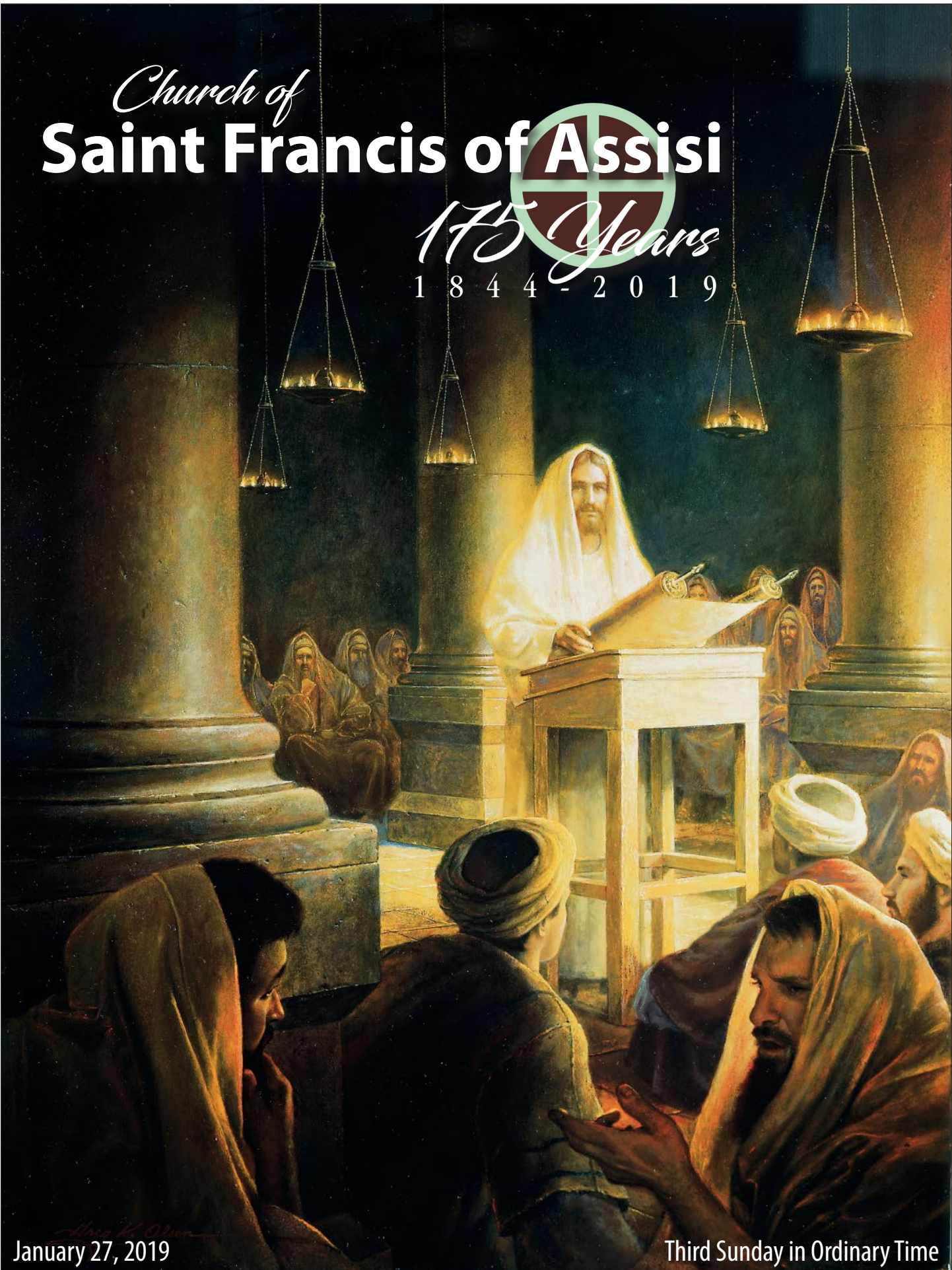


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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

On the cover:

"Jesus in the Synagogue at Nazareth."

