

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.



October, 2023

The Life's Test

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

Intellectual challenges, and faith dilemmas which, up to twenty years ago, used to confront us occasionally, have ever since been gnawing at our mind relentlessly and draining us quickly of mental energy.

As responsible Christian believers, who take our faith seriously, we notice that the moral ground is shifting under our feet and, thus, we long for guidelines that would make our choices consistent with the Church's official position on matters of faith and morals.

The fact that Pope Francis associates with influential people whose frame of reference and ethical compass seem clearly faulty and in contrast with Catholic orthodoxy, adds to our perplexity.

Before we get to the reason why Pope Francis acts in a way which many find objectionable and unacceptable, let us apply the life's test to the most troubling issues on our social plate.

The entire Bible speaks of our Creator God as the source of all life. Death comes from a different source: *Because God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For He fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, And there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the nether world on earth, For justice is undying. It was the wicked who with hands and words invited death, considered it a friend, and pined for it, and made a covenant with it, because they deserve to be in its possession. Wisdom 1:13-16.* Furthermore, Jesus exposes Satan as a murderer: *"He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him." John 8:44*

Now that we have identified the source of life and the source of death, we know that actions conducive to life are ethical and actions impeding or destroying life are unethical. To fulfill the command of the God of life to be fertile and to multiply (cf. Genesis 1:28) He created them male and female (cf. Genesis 1:27 & 5:2). The sexual union of a male and a female human being is the only natural way for human life to multiply.

Any unnatural (artificial) way of impeding the possible creation of a new human being is unethical; is against God's

will. Hence, being unnatural, also in vitro fertilization is against God's plan.

What we are now witnessing is a massive, multifaceted rebellion against the God of life. We cannot believe what we are exposed to: an alarming flight from the laws of nature and common sense with total mindlessness of irreparable consequences for the many victims of insane ideologies.

Up to relatively recent times, the creation of new life, according to the laws of nature, was challenged by artificial contraception and abortion. The inconsistency was readily evident: people engaging in sexual intercourse, i.e., the natural way a new life is created since eons ago, disregarded conception as the most obvious result of their act and chose to impede or destroy incipient life.

However, nowadays babies are no more all breathtaking miracles from above but can be a product that two men or two women can order by hiring a womb or a sperm donor, thus depriving the selected product (baby) of his/her right to have both parents as part of his/her life.

The God of life is denied recognition that He has wonderfully knitted each one of us in our mother's womb (cf. Psalm 139:14) as either male or female. Certain people's arrogance is such that they claim He assigned them the "wrong body." Hence, they reach the fateful decision to alter, chemically or with surgical irreversible mutilations, His handiwork in horrific fashion turning what was perfectly healthy into a mess of barrenness, deep-seated inner turmoil, and often crippling future regrets.

The foolishness of this quixotic rebellion against the God of life seems now to be totally unfettered. We have males seeking uterus transplants and hormone therapy to be able to "chest-feed" babies to prove the validity of an ideology of extreme narcissism oblivious of possible harm to babies. A new trend encourages even to ignore reality and not to register the sex of newborns so that he/she will decide their sex as if reality were optional...

The wicked who with hands and words invited death (cf. Wisdom 1:16) include Planned Parenthood and similar death-producing agents leading the assault on the destruction of life by propagating a stream of falsehoods such as considering pregnancy as a disease, passing abortion as "reproductive healthcare" and a "personal choice" and holding that transwomen are women and

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transmen are men. They truly seem to cherish the violence they are doing on common sense and reality. Once reality is turned on its head by godless ideologies, we also must let that some kids identify as a cat or a dog and go along with their sick delusion...

Faced with this collective insanity, what must our Christian reaction be to this frontal assault on God, life, common sense, fairness, reality, and nature?

