



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

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March 31, 2019

Fourth 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:

The Return of the Prodigal Son (1773) by Pompeo Batoni, 1708-1787, a native of Lucca, Italy, who specialized in portraiture, religious and mythical subjects. This painting is in the collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

The Pastor's Corner



Luke's Gospel for this Sunday is very familiar to us, but one sentence stands out at the beginning: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." This sentence speaks of the way that Jesus moved among the people in the towns and villages where he traveled. His non-judgmental and welcoming approach spoke clearly of the way that He believed God wanted Him to deal with the variety of people that he met along the way. To show what He believed, Jesus then told the parable of the Prodigal Younger Son, or the Generous Father, or the Prodigal Older Son. Each of these individuals had their positive points, but also very evident weak points. Don't each of us have the same? This is a good parable for us to meditate on during the week.

Starting last Sunday and continuing through next Sunday, we will participate in the Scrutinies at the 5:00 PM Mass. While these are meant for those in the RCIA, it is good for us to enter into the spirit, asking God to remove from us those negative, selfish attitudes and habits that we all have. The second reading from today's Mass says: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation. . . And all this is from God." We want to make ourselves open to that transforming power that will make us "a new creation." God doesn't force this on us, but waits for us to want to be open to receive this gift. This gift is meant for you and me. Continue to pray for those preparing to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil.

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Book Review: *Becoming the Presence of God*

When describing the title of this book, author Michael Ford, says: "Becoming the Presence of God reminds us that every person of faith is called in their own way, not only to care for others, but to become the presence of God for them." Our first response might be: "I don't know if I can be that. God is God and I am just a frail human being." What the author wants to show us is that we don't have to live in a monastery to develop the contemplative dimension of our lives. Using the example of his own life and the example of people that he has known, he shows how people have responded to God's call to develop the contemplative dimension of their lives. This is not an easy task for anyone, even for those in religious life. He points out some of the skills to be learned and the perseverance needed to move forward. He shows how it is possible to learn how to befriend various aspects of life, how to be a bridge for others and how we can be bearers of the good news. Is this something impossible to become? *Becoming the Presence of God* is available in the Lobby of the Parish House.



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 will widen and deepen your perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus.

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.



Composer
Chris DeSilva



Preacher
Msgr. Ray East



Composer
Tony Alonso

2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

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

Amount Pledged as of March 22: \$24,226 (last week: \$23,166)

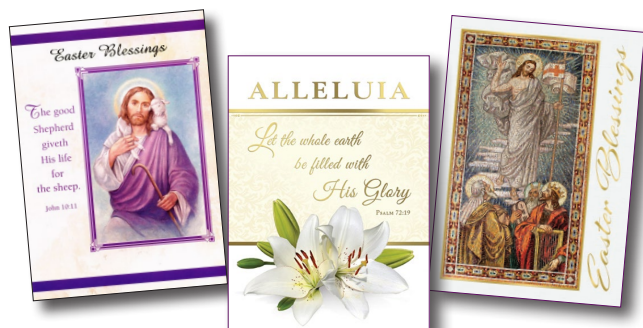
Number of Gifts: 32

Number of Potential Givers: 1,750

The gifts received this past week came from 4 people or \$1,060. Every gift is a blessing for those who will benefit from them. Our parish receives administrative support from the staff at the Pastoral Center. Education for lay ministers is so important in today's church and this is supplied by the Archdiocese. A large portion has been allotted to churches that are in poor areas and need emergency repairs on their buildings. The donations help many people.

St. Francis Easter Cards

Share the joy of Easter with your loved ones and friends by giving them a St. Francis Easter card for a suggested donation of \$5.00 each, which support our programs and ministries. A selection of cards are available at the Reception Desk in St. Francis House.



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.

