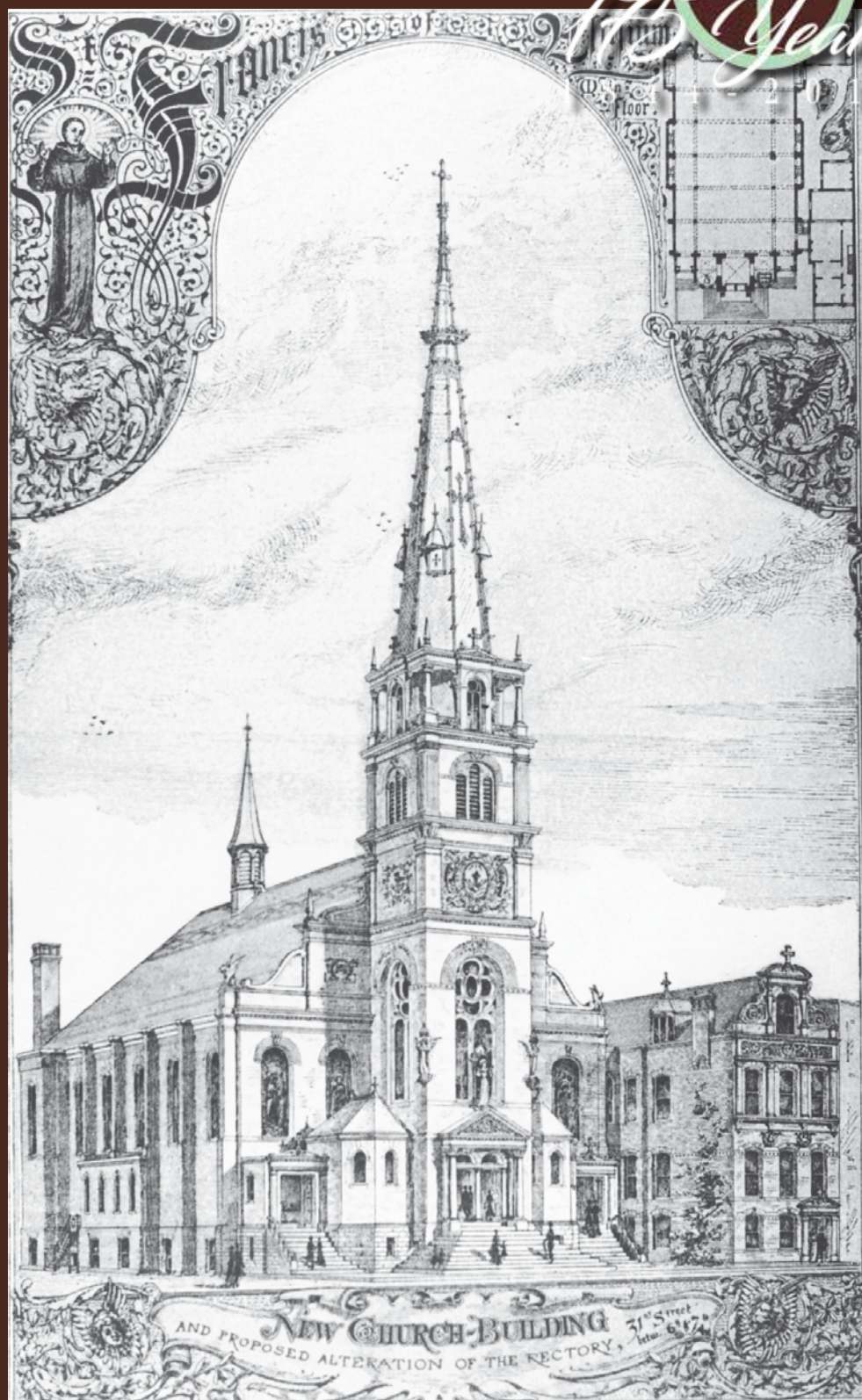


Church of **Saint Francis of Assisi**

175 Years



September 29, 2019

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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)

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

On the cover:

As we approach the climax of our 175th anniversary celebration, the covers of our bulletins for the next several Sundays will feature historic photos of our church throughout the years. Today's cover shows the architect's design for the present church which was dedicated in 1892. The architectural style is a blend of Romanesque and Renaissance. It is 133 feet long, 58 feet wide, and the ceiling height is 41 feet. The 150-foot tower houses four bells

The Pastor's Corner



Jesus tells the story about the rich man and Lazarus in today's Gospel. Lazarus, covered with sores and hungry, sits outside the rich man's house and there is no response to his condition from the rich man. Both die, but the rich man ends up in a place of torment while

Lazarus is taken to the bosom of Abraham. I remember when I was in a choir in public school, we sang: "Poor man, Lazarus, sick and disabled. Put your finger in the water and come and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in the flames." This was and is a great song about our concern for one another and the reminder to put our faith into action. Sometimes, a simple, kind action can mean much to someone. We Christians have always been people who see what needs to be done and then make it happen.

