

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844 - 2019

January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi
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The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province and their partners in ministry.

Inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, and rooted in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi, we actively WELCOME all people.



We WORSHIP God through prayerful and inspiring liturgies, the celebration of the sacraments, and the devotional life of the Church. We WITNESS to our faith by ministering to everyone, especially those who are poor, alienated or oppressed.

Our Weekly Schedule

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Vigil Masses

4:00, 5:15 PM (Organ & Cantor)

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM (Organ & Cantor), 9:15 AM (Korean),
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor; Lower Church),
11:00 AM (Organ & Choir); 12:30 PM (Organ & Cantor),
5:00 & 6:15 PM (Contemporary Ensemble)

Weekday Masses

7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 4:30, 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Masses

8:00, 11:00 AM

First Friday Filipino Community Mass

6:15 PM (Lower Church)

Holidays

Consult the weekly bulletin and the posted notices for federal and other holidays.

On the Cover

The Marriage Feast at Cana as depicted in a modern mosaic. The steward pours water into one of the stone jars as directed by Jesus, who acts at the behest of his mother, Mary. The newly married couple watch from the background. This was the first of Jesus' miracles or "signs" recorded in the Gospel of John.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Confesiones en español Martes 11:00 - 12:00

Saturday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 - 9:30 AM; 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Devotions

Monday

Devotions in Honor of St. Monica after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Tuesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony after all Masses starting at 7:45 AM

Wednesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Jude after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Thursday

Devotions in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes for the Sick after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Friday

Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Heart after 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Lenten Season: Stations of the Cross

Easter Season: Stations of the Resurrection

Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

The Pastor's Corner



We have all been to weddings and wedding receptions and it is always the hope that everything will run smoothly. Can you imagine going to a wedding and the wine runs out? What an embarrassment! This is the situation in the Gospel today, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mary and Jesus are at the wedding and Mary's reaction is to go to her son and tell him the situation. At first, we may feel that Jesus wants nothing to do with what has happened, but then six stone jars are brought in, each filled with 30 gallons of water. When the headwaiter draws from one of the jars, he is amazed at the quality of wine. This is the first "sign" that Jesus did. There are more to come.

Tomorrow, we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. His dream was for a more inclusive world, one that is not divided by race or class or power or economic situation. This dream has application to our world today. Even though there has been progress, deep divisions and injustices still exist. They do not exist in just one place, but are everywhere – some prejudice is even in each one of us. There is much work to be done. Even though we are aware of these divisions, as Christians we have the responsibility to be "different" and not add to the evil influence of prejudice. Today, people are categorized so quickly. There are good and bad individuals among all groups. The second reading today speaks about "differences" that exist. St. Paul sees these as ways that God's people might be served better, each person using his or her own God given abilities. This is a vision that is helpful for us to understand and live out in our day to day lives.

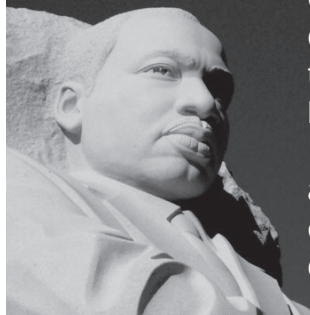
Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Embracing the Call to Spiritual Depth

Tilden Edwards, the author of *Embracing the Call to Spiritual Depth*, has been instrumental "in the reawakening of contemplative awareness in the church and society." He founded an institute in Washington, DC for spiritual formation several decades ago and has written extensively on the topic. This book is divided into three parts: Deepening Contemplative Awareness and Practice, Contemplative Gifts for our Spiritual Communities and Global Family and Contemplatively Grounded Leadership. Looking over these three parts, you are able to see the far reaching application to the reality of contemplation. The book can expand your understanding of contemplation from a private spiritual practice to one that has the ability to allow a person to have a deeper level of living. There is much in this book that will open up and broaden one's life. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Schedule



On Monday, January 21, 2019 our nation will commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM. There will be no confessions, and the church offices will be closed for the day.

Week of Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots and Anointing of the Sick in February



Our semi-annual Week of Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots, will be held **Monday to Friday, February 4-8, 2019, after the 11:30 and 4:30 Masses.**

On **Saturday, February 9, 2019**, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the **11:00 AM Mass.**

Bereavement Ministry Support Group

While grief is a very private experience, those who have lost loved ones can benefit from the witness and support of others who have lost someone special in their lives. The St. Francis Bereavement Ministry offers an opportunity for the bereaved to connect with others who grieve, and to seek a path of healing as they come to terms with their loss.



A Bereavement Support Group will meet on **eight Tuesdays from February 12 to April 2, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.** Please call Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500, Ext. 204 to inquire. Interested persons should be at least three months into the grieving process. Pre-registration is required.

Thanks from the Saint Francis Knitters

The Saint Francis Knitters would like to thank everyone who donated yarn or made hats, scarves and mittens which were distributed to our Breadline guests or were sold at the St. Francis Christmas Market. They would also like to thank those who purchased items.



If you would like to be a part of our knitting ministry, please contact Edward Trochimczuk, Director of Volunteers, at etrochimczuk@stfrancisnyc.org.

