

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.



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"We are who we are because they were who they were."

Author Unknown

In the early 1900's the prospect of "Roads Paved With Gold" enticed many Italian men to America. They found work in Pennsylvania coal mines, in Michigan as construction workers, as terrazzo and bricklayers. Many lived as boarders in Italian speaking homes, saving monies to send back to families in Italy.

Life without family was difficult. Men would often gather at the home of Vittorio Santarossa or Gino Costella sharing customs and culture. Due to dangerous working conditions and non-existent compensations for injuries, the men supported each other in time of need. It was decided to contribute a small amount of money each month to pay for injuries. With this commitment to support one another, the Societa Veneta di Mutuo Soccorso was organized in May of 1928. Our By-Laws included Sick and Death Benefits for Members.

The first recorded funeral was for Founding Member Luigi Vazzoler, who met his untimely death at the age of 27. On September 05, 1929, while working for Waterways Construction Company, a sewer collapsed killing Luigi. Members attended his funeral at the former San Francesco Church in Detroit.

During the same time, another group of immigrants from Udine and surrounding towns gathered at Giuseppe Petovello's home. Along with Rinaldo Pagnucco, Enrico Salvador, and other Friulans, they organized the Friuli Social Club. The two organizations realized the ineffectiveness of operating separate clubs. On May 29, 1932, they united, embracing the provinces of Veneto-Venezia, Venezia Giulia, and Venezia Tridentina. In 1949 our name officially changed to the Venetian Club of Mutual Aid.

In 1941, we purchased our first building located on Canfield & Gratiot. In 1957, the hall was sold and a new building was constructed on Greenfield & Fullerton. Due to the expansion of the I-96 expressway, the State bought our property. The current Venetian Club, on John R. & 12 Mile Road in Madison Hts., has been our home since 1970.

Numerous events have taken place since 1929. In 1938, a Junior Youth Club was established. A soccer team was formed in 1940. During WWII, the club supported our enlisted Members with letters, donations, and purchased War Bonds to support our nation. The Venetian Club hosted events for imprisoned Italian Prisoners of War at the State Fair Grounds. Our organization was instrumental in assisting Italy during their time of need. Member donations helped support war reconstruction organized by Father Beccherini, San Francesco's first Pastor. Honorary Member Father Dal Agnol supervised the distribution of donations affected by devastating floods. Father Rossi delivered donations to twenty-two Italian families affected by the 1976 earthquake.

The 1960's brought the acceptance of female Members and expanded to include non-Italians. Sonia (Giacondini) Basso became our first female president in 2014, and in 2022, Mary Lisa (Silverio) Smith became our second female president. Since then, the Venetian Club has supported charitable organizations through our annual Halloween and Scrapbooking Events.

As the Venetian Club of Mutual Aid celebrates its 98th Anniversary, we thank our Founding Members for their foresight and dedication. With the strength of our Members, the Venetian Club continues to serve our community, its Members, and looks forward to our 100th Anniversary.

"Siamo ciò che siamo perché loro sono stati ciò che sono stati."

Autore sconosciuto

All'inizio del Novecento, la prospettiva di trovare "strade lastricate d'oro" attirò molti uomini italiani in America. Trovarono lavoro nelle miniere di carbone della Pennsylvania, nell'edilizia in Michigan, e come piastrellisti alla veneziana e muratori. Molti vivevano come pensionanti presso famiglie di lingua italiana, risparmiando denaro da inviare ai propri cari in Italia.

La vita lontano dalla famiglia era difficile. Gli uomini si riunivano spesso a casa di Vittorio Santarossa o di Gino Costella per condividere usanze e cultura. A causa delle pericolose condizioni di lavoro e dell'assenza di indennizzi per gli infortuni, si sostenevano a vicenda nei momenti di bisogno. Si decise di contribuire mensilmente con una piccola somma di denaro per far fronte alle spese legate agli infortuni. Grazie a questo impegno di solidarietà reciproca, nel maggio del 1928 venne fondata la Società

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Veneta di Mutuo Soccorso. Il nostro statuto prevedeva sussidi di malattia e indennità in caso di decesso per i soci.

Il primo funerale documentato fu quello del socio fondatore Luigi Vazzoler, scomparso prematuramente all'età di 27 anni. Il 5 settembre 1929, mentre lavorava per la Waterways Construction Company, Luigi perse la vita nel crollo di una condotta fognaria. I soci parteciparono alle sue esequie presso l'ex chiesa di San Francesco a Detroit.

