



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

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April 7, 2019

Fifth 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 Woman Caught in Adultery in the Ingeborg Psalter, which was created about 1195 in northern France for Ingeborg of Denmark, wife of King Philip II of France. The upper image shows the woman being brought to Jesus; in the lower image Jesus asks the woman, "Where are they, has no one condemned you?" The woman replies, "No one, sir."

The Pastor's Corner



Today's Gospel is about the woman caught in adultery and is about to be stoned to death. It is a tense moment – for both the woman and even for Jesus. He bends down and begins writing on the ground. He looks up at the men and says, "Let the one among you who is without sin, be the first to a stone." They departed one at a time. What did he write on the ground, we all wonder. Jesus changes the tension into a life-giving moment. There is much to be learned from this encounter. How would you have handled it? Jesus is indeed a great teacher, by his insight, by his way of reacting, by his ability to "see through" a situation and bring out the truth.

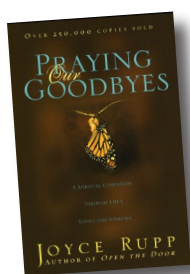
This Friday, April 12, plan on coming to the Encounter Program for an evening of spiritual inspiration and enrichment. There will be music and Sacred Scripture. Tickets are available online and at the Front Desk. It will be the perfect preparation for Holy Week.

Many people ask me: "When is the cut off date to register for the 2019 France Pilgrimage and the 2020 Passion Play trip?" We generally have 44 people on a pilgrimage and both are over half filled at this time. When either is filled, that is the cut off date. Brochures are available at the Front Desk and online by e-mailing me. Filling out the registration form, a copy of your passport and a deposit of \$500 reserves a place for you on the France Pilgrimage. Filling out the registration form, a copy of your passport and a deposit of \$800 reserves a place for you for the Passion Play/Alpine trip.

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

Book Review: *Praying Our Goodbyes*

Joyce Rupp, a well-known spiritual writer, has updated her book, *Praying Our Goodbyes*, first published 20 years ago. As helpful and insightful as her first edition was then, this new edition is even



more so since the author has gone through her own personal losses and assisted many people going through theirs. A loss is never easy, no matter what kind it may be. We have all probably faced many of them in our lives and there will be more to come. She begins by helping us to recognize our losses and hurts and what they do to us; there might be more of

them than we first imagined. Interweaving Scripture and Jesus' life throughout this and the following chapters, the place of loss in life becomes clearer. She puts all of this in the language of "goodbyes." The second half of the book has 24 prayer experiences on various themes of this topic. *Praying Our Goodbyes* is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



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.

Tickets are available at the reception desk for \$20.



Composer
Chris DeSilva



Preacher
Msgr. Ray East



Composer
Tony Alonso



Join us in celebrating National Poetry Month! Enjoy an evening of original poems by members of the St. Francis Adult Education Program and friends of the parish. This free program will be held in the conference room of the Parish House this Tuesday, April 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

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

Amount Pledged as of March 29: \$25,351 (last week: \$24,226)

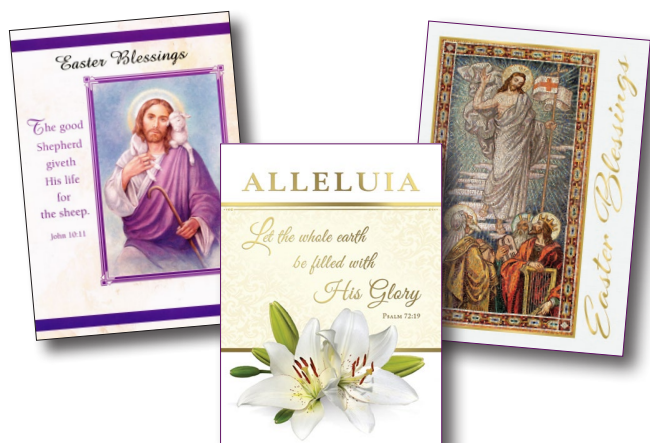
Number of Gifts: 38 (last week: 32)

Number of Potential Givers: 1,750

The gifts received this past week came from six people or \$1,125. Many thanks to those six people and the other 32 who have given. Two hundred and thirty people gave to the Renew and Rebuild and 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 on your generosity?

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

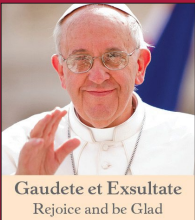
Mass at 11:30 AM

*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

I would like to reiterate that mercy does not exclude justice and truth; indeed, "we have to say that mercy is the fullness of justice and the most radiant manifestation of God's truth. It is the key to heaven."



Here I think of St. Thomas (Aquinas), who asked which actions of ours are noblest, which external works best show our love for God. Thomas answered unhesitatingly that they are the works of mercy toward our neighbor even more than our acts of worship.

St. Teresa of Calcutta clearly realized this: "Yes, I have many faults and failures. . . But God bends down and uses us , you and me, to be his love and his compassion in the world; he bears our sins, our troubles, and our faults. He depends on us to love the world and show how much he loves it."

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 Catherine B. Puangco; for 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 6, 2019

- 8:00 AM Joanne Thursday Uy, thanksgiving
- 11:00 Stanley Wallenstein (d.)
- 4:00 PM Harry Cafetz (d.)
- 5:15 Kathleen Harris

Sunday, April 7, 2019

- 8:00 AM Eleanor Kim-Dominguez (d.)
- 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
- 9:30 Fredeswinda Antang Himbing (d.)
- 11:00 James A. Vallozzi (d.)
- 12:30 PM Franciscan Mass League
- 5:00 Robert Duhigg (d.)
- 6:15 Eleyamma Abraham (d.)

Monday, April 8, 2019

- 7:00 AM Lucia Huang (d.)
- 7:45 Thresiamma Varkey (d.)
- 8:30 Colleen Kerwick
- 11:30 Michael Moran (d.)
- 12:30 PM Marina Valle (d.)
- 4:30 Pedro A. Solano Guilamo
- 5:30 Eleanor Kim-Dominguez (d.)

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

- 7:00 AM Kevin Boyle (d.)
- 7:45 Meenan & Bradley Families
- 8:30 Eleanor Kim-Dominguez (d.)
- 11:30 Elizabeth Brennan
- 12:30 PM Larry & Cynthia Gordon
- 4:30 Joaquin Gomez Family (d.)
- 5:30 Maria Franckowiak



Wednesday, April 10, 2019

- 7:00 AM Lucia Huang (d.)
- 7:45 Therese Joseph (d.)
- 8:30 John Collins
- 11:30 Intentions of Martha Cruz Ambrosio
- 12:30 PM Herrea Cifuentes
- 4:30 Judith A. Wieman (d.)
- 5:30 Marie Gennuso (d.)

Thursday, April 11, 2019

- 7:00 AM John Carrasquilla (d.)
- 7:45 Cesidio Vitti
- 8:30 Helen Albruzzese (d.)
- 11:30 Catherine Lord
- 12:30 PM The Sick
- 4:30 James Voght (d.)
- 5:30 James Voght (d.)

Friday, April 12, 2019

- 7:00 AM Lucia Huang (d.)
- 7:45 Felisa & Dominador Cumabig (d.)
- 8:30 Patrizia De Bari & Family
- 11:30 Kathy Joyce (d.)
- 12:30 PM Lesly Bienaime, birthday
- 4:30 Giuseppe D'Alessandro (d.)
- 5:30 Peter Goworek (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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