

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844 - 2019

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

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

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 Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Matthias Stom, a Dutch painter who lived between about 1600 and 1650. This dramatic painting shows Thomas placing his fingers into the spear wound of Jesus' torso one week after the resurrection.

This painting is in the collection of Museo del Prado in Madrid.

The Pastor's Corner



The Gospel on this Sunday after Easter is the story of Thomas saying that he wouldn't believe that Jesus had appeared to the other disciples unless he saw the marks on Jesus' crucified body. We know that "seeing" can often lead to "believing." Jesus is amazing and appears for a second time when Thomas is there. He shows Thomas his wounded body and it is enough for Thomas to say, "My Lord and My God!" Doubting is normal even when it comes to faith. Doubt can lead to a clearer understanding of what we believe and help us be stronger in our belief. There is so much in our culture today that can heighten our doubting, but as Christians it is good to look for those experiences, those people, and those events that deepen our belief. They are there. Be aware of them as you go through this week.

This is the eighth day in the Octave of Easter. Our newly baptized will be wearing their white baptismal robes at the 5:00 PM Sunday Mass. We are blessed to have seven new members of our faith community and 12 members who completed their sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations! They will be continuing the Rite of Initiation in a period known as "mystagogia" during the month of May. Our next RCIA will begin in September, but if people are interested in knowing more about the program, contact Joe Nuzzi here at the church 212-736-8500 or jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org. The program is for those who have not been baptized or those who were never confirmed.

Join us for the Via Lucis, the Stations of the Resurrection, every Friday after the 12:30 and 5:30 Masses during the Easter season. This is an inspiring, prayerful experience of the events after Jesus' Resurrection.

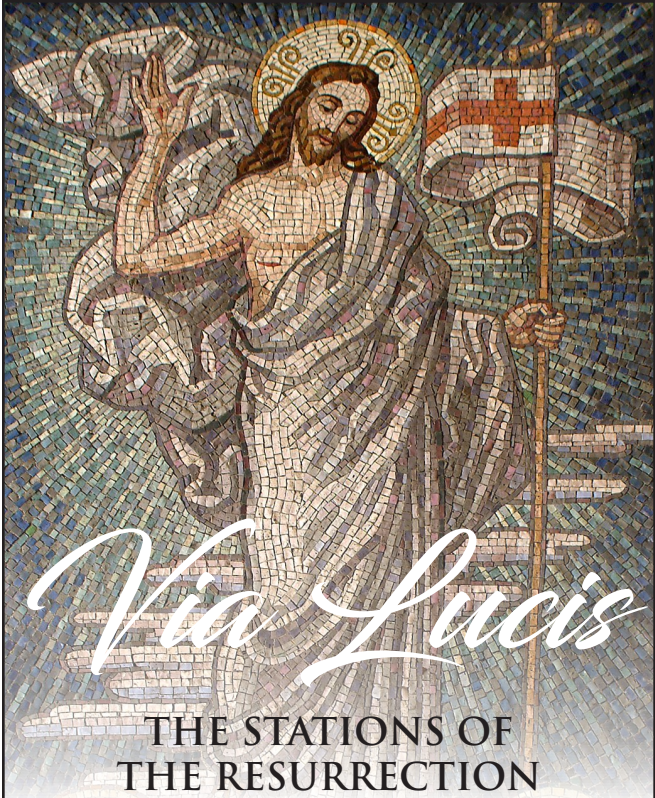
Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

A Sweet Taste of Spring!

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.





Via Lucis

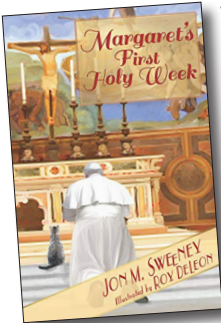
THE STATIONS OF
THE RESURRECTION

**Every Friday during the Easter Season
after the 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses**

During the Easter season we will celebrate the *Via Lucis* or Way of Light. The *Via Lucis* consists of 14 "Stations" which recount the Easter story from the Resurrection to Pentecost. Please join us for this beautiful Easter devotion!

