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Saint Francis of Assisi
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April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 Entry into Jerusalem, folio 37v in the Berthold Sacramentary, made between 1200 and 1232 for Berthold von Hainburg, Abbot of Weingarten Abbey in Germany. This precious manuscript was purchased in 1926 by J.P. Morgan, and it is housed in the Morgan Library in New York City.

The Pastor's Corner



Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday of the Passion. It has this double name because the beginning of Mass commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We hear the Gospel of His entry into Jerusalem and we join the crowds by carrying palm branches and singing "Hosanna" as the procession moves through the church. The tone of the celebration changes quickly with the assigned readings for Mass and the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord from the Gospel of Luke.

This Tuesday at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Cardinal Dolan will preside at the Chrism Mass. This Mass includes the recommitment of priests to their ministry and the blessing of the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the consecration of sacred chrism. This chrism will be used at the Easter Vigil to anoint our newly baptized and for the confirmation of our candidates. The Chrism Mass is open to the public and begins at 4:00 PM.

Look over our schedule for confessions throughout the week and the times for Masses on Holy Thursday, the Services on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. It is a busy week and if you plan on going to confession, go early in the week – there will be extra confessors available.

May you have a Blessed Holy Week!



Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Treasures from Our Tradition

During Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

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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.

Just in Time for Easter!

We now have a selection of jams and jellies made by the Trappist monks in Spencer, Massachusetts. These products are made by the monks themselves and are one way they support themselves in their cloistered prayer life. The Trappists still live a very strict life of prayer and work and have minimal contact with the outside world. The jams and jellies are available in the lobby of the Parish House.



2019 Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal

Goal for St. Francis Church: \$113,500
Amount pledged as of April 5, 2019: \$25,501
(last week: \$25,351)
Number of Gifts: 39 (last week: 38)
Number of Potential Givers: 1,750

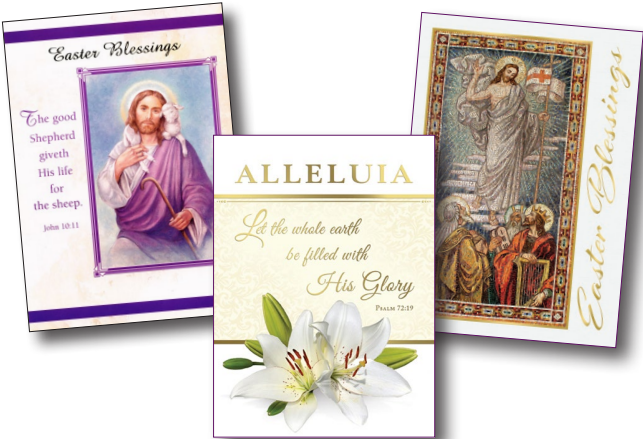
Just one person gave to the Cardinal’s Appeal since last week. Now is the time to send in your donation to help us move forward. Your participation is key to our moving ahead toward our goal. Remember: Two hundred and thirty people gave to the Renew and Rebuild and they are exempted from the Cardinal’s Appeal. A \$50 gift from the remaining 1,700 possible donors and we would be very near our goal. Can we count of your generosity?

Collections for March 2018 & 2019

March 2018	
Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$45,751
Online Sunday Collections:	8,860
Total Sunday Collections:	54,611
Total Weekday Collections:	32,186
(Holy Week was the last week of March, 2018)	
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	86,797
Budgeted for March 2018:	85,000
Difference	+1,797
March 2019	
Offertory Sunday Collections in church (5 Sundays):	\$46,267
Online Sunday Collections:	14,222
Total Sunday Collections:	60,489
Total Weekday Collections:	24,202
(Ash Wednesday was March 6)	
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	84,891
Budgeted for March 2019:	90,000
Difference	–5,309

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.



Alpine Europe with
The Passion Play of Oberammergau
11 Days: May 16-26, 2020
visiting
Heidelberg • Rhine Valley • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Salzburg
Altötting • Marktl Am Inn • Munich • Rothenburg
hosted by
Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.
\$3,959 per person from New York
For a brochure and more information, please contact
Fr. Andrew at 212-736-8500 or email areitz@stfrancisnyc.org





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.

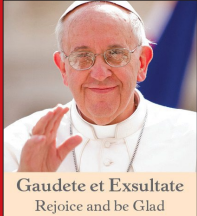


¿Está sin estatus de inmigración?
¡Aqui hay una solución posible!

¡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 4: Signs of Holiness in Today's World



Gaudete et Exsultate
Rejoice and be Glad

Within the framework of holiness offered by the Beatitudes and Matthew 25, 31-46, I would like to mention a few signs or spiritual attitudes that...are necessary if we are to understand the way of life to which the Lord calls us...

The first of these great signs is solid grounding in the God who loves and sustains us. This source of inner strength enables us to persevere amid life's ups and downs but also to endure hostility...Such inner strength makes it possible for us in our fast-paced, noisy and aggressive world to give a witness of holiness through patience and constancy in doing good. It is a sign of the fidelity born of love for those who put their faith in God can also be faithful to others. They do not desert others in bad times; they accompany them in their anxiety and distress, even though doing so may not bring immediate satisfaction...This attitude is not a sign of weakness but of true strength...

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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.

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

Saturday, April 13, 2019

- 8:00 AM Kevin Collins
- 11:00 Marijan Skific (d.)
- 4:00 PM Deceased members of the Secular Institute of Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ
- 5:15 Kathleen Harris

Sunday, April 14, 2019

- 8:00 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)
- 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
- 9:30 Tricia Rumola
- 11:00 Srecko Miskic (d.)
- 12:30 PM Cyril D. Rozano
- 5:00 Franciscan Mass League
- 6:15 Esilda Arangaren (d.)

Monday, April 15, 2019

- 7:00 AM Olheia Garces, birthday
- 7:45 Charles Allen (d.)
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 Irene Vito (d.)
- 12:30 PM Eleanor Kim-Dominguez (d.)
- 4:30 John Evan Evans (d.)
- 5:30 John Evans Evans (d.)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

- 7:00 AM Mark Pittman (d.)
- 7:45 Carol Barbaro (d.)
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 Helen (d.) & Eileen Hanlon
- 12:30 PM Petronila A. de Gracia (d.)
- 4:30 Adelina Ortega (d.)
- 5:30 John & Penny Urban (d.)

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

- 7:00 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)
- 7:45 Jean McCrossen (d.)
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 Dorothy Marikle (d.)
- 12:30 PM Samuel & Angela Pizzuto (d.)
- 4:30 Bishop John Mortimer Smith (d.)
- 5:30 Joseph Mongno

Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019

(no intentions taken)

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

(no intentions taken)



Scenes from the Last Supper in the Ingeborg Psalter, an illuminated manuscript from the late 12th century. It was created about 1195 in northern France for Ingeborg of Denmark, wife of King Philip II of France.

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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