far from being trustworthy and discrete. Lastly, the final blow that should make us decide to stop misusing our tongue: *For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.* **Matthew 7:2**

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None of us can be so foolish and pretentious as to ignore this ominous warning. We need all the mercy that the Lord is willing to grant us. For that to happen, we must stop, right now and for good, using our flawed measures in judging others. We resolve to count to ten before we say anything about our neighbor; it should be sufficient time to decide that whatever we say is truly good.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME

MASS INTENTIONS:



March 1-Wednesday

Joseph Buccinna by family
Eileen Michael by DiMichele family
William Wallace by Paupert Rivard

March 2-Thursday

Milagros Sunga-4th anniversary by family

March 3-Friday

Onorio Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family
Piera Franklin by Assunta Society
Spiritual well being of Bianca Mutti by mom
Eileen Michael by DiMichele family

March 4-Saturday

Isa P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family
Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
6pm Paul Tocco by Paupert family

March 5-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Donna Barrett by Nancy Coppage
8am Laura Slongo by family
10am Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society
10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family
10am Vito & Domenica Manzella by Rosa Manzella
10am Vincenzo & Concetta Armetta by Rosa Manzella
10am Fr. Dominic Rossi by Casali family
12pm Elena DeLeonardis by family
12pm Lina, Antonio, Angela & Nicola Soave by Gerarda/fam
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

March 6-Monday

Special Intentions

March 7-Tuesday

Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

March 8-Wednesday

Successful surgery & recovery for Tony Casali

March 9-Thursday

Marino Carlini by Tina Terenzi

March 10-Friday

Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family
Armando Gennari by wife Savina

March 11-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life
Gerald Agostini-anniversary by mother Olivia & family
6pm Carolina Visone by family
6pm For Peace in Families

March 12-Sunday

8am Deceased mem of Colandrea family by William Hickey
8am Carl & Nancy Kaspari by family
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Michele DiCicco by Joe & Alice Rotondo
10am Angelina & Luigi LaMarra by D & M Mancini
10am Elio Stringa by family
10am Maria Kraft by Nalina Farina
12pm Dennis Burrell by family
12pm Maria Bertolini by family

March 13-Monday

Special Intentions

March 14-Tuesday

Special Intentions

March 15-Wednesday

Special Intentions

March 16-Thursday

Special Intentions

March 17-Friday

Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

March 18-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Salvatore Spadafora by Spadafora family

6pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

6pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

6pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini

6pm Giuseppe Carubia by Franca Ioco

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7pm St. Joseph Celebration w/soup

March 19-Sunday (St. Joseph Day)

8am Marcel Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino

8am Antonio & Angelina Slongo by family

8am Giuseppe Mazella by wife Gaetana & family

8am Piera Franklin by Sharon Ruggioli

8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family

8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

8am Fortunato Valerio by family

10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

10am Franca Esposito by husband & family

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe

10am Giuseppe Carubia by Franca Ioco

10am Giuseppe Ioco by Franca Ioco

12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

12pm Lucia Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli

12pm Salvatore Spadafora by daughter Maria Provencher fam

After 12pm Holy Mass-St. Joseph Day Celebration

March 20-Monday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

March 21-Tuesday

Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society

March 22-Wednesday

Aldo Terenzi by Tina Terenzi

March 23-Thursday

Anthony Bertolini by family

March 24-Friday

Special Intentions

March 25-Saturday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

6pm Frances Puzzuoli by Rosa Traskal

6pm Rosa Spadafora by Spadafora family

March 26-Sunday

8am Mamie Abbruzzese by LaMarra family

8am Grace & Albert Izzì by family

10am Maria SS. Annunziata Club Trappeto

10am Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by Sandra Biundo

10am Maria Pizzo by family

10am Alessandro Fragnoli by Antonio DiPonio & family

12pm Rosa Spadafora-1st anniversary by daughter Maria/fam

March 27-Monday

Special Intentions

March 28-Tuesday

Gennari family by Savina Gennari

March 29-Wednesday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family
James Dawson by Ludington-Dawson family

March 30-Thursday

Domenico Copioli by Tina Terenzi

March 31-Friday

Special Intentions

LECTORS

Mar 05-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantonio, L. Sawyer

Mar 12-J. Nowc, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Mar 19-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros

Mar 26-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, L. Sawyer

Saturday, 6pm- Mar. 4-D. Brosky, Mar. 11-J. Foglyano,

Mar. 18-D. Brosky, Mar. 25-J. Foglyano.



Important Dates:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday @ 7:00pm during Lent.

Every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence.

Please note that confessions will be heard from 6:00pm to 6:45pm on Fridays during Lent.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th -6pm HOLY MASS

Blessed oranges & bread, St. Joseph Prayer Cards (in Italian & English) & St. Joseph soup will be served in the Fr. Rossi Hall immediately following Mass. Raffle of St. Joseph Statue will be drawn at 7:45pm. Tickets will be sold thru March 18th after all Holy Masses. \$5.00 for six tickets or \$1.00 for one. All proceeds go to our church. If you would like to make a donation of food or money for this celebration, please call Lisa Nowc @ (586) 260-4912.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th-12PM HOLY MASS

Aaron Caruso and Friends Dinner Concert has been cancelled to be rescheduled at a later date. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

San Francesco Parish, Clinton Township, MI will continue the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph with a Holy Mass, procession and blessings at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, March 19. Immediately following blessings, refreshments will be served in the church hall. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods please deliver items to the church kitchen on the morning of this event.

Church Kitchen If you are using the hall for a gathering after a Memorial Mass or for a club meeting we kindly ask that you keep the kitchen clean after your function. Thank You!

