

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.



AUGUST 2026



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Assunta Society was established in the parish of San Francesco for the purpose of uniting the women of the parish to strengthen their Catholic Faith under the patronage of the Blessed Mother. This Society aims to assist all its members in imitating the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Society dates to 1940, when the parish was still in Detroit. If you look carefully, you can also spot their name in the stained glass above the altar at San Francesco, now in Clinton Township.

Inspired by the virtues of the Blessed Mother, the members of the Assunta Society strive to organize events to foster fellowship and for the spiritual well-being of the whole parish. The Assunta society organizes the bi-annual bake sales for the parish as well as assisting with the basket raffles at the church picnic and various other projects. They support the parish with the monies raised and donate to various other needs of the parish such as Thanksgiving, Christmas holiday food drives and Mothers in Need.

The group also participates in the yearly procession to celebrate the Assumption of our Lady in August. This is a fantastic celebration combining the Italian heritage of the parish and honoring our Blessed Mother. The past few years have been a dual celebration with the San Rocco society.

Another highlight of the year is the annual Christmas Party that they participate in with the Orphans Club. It is a great day of friendship and celebrating the holiday together with friends and family (and friends that are like family!).

The group meets several times throughout the year after the 10am Sunday mass, and they would love to have any women interested to join. You do not need to be a member of the parish; the only requirements are to be 18 years of age or older and practicing the Catholic Faith.

The thing that is special about the Assunta Society, which is also what is special about San Francesco parish is the community and friendship that they share.

For more information contact:

Brenda Rivard, President - Assunta Society of San Francesco Catholic Church (586) 524-0027.

La Società Femminile Maria Santissima Assunta è stata fondata dalla parrocchia di San Francesco con lo scopo di riunire le donne della comunità per rafforzare la loro fede cattolica sotto il patrocinio della Beata Madre. L'obiettivo del gruppo è aiutare le socie a imitare le virtù della Beata Vergine Maria, in particolare attraverso le opere di misericordia corporali e spirituali. La società è nata nel 1940, quando la parrocchia si trovava ancora a Detroit. Osservando con attenzione, è possibile scorgere il nome del gruppo anche nella vetrata sopra l'altare della chiesa di San Francesco che è ora in Clinton Township!

Ispirandosi alle virtù della Beata Madre, le socie della Società Maria Santissima Assunta si impegnano a organizzare eventi per favorire la convivialità e promuovere il benessere spirituale dell'intera parrocchia. Il gruppo organizza le vendite semestrali di dolci a sostegno della parrocchia, collabora alla gestione delle lotterie con cesti premio durante il picnic parrocchiale e partecipa a diverse altre iniziative. I fondi raccolti vengono utilizzati per sostenere la parrocchia e per contribuire a varie altre necessità, come le iniziative "giorno della riconoscenza", e giorno della distribuzione di cibo e madri bisognose di assistenza.

Il gruppo partecipa inoltre alla processione annuale di agosto per celebrare l'Assunzione di Maria. Si tratta di una splendida celebrazione che unisce l'eredità italiana della parrocchia all'omaggio alla Beata Madre. Negli ultimi anni, l'evento è stato organizzato congiuntamente alla Società di San Rocco.

Un altro momento saliente dell'anno è la festa di Natale, organizzata in collaborazione con l'Orphans Club. È una giornata all'insegna dell'amicizia e dei festeggiamenti natalizi trascorsi insieme ad amici e familiari (e ad amici che sono ormai come una famiglia!).

Il gruppo si riunisce più volte nel corso dell'anno, al termine della Messa domenicale delle ore 10:00, e accoglie con entusiasmo tutte le donne interessate a unirsi. Non è necessario essere parrocchiane: gli unici requisiti richiesti sono aver compiuto 18 anni ed essere cattoliche praticanti.

Ciò che rende speciale la Società di Maria Santissima Assunta – così come la parrocchia di San Francesco – è lo

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spirito di comunità e l'amicizia che unisce i suoi membri.

Per ulteriori informazioni, contattare:

Brenda Rivard (586) 524-0027.

**Presidente - Società Femminile Maria Santissima Assunta
della Chiesa di San Francesco**



MASS INTENTIONS:

August 1-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

Souls in Purgatory by Vitale family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

