



Francis A. Sacco

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Francis A. Sacco, beloved son, brother, cousin, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2025, at Iroquois Nursing Home. Francis was born on April 12, 1943 to the late Louis and Antoinette (Magnarelli) Sacco.

Francis graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1961, the last class to graduate from the Willow Street location. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lemoyne College in 1965 and went on to further his education at Syracuse University and Boston College where he received advanced degrees in education and religious studies.

Francis was an exemplary teacher serving the students at CBA for 41 years, first as a Latin and religion teacher and then as a history teacher. In 1997, he received the purple and gold award from CBA in recognition for his service to the school and most importantly to his students. He was that rare educator who set high academic expectations for his students but also cared deeply for their personal well-being.

Francis lived a faith filled life and served his parish church of Our Lady of Pompei in so many ways: in the early days, joining "The Pompeian Players" and then many years of serving on the liturgy committee, teaching altar servers and filling the role of cantor at weekly services.

Francis is survived by his sister, Patrina, and many close cousins.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Iroquois Nursing Home for the care they gave Francis over the last several years.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025, from 9:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. in Our Lady of Pompei – St. Peter Church, 301 Ash Street, Syracuse, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 A.M. Francis will be laid to rest in Assumption Cemetery.



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Donations in his memory may be sent to Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church, 920 North McBride Street, Syracuse, New York, 13208.

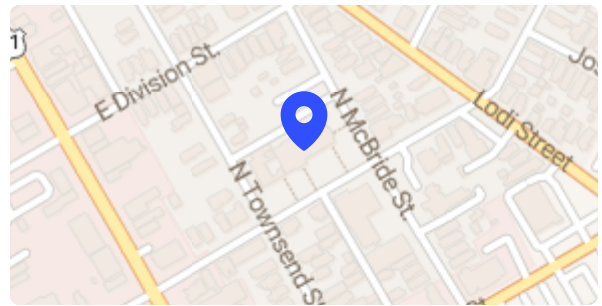


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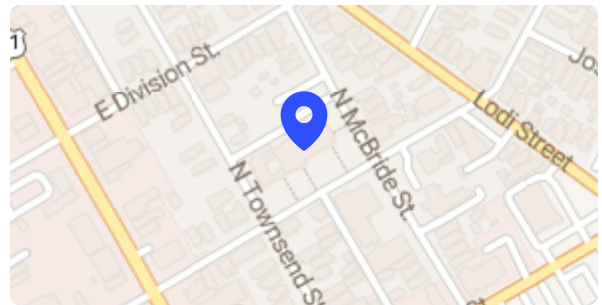
Visitation

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- 🕒 9:15 AM - 11:15 AM ET
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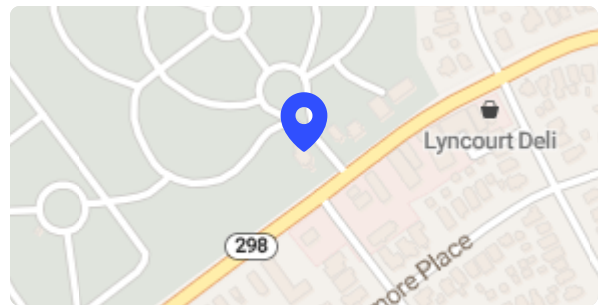
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Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Assumption Cemetery**
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208
- ☎ **454-3841**





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DO

Dan D'orazio posted:

To the family of Frank Sacco, my sincere condolences for your loss. Mr. Sacco was my absolute favorite teacher during all my years at CBA. He would've been my history teacher between '96-'98. If you asked me back then, I would've probably said he's one of the 'hard' teachers, because his standards were so high for his students. But his genuine desire for you to excel, and to develop into a productive citizen and Christian, was undeniable, and it came out in his classroom. I truly didn't appreciate it at the time, but I now look back with fond memories of his mannerisms, intelligence, and sincerity. I speak often of him to my own children, who from time to time complain about the 'hard teachers' they have, and remind them those are the ones who often leave an indelible mark on your lives. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen!

January 31 at 9:22 AM

JM

John Mccarthy posted:

He taught me Latin 1 and 2. He was a great teacher. I still recall him saying you should always remember the endings to the first declension. Like as in forever. Well, he was right, I still remember them. He helped make CBA what it was, which is to say that today, it is not what it should be, because guys like him aren't there. Real people are hard to find these days.

January 25 at 8:18 AM

AB

Anthony F. Bucci posted:

Patti, I am so saddened at the news of Cheech's death. He and I first became friends when we were both altar boys at Pompei. He was two years older than I, so he became like a big brother to me. We were together at CBA, LeMoyne, Pompeian Players, YCW, and even taught together at CBA for three years. We sadly lost contact after we moved to North Carolina, but I did go to visit him at the nursing home when we were in Syracuse in late November. Even though he remained asleep during that visit, I was blessed to still have some time talking to him and sitting with him. May he rest in peace, and peace to you and your family. Tony Bucci

January 21 at 12:31 PM



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MM

Marilyn Klock Metz posted:

Dear Patty and Family,I am just now learning of Francis' passing. I have been praying for him daily for many months and hope his passing was peaceful. What a wonderful faith filled life he lived! Though we don't see you all regularly, you are all in our hearts, especially at this sad time. My memories of Francis and your family are of smiles, laughter, and love. I will continue to pray for you all. With love, Marilyn

January 21 at 10:34 AM

MB

Marietta Blasi posted:

Dear PattiMy heartfelt sympathy to you at this difficult time. Saddened to learn of Fran's passing but grateful that he is now at the peace that he so much deserved. He was a gem.Thoughts and prayers, Marietta Blasi

January 18 at 8:17 AM

BP

Bob Piraino posted:

Sorry to hear of Mr. Sacco's passing. Had him as a teacher at CBA (class of 77) along with the good fortune of reconnecting with him at Pompeii church as an adult. Kind and thoughtful man.

