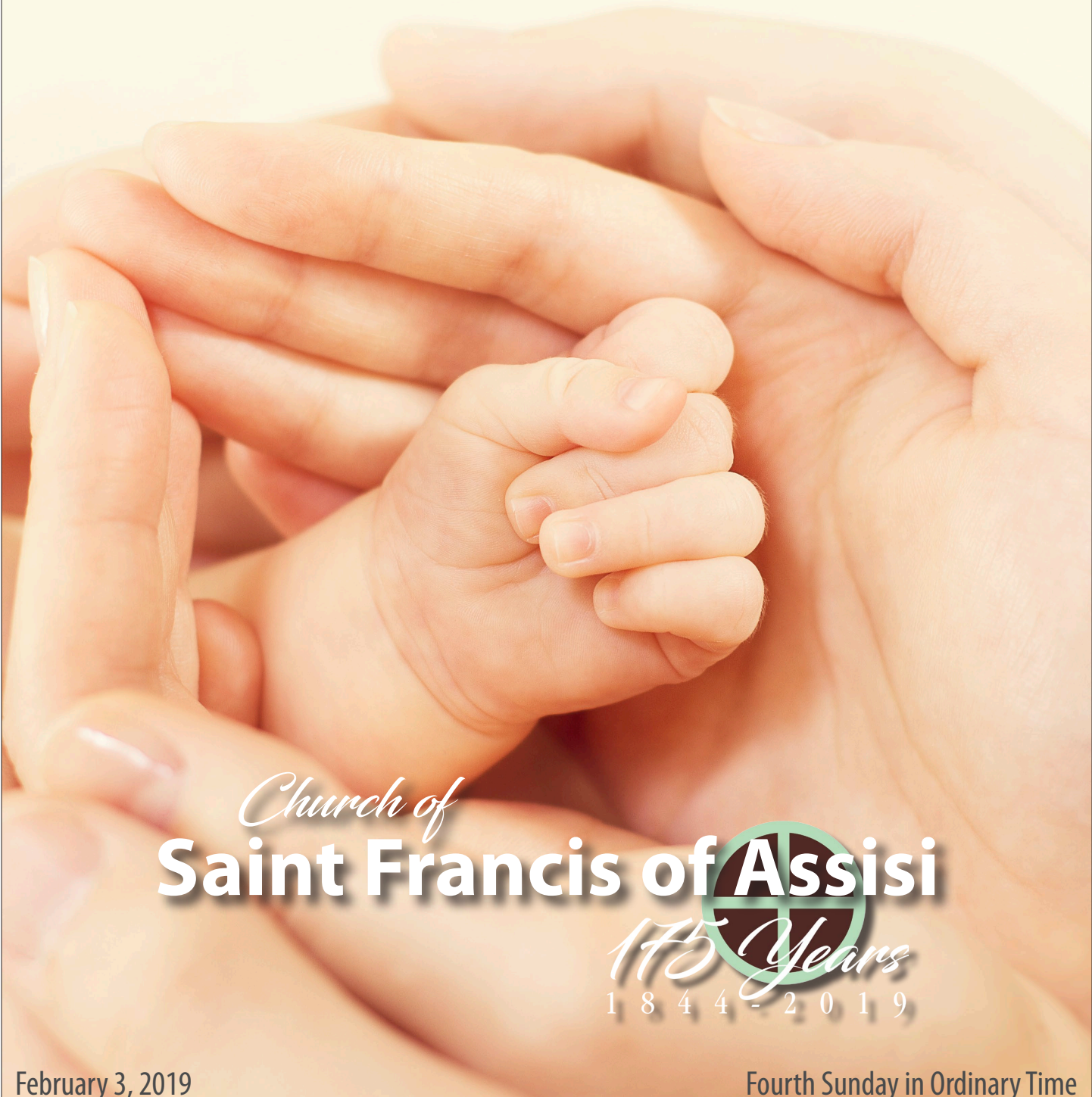


Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.
Jeremiah 1:5



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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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



When you hear today's second reading, you may think that you have heard this reading before... and you have – probably at a wedding. St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is famous for its use at weddings, but it is also very appropriate for our daily lives: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude..." (Read the rest yourself.) Where did St. Paul get this if not from Jesus? In the Gospel for today, Jesus is in the synagogue and many were amazed at his words and teaching while others could not understand where this came from and even said in an insulting way: "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" It is amazing how Jesus does not react to this, but as the Gospel goes on to say: "... Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away." Love is patient, love is kind, it is not rude.

