

### 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.

#### **Reporting Sexual Abuse**

Anyone who need to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, Ext. 2949, or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org.

#### 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



Jesus deals with blindness in the Gospels. He deals with physical blindness and he is able to cure it. In today's Gospel, he confronts spiritual or moral blindness, and this proves to be more difficult to deal with. This blindness comes from the heart. He uses examples from things

that the people of his time would see daily: fig trees, thornbushes, brambles, grapes. They know that good fruit comes from a healthy source. He is urging conversion to those in his audience, but unfortunately, many do not "see" the need to make a change. This is some of the rejection that Jesus experiences as he moves around. One sentence in the Gospel says much: "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good..." This is what Jesus urges people to grow into over time.

This weekend we announce the 2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Many of you have already received a letter from Cardinal Dolan with information about the Appeal and how the money that is raised will be used. The \$20 million goal for the Archdiocese will direct half of this to churches that are poor and cannot afford major repairs. Buildings are old and many churches in the Archdiocese are located in poor neighborhoods. Those Pastors have to turn to the Archdiocese when their roofs need replacing, boilers break, windows leak, plumbing breaks down. Their weekly collections don't cover these costly repairs. The funds also support administrative and pastoral programs, Catholic schools, and retirement facilities for diocesan priests.

While 230 individuals or families gave to *Renew and Rebuild*, with a parish of over 2,000 members, now is the time for those who did not give to *Renew and Rebuild* to help reach our \$113,500 goal set by the Archdiocese. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for your donation.

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

#### **Adult Education at Saint Francis of Assisi**

Although neither the weather nor the calendar indicate that Spring is in the air, Spring 2019 Adult Education courses have begun 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 be offering over the next several months. Course and registration information is also available on our website: <a href="stfrancisnyc.org">stfrancisnyc.org</a>.

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.

#### Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, as we begin the holy Season of Lent.

Masses will be celebrated in the upper church at 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 1:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 PM. Please note that we have added two additional Masses for your convenience. There will also be a Mass in Korean at 8:30 PM.

Confessions will be heard in the lower church from **7:30 to 8:30 AM** and from **11:00 AM to 6:00 PM** with several priests hearing throughout those eight hours.

Imposition of Ashes will also take place in the lower church from **7:00 AM to 6:00 PM**, and then in upper church following the 6:30 PM Mass

Please turn to the next page for a complete schedule of our Lenten programs, including a special concert presentation, "Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis," on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 PM.

#### Small Surrenders: A Lenten Journey

What an appropriate name for a book to guide us through the season of Lent and Holy Week! It is not easy to "let go" and yet we have



to remember that in "letting go" in the spiritual sense, we allow ourselves to be filled with God's presence. Emilie Griffin uses texts from various authors, some from the Scriptures and others, contemporary authors, to begin each day's reflection. In her Introduction she says, "We spend an intentional time with Jesus, entering his wilderness, walking with him,

and finally, sharing his passion. Lent is a time when we deepen our faith in a journey not of grand gestures but of small surrenders." The book is easy to take with you so that you may use it at any time throughout the day. *Small Surrenders* is available in the Lobby of the Parish House.

#### 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.





During the season of Lent we invite you to encounter Jesus once again as we journey towards the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. We offer a number of opportunities to deepen your relationship with the Lord through prayer and learning.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays after the 12:30 and 5:30 PM Masses

## Tea with Jesus: Lenten Scripture Sharing

Sundays: March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7 at 4:00 PM Clare Room

St. Francis of Assisi's LGBT+Ministry and Young Adult Ministry invites you to a scripture sharing about Lenten Gospels. Tea and light refreshments will be served. After our sharing, we will attend the 5:00 Mass together. All are welcome!

## Sin, Forgiveness, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays: March 13 – April 3, 2019 • 6:15 – 7:15 PM

Over the course of its long history, millions of people have come to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi seeking the healing, compassion and forgiveness of Christ—especially in the sacrament of reconciliation. This year, our parish celebrates its 175th anniversary. As part of that celebration, this course will reflect on an experience that is central to the parish's mission: the graced encounter between us sinners and the God of infinite mercy. The classes will review the biblical understanding of sin and reconciliation, the history of the sacrament of penance, and the opportunities and challenges for the renewal of the sacrament today. Register online at stfrancisnyc.org or at the reception desk in the Parish House.

Instructor: Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M.
St. Francis Adult Education Center, Classroom 4; Fee: \$40.00

#### Have Mercy, O God, in Your Kindness: Solemn Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 28, 2019 • 6:30 – 8:00 PM • Upper Church

Instruction and celebration come together in a "lecture-demonstration" of Solemn Vespers, one of the pillars of the official prayer of the Church. The evening will include an introduction to the Lenten season, to the Jewish and Christian dimensions of the psalms we will be singing, and to the music we will be performing in praise of God "whose mercy endures forever."