Book Review: Margaret's First Holy Week

Although this children's book about Holy Week arrived late, it still is a beautifully written book to help young people understand the meaning of the various days of this special week. This is the third in a series of children's books about the Pope's cat, Margaret. The author, Jon Sweeney, wrote these books to help children understand various aspects of the church: our Holy Father, the meaning of Christmas and now Holy Week. The text is very readable and a series of drawings accompanies the text that makes the story even more interesting. The fourth book will be about Margaret and the Pope's trip to Assisi. The book on Holy Week is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



Note: In the Vocation announcement at the bottom of page 7, the friar in the center of the photo is Fr. Kenan Osborne, O.F.M., who died on Good Friday at the age of 88. Fr. Kenan was a member of the Saint Barbara Province in California, and a respected theologian who taught at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley for many years. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Second Sunday of Easter: *Believe It or Not*

In today’s Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, “Peace be with you.” This was a common greeting, but the disciples were hiding in fear so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus

appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show them that he was not a ghost; he had risen from death and death has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. He now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus’ resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who “have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). We usually think the apostles were “more” blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

Tom Schmidt

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2019 Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal

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

Amount pledged as of April 18, 2019: **\$25,651**
(last week: **\$25,501**)

Number of Gifts: **42** (last week: **39**)

Number of Potential Givers: **1,708**

A \$50 gift to the Cardinal’s Appeal will move us ahead if several hundred people give this gift now. The support services offered by the Archdiocese to us are paid for through the Cardinal’s Appeal. They administer insurance programs, auditing, training for lay people, wills seminars and more. All of these are important in the daily running of a parish.

The Shrines of France

11 Days: November 6-16, 2019

visiting

Geneva • Annecy • Lyon • Tours

Loire Valley • Chartres • Mont St. Michel

Bayeux • Normandy • Caen • Lisieux • Paris

hosted by **Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.**

\$3,199 from New York

For information email areitz@stfrancisnyc.org.



**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



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A Network of Information, Support & Protection of Immigrants



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.

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La Red de Información, Apoyo y Protección de Inmigrantes



¿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.

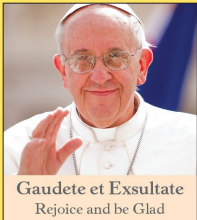
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Gaudete et Exsultate: Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 4: Signs of Holiness in Today's World



St. Paul bade the Romans not to repay evil for evil, not to seek revenge and not to be overcome by evil but instead “overcome evil with good.” This attitude is not a sign of weakness but of true strength, because God himself “is slow to anger but great in power.” The word of God exhorts us to “put away all bitterness and wrath and wrangling and slander, together with all malice.”

We need to recognize and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations, and not let them take root . . . When we feel overwhelmed, we can always cling to the anchor of prayer, which puts us back in God’s hands and the source of our peace. “Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts.”

Friars in Residence

- Stephen Mimnaugh, O.F.M., St. Francis Friends of the Poor
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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of of Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers; for the intentions of Edgar Sullivan; and in honor of St. Rita for Karl Amaya.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for the healing of Cristina Umayam Kho.

Saturday, April 27, 2019

- 8:00 AM Easter Novena
- 11:00 Cheyenne Garces, birthday
- 4:00 PM Hugh A. Canavan (d)
- 5:15 Terry F. Tapia-Morales (d.)

Sunday, April 28, 2018

- 8:00 AM Easter Novena
- 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
- 9:30 Dr. Bernard Fitzgerald (d.)
- 11:00 Jason M. Gonzalez (d.)
- 12:30 PM Jason Gonzalez (d.)
- 5:00 Intentions of the Columbo Family
- 6:15 Franciscan Mass League

Monday, April 29, 2019

- 7:00 AM Easter Novena
- 7:45 Mary O'Connor
- 8:30 Helen Sullivan (d.)
- 11:30 Mary Valerie Sievert, thanksgiving
- 12:30 PM Minerva Magadia (d.)
- 4:30 Karen Soriano (d.)
- 5:30 Jonathan Butler (d.)

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

- 7:00 AM Tim Keane (d.)
- 7:45 Lucia Huang (d.)
- 8:30 Thanks. to St. Anthony, N. Duelair
- 11:30 Nicholas Novak (d.)
- 12:30 PM Rosa Figueroa Grajo (d.)
- 4:30 Anne Regula (d.)
- 5:30 Felicidad Bernabe Santos (d.)

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

- 7:00 AM Lucia Huang (d.)
- 7:45 Mary O'Connor
- 8:30 Intentions of Robine Philippe
- 11:30 Isabel Vásquez (d.)
- 12:30 PM Lillian DeParis (d.)
- 4:30 Lawrence Barras (d.)
- 5:30 Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr. (d.)

Thursday, May 2, 2019

- 7:00 AM Lucia Huang (d.)
- 7:45 Diana D'Souza (d.)
- 8:30 Matthew Melendez
- 11:30 Tiongco & Alfonso Families (l. & d.)
- 12:30 PM The Sick
- 4:30 Maureen Thompson
- 5:30 Vincent Castellano (d.)

Friday, May 3, 2019

- 7:00 AM Rose & Paul Gerardi (d.)
- 7:45 María del Pilar Blanco (d.)
- 8:30 Diana D'Souza (d.)
- 11:30 Carmen Maria Morales (d.)
- 12:30 PM Michael T. Gilbride, 65th birthday
- 4:30 Matthew Hylton (d.)
- 5:30 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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