



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844 - 2019

June 2, 2019

Seventh 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:

"You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods" (Psalm 97:9).

Details from an icon of the Six Days of Creation ("Shestodnev"), Palekh, Russia, 1830s. Wikimedia Commons. © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Pastor's Corner



We have just celebrated the Ascension of Jesus this past week, and we heard him say that he would not leave his followers orphaned. Jesus was aware of the strengths and weaknesses of his original band of followers, and knew that they would need a strong dedication if his

“good news” were to go out to all the nations. He prays in today’s Gospel that “all may be one.” They were not orphaned, but had an abiding connection with Him and the Father, and as the Father and Jesus were one, his followers were invited to be part of that Oneness. This would be the source of their strength and dedication wherever they went and in whatever circumstances they found themselves. We know, indeed, that the message reached the corners of the earth. This isn’t just a message about the past, but we have been invited to be part of that union between Jesus and the Father. Us, you and me!

Congratulations to Br. Abraham Joseph, O.F.M., who was recently ordained to the diaconate in Chicago. Abraham is one of our parishioners who joined the Franciscans several years ago, made his solemn vows last summer, and is moving along toward priestly ordination. Best wishes and prayers, Abraham!

Many have asked if the Pilgrimage to France this November and the Pilgrimage to the Passion Play and Alpine Europe in May 2020 still have openings. The Pilgrimage to France has ten openings and the Passion Play Pilgrimage has five. Brochures and registration forms for each Pilgrimage are available at the Reception Desk, so don’t wait to sign up.

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.



Father's Day Novena Cards

Enroll your father in our annual Father's Day Remembrance. Between Sunday, June 16, and Monday, June 24, we will remember all fathers, living and deceased, at daily Mass. Father's Day cards are available at the reception desk for a suggested offering of \$5.00 each.

2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

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

Amount pledged to date: \$39,971

(last report: \$39,971)

Number of Gifts: 0 (last week: 61)

Number of Potential Givers: 1,662

Look closely: we are standing still. No new gifts were received during the past week and with so many people who haven't given to the Annual Appeal. Hopefully, in the next few weeks – the closing weeks of the Appeal – we can reach \$50,000. A little bit of help from a few people can make a big difference!

Come to the Feast of Saint Anthony!



The Feast of Saint Anthony is just around the corner! We will celebrate the feast on Thursday, June 13th with Masses and Devotions to St. Anthony at 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 1:30 (Spanish), 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 (Haitian, Upper Church) and 6:30 PM (Filipino, Lower Church).

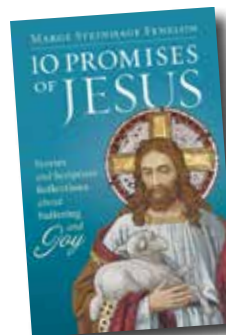
Relics of St. Anthony will be available for veneration in the lower church throughout the day.

Blessed St. Anthony's Bread will be distributed all day long in the 32nd

Street entrance and in front of the church on 31st Street as long as supplies last.

Book Review: 10 Promises of Jesus

Did this title catch your attention, and do you wonder what these promises are? The award winning Catholic author and journalist,



Marge Fenelon, has written this book about Jesus' presence in our lives at various times and under various circumstances. She does this to offer us hope through delving deeper into various teachings of Jesus that are familiar to all of us. Here are a few of the promises: he who comes to me shall not hunger, come to me and I will give you rest, all things are possible with God,

your hearts will rejoice, in me you have peace. Through her own stories and those of other people, she opens up for us new understandings of what these promises have meant for her and others... and can mean for us. Interesting? The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

The Friars of Thirty-First Street, Part 9

In 1892, the newly built Church of Saint Francis of Assisi was a unique expression of the Roman architecture of the Renaissance period. Down through the years, many changes have been made within the sanctuary and the church, but Fr. Ludger Beck's creation remain basically intact. The original cost of the project was estimated at \$60,000, but Fr. Ludger had to borrow an additional \$15,000 from Archbishop Corrigan to complete the jewel of ecclesiastical art in mid-Manhattan.



Fr. Ludger left his missionary mark on the people of Saint Francis Parish. His care of the poor and the afflicted was outstanding. Anyone who suffered mental or physical distress found in Friar Ludger a never-failing friend. His generosity had no limits and he is said to have given alms with such kindness that the poor considered him their own saint. Fr. Ludger spent a great deal of time and energy with the laboring men of the city. He was the spiritual

director of the New York Catholic Mechanics' Society, a group of German working men struggling to make it in the new world.

