

175TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844 - 2019

September 15, 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

On the cover:

Jorge Martins is the artist who created the image of the interior of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi for our Anniversary celebration. Jorge is a parishioner of St. Francis and Administrative Coordinator in the Holy Name Province Office for the Promotion of Vocations.

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)

Summer hours: 9:00 - 11:15 AM; 1:00 - 4:15 PM

The Pastor's Corner



Many people in the time of Jesus were surprised that he would give his attention and time to various individuals whom he met along the way. In today's Gospel we hear the statement: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." We are all sinners and yet

Jesus chooses to welcome us and eat with us frequently. To those critics who say that the church is too open and welcoming to certain individuals, we must remember that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them." And we must remember what Pope Francis once said: "Who am I to judge?" Today, Jesus speaks about the lost sheep, the prodigal son, and other situations where someone or something is lost and then found. When we enter into situations with the type of heart that Jesus shows us, we bring a great gift to others and to our world.

On September 17 we celebrate the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi. He loved to withdraw to an isolated cave or mountain after he had been preaching and caring for people. This is what gave him the ability to be the loving and approachable person that he was. Those who wrote about him would speak about him as being an "alter Christus", another Christ and at times "il santo", the saint. In 1214 while he was praying at Mount La Verna, a Seraph appeared in the sky and marked St. Francis with the marks of the crucified Christ. When you visit Assisi, you can travel to La Verna and visit the shrine dedicated to this event in St. Francis' life.

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

P.S. A Memorial Mass for 9/11 Workers will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 17 at 4:30 PM in the Upper Church.



All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome to join us for our annual Young Adult Retreat at the Mt. Alvernia Franciscan Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. The retreat is from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, September 27-29, 2019.

Join us for prayer, reflection, inspiration and sharing. This retreat is a great way to enter the fall season reconnecting with God and with other young adults in our community. The cost is \$200 per person and includes use of the retreat house, retreat materials, meals, and Saturday evening social. Transportation is not included, but details will be provided.



175th Anniversary Gala

September 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM, San Damiano Hall

Enjoy time with friars, parishioners and friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi with food, music and cocktails as we celebrate this memorable moment in the life of our church.

Tickets are \$50 each and will be available at the entrances of the church after all Masses this weekend or at the reception desk in the Parish House lobby.

175th Anniversary Commemorative Book

Our Commemorative Book will be released during the Gala on September 20 and will be available for sale at the reception desk for \$20 as long as supplies last.

175th Anniversary Raffle

\$1,000 First Prize • \$500 Second Prize • \$250 Third Prize
Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 on sale at the reception desk in St. Francis House. The drawing will be held at the Gala on September 20. You don't have to be present to win.

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, September 29, at 2:00 PM

Please gather with your pet in front of the church on W. 31st St.

Triduum of Prayer in Honor of St. Francis

Tuesday to Thursday, October 1-3, at 11:30 & 4:30

Let us pray to be instruments of peace in our world.

Transitus of Saint Francis

Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 PM

The commemoration of the Passing of St. Francis to Eternal Life.

175th Anniversary Festive Mass

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, 2019, 5:30 PM

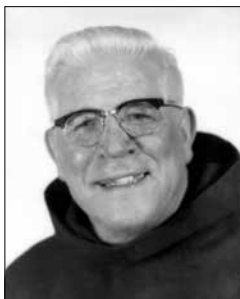
Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be the principal celebrant at the Mass, together with former Pastors and visiting friars, which will close our anniversary year.

More information can be found at stfrancisnyc.org.

The Friars of Thirty-First Street, Part 18

Fr. Capistran Petrie moved to Buffalo, NY where he served as pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and later served as the Commissary Provincial of the Commissariat of St. John Capistran, headquartered in Roebling, NJ.

Fr. Lucian Gallagher, former Commissary Provincial of the Third Order Franciscans, was named guardian and pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Friary and Church during the Provincial Chapter of 1943. Immediately he formulated a program for the celebration of the centenary of the church which would be observed in 1944.



Plans for the installation of a new main altar, new terrazzo floors, and a new confessional chapel were realized. The loft building adjoining the friary to the east, which was purchased in 1937, and partially converted to rooms for friars, was further renovated under Fr. Lucian's direction. The parlor facilities were enlarged to include the ground floor of the former loft building, a new lobby was constructed at the entrance of the friary, a priests' chapel and confessional were built, and the friary buildings were renovated as well.

During the month of October, 1944, St. Francis of Assisi celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding with a solemnity and color rarely seen in any American church. Fr. Lucian planned and executed a series of Masses which brought some of the most notable preachers in America to the little church on 31st Street.

In preparation for the Feast of St. Francis and the centenary, a solemn novena was conducted from September 26 to October 4. The centennial celebrations proper took place from October 4 to 8. On each evening of the novena, a distinguished guest preacher delivered the sermon. Fr. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., editor of *The Catholic World*, was the speaker on the opening day of the novena. His topic was "The Age of Saint Francis of Assisi."