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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



Please welcome our Franciscan Friars who will be speaking about the Franciscan Challenge at all the Masses this weekend. The Challenge is important since it helps support so many aspects of our Franciscan life and ministry: care of our sick, aged and retired Friars, education and formation of our younger Friars and how we Friars care for the poor and marginalized in society.

I wanted to share with you what the Vicar General from our Archdiocese wrote about having to miss Mass because of inclement weather:

Very Rev. Joseph P. LaMorte
Vicar General & Chancellor
Archdiocese of New York

"... Remember that if weather conditions on any Sunday are so severe that your parishioners cannot make it safely to Mass, then they have a legitimate excuse for missing Mass without offending God and incurring any serious sin. That is when they truly become 'shut-ins'.

Encourage the faithful to use their time to keep the Sabbath holy by spending some time in prayer with the Lord, meditating on the Biblical readings of the Sunday liturgy, or making an act of spiritual communion. These are easily found on the Internet. They may also watch the televised Mass, pray the Holy Rosary or make use of other devotional prayers.

Advise everyone to check on neighbors, friends, and relatives – especially the elderly and those with disabilities."

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

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.**

The Franciscan Challenge Q & A's

Why do the Franciscan Friars need financial support?

The Franciscan Friars ask not for themselves, but for the sake of others, and often do so with some embarrassment and hesitation. However, there are times that need a stronger call, and that is now. The Friars, in our "tradition of begging," are asking for money for three very important causes:

1. For young men who desire to become Franciscan Friars

We need your help for education and all its related costs, plus their room and board and intern expenses.

2. For our work with the poor and desperate

Saint Francis traced the beginning of his conversion to the moment when God led him to live among lepers and serve them. Ever since that time, direct service to the materially poor and marginalized people of society has been a hallmark of Franciscan ministry. We have continued that tradition for more than 800 years. An example is the daily Breadline here at St. Francis Church.

3. For our sick and elderly Franciscan Friars

These Friars have served so many for so long – and are now in need of care themselves. The cost of their care has risen drastically, while the quality of their care depends on those whom they have served so well.



Bereavement Ministry Support Group

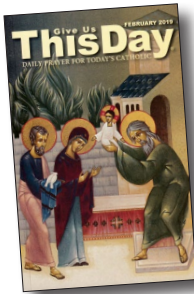
While grief is a very private experience, those who have lost loved ones can benefit from the witness and support of others who have lost someone special in their lives. The St. Francis Bereavement Ministry offers an opportunity for the bereaved to connect with others who grieve, and to seek a path of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

Book Review: *Give Us This Day*

The monthly publication, *Give Us This Day*, offers much to a person who uses it. It not only has the readings for each day of the month, but it also has shortened Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. Every day there is a homily from a known author or spiritual writer as well as a supplemental life of a saint or famous person. I like the shortened Morning and Evening Prayer because they are not complicated to follow, but a way to easily frame the day. At the beginning of the book there are additional prayers and the Eucharistic Prayers are also included. It is light-weight and easy to carry around. Copies are available in the lobby of the Parish House.



Adult Education Spring Semester

Brochures will soon be 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.

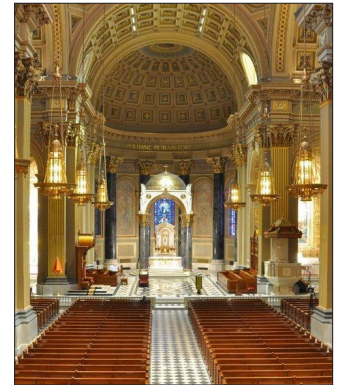
These courses, along with several others, plus several one-day workshops will be presented during the coming months. Be sure to pick up a brochure as soon as it arrives. You can also register on our website, stfrancisnyc.org.

Garabandal Opens Friday, February 1

June 18, 1961. In a small village in Northern Spain, San Sebastián de Garabandal, four girls, Conchita, Jacinta, Mari Loli, and Mari Cruz, claim that St. Michael the Archangel has just appeared to them. A few days later, on July 2, 1961 they receive a visit from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After this first encounter, there are more than two thousand visits from this heavenly Lady. The village's parish priest, Fr. Valentín, and the Civil Guard brigadier, Mr. Juan Álvarez Seco, suddenly become protagonists in an overwhelming event. They must struggle to find where the truth lies, while confronting a perplexed hierarchy and facing an ever growing multitude of people who arrive at the village in the search of answers. *Garabandal* opens on Friday, February 1 at the Regal Cinemas E-Walk 13 on W. 42nd Street.