Upon completion of his work at Saint Francis Church in 1902, Fr. Ludger was assigned to the headquarters of the new established Holy Name Province in Paterson, New Jersey. In 1904 he was appointed Guardian of Saint Bonaventure Friary there and served until his death on August 10, 1909. He had hoped to be relieved of his responsibilities and had asked to return to 31st Street – his beloved parish of Saint Francis of Assisi, and the church he had erected. Perhaps he wanted to hear again the four church bells he had procured and had installed on December 20, 1891 – the bells he had named "Immaculate Conception," "Saint Francis," "Saint Clare," and "Angelus Domini" – over six thousand pounds of bells which chime out "Pax et Bonum" to all people of goodwill in New York City.

This series of articles on the history of our parish is adapted from the writings of Fr. Flavian Walsh, O.F.M., Pastor from 1985-87.

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place: St. Francis of Assisi Parish at 175

As part of our parish's year-long jubilee celebration, the St. Francis Adult Education Center is offering a three-week summer program that will look at our parish's past and present through several lenses: the biblical, the historical, the theological and the artistic. St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers a case study in what it means to be the Catholic Church in America and an oasis of spirituality in the secular city.

Week One (Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M.)

Wednesday and Thursday: July 17 & 18

Biblical Perspectives

Week Two (Fr. Dominic Monti, O.F.M.)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: July 23, 24 & 25

Historical Perspectives

Week Three (Joseph Nuzzi and Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.)

Tuesday and Wednesday: July 30 & 31

Theological and Artistic Perspectives

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

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.



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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?

¡Aquí hay una solución posible!

¡LEVÁNTENSE! 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

Holiness is also . . . boldness (*parrhesia* in Greek), an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world. To allow us to do this, Jesus himself comes and tells us once more, serenely yet firmly, "Do not be afraid." "I am with you always, to the end of the world." These words enable us to go forth and serve with the same courage that the Holy Spirit stirred up in the apostles, impelling them to proclaim Jesus Christ.



Boldness, enthusiasm, the freedom to speak out, apostolic fervor, all these are included in the word "boldness (*parrhesia*)."

The Bible uses this word (*parrhesia*) to describe the freedom of a life open to God and to others.

Saint Paul VI . . . spoke of a lack of fervor . . . Yet the Lord calls us to put out into the deep and let down our nets. He bids us spend our lives in his service. Clinging to him, we are inspired to put all our charisms at the service of others. May we always feel compelled by his love . . .

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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 of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers; and for the intentions of Adelaida Carlos.

The Sanctuary Lights are given in memory of Jesusa Catahan from Adelaida Carlos; and for the healing of Lauren Kho.

Saturday, June 1, 2019

8:00 AM Linda Eisel (d.)
11:00 Anna Caroll (d.)
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
5:15 Providencia Castro

Sunday, June 2, 2018

8:00 AM Frank & John D'Ausilio
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Sor Blanquita Cordova (d.)
11:00 Isabel Vázquez (d.)
12:30 PM Franciscan Mass League
5:00 Genevieve Irizarry
6:15 Nelly, in thanksgiving

Monday, June 3, 2019

7:00 Edward Irizarry
7:45 María del Pilar Blanco (d.)
8:30 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
11:30 Madeline Novak (d.)
12:30 PM Carmen Maria Morales (d.)
4:30 Leo & Emily Bauer (d.)
5:30 Charles Vassallo (d.)

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

7:00 Alfred Bazzurro (d.)
7:45 Joanne & Dennis Shay (d.)
8:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony, Marguerite Pierre-Louis
11:30 Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart, Ramonde Pierre-Louis
12:30 PM Gene Souza (d.)
4:30 Isolina Perez
5:30 Jonathan Butler

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

7:00 AM Basilia Delano (d.)
7:45 Librada Diamante (d.)
8:30 Mazaria Gois (d.)
11:30 Leoncia & Martha Paglallianwuan (d.)
12:30 PM Ernesto F. Martinez Family (d.)
4:30 Jack & Rita Castellano (d.)
5:30 James Irizarry

Thursday, June 6, 2019

7:00 AM Kerveen Aristide, in thanksgiving
7:45 Kevin Montevirgen, in thanksgiving
8:30 Tara Michelle Taylor
11:30 Sara Louise Poteat
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Mary Kutty Scaria (d.)
5:30 Fr. John J. Hynes (d.)

Friday, June 7, 2019

7:00 AM Alexis Morales, 16th birthday
7:45 María del Pilar Blanco (d.)
8:30 Jean Castellano (d.)
11:30 Dorothy Yost (d.)
12:30 PM Miss T. & Ania Cihanek (d.)
4:30 Ferdinand Family, in thanksgiving
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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