

*Church of*  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**

*175 Years*  
1844 - 2019

March 10, 2019

First 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: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

### **On the cover:**

"Follow Me, Satan (The Temptation of Jesus Christ)" by Ilya Repin, 1903.

Ilya Yefimovich Repin (1844-1930) was a Russian realist painter. He was the most renowned Russian artist of the 19th century, when his position in the world of art was comparable to that of Leo Tolstoy in literature.



## The Pastor's Corner



The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent shows Jesus being tempted. Jesus resists the temptations by showing that what Satan offers does not satisfy Him in any way. His hunger is satisfied by His relationship with the Father; He knows that people worship other gods but God alone He adores; He uses His power and authority to heal, to forgive, to cure, to include everyone. Aware of His mission, Jesus resists each attempt of Satan to lead Him on a dead end path. Giving in to temptations makes us less than what God wants us to be. There might be an immediate thrill, but it is short lived. The temptations: what a way to begin Lent.

I hope that the Lenten booklet that was given out last week will be a companion for you during this Lenten season. The author is well known for his spiritual insights and has written previous Advent and Lenten booklets. There are other Lenten books in the lobby of the Parish house. It is good to have something to read and think about each day of this important season.

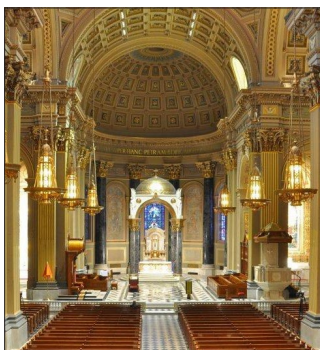
Congratulations to our Catechumens who will become the "elect" as they participate in the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's Cathedral today. Cardinal Dolan will preside at this ceremony at which all of the catechumens throughout the Archdiocese come together for this important step toward their full participation in the life of the Church. Congratulations and thank you to Joe Nuzzi and the RCIA Team for guiding our catechumens and candidates!

*Fr. Andrew*

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

## 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.



## Collection for Catholic Relief Services



Our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection this weekend, March 9-10. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Poems-R-Us

Come and listen! Enjoy original poems by members of the Adult Education Program and friends of the parish. This free program will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on **Wednesday, March 13**, in the Clare Room on the first floor of the St. Francis Parish House.



## 2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

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

Amount Pledged as of March 1: \$20,070

Number of Gifts: 19

Average Gift: \$1,056.32

## Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign

Goal for St. Francis Church: \$1,022,000

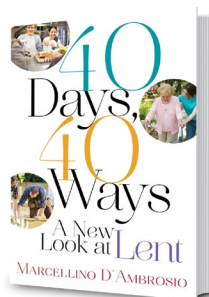
Amount Pledged: \$1,062,000

Number of Pledges: 230

Average Pledge: \$4,617

## 40 Days, 40 Ways: A New Look at Lent

Will your Lent consist of "giving up things?" Marcellino D'Ambrosio takes a different approach in his book *40 Days, 40 Ways*. He says, "If



you're looking for a new Lenten experience, here are forty fresh ideas. Some will challenge you to deepen your prayer life; others will open your mind to new ways to serve others." This book of 40 days may be used whatever way you wish. There is a concrete action for each day and a commentary on some aspect of life that needs examining. The variety of actions can be

frustrating, but if you are looking for this type of Lent, the book can be very helpful. It is available in the Lobby of the Parish House with other Lenten books.



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](http://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.

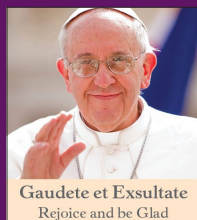
Join renowned composers Tony Alonso and Chris DeSilva, together with the widely acclaimed preacher, Monsignor Ray East, along with our director of music, Meredith Augustin, and our music ministry for this powerful event.

For tickets go to [stfrancisnyc.org/encounter2019](http://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

In the 25th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus expands on the beatitude that calls blessed the merciful. If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, this text offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was in prison and you visited me."



Holiness, then, is not about swooning in mystic rapture. As Pope John Paul said, "If we truly start out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he himself wished to be identified." . . . In this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices that every saint seeks to imitate. . . Our Lord made it very clear that holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel."

## *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:

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Email (phone no. if no email)

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Donation: \$10 \_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_ \$30 \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## *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 Catherine B. Puangco; for Edward Marrufo from Antonela; 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 Dennis Evangelista.

## Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:00 AM Lilia Sotomil (d.)  
11:00 Secular Institute of Missionaries of Christ (d.)  
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris  
5:15 Franciscan Mass League

## Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00 AM William M. Scozzafava (d.)  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
9:30 Stephen H. Liszewski (d.)  
11:00 Amelia Siochi (d.)  
12:30 PM Thanks. to St. Joseph, M. R. Bonneau  
5:00 Atif Muhammad & Family  
6:15 Kyung Suk, Woongki Eun & Family

## Monday, March 11, 2019

7:00 AM Peter Jiang (d.)  
7:45 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony, Odile Jean-Baptiste  
8:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
11:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
4:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
5:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

## Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7:00 AM Olyces Garces, birthday  
7:45 Dorothy Lee Johnson Troy  
8:30 Aric O. Apson  
11:30 Thanks. to St. Anthony, Fe Pareja  
12:30 PM Elena B. Wenzel  
4:30 Thanks. to Our Lady Rosa Mystica  
5:30 Elena B. Wenzel

## Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00 AM Peter Jiang (d.)  
7:45 Elena B. Wenzel  
8:30 Dylan T. Apson  
11:30 Modesto Miranda (d.)  
12:30 PM Roger J. Daly (d.)  
4:30 Elena B. Wenzel  
5:30 Elena B. Wenzel

## Thursday, March 14, 2019

7:00 AM Lucy McPartland (d.)  
7:45 Aniceta Cruz  
8:30 Joe A. Johnson (d.)  
11:30 Anna & Chloe Willert  
12:30 PM The Sick  
4:30 Josephine B. Layon  
5:30 Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, O.F.M. (d.)

## Friday, March 15, 2019

7:00 AM Maureen Thompson  
7:45 Patrick Duane (d.)  
8:30 Kevin J. Montevirgen, thanksgiving  
11:30 Patricia Connor (d.)  
12:30 PM Martin Burke (d.)  
4:30 Jodie Alexander & Juan Polanco, congratulations on their marriage  
5:30 Betty Barnett (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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org).



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