

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.



JULY 2023

Baby Steps of Dialogue

Dear Parishioners and friends of San Francesco Church,

Can anything be done to overcome the wide-ranging frustration that we feel, and the apprehension caused by the deepening divisiveness in our country? And, even of a more pressing nature, can anything be done to ease the confusion that many believers experience in matters of faith and morals?

To coolly tackle these two related issues, I offer what I consider solid starting points: 1) God wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth (cf. 1 Timothy 2:4). 2) Jesus died on a cross and ROSE from death for everyone's salvation. 3) Nothing can happen by chance but everything, good and bad alike, is occurring within God's plan for the whole world. 4) With our small minds, we can never exhaust what God reveals about Himself in Holy Scripture and Tradition. Thus, we must live humbly with a deep-seated sense of inadequacy. 5) We ought to avoid conflating the forces of evil and darkness with those people whom they mislead but who are searching for the truth and display goodwill and sincerity.

Now, if we keep in mind these five points, we should appreciate more what Pope Francis has been saying and doing in these ten years of his pontificate, even though his way of dialoguing with the most disparate groups of people has created confusion and pain for more than a few of us.

Born and raised in Italy, I have been in this country for half a century; hence, I think that I might be able to reconcile a handful of people on opposite political sides and on the two conflicting fringes of the Catholic Church. The reason I do not expect to achieve more than very limited success is due to how entrenched in their positions people tend to be; how most prefer to stay in comfortable "echo chambers" and, in arguing, they shout their ideas past each other until their faces turn blue rather than engaging in calm and respectful dialogue, which must include humble listening and sincere empathy.

Repeatedly, while in Italy and in most parts of the Catholic world Pope Francis is well accepted and praised, I asked myself why there is a lot of criticism of his standpoints from the extreme right and extreme left of the Church.

In these 50 years spent in the United States, I have grown to admire how much law and order are extolled,

mostly in older generations of Americans. Yet, my Italian "sixth sense of natural adjustment to a given situation" warns me that a rigid interpretation of the law cannot be reconciled with our limited spiritual assimilation of God's nature as being infinite love and boundless mercy (cf. Matthew 5:48).

Pope Francis continues to raise eyebrows. On April 5 of this year, the program "*The Pope: Answers*" premiered on Hulu. It features young people in their twenties of the most diverse persuasions, creeds (or no creed at all), and backgrounds asking the Pope the thorniest questions of the present time. Calmly, he would listen to them; appreciate the reasons sustaining their positions; share with empathy in their experiences before giving his answers in truth with disarming candor, always displaying a humble, pastoral attitude.

Excluding his strongest and firmest condemnation of all abortions, the rest of his answers show his awareness that the path to finding common ground is painfully slow, and it begins with the assumption that those militating in opposite camps are victims of the forces of evil; are sincere in their quest; hold well-thought-out points and, thus, it is crucial to listen to their reasoning and troubled stories.

The dialogue in "*The Pope: Answers*" is done in Spanish so that, in his comments and answers, Pope Francis benefits from mastery even of the nuances of his native language for more accurate replies.

If we are experiencing a mixture of frustration, confusion, anger, and fright due to the present political and religious environment, we might be well-disposed to engage in honest dialogue while refraining from quick judgment and the ensuing inevitable condemnation. We can be aided in this effort by dwelling first and extensively on past errors we have intentionally and unintentionally made, which range from rifts, pain, and hard feelings to existent enmity.

Keeping those five starting points in the back of our minds, we can be ready for Pope Francis to teach us to accept our inability to pass judgment and to condemn. Because, as disciples of Jesus, we must resist the urge to set ourselves above other people while evidence of wrongdoings and/or ill intentions in others always remains insufficient since we cannot trespass into the sacred ground of the deep recesses of the human heart.

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Furthermore, an effective way for us to assimilate, as much as is humanly possible, the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father could be by assessing the condition of our hearts. We will see how, even with the help of the Holy Spirit and the availability of many channels of grace, ancient wounds in our hearts might still keep us from a clear vision of the path on which we are to tread. Next, we should imagine the turmoil which, in our human frailty, we might have caused in fellow believers. The third step should be to picture the unrest, hurts, and darkness with which people looking in from outside or those who left the Church for a variety of reasons, including mistakes made by the clergy, are living. To complete the picture of their sorry condition we ought to add their family situation, degree of isolation, level of education, inadequacy of means, environment, and many others.