6pm Mary Jane Rankel by Mike MacDonald

6pm Bonnie Penny by Mike MacDonald

August 2-Sunday

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon

8am Kevin DeLaere by DeLaere family

8am Tom Daniel by family

10am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family

10am Cesare D'Aristotile by family

August 3-Monday

Thomas Meagher-(Birthday) by Rae Ann Kaly

Special Intention Rooney & Kaly Children by Rae Ann

August 4-Tuesday

Maria Pia Elena LaBarbera by family

August 5-Wednesday

Dorothy Brunicardi by niece Geraldine

Special Intention for Rowan by Nonna

August 6-Thursday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

The Protection of The Unborn by DiMichele family

John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

August 7-Friday

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary

August 8-Saturday

Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

Wanda Nowicki by Arlette Barger

6pm Giuseppe Pinelli by Sam & Alice Pinelli

6pm Barbara Pinelli by Reno Pinelli & family

August 9-Sunday

8am Lisa Stewart by family

8am Bob Ruggioli by Mark Bernasconi

8am Juerge Mutti by Mary Mutti

10am Rocco Ruggiello by family

10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

10am Vincenza D'Anna by Rosa Manzella

10am Piera Ventimiglia by Rosa Manzella

10am Deceased members of Caruso family by Carmela Simon

10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family

12pm Diva Bonaldi by Bonaldi family

12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family

12pm Mary Kolis by family

12pm Duncan & Marie Sousa by family

August 11-Tuesday

Mark & Jane Capicchioni by Mother Geraldine

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

August 12-Wednesday

Dino D'Andrea by Gina & Todd Bensley

Special Intention for Rowan by Nonna

August 15-Saturday (Assumption)

Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary

John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Jerry DiMaggio by wife Grace

6pm Frank Audia by wife Joan

6pm Theresa & Charles MacDonald by son Mike

6pm Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

6pm Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

6pm Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Maria & Joe

6pm Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria Sabatini

August 16-Sunday

8am John & Pearl Marino by Ron & Michelle

8am William & Regina Vermader by family

10am Mario Signorelli by wife & family

10am Lisa Fabbri by Fabbri family

10am Germano & Loris Costa by Fernanda

10am Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

10am Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria Sabatini

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe

10am Franca Esposito by husband & family

12pm San Rocco Society-Club Mass w/procession &

12pm Assunta Society-Club Mass w/procession

12pm Elio & Lelia Bosca by family

August 17-Monday

Augusta & Antonio Recchia by Ludington-Dawson family

August 22-Saturday

John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

Betty Pruzinsky by DiMichele family

Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family

August 23-Sunday

8am William Leonard, Jr. by DiMichele family

8am Nancy & Carl Kaspari by Mike MacDonald

10am Anna Martinelli by family

10am Adele Boschian by family

12pm Joan Wawrzynski by Arlette Barger

August 24-Monday

Silvio Bernardon by family

The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family

August 25-Tuesday

Michael Pisa, Jr. by Michele Pisa-Jones

August 27-Thursday

Robert Pietraszewski, Sr. by family

Tom Latimer by wife Shirley

August 28-Friday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

The Conversion of Sinners by the DiMichele family

Maria Pia Elena LaBarbera by family

August 29-Saturday

6pm Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

August 30-Sunday

1:30pm Maria SS. Di Custonaci Club Mass



Lectors for August:

Aug. 02-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, L. Sawyer

Aug. 09-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantoni, N. Butros

Aug. 16-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, A. Perugi

Aug. 23-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, L. Sawyer

Aug. 30-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6pm

Aug. 1-D. Brosky, **Aug. 08-**J. Foglyano

Aug. 15- D. Brosky **Aug. 22-** J. Foglyano

Aug. 29-D. Brosky



Reminders:

Remember to send or call the rectory office for Holy Mass intention requests by the 15th of the previous month so that your loved one's name can be placed in our bulletin paper. Please call the rectory office to let us know of any change of address or phone numbers as we need to stay current on our registrations!

If you would like to become a member of our parish, please ask Fr. Marco for the membership card after any one of our Holy Masses or call the rectory office. We look forward to having you on our list!

IMPORTANT DATES:

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

This is NOT a Holy day of obligation this year
Holy Masses @ **8am & 6pm.**

ASSUMPTION: SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

After 12pm Mass, we will carry in procession around the Church, the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the statue of San Rocco. All Societies and Clubs are invited to participate with their banners, please try to take part. The **Assunta and San Rocco Societies** are organizing this celebration. Refreshments afterwards with fresh fruit and Italian pastries!

MARIA SS. DI CUSTONACI, SUNDAY-AUGUST 30th

1:30pm w/Procession and Mass to follow.

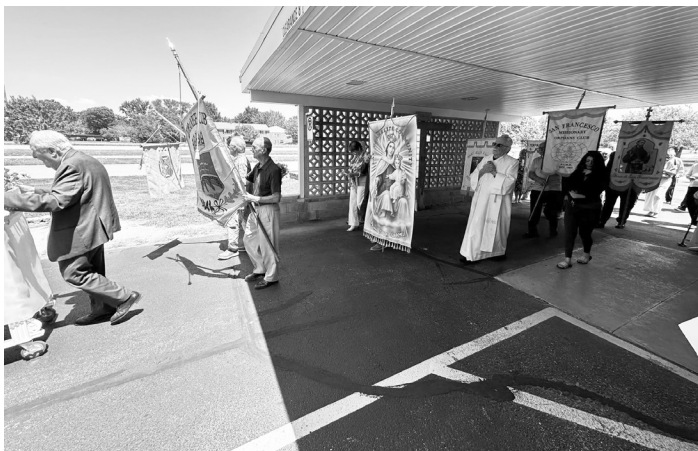


CATECHISM NEWS

We are currently accepting
registrations for the 2026-2027
Religious Education Classes grades 1-8.



Classes begin **September 29, 2026, from 5pm to 6:15pm.** Our program teaches "traditional doctrine" in accordance with the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." You do not need to be a registered parishioner to join. Simply complete a registration form and submit the form with payment to the church office. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church, or you can also print one from our website. All children must register, including those who participated in last year's classes.



