



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

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Second Sunday of Lent

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.

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: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

On the cover:

Icon of The Transfiguration of the Lord by Theophanes the Greek, 15th century.

The Pastor's Corner



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Irish Sisters and Brothers! I hope you enjoyed the parade yesterday. The Feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese of New York on Monday. Many blessings to you!

We are at the Second Sunday of Lent and the Gospel is traditionally about the Transfiguration of Jesus. He travels with Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. What a better place to get away and gain perspective. It is easy to lose sight of what is important and how God is part of our lives. Some retreat centers are on a mountain and there is nothing better than to take time to get away; it is interesting how you begin to think clearly and rearrange some priorities when you are on the mountain. Moses and Elijah appear to the disciples and then a voice is heard: "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." If Jesus' followers remembered anything of the experience after that came down from the mountain, hopefully was "Listen to Him." This is a good message for us: listen. It's not easy.

In just a few weeks on Friday, April 12 the program "Encounter: From the Heart of Pope Francis" will take place here in the church. This is an evening with song, story and prayer meant to lead us into a deeper relationship with the Lord. There will be special music from noted church composers throughout the service adding to the message of the evening. Check the bulletin elsewhere for more information and for tickets. Perfect for Lent!

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

STAND UP, IMMIGRANTS! BUILD THE NETWORK

A Network of Information, Support & Protection of Immigrants



Are you without immigration status?

STAND UP! is a campaign to protect the rights and welfare of immigrants, especially the undocumented. 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?

¡LEVÁNTENSE! es una campaña para proteger los derechos y el bienestar de los inmigrantes, especialmente los indocumentados. Contáctenos a standupimmigrants@gmail.com o 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

'Thirteen Tuesdays' of St. Anthony



The traditional "Thirteen Tuesdays" before the Feast of St. Anthony begin on Tuesday, March 19. Devotions to St. Anthony are prayed after every Mass starting at 7:45 AM. Please join us! The Feast of St. Anthony will be celebrated on Thursday, June 13.

2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Goal for St. Francis Church: \$113,500

Amount Pledged as of March 8: \$20,720

Number of Gifts: 21

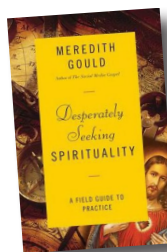
Average Gift: \$986.67

Number of Potential Givers: 1,750

A portion of the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal supports finance, insurance and other support services to parishes. Recently, they held a Wills Seminar here at St. Francis. These are important services for a parish.

Book Review: *Desperately Seeking Spirituality*

This is an odd name for a book full of helpful advice for those on their spiritual journey. It is described as "A Field Guide to Practice" and has been written for those who may have given up spiritual practices along the way but are interested in starting again. The author, Meredith Gould, begins the first section of the book describing why some spiritual practices are not for all people. She then deals with willingness, curiosity, generosity, empathy and delight and how they affect our spiritual journey. The final section is on self-care and avoiding spiritual burnout. Included are questions, quotations, various practices to try, and much helpful research. Looking to start your spiritual journey again? This book can be a great help. It 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.

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

I regret that ideologies lead us at time to two harmful errors. On the one hand, there is the error of those Christians, who separate these Gospel demands from their personal relationship with the Lord, from their interior union with him, from openness to his grace. Christianity then becomes a sort of nongovernmental organization stripped of the luminous mysticism so evident in the lives of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Teresa of Calcutta and many others. For these great saints, mental prayer, the love of God and the reading of the Gospel in no way detracted from their passionate and effective commitment to their neighbors; quite the opposite.

The other harmful ideological error is found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialistic, communist or populist. Or they relativize it, as if there are other more important matters or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend.

We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where others revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

Easter Flower Memorials



The flowers and plants that will decorate our church at Easter are a sign of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and our hope in the resurrection of those who have gone before us. We invite you to remember deceased members of your family and friends with a donation for our Easter decorations.

Please fill out this form and return it with your offering to the reception desk. **The names of those received by Friday, April 12 will be included in the Easter bulletin of April 21.**

Please print clearly.

In Memory of:

From: _____

Address: _____

Email (phone no. if no email)

Donation: \$10 ____ \$20 ____ \$30 ____ Other: _____

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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; for Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory Thomas Powers, Sr., from Victorina Powers; in memory of Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, O.F.M.

The Sanctuary Lights and Bread and Wine have been given in honor of Francisco and Lerma Carlos on their wedding anniversary from Adelaida Carlos.

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:00 AM RosaDino (d., birthday remembrance)
11:00 Elvira & Katherine
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
5:15 Esilda Aranguren (d.)

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00 AM Franciscan Mass League
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Mai & Eamon Gilleece
11:00 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
12:30 PM Kyungsuk & Woongki Eun & Family
5:00 Atif Muhammad & Family
6:15 Keith Lavacchi (d.)

Monday, March 18, 2019

7:00 AM Peter Jiang (d.)
7:45 Herman A. Vallozzi (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Maryanne Novak (d.)
12:30 PM John N. Condiles, Jr. (d.)
4:30 Felicidad De Guzman (d.)
5:30 Nicholas Masi, 19th birthday

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:00 AM Enrico & Victoria D. Bazzurro (d.)
7:45 Constantine & Adelina D'Argenio (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Int. of Richard Limbaugh, OCDS
12:30 PM Lescania Bienaime, birthday
4:30 Int. to St. Joseph, Ortiz Riera Family
5:30 Philip Kovitz (d.)



Wednesday, March 20, 2019

7:00 AM Victoria Tanisma, thanksgiving
7:45 Jean-Lionel Mésidor, thanksgiving
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Anna Griffio (d.)
12:30 PM Mary & Michael Duane
4:30 James H. Neelan (d.)
5:30 Filomena Melendes (d.)

Thursday, March 21, 2019

7:00 AM Peter Jiang (d.)
7:45 Dominic Don Rodney Ragonese (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Ma. Theresa DeMoro Ragonese (d.)
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Jo Laurienzo (d.)
5:30 Florence Piscitelli (d.)

Friday, March 22, 2019

7:00 AM Via Fara Mejias Family
7:45 Via Fara Lopez Family
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Valeria Griarte & Bobby Estacio
12:30 PM Cesar Estacio (d.)
4:30 Paz Asuncion (d.)
5:30 Mary Banaken (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 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

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: youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org.



Is God calling you to be a Franciscan Friar?

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