

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

*175 Years*  
1844-2019



May 12, 2019

Fourth 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:**

*Shepherd and Sheep* (detail) by Anthonij (Anton) Rudolf Mauve (1838-1888), a Dutch realist painter. His best known paintings depict peasants working in the fields. His paintings of flocks of sheep were especially popular with American patrons, so popular that a price differential developed between scenes of "sheep coming" and "sheep going." This painting is in the collection of the Cincinnati Art Museum.

## The Pastor's Corner



A Very Happy Mother's Day! The Friars and Staff send prayers and blessings to all Mothers and the Motherly on this annual celebration. Our lives are enriched by your care and dedication.

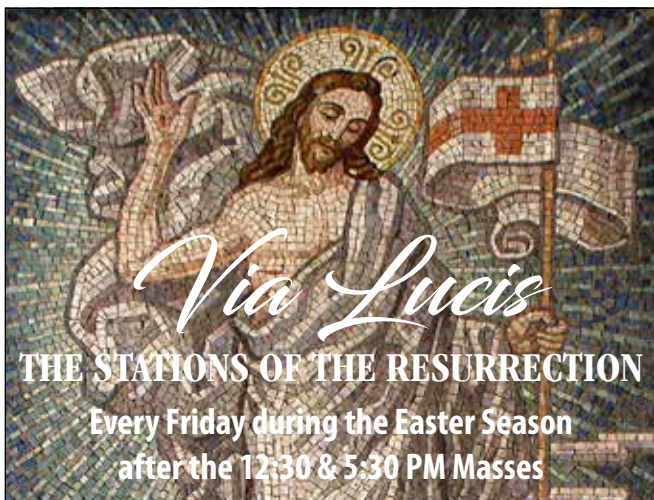
Today's short Gospel focuses on Jesus, the good shepherd. He says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." This sentence tells us many things: Jesus knows us and we are meant to be his followers. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows our thoughts, our words, our desires, our hidden thoughts, the various aspects of our personalities; what we do and what we don't do. Yes, he knows us and yet, he calls us to follow him. Some days we are good at following Jesus, but on other days we prefer to do it "our way" and it may not end of all that good and yet Jesus continues to call us to follow him. This is amazing and it is also humbling that someone thinks so much of us to stick with us in good times and bad.

Because of the money that we have received from Renew and Rebuild, we have been able to do these projects; some were in the Renew and Rebuild Plan and others were emergencies:

- Preliminary work on the organ
- New telephone system
- Technology upgrade
- Roof repair and duct replacement near the elevator (not church roof)
- Heating valve replacement
- Repair of broken pipes in the walls of the upper and lower sacristies and replacement of walls

I am grateful for the generosity of those who gave to Renew and Rebuild that covered the expense of these projects. We are currently looking at replacing some of the sidewalks on 31st Street because they are causing leaks in the basement.

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



### Happy Mother's Day!

We wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day! From Sunday, May 12, through Monday, May 20, we will remember at daily Mass all mothers, living and deceased, in our Mother's Day Novena. We take this special occasion to say "thank you" and pray that God will always cherish those who gave us life.




### Collection for Church in Eastern Europe

The second collection today supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous to the collection today.

**The Saint Francis Korean Community invites you to the 21st Annual Bazaar on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 10 AM to 5 PM on Broadway between 31st & 32nd Streets**



A drawing will be held at 4 PM and winners will be announced on our website, [stfrancisnyc.org](http://stfrancisnyc.org). Raffle Tickets are on sale now at the Reception desk: 1 for \$2 & 6 for \$10.