Cepranese Club Procession – July 12, 2026

Liturgy and Symbols

San Francesco Church Building

San Francesco's architectural design follows the traditional partition of a Catholic Church building. It is divided into three main sections, symbolizing a progression from a secular world (profane space) into the presence of God (sacred space).

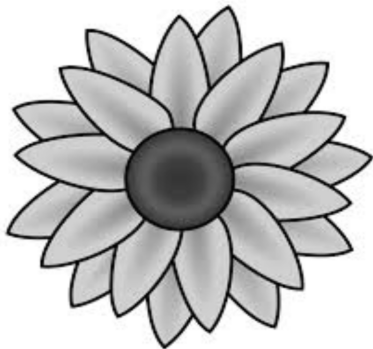
The first room we encounter when entering from the main door is called vestibule. The term vestibule derives from the Latin word "vestibulum," an enclosed forecourt between a house and the street. Symbolically, it represents a transitional space between an earthly existence dominated by the passing of time (chronological time) into a sacred room (the nave) where eternity embraces our limited and fragile human nature.

In ancient churches, this space was used for catechumens who were learning the faith in preparation for baptism. They could listen to the readings and the sermon (first part of the Mass), but had to leave before the Liturgy of the Eucharist (second part of the Mass). The vestibule also functioned as a space for believers undergoing public penance for serious sins, symbolizing their separation from the holy of holies (the sanctuary) while they made amends. Worshippers used this antechamber as a "spiritual mudroom" to leave behind worldly cares and noise before encountering the presence of God.

From the vestibule we pass into the nave, which constitutes the main body of the church (where the faithful are seated). The term nave comes from the Latin word "navis," meaning "ship." Based on biblical images, such as Noah's Ark, baby Moses' basket and Jesus walking on the water, the Church Fathers started to represent the Church as a ship (or boat) navigating throughout human history. If we look at the ceiling of San Francesco church we could see the shape of an upside-down ship hull which expresses the same idea. Therefore, the symbolism of the nave tells us that the community of believers, the Church, is the family that accompany us safely through the storms of life.

The third area of the church is called sanctuary, where the tabernacle is located. It is the most important space because of the permanent real presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. The sanctuary brings to our mind those episodes of the Gospel when Jesus, standing in the boat, calms the storm and tell us: "I am with you always, until the end of the age". (Mt 28:20).

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Liturgia e simboli

L'edificio della chiesa di San Francesco,

La struttura architettonica della chiesa di San Francesco segue la suddivisione tradizionale degli edifici di culto cattolici. È articolata in tre sezioni principali, che simboleggiano un passaggio dal mondo secolare (spazio profano) alla presenza di Dio (spazio sacro).

Il primo ambiente che si incontra entrando dall'ingresso principale è il vestibolo. Il termine deriva dal latino **vestibulum**, indicante un cortile d'ingresso chiuso situato tra l'abitazione e la strada. Simbolicamente, rappresenta uno spazio di transizione tra l'esistenza terrena, dominata dallo scorrere del tempo (tempo cronologico), e l'ambiente sacro (la navata), dove l'eternità abbraccia la nostra natura umana, fragile e limitata.

Nelle chiese antiche, questo spazio era destinato ai catecumeni che apprendevano la fede in preparazione al battesimo. Essi potevano ascoltare le sacre letture e l'omelia (prima parte della Messa), ma dovevano uscire dalla chiesa prima della Liturgia Eucaristica (seconda parte della Messa). Il vestibolo fungeva anche da luogo per i fedeli sottoposti a penitenza pubblica per peccati gravi, simboleggiando la loro separazione dal luogo più santo (il presbiterio) mentre facevano penitenza. I fedeli utilizzavano questo ambiente come una sorta di "ingresso spirituale" dove lasciare alle spalle le preoccupazioni e il frastuono del mondo prima di incontrare la presenza di Dio.

Dal vestibolo si accede alla navata, che costituisce il corpo principale della chiesa (dove siedono i fedeli). Il termine "navata" deriva dal latino **navis**, che significa "nave". Ispirandosi a immagini bibliche — come l'arca di Noè, la cesta del piccolo Mosè e Gesù che cammina sulle acque — i Padri della Chiesa iniziarono a raffigurare la Chiesa come una imbarcazione che naviga attraverso la storia umana. Osservando il soffitto della chiesa di San Francesco, si può notare la forma di uno scafo rovesciato, che richiama proprio questo concetto. Il simbolismo della navata ci dice dunque che la comunità dei credenti — la Chiesa — è la famiglia che ci accompagna in sicurezza attraverso le tempeste della vita.

La terza area della chiesa è il presbiterio, dove si trova il tabernacolo. È lo spazio più importante, in virtù della presenza reale e permanente di Gesù Cristo nel sacramento dell'Eucaristia. Il presbiterio ci richiama alla mente quegli episodi del Vangelo in cui Gesù stando in piedi nella barca placa la tempesta e ci dice: «Io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo» (Mt 28,20).

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