January 17 at 2:56 AM

GL

Ginny Lostumbo posted:

Patty. So sorry for your loss. Frank was a wonderful friend. I am currently very ill so I cannot attend the services. But we will remember him at the 2025 Italian Festa mass in September.Ginnie Lostumbo

January 16 at 4:32 PM

JA

James posted:

Mr. Sacco was one of my favorite teachers during my time at CBA. He was instrumental in inspiring my passion for history. I remember my classes with him fondly.

January 16 at 4:13 PM



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Jean M Curinga posted:

The Bible expresses the wonderful person and friend that Frank was in the phrase " A mighty man of God." I will always cherish the wonderful memories that I shared with Frank as we worked together in several area of ministry at Our Lady of Pompei. He delighted my husband and me by leading the Folk Group at our wedding ceremony. I will miss his smile, his sense of humor and his kind and gentle spirit. The Lord will surely say to Frank " Well done, my good and faithful servant". Our deepest condolences to the Sacco family.Sincerely, Jeanne and Peter Curinga, Jr.

January 16 at 2:45 PM



The Cba Social Studies Department sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Sacco family.



January 16 at 1:01 PM



Joe, Jackie, Jeffery&Susanne Gelormini sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sacco family.



January 16 at 6:29 AM



Joe, Jackie, Jeffery&Susanne Gelormini planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



January 16 at 6:29 AM



Joe Sorbello posted:

My sincere condolences go out to Frank's family. Frank was my 1969 freshman homeroom faculty and Latin teacher. I loved and highly respected him as the outstanding teacher, mentor and person that he was and always will be to me and so many in the CBA community. He ignited a love for Latin that has lasted my entire life. I really enjoyed our mutual Italian heritage and CBA Brotherhood. He has had a profound and lasting impact on my life and he will always be remembered with much love and respect.

January 15 at 5:22 PM



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PN

Patricia Nappi sent a virtual gift in honor of Francis.

To Francis family may he rest in eternal peace ,He was so great at Church I remember seeing him for years I know he is in Heaven for all his goodness he give to Our Lady of Pompei /St Peters god bless his family from Patricia A Nappi /Dery Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏god bless you all



January 15 at 2:40 PM

RG

Ryan Gensler posted:

One of the best teachers and kindest people at CBA. Thank you for your impact, Mr. Sacco! God bless you / your family!

January 15 at 9:35 AM

TQ

Theresa Quilty posted:

Loved working with Frank at CBA! Sharing your loss.

January 15 at 8:38 AM

LF

Laurie Feldmeth posted:

I'll always remember Frank running our Social Studies Dept. meetings at CBA. He was a great mentor and will always be in my heart. Rest in Peace now Frank. 💜💛

January 15 at 8:13 AM

AP

Antoinette Pallotta posted:

Francis,He was the nicest Guy,Sorry Patty for your Loss, He is watching over you.God Bless him ❤️ 🙏

January 15 at 7:33 AM

LA

Le Moyne College, Office Of Alumni posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

January 15 at 7:01 AM



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Paul Leo posted:

Condolences to the Sacco family on the passing of Frank. As a CBA alum (Class of '78), I was a member my senior year of what we dubbed, 'The Sacco Singers': a group organized and conducted by Mr. Sacco to sing at the school masses. He was a kind and gentle man as well as an intelligent and wonderful teacher. He could bring his class to attention via a quick wit. May he rest in peace.

January 15 at 6:30 AM



Joseph Guinto lit a candle in honor of Francis.

So very sorry for your loss Fran was a great guy

January 15 at 4:50 AM



Patty B posted:

Our sincerest condolences to you, Pat. We're so sorry for your loss. Joan passed away last Friday. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Patty and JoAnn, Joan's daughters.

January 14 at 1:13 PM



Bob Kane January 16 at 7:46 AM

Patty and family, So sorry for your loss. Sue & Bob Kane



Marlene Mercurio January 15 at 10:49 AM

Dear Pattie and the Sacco family, We were so sorry to hear of Fran's passing, and he will be remembered by so many at Our Lady of Pompeii by his service to others. Marlene and Dom Mercurio New Smyrna Beach, FL



Kevin Conroy January 15 at 6:20 AM

Pat, my wife and I send our most sincere condolences and prayers. Frank was a great mentor, colleague, and friend to me in our years together at CBA. He was a wonderful person and a fabulous teacher. He really learned the lessons of the Brothers when he was a student and then imparted them to his students and fellow teachers. The LaSallian spirit was strong in him. Kevin Conroy



Eleanor J Bondur January 14 at 2:33 PM

Our deepest sympathy goes to you Pattie. He was like a brother to me. Went to elementary school, walking together every day. When he went to CBA I wasn't far from him as I was right next door at SJCA I have wonderful memories of him. May he rest in peace. Loved him. Ellie and Jim Bondur



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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