#### **A Lenten Afternoon of Prayer**

Saturday, April 6, 2019 • 2:00 – 5:00 PM • San Damiano Hall

Is our cross too small? The central symbol of our Christian faith is often reduced physically to a trinket, spiritually to an object of private devotion, and theologically to the appeasement of an angry God demanding satisfaction for sin. As a preparation for Passiontide, Fr. William will offer two retreat conferences that, hopefully, will widen and deepen the participants' perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. The afternoon will include communal prayer as well as time for personal reflection, and conclude, for those who wish to participate, with St. Francis of Assisi Parish's 5:15 PM Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Facilitator: Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M. Fee: \$15.00

# Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis Friday, April 12, 2019 • 7:30 PM • Upper Church

By his words and actions, Pope Francis compels the global Church to a radically renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. *Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis* animates this call in song, story, and prayer, inviting us to risk stepping toward Jesus in both the blessing and the bruising of daily life. *Encounter* takes us to the front lines of God's field hospital, calling us to a revolution of tenderness in a world desperate for healing and hope.

Join renowned composers Tony Alonso and Chris DeSilva, together with the widely acclaimed preacher, Monsignor Ray East, along with our director of music, Meredith Augustin, and our music ministry for this powerful event.

For tickets go to stfrancisnyc.org/encounter2019; \$20 online, \$25 at the door.



#### 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 those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for "whoever would save his life will lose it."

In living the Gospel, we cannot expect everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. In such a society, politics, mass communication and economic, cultural and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion and met with ridicule. Whatever weariness and pain we may experience in living the commandment of love and following the way of justice, the cross remains the source of growth and sanctification.

## The Pastoral Staff at Saint Francis of Assisi

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of John & Mary Capellan; for Maria Paici from Petronela Antohi; for Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory Thomas Powers, Sr., from Victorina Powers.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for the intentions of John & Mary Capellan on the occasion of their 46th wedding anniversary.

#### Saturday, March 2, 2019

| 8:00 AM | Peter Jiang (d.)       |
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| 11:00   | Special Intentions     |
| 4:00 PM | Franciscan Mass League |
| 5:15    | Isabel Vásquez (d.)    |

#### Sunday, March 3, 2019

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| 8:00 AM                 | Clifton Ford                       |
| 9:15                    | Intentions of the Korean Community |
| 9:30                    | John & Mary Capellan, 46th         |
|                         | Wedding Anniversary                |
| 11:00                   | Carmen Maria Morales (d.)          |
| 12:30 PM                | Marie Jeangilles F. Sinplice (d.)  |
| 5:00                    | Amelia Bettua (d.)                 |
| 6:15                    | Charles Gibblin (d.)               |
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#### Monday, March 4, 2019

| 7:00 AM  | Thanks. to St. Anthony, J. Angelone |
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| 7:45     | Armando Crisostomo & Justina        |
|          | Sanchez (d.)                        |
| 8:30     | Felice Battista (d.)                |
| 11:30    | Children & Grandchildren of Eleanor |
| 12:30 PM | Dennis Yob (d.)                     |
| 4:30     | Nora Collins (d.)                   |
| 5:30     | Joseph Calabro (d.)                 |
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#### Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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| 7:00 AM                   | Peter Jiang (d.)   |  |  |
| 7:45                      | Wilma Louise Johnson   |  |  |
| 8:30                      | Amenia Turenne (d.)  |  |  |
| 11:30                     | Glenn & Mary Johnson   |  |  |
| 12:30 PM                  | Margie Mangino (d.)  |  |  |
| 4:30                      | José Opulencia (d.)  |  |  |
| 5:30                      | Jean Castellana (d.)   |  |  |
| 11:30<br>12:30 PM<br>4:30 | Glenn & Mary Johnson<br>Margie Mangino (d.)<br>José Opulencia (d.) |  |  |

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2019

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| 7:45      | Lourdes Cabutin-Ligon                  |
| 8:30      | Suzanne Dary (d.)                      |
| 11:30     | Penafrancia Umali & Family             |
| 12:30 PM  | Leslie Nicoleau (d.)                   |
| 4:30      | Sharon E. Itliong, special intention   |
| 5:30      | Evelyn Torralba                        |
| 6:30      | In honor of St. Joseph, Ferdinand Fam. |
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#### Thursday, March 7, 2019

| 7:00 AM  | Virginia Webbersen (d.)               |
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| 7:45     | Jerry Winston Johnson                 |
| 8:30     | Gwendolyn & Leola Johnson Taylor (d.) |
| 11:30    | Tiongco/Alfonso Families (l. & d.)    |
| 12:30 PM | The Sick                              |
| 4:30     | Viola Bigelow Johnson (d.)            |
| 5:30     | Francis & Elizabeth Tavengco (d.)     |

#### Friday, March 8, 2019

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| 7:00 AM  | Benedetto LoVoi (d.)       |
| 7:45     | Annie D. Johnson           |
| 8:30     | Peter Reilly               |
| 11:30    | Pol Yee (d.)               |
| 12:30 PM | Mary & James Yost (d.)     |
| 4:30     | Fredericque Francisque (d. |
| 5:30     | Larry Wayne Johnson        |



## 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**

While grief is a very private experience, people 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. Call Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500, Ext. 204 to inquire.

#### **Immigration Assistance**

The Migrant Center at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi provides assistance to all immigrants regardless of status. If anyone needs assistance or has concerns about immigration matters, please contact the Migrant Center at 212-736-8500, Ext. 305/377 or email migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org.

#### **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>.