Collections for December 2017 & 2018

December 2017

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$49,392
Online Sunday Collections:	13,929
Total Sunday Collections:	63,321
Total Weekday Collections:	21,857
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	85,178
Christmas Collections (9 Masses in Church)	16,377
Christmas Online	2,784
Total Christmas Collection	19,161
Budgeted for December 2017:	83,333
Grand Total	104,339

December 2018

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$44,808
Online Sunday Collections:	18,515
Total Sunday Collections:	63,323
Total Weekday Collections:	17,047
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	80,370
Christmas Collections (9 Masses in Church)	14,029
Christmas Online	4,985
Total Christmas Collection	19,014
Budgeted for December 2018:	90,000
Grand Total	99,384

The Franciscan Challenge Q & A's

Who are the members of Holy Name Province?

There are 325 Franciscan Friars in Holy Name Province serving the people of God in a wide variety of settings – colleges, parishes, urban ministry centers, and diverse social ministries along the East Coast. Today we continue the mission of Saint Francis to make the Gospel message come alive in our contemporary world. We live in cities, suburbs and rural areas. Our backgrounds are diverse and our ministries are varied; most of us serve in pastoral roles, while others work in education, social ministry, administration, and manual trades.



What is our mission?

The core of Franciscanism is in living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the Church according to the Rule of Life proposed and observed by Saint Francis of Assisi to preach this message to every creature. This is our purpose and mission.

Our message is very

simple: *God loves each of us totally and unconditionally.*

What makes the Franciscan Friars different?

The Franciscan Friars have always been thought of as “of the people and with the people.” Living in community is a core value and often helps the Friars put things a more “down to earth” perspective. The Friars never see themselves as better than anyone, and therefore they



are not usually judgmental and are very accepting of everyone, those who are in the faith community and those who are not.

All Are Welcome is at the core of Franciscan hospitality.

The Shrines of France

11 Days: November 6-16, 2019

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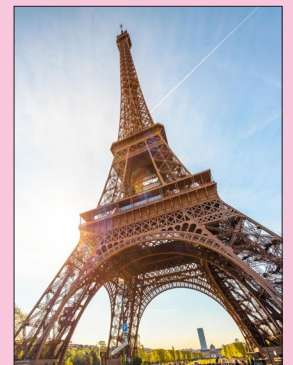
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STAND UP, IMMIGRANTS! BUILD THE NETWORK

A Network of Information, Support & Protection of Immigrants



Are you without immigration status?

Here's a possible solution!

STAND UP! is a campaign to protect the rights and welfare of immigrants, especially the undocumented. It is confidential, dependable and secure. For more information, contact us at standupimmigrants@gmail.com or 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

INMIGRANTES, LEVÁNTENSE CONSTRUYAMOS LA RED

La Red de Información, Apoyo y Protección de Inmigrantes



¿Está sin estatus de inmigración?

¡Aquí hay una solución posible!

¡LEVÁNTENSE! es una campaña para proteger los derechos y el bienestar de los inmigrantes, especialmente los indocumentados. La campaña es confidencial, confiable y seguro. Para más información, contáctenos a standupimmigrants@gmail.com o 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

Gaudete et Exsultate: Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis Chapter 3: In the Light of the Master

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

These are strong words in a world that from the beginning has been a place of conflict, disputes, and enmity on all sides, where we constantly pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, their customs and even their way of speaking or dressing. Ultimately it is the reign of pride and vanity, where each person thinks he or she has the right to dominate others.

Nonetheless, impossible as it may seem, Jesus proposes a different way of doing things: the way of meekness.

Christ says, "Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls." If we are constantly upset and impatient with others, we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining. St. Therese of Lisieux tells us that "perfect charity consists in putting up with others' mistakes and not being scandalized by their faults."



Gaudete et Exsultate
Rejoice and be Glad

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of Catherine B. Puangco; Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory Thomas Powers, Sr., from Vicky Powers.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given in thanksgiving for intentions granted, and in memory of Al Bieser.

If you would like to made a donation for the bread and wine or sanctuary lights, please go to the reception desk.

Saturday, January 19, 2019

8:00 AM Dominic Huang (d.)
11:00 Gloria & Barbio Cebedo (d.)
4:00 PM Dominic Huange (d.)
5:15 Kathleen Gamble (d.)

Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:00 AM Franciscan Mass League
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Helen Pokorny (d.)
11:00 Marijan Kustera (d.)
12:30 PM Lorraine Margiotta (d.)
5:00 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
6:15 Linda Ruiz (d.)

Monday, January 21, 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

11:30 St. Anthony Novena

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

7:00 AM Alfred & Eva Bazzurro (d.)
7:45 Dominic Huang (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Mark Joel Miranda
12:30 PM Anna & Cornelius Cremin
4:30 Isabel Yi (d.)
5:30 Isabel Yi (d.)