The procession of clergy into the church for one of the 100th anniversary Masses held October 4-8, 1944.

On September 27, Fr. Apollinaris Baumgartner, O.F.M., Cap., pastor of neighboring St. John the Baptist Church, spoke on the theme, "Everybody's Saint Francis." The next day, Fr. Albert H. Dolan, O.Carm., founder and director of the League of the Little Flower, and writer of several books on St. Therese, preached on the subject, "St. Francis, Lover of Nature and the God of Nature." Fr. Cosmas Shaughnessy, C.P., Director of laymen's retreats at the Passionist Monastery in Jamaica, NY, delivered a sermon on "St. Francis' Love for the Crucified" on September 29. "The Love of St. Francis for the Poor and Suffering" was the subject of a talk on September 30 by Fr. Edward M. Betowski, professor of homiletics at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY.

The sermons continued with "The Three Orders of St. Francis" by Msgr. James H. Griffiths, and "St. Francis, a Reformer of Society," by Dom Gregory Borgstedt, O.S.B. from Portsmouth, RI. At the Solemn Transitus on October 3, Msgr. Joseph F. Flannelly, administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, preached on "The Death of St. Francis." Fr. George Rudrof, O.M.C., of Seaside Park, NJ, preached the concluding novena sermon on "The Franciscan Message to the World."

Saint Francis Walks for Diabetes

Join Saint Francis Walks on Saturday, September 21 in *STEP OUT: A Walk to Stop Diabetes*. Here's an opportunity to witness for our faith in the public square and to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers. For more information, contact Fr. Julian Jagudilla, O.F.M. at jjagudilla@stfrancisnyc.org or visit stepout.diabetes.org

Collections for August 2018 & 2019

August 2018

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$35,076
Online Sunday Collections:	17,381
Total Sunday Collections:	52,457
Total Weekday Collections:	21,733
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	74,190
Budgeted for August 2018:	85,000
Difference	-10,810

August 2019

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$36,683
Online Sunday Collections:	14,844
Total Sunday Collections:	51,527
Total Weekday Collections:	19,786
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	71,313
Budgeted for August 2019:	90,000
Difference	-18,687

2018-2019 Fiscal Year end August 31, 2019

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A Network of Information, Support & Protection of Immigrants



Are you without immigration status?

Here's a possible solution!

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La Red de Información, Apoyo y Protección de Inmigrantes



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Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

#4: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring in a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor. Our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

Pope Francis: "The Joy of the Gospel: God's word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us. 'As you did for one of these my brethren, you did to me.' The way we treat others has a transcendent dimension. 'The measure you give will be the measure you get.' It corresponds to the mercy which God has shown us. 'Be merciful just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge and you will not be judged, do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you. . . For the measure you give will be the measure you get back.' What these passages make clear is the absolute priority of 'going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters' as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm and as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift."

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for the intentions of Elizabeth Evangelista, and in memory of Vinz Eleazar.

Saturday, September 14, 2019

8:00 AM Edith M. Hipol (d.)
 11:00 Dec. of the Secular Institute of Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ
 4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
 5:15 Thomas & Joan Gilbride (d.)

Sunday, September 15, 2018

8:00 AM Luis Rosa
 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
 9:30 Chloe Wilbert
 11:00 Richard Paul Kim
 12:30 PM Franciscan Mass League
 5:00 Alice Rondinelli (d.)
 6:15 Elizabeth C. Weese (d.)

Monday, September 16, 2019

7:00 Maura & John Zoeller
 7:45 Martin Coyne (d.)
 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
 11:30 George J. Berzinskas (d.)
 12:30 PM Elizabeth Brennan
 4:30 Marie & Tom Finnerty
 5:30 Thanksgiving

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

7:00 Crichlow Family
 7:45 Thanks. to St. Anthony, Maria Bettig
 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
 11:30 Jovita A. Alimonsorin (d.)
 12:30 PM Enrique A. Arrobang (d.)
 4:30 Thanksgiving to St. Clare
 5:30 Irene Lunar (d.)



The Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi, September 17

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:00 AM The Thompson Family
 7:45 Janet Holland, for healing
 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
 11:30 Regina Dabu Tapang (d.)
 12:30 PM St. Joseph Marie Robert, VHM
 4:30 Maridelsa & Armando Grullon
 5:30 Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

Thursday, September 19, 2019

7:00 All Souls in Purgatory
 7:45 Xavier Melendez
 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
 11:30 Matthew Melendez
 12:30 PM The Sick
 4:30 Doris Garcia (d.)
 5:30 Esilda Aranguren (d.)

Friday, September 20, 2019

7:00 Lamerce Charles (d.)
 7:45 Maria Henrietta Concepcion (d.)
 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
 11:30 Margaret Gillespie (d.)
 12:30 PM Juan Grajo (d.)
 4:30 Judith & Christopher Pena (d.)
 5:30 Elizabeth C. Weese (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.

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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