Nello stesso periodo, un altro gruppo di immigrati provenienti da Udine e dalle località limitrofe si riuniva a casa di Giuseppe Petovello. Insieme a Rinaldo Pagnucco, Enrico Salvador e altri friulani, fondarono il Friuli Social Club. Le due organizzazioni compresero che mantenere club separati non era la soluzione più efficace. Il 29 maggio 1932 si fusero, includendo le province del Veneto, della Venezia Giulia e della Venezia Tridentina. Nel 1949 la nostra denominazione cambiò ufficialmente in Venetian Club of Mutual Aid.

Nel 1941 acquistammo la nostra prima sede, situata all'incrocio tra Canfield e Gratiot. Nel 1957 l'edificio fu venduto e ne venne costruito uno nuovo tra Greenfield e Fullerton. A causa dell'ampliamento dell'autostrada I-96, lo Stato acquisì la nostra proprietà. L'attuale sede del Venetian Club, situata tra John R. e 12 Mile Road a Madison Heights, ci ospita dal 1970.

Dal 1929 a oggi si sono susseguiti numerosi eventi. Nel 1938 fu fondato un club giovanile (Junior Youth Club) e nel 1940 venne costituita una squadra di calcio. Durante la Seconda Guerra Mondiale, il club sostenne i soci arruolati inviando lettere e donazioni, oltre ad acquistare titoli di guerra a sostegno della nazione. Il Venetian Club organizzò iniziative per i prigionieri di guerra italiani detenuti presso il complesso fieristico statale (State Fair Grounds). La nostra organizzazione svolse un ruolo fondamentale nell'assistenza all'Italia durante i momenti di difficoltà: le donazioni dei soci contribuirono a sostenere la ricostruzione post-bellica promossa da Padre Beccherini, primo parroco della chiesa di San Francesco. Il socio onorario Padre Dal Agnol supervisionò la distribuzione degli aiuti destinati alle popolazioni colpite da devastanti alluvioni, mentre Padre Rossi consegnò le donazioni a ventidue famiglie italiane colpite dal terremoto del 1976.

Negli anni '60 fu introdotta l'ammissione di socie donne e l'associazione si aprì anche a membri non italiani. Sonia (Giacondini) Basso divenne la nostra prima presidente donna nel 2014, seguita nel 2022 da Mary Lisa (Silverio) Smith. Da allora, il Venetian Club sostiene enti di beneficenza attraverso eventi annuali come la festa di Halloween e le iniziative di scrapbooking.

Mentre il Venetian Club of Mutual Aid celebra il suo 98° anniversario, esprimiamo gratitudine ai nostri soci fondatori per la loro lungimiranza e dedizione. Forte del sostegno dei suoi membri, il Venetian Club continua a servire la comunità e i propri associati, guardando con entusiasmo al traguardo del centenario.

MASS INTENTIONS:

October 1-Thursday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Carl Krause by Patrick Degens

October 2-Friday

Thomas Michael by the DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Spiritual well-being of Bianca Mutti by mom Mary

October 3-Saturday

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Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
Veronica & Mike Pisa, Sr. by daughter Michele Pisa-Jones
Michael Pisa, Jr. by sister Michele Pisa-Jones

6pm Dorothy Degens by brother

6pm Christine Gaudin by friend Anna

October 4-Sunday (2 Masses only)

8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Thomas Daniel by family
8am Kevin DeLaere by DeLaere family
8am Joseph Pavan by John Mantovani
11am Ottavio Zicarelli by wife Ida & family
11am Virginia Silvestri by Joanna Sabetti & family
11am Germano & Loris Costa by family
11am Special Intention for Vincenza Castiglione
11am Michelina Di Ponio by husband Antonio & family
11am Dorothy Degens by Nancy Butros
11am Joseph Paul Zimmermann by family
11am Francesco & Evelina Ferrera by Maria
11am Antonio & Annunziata Moscone by Maria
11am Virgilio & MariaCandida Ferrera by Maria
11am Thomas & Benedetta Sabatini by Joe & Maria
11am **Feast of San Francesco Celebrated/w procession**

October 5-Monday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Tracey Kowalski 4-year anniversary by Mark Kowalski
Special Intention Lorraine Kowalski 91st birthday by Mark

October 6-Tuesday

Antonio & Assunta Croceni by daughter Nora

October 7-Wednesday

John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by DiMichele family
The Protection of the Unborn by DiMichele family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

October 8-Thursday

Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

October 10-Saturday

6pm Dorothy Degens by Sharon Steinbock

October 11-Sunday

8am John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti
8am Special Intention for Mike MacDonald
10am Rocco Ruggirello by family
10am Raphael & Emma Marchi by family
10am Dino D'Andrea by Gina & Todd Bensley
10am Franca Esposito by husband & family
10am Virginia Silvestri by Rosa & Bob
10am Antonino Badalamenti by wife & family
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family