Pope Francis sets an example by reaching out to these mistaken people with openness and charity while upholding the truth of God's purpose in creating human beings in His image and likeness with a precise purpose, and the sacredness of our bodies. Our Christian calling urges us to do all in our power and means to affirm life according to God's design including by supporting pregnant women throughout their gestation and for adequate time after birth.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME

MASS INTENTIONS:



October 1-Sunday



8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace
10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family
10am Michele DiCicco by Bruno Merucci
10am Germano & Loris Costa by family
10am Pauline Torres by husband
12pm Joseph Paul Zimmermann by family
12pm Anita Soave by Josephine Rotondo
12pm Feast of San Francesco Celebrated w/Procession

October 2-Monday

Thomas Michael by DiMichele family
Shirley DiMichele by DiMichele family

October 3-Tuesday



Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina

October 4-Wednesday

Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

October 5-Thursday

Paolo & Columba Maiani by Nora Maiani

October 6-Friday



Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary
Armando Gennari by wife Savina

October 7-Saturday

Spec Intentions for the Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Brenda Rivard
6pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatin
6pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini
6pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

October 8-Sunday

8am Chester Manczuk by wife Judy & family
10am Anna Marzolo by Blindu family
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

October 8-Sunday (continued)

10am Michelina DiPonio by husband Antonio & family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family
12pm Cepranese Club-Memorial Mass
12pm Fr. Dominic Rossi by Geraldine Calderone
12pm Marlene & Leonard Zatelli by family
12pm William Campi by Rose Campi

October 9-Monday



Caterina Sugameli-Castiglione by Paolo & Angie Milana

October 10-Tuesday

Piero Carlini by Tina Terenzi

October 12-Thursday

Special Intention for Mike MacDonald

October 14-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

6pm Theresa & Charles MacDonald by son Mike

October 15-Sunday

8am John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
10am Armando & Adele Boschian by family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe
10am Antonio Zicarelli by Godmother Ida & family
10am Raphael & Emma Marchi by family
12pm August Caringi by Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
12pm Rosa & Gioacchino Alu by daughter Carmela

October 16-Monday



Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family
The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family

October 17-Tuesday

Domenic Maiani by wife Nora

October 18-Wednesday

Piero Bernardini by Tina Terenzi
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family
The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family

October 19-Thursday

Antonietta & Gaetano Biundo by family

October 20-Friday



Salvatore Ventimiglia by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

October 22-World Mission Sunday

8am Rinaldo Barera by William Hickey
8am Chester Manczuk by wife Judy & family
10am Alessio Fallone by family
10am Franca Esposito by Mary Cracchiolo
10am Vincenzo Esposito by family
10am Anthony Dante Basso by Boschian family
10am Lisa Fabbri by Pia & family
12pm Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria
12pm Joseph Serra by Serra family

October 25-Wednesday

Antonio & Assunta Crocenzi by Nora Maiani

October 26-Thursday

Linda Kozlowski by Brenda Rivard

October 27-Friday

Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

October 28-Saturday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

6pm Frances Puzzuoli by family & friends

October 29-Sunday

8am Liv/dec members of Hickey & Barera fams by William

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family

8am Piera Franklin by daughter Mary

10am Sant' Elia Club-Memorial Mass

10am John P. Langan-10th anniversary by family

10am Paolina Spano by Costa family

12pm Sarah DeVuono by Maria Provencher & family

October 30-Monday

Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

October 31-Tuesday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Lectors for October:



Oct. 01-P. Graebert, L. Pietrantonio, L. Sawyer

Oct. 08-J. Nowc, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Oct. 15-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros

Oct. 22-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, L. Sawyer

Oct. 29-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6:00pm

Oct. 7-J. Foglyano, **Oct. 14-**D. Brosky

Oct. 21-J. Foglyano, **Oct. 28-**D. Brosky



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE MISSIONS & OF THE HOLY ROSARY

World Mission Sunday will be on October 22nd and it stands as a reminder that, as Catholics, our duty to act as Missionary must extend throughout the year because the Church is by her very nature Missionary. If we do not express our faith with our life, we will fail in our task. Furthermore, we need to do our best to contribute with prayers and even financially to the efforts of preaching the Gospel everywhere.

The Rosary has been a very easy, yet most powerful prayer introduced into the Catholic world since the Middle Ages. It is a prayer which, by invoking the Motherly intercession of our Blessed Mother, is designed to sooth our souls with the contemplation of the mysteries of our salvation while repeating to ourselves that our prayers are sent to heaven through the hand of our most powerful heavenly Mother.



Dates to Remember:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st **FEAST OF SAN FRANCESCO**

A solemn celebration in honor of our Patron Saint and in conjunction with the Columbus Day celebration will be held at **12 noon** with Holy Mass, procession, and refreshments in our Social Hall to follow.