The celebration of our 175th Anniversary concludes this Friday, October 4, with Cardinal Dolan as the Principal Celebrant of the 5:30 PM Mass. The Friars will join the Cardinal and celebrate this Mass of thanksgiving. If you haven't yet purchased our Commemorative Anniversary Book, it is available at the reception desk for \$20. It is a great book, filled with pictures of the seasons of St. Francis, the ministries here, and greetings from many people, businesses and other Franciscan ministry sites. I want to thank Fr. Timothy, Joe Nuzzi, Loida de Jesus, Keith Kemp, Meredith Augustin, and Ed Trochimczuk who have worked hard planning the Gala, the Anniversary Book and the Feastday Mass. Well done!

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

Get Your Flu Shot!

Free flu shots will be offered by Duane-Reade/Walgreen's Pharmacy on Sunday, October 6, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the lobby of San Damiano Hall. If you haven't gotten your annual flu shot yet, here is your opportunity!



6th Annual Indie & Foreign Film Festival

Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 PM

Friday, October 18 at 6:00 PM

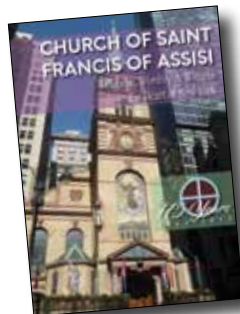
Saturday, October 19 at 1:00 PM

San Damiano Hall, 127 West 31st Street
www.indieforfilmfest.com

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI & CLOSING OF OUR ANNIVERSARY YEAR



175th Anniversary Commemorative Book



Our Commemorative Book is now available for sale at the reception desk in the Parish House for \$20.

Get your copy of this limited-edition keepsake now!

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,

More information can be found at stfrancisnyc.org.

The Friars of Thirty-First Street, Part 20

The pastors who followed Fr. Lucian Gallagher continued his efforts to respond to the needs of the people in the post-World War II era. Fathers Terence McNally, Emmanuel Duffy and Bernard Tobin were extremely conscious of the changing times in New York City.

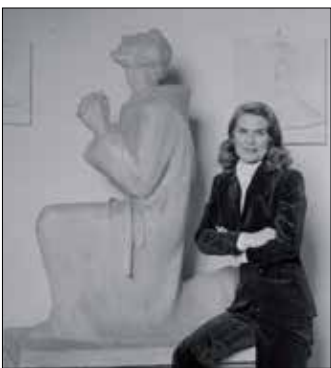
The Provincial Chapter of 1949 appointed an equally eloquent preacher to succeed Fr. Lucian in the person of Fr. Terence McNally. He had served as pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary parish in the Yorkville section of New York for 15 years, then moved to midtown Manhattan to be the guardian and pastor of St. Francis on 31st Street. He inspired something approaching awe in the young friars during his six years at St. Francis Church, and proved to be the capable administrator such a multifaceted ministry required.

In June 1955 Fr. Emmanuel Duffy was appointed pastor of St. Francis for a brief three-year term. He began immediately to concentrate on the physical needs of the church and friary. For many decades, hundreds of friars had mounted the pulpit in the nave of St. Francis Church to preach the Word of God. Fr. Emmanuel replaced the familiar pulpit in 1956, and then removed the side-aisle benches. The space gained by both removals made the church appear much larger. At the same time, he installed marble around the bases of the pillars and along the side walls. The following year, because of the constant use of the parlors for counseling, he renovated them and added air conditioning.

Early in June 1957 the construction of a new entrance on 32nd Street was undertaken by Fr. Emmanuel. Many people were unaware of the lower church, while others did not know of the existence of the upper church! They were accustomed to one or the other. When the 32nd Street entrance was closed, it took some of the regular worshipers a while to adjust themselves to the walk around the block. The new entrance opened in June 1959. People could now walk in from 32nd Street or 31st Street to the covered vestibule which leads to both the lower and the upper churches.

A large stone crucifix over the doors marks the entrance to the church on 32nd Street, and a bronze statue of St. Francis, kneeling with his eyes cast upward to the crucifix, was designed for the newly-created courtyard by Betti Richard of Vienna, Austria. Ms. Richard’s husband was the ambassador to the United Nations

from Austria, and they were living in New York City. Brother Cajetan Baumann, O.F.M, the friar architect responsible for enlarging and beautifying the 32nd Street entrance, desired to have a statue of St. Francis of Assisi for the courtyard. Ms. Richard responded to the challenge in 1957 and created one of the most popular images of St. Francis in the world, lovingly caressed by hundreds of people as they pass day after day. When she was affiliated to Holy Name Province in 1986, Ms. Richard told the friars that the St. Francis statue on 32nd Street “came from within her own heart much as a child comes forth from the womb of a mother.”