October 16-Friday 🌿

Special Intention for Nicolas by Nonna

October 17-Saturday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Domenic Maiani by wife Nora

6pm Frank Audia by wife Joan

6pm Christine Gaudin by friend Anna

October 18-World Mission Sunday 🌿

8am Lorraine Frontera by Ron & Michelle Marino

8am Juerg Mutti by Mary Mutti

8am John & Piera Franklin by daughter Mary Mutti

8am Santino Mantovani by son John

10am Antonino & Filippa Passalacqua by son Joe

10am Rosa Alu by daughter Carmela Simon

10am Alessio Fallone by family

12pm Vincent & Pierina Frabotta by family

12pm Mary Kolis by family

12pm Duncan & Marie Sousa by family

***Orphans Club Breakfast-After all Holy Masses**

October 19-Monday

Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family

Steven Upshur by son Daniel

October 20-Wednesday

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

October 21-Tuesday

Joe Walters by Joann Grammatico

October 24-Saturday

6pm Dorothy Degens by Barbara Yaich

6pm Poor Souls in Purgatory by Christensen family

6pm The Children of 7 Mothers Apostolate Group by parents

October 25-Sunday

8am Edmund Piascik by Mike MacDonald

8am Albert & Grace Izzi by family

8am Ed Feeley by Mike MacDonald

8am Betty Pruzinsky by DiMichele family

10am Virginia Silvestri by Mary Mother of God Prayer Group

10am Adele & Armando Boschian by family

12pm Paolo & Columba Maiani by Nora Maiani

October 26-Monday

Charles Calcaterra 16-year anniversary by family

October 27-Tuesday

Tom Latimer by wife Shirley

Carl Krause by Patrick Degens

October 28-Wednesday 🌿

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

Dolores Pietraszewski by family

October 29-Thursday

Tom Daniel-2nd year anniversary by family

October 30-Friday

Onorio P. Vitti by Ludington-Dawson family

October 31-Saturday 🌿

Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

The Conversion of Sinners by DiMichele family

The Salvation of the Dying by DiMichele family

Lectors for October:

Oct. 04-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantoni, L. Sawyer

Oct. 11-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, A.Perugi

Oct. 18-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, N. Butros

Oct. 25-P. Graebert, T. Silverio, L. Sawyer

Saturday, 6:00pm

Oct. 3-J. Foglyano, **Oct. 10-**D. Brosky

Oct. 17- J. Foglyano **Oct. 24-** D. Brosky

Oct. 31-J. Foglyano

OCTOBER:



MONTH OF THE MISSIONS & OF THE HOLY ROSARY



World Mission Sunday is October 18th

"For World Mission Day 2026, which marks the centenary of a celebration established by Pius XI that is very dear to the church, I have chosen the theme "One in Christ, united in mission." Following the Jubilee Year, I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust. In this context, the Church 's primary missionary responsibility is to renew and sustain spiritual and fraternal unity among its members. In many situations, we encounter conflicts, polarization, misunderstandings and a lack of mutual trust. When this occurs even within our communities, it undermines our witness. The evangelizing mission that Christ entrusted to his disciples requires, above all, hearts that are reconciled and eager for communion. (Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 100th World Mission Day 2026)."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th Rosary Rally

Join us for this **Pro-Life Rally** and **Recitation of the Holy Rosary** in front of the church @ 12pm.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th

FEAST OF SAN FRANCESCO

A solemn celebration in honor of our Patron Saint will be held at **8am in English & 11am Bilingual**.

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.



ORPHANS CLUB BREAKFAST-OCT. 18th AFTER EACH MASS



Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk & juice will be served along with fruit cocktail as well. Adults-\$10.00 & children \$5.00 Everyone is welcome!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Upcoming Events:

(Rosary Rally Continued)

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by 70,000 people at Fatima, including atheists, communists and anti-Catholics. To honor this miracle which occurred around noontime, and to show our Lady we hear her request to stop offending God by our sins, we are hosting a public rosary rally on Saturday, October 10 at noon. We will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Public Prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th

Christmas Card Sale-Right to Life

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. Marco 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 contact the undersigned @ 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 July 26th. 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 4th Parish picnic a success were deeply moving and much appreciated: from donations to time to set up, serve and clean up afterwards; from the delicious 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. To Aaron Caruso, Michael Zawojski, & Joe Recchia 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