The precious relic of St. Francis will be on display. All Clubs & Societies are asked to attend with their banners in support of our Italian heritage. Donations of baked goods to be placed in our kitchen ahead of the celebrations starting time are greatly appreciated.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th IS COLUMBUS DAY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th

Join our **Pro-Life Rally and Recitation of the Holy Rosary** in front of the church @ 12pm on Saturday.



ORPHANS CLUB BREAKFAST-OCT. 22nd **AFTER EACH MASS**

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk & orange juice will be served along with fruit cocktail as well. Adults-\$7.00 & children \$3.00 Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Events:

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The students from our CCD Program will be launching their annual "Thanksgiving Food Drive" for the needy families in our area. It is a proven, effective way of teaching our CCD students the Corporal works of Mercy. Please donate **only** gift cards, cash or checks (made out to San Francesco Church, memo: food drive) and give them to Fr. Dino in envelopes marked "Food Drive". Your generous donations will ensure that people in need are well cared for during the holiday season and beyond. Your past participation in this project has always been a huge success; by donating again, this year we can continue our assistance for the needy. Thank you in advance for your donations and support. For any questions the undersigned can be reached @ 586-242-1981.

Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator

MANY THANKS TO OUR BENEFACTORS...

We would like to thank each one of you for your contributions to our parish over the years, and for your support of the Benefactors Picnic on August 20th. Our San Francesco Parish community is blessed with "genuine camaraderie" which it has enjoyed since the beginning of its long history. The various types of contributions to make our first Parish picnic a success were deeply moving and much appreciated: from donations of to quality supplies to time to set up, serve and clean up afterwards; from the scrumptious dessert table to so many smiling faces. However, we need to single out Santino Polidori and his crew for the superb job in cooking all that delicious food and Aaron Caruso and his friend Michael Zawojski for enlivening the event with traditional Italian songs and festive accordion music. Thank you very much to all of you and VIVA San Francesco Parish Community!

Ann Burrell, San Francesco Finance Council

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY:

October 6, 7, & 8

Do you want to strengthen your faith in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament? Come to San Francesco Church and view a very informative display with photos, captions and explanations describing the most astonishing Eucharistic miracles in the history of the Catholic Church. This display is based on research done by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Join us after Holy Mass on Oct. 6, 7, & 8. Bring your family & friends!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



La Prova della Vita

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Fino a un decennio fa, la ribellione contro il Dio della vita era limitata, generalmente parlando, all'uso di contraccettivi e all'aborto. Ma ora ci sembra di vivere in un mondo che ha perso completamente il buon senso e anche il senso della misura e del più elementare pudore.

La ribellione contro il Dio autore e sorgente della vita ha raggiunto estremi impensati.

Ci sono ora i bambini fatti su ordine da coppie dello stesso sesso "affittando" un utero in caso di due maschi o concependo grazie a sperma preso da una sperm bank in caso di due lesbiche, calpestando in questi due modi il diritto del bambino di crescere in una famiglia con ambedue i suoi genitori biologici.

Ma c'è di peggio. A volte, al Dio della vita non è riconosciuto il suo "tessere" in modo meraviglioso ogni bimbo nel grembo della madre (vedi Salmo 139:14). Alcuni dicono che ha dato loro il corpo "sbagliato." E, pertanto, storpiano quel capolavoro di Dio con risultati irreversibili di sterilità, tumulti interiori e, troppo spesso, rimpianti inconsolabili.

Il danno al futuro della nostra società è già enorme. Pensate che con l'avanzare di questa ideologia pazzesca, 40% di bambini e adolescenti ora si ritengono trans o "fluidi"! Altri bambini credono di essere un cane, un gatto o un altro animale e si comportano come se fossero davvero l'animale con cui si identificano.

Questa follia collettiva spinge alcuni a non registrare il sesso del neonato, lasciando che il bambino decida in seguito come se la realtà fosse facoltativa. Ci sono persino uomini così imbevuti di tracotanza ideologica che richiedono un trapianto di utero per poter diventare incinti e si imbottiscono di ormoni femminili fino a poter allattare!

Non possiamo perderci di coraggio perché la natura, la verità e la realtà non si possono sconfiggere. Da parte nostra dobbiamo applicare la "prova della vita" in tutti i nostri impegni cosicché anche con il nostro umile contributo tanti si uniscano a noi per celebrare i miracoli che il Dio della vita compie di continuo.

P Dino Vanin, PIME



San Francesco Picnic — August, 2023