Only then, we will realize that the God whom Pope Francis serves and wants all of us to love and trust in is the Father who forgets all proper protocol and rules and runs to embrace His wayward children returning home (cf. Luke 15:20).

Fr. Dino Vanin, San Francesco Church



MASS INTENTIONS:

July 1-Saturday

Spec Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

6pm Bernadette Caloia by Paupert family

6pm Martin Paupert by Paupert family

July 2-Sunday

8am Donna Barrett by Gary Hoskin

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family

10am Michele DiCicco by Joe, Sandy & Antonia

12pm Dec mem of the John & Zoya Stumpf fam by C & N Butros

12pm SS. Crocifisso di Montelepre-Club Mass w/procession

July 3-Monday

John Agostini by wife & family

James Daoust, Sr. by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 4-Tuesday

Piera Franklin by daughter Mary

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 5-Wednesday

Frank & Carmela Perri by family

July 6-Thursday

Antonio Miriani by Albina Miriani

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 7-Friday

Piera Franklin by the Assunta Society

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary

July 8-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard

6pm Special Intentions

July 9-Sunday

8am Regina & Philip Vermader by family

8am Karen & Ralph Basile by Mike MacDonald

10am Rocco Ruggirello by family

10am Giuseppe & Cecilia Silvestri by Virginia & family

10am Giovanni Blindu by Judi Blindu

10am Joanna Jelsone by husband Robert

10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family

12pm Cepranese Club Mass w/Procession

12pm Anita & Antonio Soave by Gerarda & family

July 10-Monday

Special Intentions

July 11-Tuesday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Domenico & Ida Cогnetto by family

For the Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family

July 12-Wednesday

Living & deceased members of Bosca family by Lelia

July 13-Thursday

Special Intentions

July 14-Friday

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

Anthony Valerio by wife Victoria

July 15-Saturday

6pm Corinne Tocco by Paupert family

July 16-Sunday

8am Piera Franklin by daughter Mary

8am John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino

8am Antonio & Angeline Slongo by family

10am Antonio & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe

10am Franca Esposito by husband & family

12pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria

12pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria

12pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

12pm Antonio Montalto by wife Antonina & family

July 17-Monday

Vonazzo family by Angela Huber & family

Elio Bosca by family

July 18-Tuesday

Danny Angeli by Savina Gennari

July 19-Wednesday

Vittoria Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

July 20-Thursday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family

July 21-Friday

Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace

July 22-Saturday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

6pm Frances Puzzuoli by family & friends

July 23-Sunday

8am Piera Franklin by daughter Mary

10am Alessio & Luisa Fallone by family

10am Anna Villa by family

12pm Paolo DeLeonardis by family

12pm Dec mem of the Aziz & Anyes Butros fam by C & N Butros

July 24-Monday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 25-Tuesday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

William Leonard, Jr. by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

July 26-Wednesday

Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by Sandra Biundo
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family

July 27-Thursday

Tony & Jolanda Puzzonina by family

July 28-Friday

Special Intentions

July 29-Saturday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

July 30-Sunday

8am Special Intentions
10am Special Intentions
12pm Special Intentions

July 31-Monday

Liv & deceased members of Gallerani fams by Lelia Bosca

Lectors for July:

July 02-J. Nowc, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros

July 09-P. Graebert, V. Amaro, L. Sawyer

July 16-J. Nowc, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi

July 23-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantonio, N. Butros

July 30- J. Nowc, T. Silverio, L. Sawyer

Saturday, 6:00pm

July 3-J. Foglyano **July 10**-D. Brosky

July 17-J. Foglyano **July 24**-D. Brosky,

July 31-J. Foglyano



MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP

The Mary Mother of God Prayer Group continues to offer prayers, praise and thanksgiving and is in deep gratitude to our spiritual Mother for allowing us to pray under Her mantel. We would like to invite you to come and join us in prayer and fellowship on Monday's at 1:00pm in the church. We appreciate and acknowledge Fr. Dino for his support and encouragement.

