

## Church of Saint Francis of Assisi 135 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001 tel 212.736.8500 • www.stfrancisnyc.org

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:

Vocation de Saint Pierre et de Saint André (The Calling of Saint Peter and Saint Andrew) by Michel Corneille the Younger (1642-1708), Museum of Fine Arts of Rennes, France.

#### **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



I wish to share with you some excerpts from a recent letter by Cardinal Dolan on the New York State abortion legislation:

"This chilling law, if you have not heard, insists on the right to an abortion up to the moment

of birth; drops all charges against an abortionist who allows an aborted baby, who somehow survived the scissors, scalpel, saline, and dismemberment, to die; mandates that, to make an abortion more convenient and easy, a physician need not perform it; and could be used to suppress the conscience rights of healthcare professionals not to assist in the grisly procedure. All this in a state which already had the most permissive abortion climate, and one of the highest rates of abortion, in the nation...

In the 'throw-away' culture that Pope Francis so often decries, we saw actual celebrations at the passage of a bill that makes it even easier to dispose of a life that someone might find inconvenient or troublesome, for any reason at all. Those who told us that abortion had to remain safe, legal, and rare, now have made it dangerous, imposed, and frequent...

I'm a pastor, not a politician, and as a pastor, I am obliged to challenge our political leaders, to urge them to re-examine their priorities, and to respect and protect the unborn baby in the womb as strongly and passionately as we should the undocumented immigrant, the single mom worrying how she will feed her family, our dying grandparents, or the poor struggling to make it."

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

## Book Review: Hold Nothing Back

Patrick Jordan, the author of this collection of writings by Dorothy Day, knew her from 1968 to 1980 when she died. He has written several books about her and is on the advisory board of the Doro-

thy Day Guild. This selection of writings begins in 1930 and extends to 1973.

Jordan writes in the Preface: "Perhaps one of Dorothy Day's most telling personal traits...was her approachability. There was in her an unmistakable appreciation of others — a sense of enjoy-

ment of them and her own immediate family. She conveyed a sense of gratitude toward others that has the effect of making one feel welcome."These very readable chapters give us the thoughts and the spirit that kept her involved with many people over the years. One receives a fuller picture of this woman whose legacy continues to inspire people to action today. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

### **Adult Education Spring Semester Starts This Week**



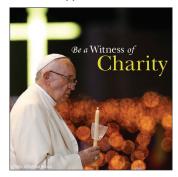
Although neither the weather nor the calendar indicate that Spring is in the air, Spring 2019 Adult Education courses begin this week at the St. Francis Adult Education Center. You will find brochures at the entrances of the church that describe the 18 different programs the Center will offer between February and April. Course and registration information is also available on our website: stfrancisnyc.org.

Please note that 'Saints, Mystics and Martyrs: 20th Century Carmelite Women,' a course offered by Mary Gennuso, Ph.D. and

listed in the brochure as a three-hour class beginning at 1:00 PM, is actually a six-hour class beginning at 9:00 AM on March 22.

#### **Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend**

This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from



this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www. usccb.org/peters-pence.

## **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.





#### **Winter Session 40 Hour Immigration Course**

- Based on the Immigrant Legal Resource Center curriculum using the 21st edition of A Guide for Immigration Advocates
- For those who work or volunteer for nonprofit organizations and for lawyers desiring to practice immigration law
- Non-lawyer participants who successfully complete the course will receive ILRC certificates
- 42 CLE credits (including 4 ethics credits) for New York attorneys approved by the New York Continuing Legal Education Board
- Scholarship and tuition discounts are available especially for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations
- Tuition assistance based on financial hardship is available for licensed attorneys
- 14 Tuesdays from February 26 to June 25, 2019, 6:00-9:00 PM
- Place: San Damiano Hall, 129 West 31st Street
- Tuition: \$750.00 (includes the 2-volume 21st edition of A Guide for Immigration Advocates which normally costs #350)

For more information and to register, contact The Migrant Center at St. Francis of Assisi (212-736-8500, Ext. 305) or email Rhodora Ratera at rraterta@stfrancisnyc.org.

#### 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



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.



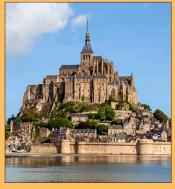


# The Shrines of France 11 Days: November 6-16, 2019

visiting

Geneva • Annecy • Lyon • Tours
Loire Valley • Chartres • Mont St. Michel
Bayeux • Normandy • Caen • Lisieux • Paris
hosted by

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M. \$3,199 from New York









## 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.



#### ¿Está sin estatus de inmigración?

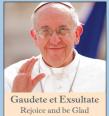
¡Aqui hay una solución posible!

¡LEVANTENSE! 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 merciful, for they will receive mercy."

Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding.



Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you."

Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly.

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear the words, "Be merciful even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not so you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you... The measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Seeing and acting with mercy: 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 Catherine Puangco; and Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory Thomas Powers, Sr., from Victorina Powers.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for the intentions of Elizabeth Evangelista; and Melissa & Marina Louis from Lorna Louis.

#### Saturday, February 9, 2019

8:00 AM Mariano N. Sardua, Sr. (d.) 11:00 Secular Institute of Missionaries of

Kingship of Christ (d.)

4:00 PM Kathleen Harris 5:15 Muriel Hynes Walsh (d.)

#### Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Kakish

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

9:30 Michael Ottomanelli (d.)11:00 Virginia & Encarnacion Adarna (d.)

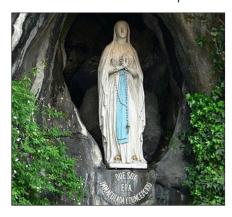
12:30 PM Franciscan Mass League

5:00 Edna Ramirez6:15 Carol LaPlante (d.)

#### Monday, February 11, 2019

7:00 AM Purificacion Cruz (d.)
7:45 Isagani Cruz (d.)
8:30 Vincent Winsch (d.)
11:30 Donald Whelan (d.)
12:30 PM Kieran Darcy (d.)
4:30 Jonnie Termini (d.)

5:30 Intentions of Lourdes Tabique



#### Tuesday, February 12, 2019

7:00 AM Tong Ah Enk (d.)
7:45 Assunta
8:30 Helen P. Sullivan (d.)
11:30 Anne & Joseph Hohnhorst
12:30 PM Jane Matuszewski (d.)
4:30 Grace & Asuncion Umali (d.)
5:30 Charles Marichu (d.)

#### Wednesday, February 13, 2019

7:00 AM Dr. Cirilo Sanchez (d.)
7:45 Anne Zuschlag
8:30 Germaine Levis
11:30 John McKenna, Sr. (d.)
12:30 PM Salvatore Saluco (d.)

4:30 Sharon E. Itliong, for good health 5:30 Marijana & Marica, for health

#### Thursday, February 14, 2019

7:00 AM Margaret Chan (d.)

7:45 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.) 8:30 Maria LaFranca (d.)

11:30 Clara M. Castora (d.) 12:30 PM The Sick

4:30 Ramoncito Pasion (d.) 5:30 Rami & Kakish and Family

#### Friday, February 15, 2019

7:00 AM Leonardo Reveldez (d.)

7:45 Nikkos (d.)

8:30 Rene Atillo, for healing 11:30 Rosa Earleane Johnson (d.)

12:30 PM Terence Hall (d.)

4:30 Fr. Dominic Monti, O.F.M., healing 5:30 Sime & Slavka Vrankovic (d.)

# 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 <a href="https://www.stfrancisbreadline.org">www.stfrancisbreadline.org</a>.

#### **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: <a href="youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org">youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org</a>.