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.



The Shrines of France

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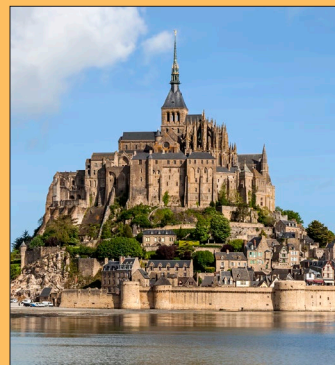
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Gaudete et Exsultate:

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 3: In the Light of the Master

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

The world tells us exactly the opposite. Entertainment, pleasure, diversion and escape make for the good life. The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him: he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them. Much energy is expended on fleeing from situations of suffering in the belief that reality can be concealed. But the cross can never be absent.

A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain or sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. . . They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. . . Knowing how to mourn with others: That is holiness.



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 Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory Thomas Powers, Sr., from Vicky Powers.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given in honor of Adelaida Carlos from Cheryl Carlos.

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

Saturday, January 26, 2019

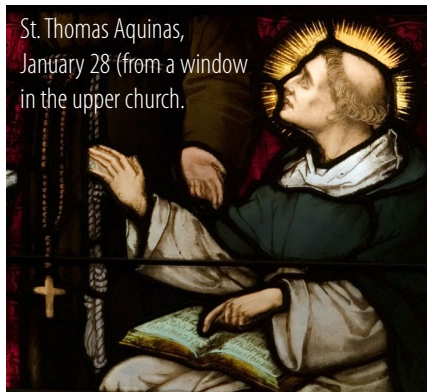
8:00 AM John F. McConnell (d.)
 11:00 Fr. Paul Lostritto & Family
 4:00 PM Eric A. Rivera (d.)
 5:15 Juanita Garcia Martinez (d.)

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
 9:30 Franciscan Mass League
 11:00 Dominga Luna (d.)
 12:30 PM Frances & Stephen Rosty (d.)
 5:00 Marie & Tony Stolarz (d.)
 6:15 John F. McConnell (d.)

Monday, January 28, 2019

7:00 AM John F. McConnell (d.)
 7:45 John McCarthy
 8:30 St. Jude Novena
 11:30 Hufnagel & Vallely Family
 12:30 PM Donald Bergin (d.)
 4:30 Joan Therese F. Boma, thanksgiving
 5:30 Thanks. to St. Anthony, J. Angelone



St. Thomas Aquinas,
 January 28 (from a window
 in the upper church.)

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

7:00 AM John F. McConnell (d.)
 7:45 Chinese Shoemaker
 8:30 St. Jude Novena
 11:30 Mary Keating
 12:30 PM Kieran Darcy
 4:30 Renzo Ventrella (d.)
 5:30 Marlino Cagas

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

7:00 AM Thanks. to St. Anthony, J. Angelone
 7:45 John F. McConnell (d.)
 8:30 St. Jude Novena
 11:30 Special Intention
 12:30 PM Valeriano Lim (d.)
 4:30 Charles Kaniak (d.)
 5:30 Irmgard Stabenow (d.)

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:00 AM Frank Bettua (d.)
 7:45 Rita Castellano (d.)
 8:30 St. Jude Novena
 11:30 Patricia Abbruscato (d.)
 12:30 PM The Sick
 4:30 In honor of St. Jude
 5:30 Thomas & Edith Castellano (d.)

Friday, February 1, 2019

7:00 AM Thanks. to St. Anthony, J. Angelone
 7:45 Maria del Pilar Blanco (d.)
 8:30 St. Jude Novena
 11:30 Thanksgiving to St. Jude, S. Simon
 12:30 PM Elizabeth Brennan
 4:30 Fredericque Francisque (d.)
 5:30 Deceased members of Drury, Neenan, Cuellar & Ayala Family

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

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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.

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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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