San Francesco News:



CSA REPORT 2023

On behalf of the Finance Council and the Archdiocese of Detroit, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who gave to CSA 2023. You are responding once again most generously although we need to continue our giving until we reach our quota. In my human limitations, I can only see the physical outcome of your generosity, but our Lord sees also the sacrifices that you had to make in order to support our beloved parish of San Francesco and the many programs that are designed to make our Archdiocese vibrant, fully engaged and love-filled. May the Good Lord reward you fittingly for your kindness.

MONTHLY BULLETIN PAPER COFFEE & DONUTS



Donations for the mailing of the church monthly bulletin are much appreciated as it is costly for printing and postage. Any donations for coffee and sweets after the weekend Holy masses is much appreciated as well. These donations help cover the expenses and as always, we thank you for your continued support.

TUESDAY, JULY 4



May this Independence Day strengthen the love and affection we have for our country and one another.

PROUD OF OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

Fr. Dino and the Parish Council wish to express their profound gratitude to all the clubs and community that participated in San Francesco's Corpus Christi Celebration. Please continue to support our parish family with your attendance and thank you for helping us keep our traditions alive!

SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST 20, 2023

"A Day of Thanksgiving to Our Benefactor."

San Francesco Church is hosting a Family Picnic to be held on the church grounds starting at 11am. Join us!



Corpus Christi Celebration on June 11, 2023.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Passettini Verso il Dialogo

Carissimi Parrocchiani e Amici di San Francesco Church,

La tendenza naturale è quella di ritrovarci con persone che la pensano come noi sia in materia di fede, sia di politica. E quando ci sentissimo in vena di andare all'attacco, la tentazione è spesso di cercare subito di presentare il nostro punto di vista invece di iniziare con un umile ascolto di quello che sia veramente la posizione di chi ci sta di fronte e come mai sia giunto alle sue conclusioni. Il risultato di mancato dialogo lo vediamo alla TV e tutto attorno a noi in un'atmosfera di rabbia, odio, paura, irrequietezza, e malessere generale dovuto all'incertezza del futuro.

In questi dieci anni del suo pontificato, Papa Francesco non si è mai tirato indietro dal suo sforzo di dialogare con persone di ogni religione, partito politico, filosofia o anche di aperta opposizione alla fede cattolica.

Ultimamente, su Hulu, ha iniziato un dialogo con giovani di lingua spagnola (dai 20 ai 25 anni) credenti e non credenti, su temi scottanti e attuali.

Inizia sempre con l'ascolto umile e attento e, solo dopo, presenta la posizione cattolica, eppure sottolineando di continuo l'infinito amore e misericordia di Dio.

Ecco quelli che sembrano i punti forti da tener presente se volessimo imparare da Papa Francesco come avviare un dialogo sincero: 1) Dio vuole che tutti si salvino e

conoscano la verità. 2) Gesù morì in croce e resuscitò da morte per redimere tutti. 3) Non ci sono coincidenze nel mondo, ma tutto, sia in bene come in male accade solo nel piano misterioso di Dio. 4) Su questa terra non potremo mai, con le nostre piccole menti, esaurire e comprendere tutto quello che Dio ha rivelato di sé nella S. Scrittura e Tradizione. 5) Dobbiamo tener distinte le forze del male da coloro che sono le loro vittime ma che sono alla ricerca della verità con sincerità di cuore e buona volontà.

Gesù ci proibisce di giudicare gli altri perché non possiamo conoscere che cosa sta nel loro cuore; non sappiamo il loro passato, le loro pene, i loro traumi (inclusi quelli causati da sacerdoti e vescovi) e le sofferenze che li hanno portati a pensare e agire in un modo di molto diverso dal nostro. Inoltre, ogni persona che Dio pone sul nostro cammino conserva il diritto a tutto il rispetto, comprensione e considerazione che noi ci aspettiamo dagli altri. **P. Dino Vanin, PIME**

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