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

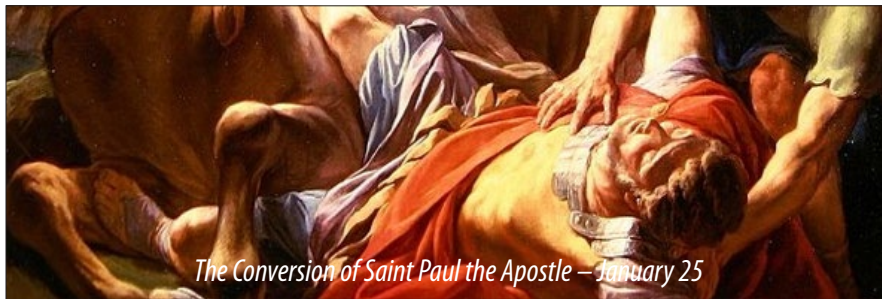
7:00 AM Isabel Yi (d.)
7:45 Isabel Yi (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Nancy & Salvatore Pisani (d.)
12:30 PM Tim Smallwood (d.)
4:30 Marie Madeleine Henry (d.)
5:30 Peter Jiang (d.)

Thursday, January 24, 2019

7:00 AM Peter Jiang (d.)
7:45 Peter Jiang (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Brian Cremin
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Peter Jiang (d.)
5:30 Dr. Patrick O'Leary

Friday, January 25, 2019

7:00 AM Harry Ryan (d.)
7:45 John F. McConnell (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Cathy Keenan
12:30 PM Mary O'Connor
4:30 Mary O'Connor
5:30 Anthony Patrick Muir



The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle – January 25

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE: 135 W. 31st Street • SAN DAMIANO HALL: 127 W. 31st Street
ST. FRANCIS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER: 139 W. 31st Street

Adult Education

A variety of courses in Scripture, church history, spirituality, personal growth, and other topics are offered at noon and in the evenings in the Fall and Spring months. Special brochures with course offerings are published prior to the start of each term and are available at the church entrances. Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M., Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 311.

Franciscan Bread for the Poor

The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org.

Counseling Center

Counseling services are available on a short- or long-term basis by appointment only. Sliding scale fee structure. Call 212-736-8500, Ext. 290 for information or to make an appointment.

Saint Francis Bereavement Ministry

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Immigration Assistance

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Korean Ministry

The Korean Community worships in Korean every Sunday at 9:15 AM. A Mass for young adults is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM in the lower church. Fr. Michael Kim, O.F.M.; 212-736-8500, Ext. 384.

LGBT Outreach

Our LGBT ministry is very active in our community. The ministry provides various spiritual, social, and educational events from September through June. For more information, please visit the website to sign up for our mailing list. For more information, contact Meredith Augustin, liaison for the LGBT ministry, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

Mass Cards & Perpetual Enrollments

Available at the Reception Desk in the lobby of St. Francis House. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM; Saturday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Music Ministry

To become involved in our liturgical music ministry, please call Meredith Augustin, Director of Music Ministries, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is the process by which people can question, search, and inquire into the Catholic faith. The RCIA is for any unbaptized adult who is new to the Catholic faith or any unbaptized child usually over the age of 7. The RCIA is also for any adult or child over the age of 7 who was baptized in another Christian tradition and for baptized Catholic adults seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Joseph Nuzzi at 212-736-8500, Ext. 365.

RENEW! Younger Retiree Program

Catholic retirees, age 55 and over, participate in spiritual, cultural, social, and service activities in the New York Metropolitan Area. For information, please contact RENEW at 212-736-8500, Ext. 389.

Secular Franciscans

Lay men and women who strive to follow the Gospel way of life according to the ideals of St. Francis. For information please see our website <http://www.stfrancisnyc.org/secularfranciscans.htm>.

St. Francis on Facebook

St. Francis Church is on Facebook! Join the group "St. Francis of Assisi NYC" on Facebook to see who else is a member, be informed of news and events and keep in touch with what's going on in your parish community. Stay connected the way you like to stay connected. Join the group today and invite your friends.

Self-Help Groups

St. Francis Church hosts numerous self-help groups, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Sex Addicts Anonymous, Survivors of Incest Anonymous, and others. Please consult the Self-Help and Support Groups brochure for times and locations of the meetings.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction as a means of spiritual growth and faith development is provided by the Center Staff. Contact Fr. Joseph Cavoto, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500 for more information.

Ugnayan Filipino Ministry

A home away from home for newly arrived Filipino immigrants. Our ministry sponsors the Sacred Heart devotion during the 6:15 PM First Friday Mass with fellowship afterwards. We conduct Lectio Divina every Third Friday of the month. The ministry also welcomes interested individuals to join their music ministry. Rehearsals are on two consecutive Thursdays before the First Friday. Email: flipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org.

Volunteers

St. Francis Church invites individuals to give freely of their time and expertise in order to make a difference. Our volunteers participate in liturgical ministries as well as other forms of service to the church and the community. Edward Trochimczuk, Director of Volunteers. Email: etrochimczuk@stfrancisnyc.org.

Young Adult Ministry

This is a ministry of, by, and for Catholic men and women in their 20's and 30's. At St. Francis we believe that ministering to young adults begins by creating an environment where people feel welcome, especially by worshipping God together in a way that feeds the spirit. For more information please email: youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org.



Is God calling you to be a Franciscan Friar?

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