## Collections for April 2018 & 2019

### April 2018

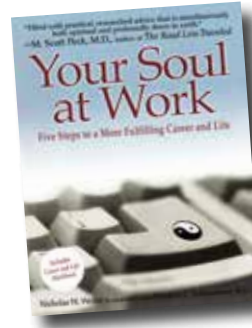
Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$65,244
Online Sunday Collections:	11,033
Total Sunday Collections:	77,177
(Easter was April 1 and five Sundays)	
Total Weekday Collections:	18,625
<b>Total Sundays and Weekdays:</b>	<b>95,802</b>
Budgeted for April 2018:	85,000
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+10,802</b>

### April 2019

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$54,178
Online Sunday Collections:	13,213
Total Sunday Collections:	67,391
(Easter was April 21)	
Total Weekday Collections (including Holy Week):	29,186
<b>Total Sundays and Weekdays:</b>	<b>96,577</b>
Budgeted for April 2019:	90,000
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+6,577</b>

## Book Review: *Your Soul at Work*

There are not many books about the spirituality of work. The authors of this book in their preface say: "We sense a need for a different kind of book that bridges the gap between straight spiritual and straight business writers. Our intent is to present a number of concepts agreed to by some of the great spiritual giants of history in a language and context people can relate to their daily work activities." They divide the book into a 5 Step Sequence: Breaking Old Mindsets, Contracting for Renewal, Finding Your Calling, Making It Happen, and Staying the Course. Each Chapter is filled with the research that the authors have assembled, brief reflections, a section about adult life stages and career related life values, and much more. It is a book to spend time with and it can help you "make it happen." The book 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).



## 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

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](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.

## *The Pastoral Staff at Saint Francis of Assisi*

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### *Gaudete et Exsultate:*

#### Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

#### Chapter 4: Signs of Holiness in Today's World

Humility can only take root in the heart through humiliations. Without them, there is no humility or holiness. If you are unable to suffer and offer up a few humiliations, you are not humble and you are not on the path to holiness. The holiness that God bestows on his church comes through the humiliation of his Son. He is the way.



Humiliation makes you resemble Jesus; it is an unavoidable aspect of the imitation of Christ. For "Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." In turn, he reveals the humility of the Father, who condescends to journey with his people, enduring their infidelities and complaints. For this reason, the apostles, after suffering humiliation, rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for [Jesus'] name."

Here, I am . . . speaking . . . about the daily humiliations of those who keep silent to save their families, who prefer to praise others rather than boast about themselves or who choose the less welcome tasks, at times even choosing to bear injustice . . . "If when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval."

### Friars in Residence

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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 Catherine B. Puangco.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for the intentions of Denise Festa from Benjamin Umayam; and for the intentions of Elija Meteen Coquia.

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

### Sunday, May 12, 2018

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
 9:30 Mary Bazzurro (d.)  
 11:00 Caroline Miskic (d.)  
 12:30 PM Blanca Puentes (d.)  
 5:00 Intention of Sharon Etlting  
 6:15 Esilda Aranguren (d.)

### Monday, May 13, 2019

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 7:45 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 8:30 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 11:30 Victor Maynard (d.)  
 12:30 PM Sr. Mary Casey, O.P. (d.)  
 4:30 Venera & Albert Costabile (d.)  
 5:30 Marie Gorrie

### Tuesday, May 14, 2019

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 7:45 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 8:30 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 11:30 Alfonso Serrano (d.)  
 12:30 PM Julia Crawford (d.)  
 4:30 Cathy Keenan  
 5:30 Maurizio Costantino (d.)

### Wednesday, May 15, 2019

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 7:45 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 8:30 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 11:30 Jack R. Thompson (d., 11th anniv.)  
 12:30 PM Jean & Marie Belony  
 4:30 Sofonias Mirasol (d.)  
 5:30 Mary Keating

### Thursday, May 16, 2019

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 7:45 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 8:30 Dolores Abbang (d., 18th anniv.)  
 11:30 Elvira Miranda  
 12:30 PM The Sick  
 4:30 Christopher Temple (d., birthday)  
 5:30 Leonardo Uy (d.)

### Saturday, May 11, 2019

8:00 AM Marie Couamin (d.)  
 11:00 Zoila de Porras (d.)  
 4:00 PM Deceased members of the Secular Institute of Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ (d.)  
 5:15 Franciscan Mass League

### Friday, May 17, 2019

7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
 7:45 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 8:30 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)  
 11:30 Bridget Connelly  
 12:30 PM Patrick Fenily (d.)  
 4:30 Cornelia & Matthew Melendez  
 5:30 Lucia Huang (d.)

## 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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