ORPHANS CLUB BREAKFAST -

PALM SUNDAY-APRIL 2nd

After all Holy Masses: pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit cocktail, coffee, milk & orange juice will be served. Adults-\$7.00-children-\$3.00. Everyone is welcome!



EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 9th

Come celebrate with us!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICES-APRIL 16th



SAN FRANCESCO DINNER DANCE 2023

San Francesco Parish, Clinton Township, Michigan will host its annual dinner dance Sunday, **March 5, 2023** at Penna's of Sterling, in Sterling Heights, MI. This event features a sit-down dinner, open bar, and entertainment by Pino Marelli. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and tickets are \$70.00 per person (no tickets sold at the door). This event is a fundraiser. All proceeds go directly to the maintenance and preservation of the church and its compound. The Honorees are: **George and Silvana Alsheimer, Antonio Casali, & Mario and Ada Lisi.**

George and Silvana Alsheimer were married November 18, 1967 in Ronca' Verona, Italy. They have been blessed with 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Mr. Alsheimer is a member of Knights of Columbus #744, American Legion, and Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. He is a retired United States Army Master Sergeant and we thank him for his service to our country.

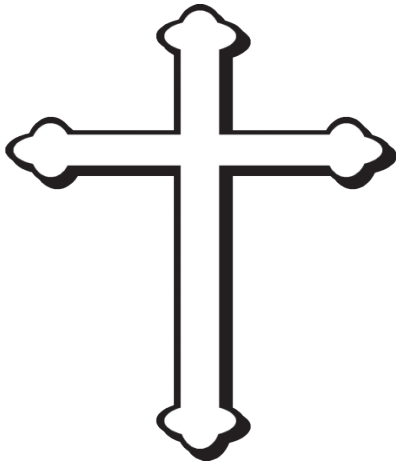
Antonio Casali married Raffaella Pisani at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, Windsor Ontario, Canada December 11, 1971. They have been blessed with 3 sons and 5 grandchildren. Antonio is a member of the San Marino Club and the Calabria Club.

Mario and Ada Lisi were married September 28, 1963 at St. Clement Catholic Church, Dearborn, MI. They have been blessed with 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 handsome great grandchild. Mr. & Mrs. Lisi are members of the Ceparanese Club.

San Francesco Parish was established over 125 years ago thanks to many hours of significant sacrifices from the community, and a multitude of donations. The parish is very fortunate to continue this legacy today with the commitment and assistance of the 2023 honorees, and honor these individuals for their hard work, commitment and service to the parish. San Francesco Parish is a personal parish established to serve the Italian Community and all people who choose to use its services in lieu of their territorial parish. San Francesco Parish has no geographic boundaries. All are welcome to come together and worship and grow in faith and love. Please celebrate with the honorees and help support San Francesco Parish with an evening of dining and dancing. **For tickets or further information please contact Ann Burrell (586) 242-1981 or Sharon Ruggioli (313) 882-5132.**

Be sure to check our website: sanfrancescochurch.org for updated news, the weekly homilies & monthly bulletin. You can also like our Facebook page!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



La lingua, un'arma pericolosissima

Carissimi Parrocchiani e Amici di San Francesco Church,

Il Signore ci ha dato due orecchi ma una sola bocca affinché, in umiltà, siamo più disposti ad ascoltare le Parole di Vita che vengono da Lui e, in carità, prestare l'orecchio ai crocci e alle pene delle persone a noi vicine e usare la bocca per lodarlo e per dire del nostro prossimo solo cose belle e buone.

Nella sua unica lettera, ispirato dallo Spirito Santo, San Giacomo ci avverte di usare la nostra lingua solo per i motivi sopra elencati, perché la lingua può diventare un'arma che distrugge la reputazione e il buon nome di persone che sono nostri fratelli e sorelle nella Famiglia del Padre celeste. *Non siate in molti a fare da maestri agli altri, fratelli e sorelle mie; sappiate che così riceveremo una sentenza più severa. Tutti quanti, infatti, manchiamo in tante cose e se qualcuno non manca nel parlare è una persona perfetta, in grado di dominare tutto il suo essere... Così anche la lingua è un membro minuscolo, ma può vantare imprese straordinarie. Ecco quanto piccolo è il fuoco e quanto grande è la foresta che esso incendia! E il fuoco è la lingua! Quale mondo di malizia, la lingua, è posta tra le nostre membra: essa che contamina tutta la nostra persona, brucia il corso della nostra vita ed è poi bruciata essa stessa all'inferno. Giacomo 3: 1-2, 5-6*

La lingua può condurci all'inferno! I pettegolezzi sono fatti da alcuni come uno sport crudele; da altri per deviare l'attenzione dalle proprie magagne; oppure perché, da codardi, non osano far presente, senza intermediari, direttamente, i difetti alla persona che criticano; infine, ci

sono pure quelli che spargono dicerie su una persona di riguardo da loro conosciuta per sentirsi importanti.

Il dire che il nostro pettegolezzo o diceria sono veri non ci scusa davanti al Signore perché, nei nostri limiti umani, ci è impossibile conoscere quello che sta nel cuore e nella mente degli altri.

Circa il pericolo di usare la lingua per dire cose anche vere ma non buone a riguardo di un nostro fratello o sorella, ricordiamoci l'avvertimento che Gesù ci dà per il giorno del Giudizio, quando ci troveremo a tu per tu con Dio stesso e nessuna scusa terrà: *Infatti con il giudizio con cui giudicate sarete giudicati; e con la misura con cui misurate vi sarà misurato. Matteo 7:2.*

P. Dino Vanin, PIME



George & Silvana Alsheimer, Tony Casali, Mario & Ada Lisi