Holy Week 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi

*Note: All Masses are in the upper church unless specified;
all Confessions are in the lower church.*

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • April 14

Saturday Vigil Masses (April 13): 4:00 and 5:15 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:15 (Korean), 9:30 (Lower Church),
11:00 AM, 12:30, 5:00, and 6:15 PM

Confessions: 8:30 to 9:30 AM; 4:30 to 5:30 PM

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM; 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Holy Thursday • April 18

Masses: 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of the Feet
and Procession to the Repository: 6:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Korean): 8:00 PM

Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Good Friday • April 19

Morning Prayer (Lower Church): 8:30 AM

The Seven Last Words: 12:00 Noon

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross, A Scriptural Journey: 5:30 PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Korean): 8:00 PM

Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 AM; 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Holy Saturday • April 20

The Great Vigil of Easter: 6:30 PM

The Upper Church will remain closed until 6:00 PM.

There are no Saturday afternoon Vigil Masses.

The Great Vigil of Easter (Korean): 9:00 PM

There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday.

Easter Sunday • April 21

Masses: 8:00, 9:15 (Korean), 9:30 (Lower Church), 11:00 AM,
12:30 & 5:00 PM

There will be no 6:15 PM Mass

and no confessions on Easter Sunday.

Easter Monday • April 22

Mass at 11:30 AM

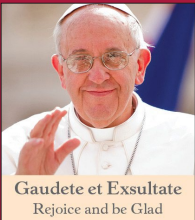
*There will be no confessions and the
Church offices will be closed for the day.*

Gaudete et Exsultate:
Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 3: In the Light of the Master

We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously and allow God’s gift, granted to prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

Similarly the best way to discern if our prayer is authentic is to judge to what extent our life is being transformed in the light of mercy. For “mercy” is not only an action of the Father; it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. Mercy “is the very foundation of the church’s life.”



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

The Sanctuary Lights have been given in memory of Fr. John P. McGuire, O.P.

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

Saturday, March 30, 2019
8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Alexandrino (d.)
11:00 Alexis Morales
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
5:15 Providencia Castro

Sunday, March 31, 2019
8:00 AM Eileen Collins (d.)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Thanks. for the Saturday Volunteers
11:00 Franciscan Mass League
12:30 PM Joseph Nuzzi, birthday
5:00 Thanksgiving to St. Francis
6:15 Cezar Augusto Umadac (d.)

Monday, April 1, 2019
7:00 AM Charles & Adelena Santa Maria (d.)
7:45 Lynne Tuohy
8:30 Robert Crowley (d.)
11:30 Isabel Vasquez (d.)
12:30 PM Bridget Reilly
4:30 Justina Simondac, thanksgiving
5:30 Edith Castellana (d.)

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
7:00 AM Thanks. to St. Anthony, J. Angelone
7:45 Thomas Vaeth (d.)
8:30 Alexander Delakowski
11:30 Elizabeth Jesfina Alfonso & Family
12:30 PM Thomas & Edith Castellana (d.)
4:30 Mary Carmoega (d.)
5:30 Special Intention of Noel Flynn



Wednesday, April 3, 2019
7:00 AM Peter Jiang (d.)
7:45 George Waymond Johnson (d.)
8:30 Eleanor Kim-Dominguez (d.)
11:30 Carmen Maria Morales (d.)
12:30 PM David Heuwetter (d.)
4:30 Jannie Lou Johnson (d.)
5:30 Thanksgiving to St. Jude

Thursday, April 4, 2019
7:00 AM Peter Jiang (d.)
7:45 Joseph De Guzman, thanksgiving
8:30 Eleanor Kim-Dominguez (d.)
11:30 Souls in Purgatory
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
5:30 George Hulon Johnson (d.)

Friday, April 5, 2019
7:00 AM Eleanor Kim-Dominguez (d.)
7:45 Maria del Pilar Blanco (d.)
8:30 Isais Gumboc Himbing (d.)
11:30 Dorothy Yost (d.)
12:30 PM Mary Cihanek (d.)
4:30 Fredericque Francisque (d.)
5:30 Members of Drury, Neenan, Cuellar & Ayala Family (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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