Last weekend our Franciscan brothers spoke to you about the Franciscan Challenge and asked for your assistance in providing funds for the education and training of our friars in formation, care for our retired and sick and infirm friars and assistance to the charitable works of our ministries. We don't receive any funds from any Diocese or Archdiocese, and over the years your support has made all these things possible. Thank you and all of our benefactors for your support over the years. I received my seminary education through these funds and in my old age will depend on them for the health care that I may need. Every day at Morning and Evening Prayer in the Friary we pray for our benefactors, living and deceased. May the Lord bless and keep you!

Fr. Andrew
Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Adult Education Spring Semester

Brochures are available with descriptions of the courses being given in the St. Francis Adult Education Spring semester.

On Wednesdays from February 13 to April 10, Joseph Nuzzi will present part two of "In the Beginning: Genesis 12-50. Noon-time and early evening sessions of this course will be available.

Fr. Brian Jordan, O.F.M. will offer the course "Catholic Social Teaching: The Church's Best-Kept Secret" on Tuesdays from March 12 to April 2.

"Sin, Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation" will be taught by Fr. Bill Beaudin, O.F.M. on Wednesdays, from March 13 to April 3.

These courses, along with several others, plus several one-day workshops will be presented during the coming months. You can also register on our website, stfrancisnyc.org.

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



Our semi-annual Week of Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots, will be held this week, **Monday to Friday, February 4-8, 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.



To the Church of St. Francis Community,

Your warm welcome for Fr. Bob, Fr. Brian and me, when we came to preach about the Franciscan Challenge, was truly an example of the wonderful Franciscan hospitality for which your community is known.

Your care and support of the Franciscan Friars who serve you now, and those to come in the future, is evidence of the love you have for those who have served you in the past.

Thank you for your participation in our annual Provincial fundraising event. Your gift ensures that the Franciscan spirit will endure in our world and in our church.



Thank you for supporting the Friars and the people that we serve. You make our *Love at Work* possible for so many in need!



A special thank you to Fr. Andrew and all the friars, who faithfully serve this community, for welcoming us in such a wonderful, fraternal way.

Many blessings,

Fr. David Convertino, OFM
Executive Director
Office of Development
The Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province



Please visit our website for more information or to donate to the Franciscan Challenge at: www.TheFranciscanChallenge.org

Bereavement Ministry Support Group

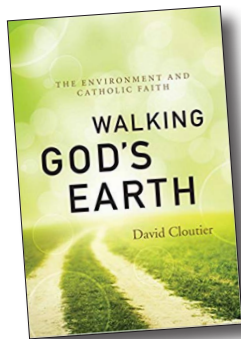
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A Bereavement Support Group will meet on **eight Tuesdays from February 12 to April 2, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**. Please call Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500, Ext. 204 to inquire. Interested persons should be at least three months into the grieving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

Book Review: *Walking God's Earth*

On the back cover of this book, there is a brief description of one of the important topics that Pope Francis recently wrote about in his



encyclical: *Laudato Si*. The quote is: "How does the Catholic tradition understand the significance of the environment, and what are the implications for our daily living? In *Walking God's Earth*, David Cloutier provides a concise, accessible, and spiritually engaging introduction to these questions.

Whenever we talk about the environment, we must remember that it is God's earth that we are talking about and not our earth. God allows us to live on this earth for a short period of time and we are to be "stewards" of the earth while we are here. Cloutier speaks about "Losing Our Place" and "Finding Our Place" in relationship to the created world. Other chapters are about Food and Fuel, the Country and the City, Work and Play, the Global Economy and Making Places Holy. There is much to be learned from each chapter and each chapter has plentiful notes. An amazing bibliography is an added feature. Good for a person's ongoing education and for group discussions, this is a tremendous resource when engaging in a discussion on this controversial subject.

