



**E**t uenit unus de septem angelis hinc ab. vii. signatas plenis septem plagis nouissimis: et loquitur est mecum dicens. Veni ostende mihi quid agam. Et sustulit me in spiritu in montem magnum et altum: et ostendit michi ciuitatem

iaspide. In medio ciuitatis murum mundum: simile in eo mundus. fundamentum murus ciuitatis: omnia lapide preciosi ornati. fundamentum primum iaspide secundus saphirus: tertius calcidionius: quartus smaragdus: quintus sardius: sextus sardius: fundamentum octauum: sardius: septimus: iaspide

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

*175 Years*  
 1844 - 2019

May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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.

### **On the cover:**

The Cloisters Apocalypse, folio 36v, depicts the scene described in today's second reading from the Book of Revelation, 21: 10-14: "The angel took me (John) in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God..."

This magnificent illuminated manuscript, created in France in 1330, is on view at The Cloisters Treasury of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

### **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)



## The Pastor's Corner



In today's Gospel of John we hear: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." The peace that Jesus offers is different from the peace that we want in the world where divisions, prejudice and animosity cause hatred among nations and people. The world wants these to cease and for harmony to be established. Jesus offers us something deeper and lasting. Fear and anxiety no longer control us, and even though there may still be reasons to be afraid and troubled, Jesus offers us his life giving presence in our lives. He will come and "make his home in us." He will help us move beyond and let go of what prevents us from having that peace that the world cannot give. We have to allow Jesus to have a key place in our lives.

Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day, a day to remember the many men and women who laid down their lives for our country and what we stand for: freedom, equality, the dignity of each person, and the fact that we are all brothers and sisters. When I was growing up, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day because the graves of our loved ones were planted with flowers and flags were put on veterans' graves. There were Masses at the cemetery and parades, all to honor those who had given their lives. I like to also add a remembrance for their families who had their own struggle at these times, both in the past and now. Take some time over the weekend to say a prayer for these heroes.

*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.

## Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

**Monday, May 27**, is Memorial Day. We will observe our holiday schedule with just one Mass at **11:30 AM**. There will be no confessions and the church offices will be closed.



Let us prayerfully remember all those who have given their lives in defense of our country, and for the cause of freedom throughout the world, especially the members of our armed forces who have died while serving in various parts of the world. "There is no greater love than this – to lay down one's life for one's friends."



### Ascension Thursday May 30

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated on Thursday of this week, **May 30**.

Our regular weekday Mass schedule will be in effect: **7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 4:30 and 5:30 PM**. The **4:30 and 5:30 Masses on Wednesday, May 29**, will also fulfill the obligation.

*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.

**A Review: *Saint Anthony Messenger***

The Franciscans Friars from the Midwest have published the *Saint Anthony Messenger* for many years. If you don't have time for a



spiritual book and want to stay aware of what is happening in the church, the *Messenger* provides interesting article each month. An issue generally focuses on a current topic and the June issue deals with Sexual Abuse in the Church: Help, Heal, Hope. Feature articles are by a priest, a nun, and a

person who had been abused. The priest and the nun had not been abused nor were they abusers, but have important comments on the current issue. There is also a colorful feature story on an exhibit titled: Walking with St. Anthony. There is a good balance of articles in each issue. The current issue is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

**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](mailto:areitz@stfrancisnyc.org).



**2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**

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

Amount pledged to date: \$39,616

(last report: \$38,971)

Number of Gifts: 61 (last report: 58)

Number of Potential Givers: 1,662

Since the last report, 3 people have contributed gifts of \$645 to help us toward our goal. If you were not able to give to Renew and Rebuild, this is an opportunity to help support the various services that are provided by the Archdiocese from the Pastoral Center that assist with the administration of our parishes: legal services, insurance issues, maintenance consultation, and institutional discount buying. These are important services when running a parish.

**Alpine Europe with**

**The Passion Play of Oberammergau**

**11 Days: May 16-26, 2020**

visiting

**Heidelberg • Rhine Valley • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Salzburg  
Altötting • Markt Am Inn • Munich • Rothenburg**

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\$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](mailto:areitz@stfrancisnyc.org)





## STAND UP, IMMIGRANTS! BUILD THE NETWORK

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](mailto: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?

¡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](mailto: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

Look at Jesus. His deep compassion reached out to others. It did not make him hesitant, timid, or self-conscious as often happens with us. Quite the opposite. His compassion made him go out actively to preach and to send others on a mission of healing and liberation. Let us acknowledge our weakness but allow Jesus to lay hold of it and send us too on mission. We are weak, yet we hold a treasure that can enlarge us and make those who receive it better and happier. Boldness and apostolic courage are an essential part of mission.



God is eternal newness. He impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. He takes us to where humanity is wounded, where men and women . . . continue to seek an answer to the question of life's meaning. God is not afraid. He is fearless. He is always greater than our plans and schemes.

So if we dare go to the fringes, we will find him there; indeed, he is already there. Jesus is already there in the hearts of our brothers and sisters, in their wounded flesh, in their troubles and in their profound desolation. He is already there.

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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.

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine used at Masses each week, please go to the reception desk.

### Saturday, May 25, 2019

8:00 AM Marijan Kustera (d.)  
11:00 Dorothy Novak (d.)  
4:00 PM Hugh A. Canavan (d.)  
5:15 Kathleen Harris

### Sunday, May 26, 2018

8:00 AM Constantine & Adelena D'Argenio (d.)  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
9:30 Maryann Szobocsan (d.)  
11:00 Franciscan Mass League  
12:30 PM Angelita L. Barte (d.)  
5:00 Eric A. Rivera (d.)  
6:15 Maurizio Costantino (d.)

### Monday, May 27, 2019

#### Memorial Day

11:30 AM St. Jude Novena

### Tuesday, May 28, 2019

7:00 St. Jude Novena  
7:45 Francis Keyes (d.)  
8:30 Luis J. Carreon, Jr.  
11:30 Prosper Novak (d.)  
12:30 PM Elizabeth Tayengco (d.)  
4:30 John J. Bernauer (d.)  
5:30 Padre Santiago Mallen, CSSR (d.)

### Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00 AM St. Jude Novena  
7:45 Immaculate Egbose  
8:30 Jude Egbose  
11:30 Larry Fournier (d.)  
12:30 PM The Downes Family (d.)  
4:30 Jocelyn Devilla Parrenas (d.)  
5:30 Thomas & Edith Castellano (d.)

### Thursday, May 30, 2019 (Ascension)

7:00 AM St. Jude Novena  
7:45 Ann McCarthy  
8:30 Lechert Belvy (d.)  
11:30 Edna T. Pueyo (d.)  
12:30 PM The Sick

4:30 Ferdinand Family  
5:30 Thomas Oliva (d.)

### Friday, May 31, 2019 (Visitation of BVM)

7:00 AM Genese Paraison (d.)  
7:45 Marie Tony Sainsurin (d.)  
8:30 Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M.  
11:30 Brenda Fitch Fairaday  
12:30 PM Thomas McCarthy  
4:30 Karen Soriano (d.)  
5:30 Sr. Maria Paz Suarez



*The Visitation, Metropolitan Museum of Art*

## Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

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**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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