

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.
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, 2024

Unsettled by Doctrinal Development? Part 10

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

The large group of Hebrew priests who joined the fledgling Church (cf. Acts 6:7) must have contributed to the creation of the first "liturgy" of the Lord's Supper. Their contribution must have been multifaceted but always relative to their familiar sacrifices and ritual meals.

In the Old Testament, we have several types of sacrifices: offering of gifts to God, to show the chosen people's total dependence on Him, thanksgiving sacrifices for deliverance and other favors, and sin offerings. There are also ritual meals; the most important of which was the Passover meal. In the Passover meal, the Hebrews ate a dish of bitter herbs to unite themselves spiritually with their ancestors' bitterness of slavery in Egypt. They also consumed the paschal lamb to recall the lamb whose blood, smeared on the doorposts of their ancestors' homes in Egypt, signaled to the angel of death to "pass over" them and spare their firstborns. In Jesus' time, the Passover meal was celebrated in well-furnished rooms including Greek or Roman-style recliners to indicate that Yahweh God had freed them from slavery. Only free people could feast while reclining around a table laden with the ritually prescribed Passover foods.

When the gospel of John was written in the last decade of the first century, the evangelist felt the need to fight fiercely the insidious influence of Gnosticism. This pernicious religious and philosophical movement held that salvation is achieved by progressive knowledge (gnosis) of secret, inner insights towards freedom from the corruption of the material world, which was created by an inferior, malevolent god. Gnostics believed that the material world, including human flesh, was evil. Freedom from the corruption of the material entities was attained through asceticism. Some Gnostics led celibate lives and observed chastity. The central tenet of our faith is the incarnation of the second Person of the Holy Trinity. For the Gnostic, Christ's taking on human flesh was an illusion.

Now that we have learned how the early Christians of Jewish extraction drew their primitive "Eucharistic liturgies" from different aspects of their Hebrew worshiping practices and that the Gnostics denied that Jesus Christ is a true man with a body like ours except for sin, we can appreciate the understanding that Christians of Jewish extraction had of

the Eucharist at the end of the first century.

The Johannine doctrine of the Eucharist is displayed masterfully in the entire chapter six of his gospel, while the institution of the Eucharist set by Matthew, Mark, and Luke as taking place in the Upper Room, is replaced by Jesus' shocking gesture of washing his disciples' feet and by the giving of the new commandment of loving each other as he would love them on the cross. Why? What is the first Eucharistic lesson that John leaves with his audience about the Lord's Supper? Recall how St. Paul decried the Corinthians' failure to recognize the Body of Christ (Church) in their sacred gatherings? And why St. Paul was, therefore, wondering how they could recognize the Body of Christ in the Eucharistic species if they did not recognize him in the community?

In chapters 13-17, John points out that the Eucharistic liturgy must continue into and affect the daily life of believers by their willingness to wash each other's feet (i.e., by willingness to place themselves at the service of others and by implementing to its full extent the new commandment).

There are other "Eucharistic subtleties" found in John's gospel. As with the etiquette that called for making the Passover meal truly special by reclining at table in Greek or Roman style, John writes in chapter six (which is all about the Eucharist), how the five thousand men, miraculously fed by Jesus from the five barley loaves and two fish given him by a generous boy, did not sit but reclined (6:10) on the grass. The same verb is used to state how, after washing his disciples' feet, Jesus reclined (13:12) at table. The Eucharist is the Bread from heaven for the children of God freed not by the blood of the paschal lamb but by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

And here is another subtlety: the primal Eucharistic liturgies borrowed from the Hebrew sacrifices of thanksgiving. Thus, fittingly, John refers to the Eucharist as "giving thanks" in 6:11 and 6:23.