Renew and Rebuild and the Cardinal's Appeal

I am embarrassed that those who contributed to Renew and Rebuild have also received a letter asking for your participation in the Cardinal's Appeal. I have notified the Cardinal's Appeal Office that you received this mailing and they told me that you shouldn't receive any mail from their Office. Your generous donation to Renew and Rebuild is greatly appreciated and fulfilling that commitment is enough. — Fr. Andrew

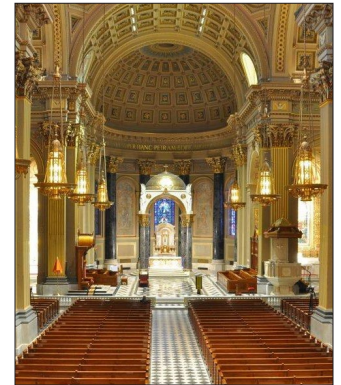
11th New York Encounter

The 2019 New York Encounter, *Something to Start From*, will take place February 15-17 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day, FREE cultural

NEW YORK ENCOUNTER X event organized by members of Communion and Liberation featuring panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. This year's Encounter will feature a presentation on Pope Francis' vision for a new evangelization with Fr. Julián Carrón, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, Austen Ivereigh, Writer and Journalist, and Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. For more information, go to newyorkencounter.org. All are invited!

One-Day Pilgrimage to Philadelphia

The Ugnayan Filipino Ministry is sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to Philadelphia on Saturday, March 30, 2019 to visit the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal and the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$60, due by Friday, March 15. You can register at the reception desk in the lobby of the Parish House. For more information, please contact Zeny at 718-672-0596, Princess at 347-850-3558, or Carla at 718-503-4637.



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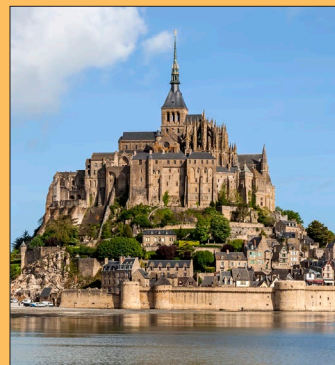
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Gaudete et Exsultate:

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 3: In the Light of the Master

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Hunger and thirst are intense experiences since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. . . Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways. Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of quid pro quo, where everything becomes business. . . True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. . . (True justice) is shown especially. . . toward those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow."



Gaudete et Exsultate
Rejoice and be Glad

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: That is holiness.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of Edgar Sullivan; Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory Thomas Powers, Sr., from Vicky Powers; and in memory of Gaudencio Rayo, Jr. from Adelaide Carlos.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given in memory of Bonifacio Carlos, Sr. from Adelaide Carlos.

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:00 AM Gian Laput (d.)
 11:00 Eileen E. Loach (d.)
 4:00 PM Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
 5:15 Isabel Vásquez (d.)

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00 AM Anna & Michael Tornabene
 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
 9:30 Carmen Maria Morales (d.)
 11:00 Franciscan Mass League
 12:30 PM Giovanina Irizarry
 5:00 James Irizarry
 6:15 Edward Irizarry

Monday, February 4, 2019

7:00 AM Thanks. to St. Anthony, J. Angelone
 7:45 Kathleen Gamble (d.)
 8:30 Ada Laurente (d.)
 11:30 Robert Garofalo
 12:30 PM Mary Keating
 4:30 Peter & Angela Masciullo (d.)
 5:30 Eric Castellano (d.)

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:00 AM Maria Jiang (d.)
 7:45 Honor of St. Anthony, R. Pierre-Louis
 8:30 Honor of Sacred Heart, R. Pierre-Louis
 11:30 James H. Neelan (d.)
 12:30 PM Gregorio & Rudesindo Gutierrez, Jr. (d.)
 4:30 Rev. Msgr. Steven A. Ferrari
 5:30 Thomas Castellano (d.)

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

7:00 AM Maria Jiang (d.)
 7:45 Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30 Monsignor Thomas Leonard (d.)
 11:30 Cesar Luna (d.)
 12:30 PM Sylbia Torren (d.)
 4:30 Diane Bardy Zafiros
 5:30 Machnik Family, for spiritual healing

Thursday, February 7, 2019

7:00 AM Maria Jiang (d.)
 7:45 Bradley & Meenan Family
 8:30 Gesner, Valentine, Marcelle & Henri St. Vil Limage
 11:30 Owen McCorry (d.)
 12:30 PM The Sick
 4:30 Rev. James Rodriguez
 5:30 Rita & Jack Castellano (d.)

Friday, February 8, 2019

7:00 AM Maria Jiang (d.)
 7:45 Sheila Karipel
 8:30 Marcelo D. Cruz, Sr. (d.)
 11:30 Mary Yost (d.)
 12:30 PM Miss T. & Ania Cihanek
 4:30 Marie & Felix Doino (d.)
 5:30 Romulo Lim Ayunting (d.)



Saints Peter Baptist, Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan, February 6

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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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