On May 9, 1961, Bishop John Maguire, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York, consecrated three new altars in the church: the main altar and two side altars dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony of Padua. The latter two featured white marble statues which were also created by Betti Richard. The dedication marked the end of five years of construction and renovations at St. Francis Church. New entrances on both 31st and 32nd Streets, three new outdoor shrines, new floors, pews and pulpit, newly designed confessionals, and the air-conditioning of the upper and lower churches were finally accomplished.

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.

Book Review: *The Grace of Patience*

None of us enjoys waiting: at the checkout counter, for a doctor’s appointment, for the subway, for the food in a restaurant, for the results of a test. We are a people of fast food and a fast life. So, here we have a book titled *The Grace of Patience*.



This should be a best seller. . . if you have the patience to sit down and read. The author, Margaret Whipp, is chaplain at Oxford University and has also worked in parish ministry. She has interviewed hundreds of people and ministered in a hospital to fill out the experience of waiting. One problem that she encountered frequently was the problem of busyness. She found that so many people are so busy that their lives are out of control. This can be blamed on something intrinsic within a person that needs to be dealt with. While patience is a virtue, it really is a “skill” that needs to be learned and practiced. From there, she develops this idea and ends with a chapter on “the God who waits for us.” This is a book filled with much insight in something that we all struggle with. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



Fr. Terence McNally, O.F.M. Pastor, 1949-1955 Fr. Emmanuel Duffy, O.F.M. Pastor, 1955-1958 Fr. Bernard Tobin, O.F.M. Pastor, 1958-1961



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 or 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.



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Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

#6: Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keeper, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

Sollicitudo rei Socialis ("The Social Concern"; encyclical of Pope John Paul II, 1987): Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are really responsible for all.

Economic Justice for All (Pastoral Letter from the U.S. Bishops, 1986): We have to move from our devotion of independence through an understanding of interdependence, to a commitment of human solidarity... Love implies concern for all...

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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.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for the healing of Maria Cristina Kho; for the birthday of Francisco Carlos and in memory of Bonifacio Carlos, Jr. from Adelaida Carlos.

Saturday, September 28, 2019

- 8:00 AM Amparo Obsequio
- 11:00 Giuseppe D'Alessandro (d.)
- 4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
- 5:15 Julia Masi, 10th birthday

Sunday, September 29, 2019

- 8:00 AM Frances & Stephen Rosty (d.)
- 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
- 9:30 Mildred Wojdyla (d.)
- 11:00 Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M.
- 12:30 PM Maridelsa & Armando Grullon
- 5:00 Jean Pierre Claude Pernier (d.)
- 6:15 Franciscan Mass League

Monday, September 30, 2019

- 7:00 John D. Kelly (d.)
- 7:45 William Crofton Murphy (d.)
- 8:30 Nair Stersa Calzavara (d.)
- 11:30 Fredeswinda Antan Himbing (d.)
- 12:30 PM Isaias Gumboc Himbing (d.)
- 4:30 Marie Veale
- 5:30 Thomas & Edith Castellano (d.)

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

- 7:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)
- 7:45 John D. Kelly (d.)
- 8:30 John D. Kelly (d.)
- 11:30 Emma John Mattessich (d.)
- 12:30 PM Charmaine Spadavecchia
- 4:30 Isabel Vasquez (d.)
- 5:30 Jonathan Butler

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

- 7:00 AM John D. Kelly (d.)
- 7:45 Robert Monroe (d.)
- 8:30 Helen Frances Farrell (d.)
- 11:30 Poor Souls
- 12:30 PM Nicole Spadavecchia
- 4:30 Michael Law, birthday
- 5:30 Carolyn Luguya & John Habashi

Thursday, October 3, 2019

- 7:00 Giuseppe LoVoi (d.)
- 7:45 Florita Obsequio (d.)
- 8:30 Irene Alexandra Marras
- 11:30 Carmen Maria Morales (d.)
- 12:30 PM The Sick
- 4:30 Giuseppe D'Alessandro (d.)
- 5:30 William W. Tufts (d.)

Friday, October 4, 2019

- 7:00 Sr. Liliane Dallemand (d.)
- 7:45 Maria del Pilar Blanco (d.)
- 8:30 SImone Crichlon, for healing
- 11:30 Family & Friends of Eleanor (l. & d.)
- 12:30 PM Thanks. to St. Francis, Marie Fortune & Family
- 4:30 In honor of St. Francis of Assisi
- 5:30 Dec. memb. of Drury, Neenan, Cuellar & Ayala Family



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.