If we keep in mind the loathing for the flesh displayed by the Gnostics, we should appreciate that, in his prologue, John writes that the Word (Jesus) became flesh (cf. 1:14). The Word's (Logos in Greek) flesh was not an illusion but a comforting reality. For this we should read what John writes in his 1st letter about his personal experience of God in human flesh: *What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked*

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upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life - for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us - what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:1-4

Similarly, in the same chapter six of his gospel, John upholds the Church's faith that Christ's flesh, in the sacramental form of bread, is as real as his physical flesh, and his sacramental blood is as real as the blood that ran through the veins of the earthly Jesus seen, heard, and touched by his first twelve disciples (6:55). And to remove any hesitancy from true believers, John uses the crude term to "gnaw on" (6:54) rather than to "eat" the sacramental flesh of Christ as the only way to achieve immortality.

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME as San Francesco Church


MASS INTENTIONS: 

October 1-Tuesday 

The Cavalli family by Roselyn Crespi
John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

October 2-Wednesday

Thomas Michael by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Rosalia Kehrig
John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

October 3-Thursday 


Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones
Michael Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones
Pete Rossi by wife Fran

October 4-Friday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones
Michael Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones
Franca Del Serrone by family & friends
Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary Fanelli, Katona & Zucca families by Maria Katona

October 5-Saturday

Spec Intentions for the Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
6pm Fr. Giorgio Ferrara
6pm Special Intention for Christensen family

October 6-Sunday 


8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family
10am Mario Meschini by Costa family
10am Germano & Loris Costa by family
10am Michelina Di Ponio by husband Antonio & family
10am Armando & Adele Boschian by family
10am Alessio Fallone by family
10am Frank Vettrai by Antonio DiPonio & family
10am Roberto Bastianelli by Antonio DiPonio & family
10am Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini

October 6-Sunday (cont.)

10am Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini
10am Antonio Alastra by Sabetti family
10am Antonio Luisi by Sabetti family
12pm Feast of San Francesco Celebrated w/Procession

October 7-Monday

John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
Aldo Terenzi by wife Tina
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family
The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family

October 8-Tuesday 

Fr. Dominic Rossi by Geraldine Calderone
Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

October 11-Friday

Armando Gennari by wife Savina

October 12-Saturday

Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Franca Del Serrone by family & friends

6pm Fr. Giorgio Ferrara

6pm Special Intention Jackie Vitale Block by Kehrig fam

October 13-Sunday

8am Special Intention for Mike MacDonald
8am John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle Marino
8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Bob & Anna Kustasz
8am Rosemary Butkos by Sandy Kelly
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Raphael & Emma Marchi by family
10am Pauline Torres by husband Reno
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family
10am Nick & Carmela Cascioli by Giovanna Sabetti & family
12pm Cepranese Club-Memorial Mass
12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family
12pm Mary Kolis by family
12pm Duncan & Marie Sousa by family
12pm Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela Simon

October 16-Wednesday 

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

October 17-Thursday

Domenic Maiani-11-year anniversary by wife Nora

October 18-Friday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

October 19-Saturday

6pm Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

6pm Fr. Giorgio Ferrara

October 20-World Mission Sunday 

Orphans Club Breakfast

8am Bob Scolari-1st anniversary by Sharon Ruggioli
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
8am Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
8am Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by fam
10am Salvatore Ventimiglia by family
10am Franca Esposito by husband & family
10am Monika Benyay by Judi Blindu
10am Francesco & Pierina Secchi by family
10am Lisa Fabbri by Busignani family
10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe

12pm Salvatore DiLorenzo by wife Maria
12pm Chris Donato by Maria DiLorenzo
12pm Francesco Ferrara by Maria DiLorenzo

October 21-Monday 🍁

The Conversion of Sinners

October 22-Tuesday

Prayers for the Stella Kazikow family

October 23-Wednesday

Francesco & Pierina Secchi by family

October 25-Friday

Betty Pruzinsky by DiMichele family

October 26-Saturday

6pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

6pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini

October 27-Sunday

8am Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine

8am Rinaldo Barera by William Hickey

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family

10am Sant' Elia Club-Memorial Mass

10am John P. Langan-11th anniversary by family

10am Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by family

10am Vincenzo Esposito by wife Elena & family

12pm Special Intentions

October 28-Monday 🍁

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family

Dolores Pietraszewski by family

October 30-Wednesday

Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

October 31-Thursday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family



Lectors for October:

Oct. 06-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, N. Butros

Oct. 13-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, L. Sawyer

Oct. 20-J. Nowc, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Oct. 27-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros

Saturday, 6:00pm

Oct. 5-J. Foglyano, **Oct. 12**-D. Brosky

Oct. 19-J. Foglyano, **Oct. 26**-D. Brosky



OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE MISSIONS & OF THE HOLY ROSARY

World Mission Sunday will be on October 20th 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 6th

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 appreciated.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th

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



ORPHANS CLUB BREAKFAST-OCT. 20th

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 our Picnic on August 11th. 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 2nd Parish picnic a success were deeply moving and much appreciated: from donations 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, & Marylou Penna and family for the superb job in cooking all that delicious food and 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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Scossi dallo Sviluppo Dottrinale? Parte 10^a

Carissimi parrochiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Gli Atti degli Apostoli (6:7) ci informano che alcuni sacerdoti ebraici entrarono a far parte della Chiesa primitiva. Questo è importante perché avranno senza dubbio contribuito a formulare le bozze delle prime liturgie eucaristiche attingendo dalla loro conoscenza dei riti della liturgia ebraica.

S. Giovanni riserva all'Eucaristia tutto il capitolo 6° del suo vangelo, mentre sostituisce l'istituzione dell'Eucaristia avvenuta per Matteo, Marco e Luca nel Cenacolo, con la lavanda dei piedi dei discepoli fatta da Gesù per insegnarci che l'Eucaristia deve sfociare in un umile servizio del nostro prossimo, e con l'introduzione del nuovo comandamento di amarci gli uni gli altri come egli ci ha amato dalla croce (capitoli 13°-17°).

Nel capitolo 6° e 13°-17° ci sono accenni ai riti della liturgia ebraica. Ai tempi di Gesù, il banchetto pasquale richiedeva che i commensali si coricassero su divani stile romano/greco, per simboleggiare che erano i figli di Dio liberati dalla schiavitù d'Egitto. Pertanto, l'evangelista Giovanni usa il verbo "coricarsi" invece del semplice "sedersi" sia riferendosi a Gesù dopo la lavanda dei piedi (13: 12) come ai 5,000 uomini sfamati miracolosamente coi 5 pani d'orzo e i 2 pesci offerti a Gesù da un ragazzo (6:10). Dice che *si coricarono* sull'erba. Il rito di ringraziamento ebraico si intravede sia in 6:11 (*rese grazie*) come in 6:23 (*aveva reso grazie*). Infatti,

etimologicamente, la parola Eucaristia vuol dire *rendere grazie*.

In Giovanni, oltre a questi accenni ai riti ebraici, notiamo anche affermazioni molto forti che la carne fisica di Gesù era vera carne come la nostra (vedi Giovanni 1:14 e 1^a Giovanni 1:1-4) e che la carne di Cristo, sotto la specie di pane, è vero cibo (6: 55). Per togliere ogni frainteso, Giovanni usa addirittura il verbo "*rosicchiare*" (6:54) la carne di Cristo. Il motivo è semplice: lo Gnosticismo, un movimento filosofico-religioso affermava che il mondo materiale fu creato da un semidio malevolo. La salvezza si ottiene tramite distacco dal materiale e asceti allo spirituale. Di conseguenza, gli Gnostici ritenevano che l'incarnazione di Gesù Cristo fosse un'illusione; che Gesù non avesse un vero corpo perché per loro il corpo è spregevole.

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PIME SERATA BENEFIT DINNER-THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 3RD

At the elegant San Marino Club in Troy, Michigan
Website: www.pimeusa.org



Our dedicated **Mary Mother of God Prayer Group** continues to meet every Monday @ 1:00pm. Join us for prayer, refreshments and conversation afterwards in the church social hall. All are welcome!

Please continue to browse our website:
sanfrancescochurch.org

