

Sixth Annual Indie & Foreign Film Festival



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
The Heart of New York

October 13, 2019

Twenty-Eighth 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:

See the advertisement on the next page for our Sixth Annual Indie & Foreign Film Festival sponsored by Migrant Center of New York, which will be held this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 17-19, 2019.

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



The Gospel today is about Jesus curing ten lepers. What a horrible disease and what a horrible life for those who had it. You have to admire these lepers for encountering Jesus and for Jesus paying attention to them and eventually curing them. Lepers were not allowed to make contact with people outside the leper colony. They must have been shocked when they realized they were cured, so shocked that all but one went back to thank Jesus. Even in our day to day life, we take things for granted and may not pause to give thanks to God for minor or major miracles. They do happen. What was the last miracle that you experienced?

This week we begin a series of excerpts from the United States Bishops' Letter: *Open Wide Our Hearts* on racism. Racism is a destructive and powerful force, and their Pastoral Letter has much to say about this evil. There is some racism in each person and to recognize it gives a person the opportunity to choose a different course in life and to embrace more strongly and fervently the values of Jesus. As a church we need to stress that we are all "children of God" and that we are "sisters and brothers in Christ" and temples of the Holy Spirit. I hope that the weekly excerpts will help us lessen the power of this evil.

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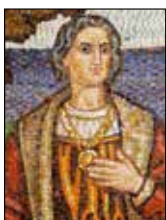
Mission Sunday Next Week

Next week is World Mission Sunday, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid.



The second collection next weekend, October 12-13, will be taken for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Columbus Day Holiday Schedule



The Church of St. Francis of Assisi will observe Columbus Day on Monday, October 14th with one Mass 11:30 AM. There will be no confessions, and the church offices will be closed for the day, including the St. Francis Adult Education Center.



6th Annual Indie & Foreign Film Festival

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

Opening Night

Thursday, October 17, 6:00 PM

*Unaccompanied • Locked Inside a Box
What Happens to a Dream Deferred?
In Colors • Seadrift*

Student Film Night

Friday, October 18, 6:00 PM

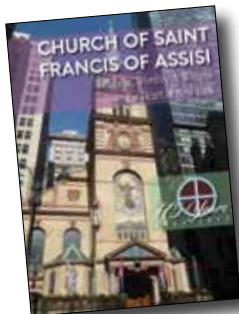
*Nosotros • Better Together • The Gift (El Regalo)
Princesa • No • Unconditional • Fireflies • Vida
Metamorphosis • Paper Boats*

Matinee Day

Saturday, October 19, 1:00 PM

*Retornados • No Vuelo (I Will Not Return) • Hello Mexico
Lumpkin, GA • Walking for Ded • Landfall
On the Margins of Art • Adnan • Far from Home • Raheel*

175th Anniversary Commemorative Book



Our Commemorative Book is available for sale at the reception desk in the Parish House for \$20. Get your copy of this limited-edition keepsake now!

All Souls Day Cards

If you would like to remember a deceased friend or loved one on All Souls Day, we have special card available at the reception desk for an offering of \$5.00 each. The cover of the card features a photo of the Angel of Redemption from the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. The inside message reads: A Spiritual Gift in Loving Memory of _____ will share in a special remembrance in the prayers and Masses celebrated by the Franciscan Friars at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi on All Souls Day.



Poems R Us



Enjoy an evening of original poetry by members of the St. Francis Adult Education Program and friends of our parish. This free program will take place 6:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday, October 23, in the Conference Room. Enter through the Parish House.

**COME JOIN US AT THE
COSTUME PARTY
2019!**

**A FUNDRAISING EVENT BY THE
UGNAYAN FILIPINO MINISTRY FOR
THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
AND ITS MINISTRIES**

With music and light refreshments
Tickets: \$20 | Saturday, Oct 26 | 5:00 to 9:00 PM
San Damiano Hall - 129 W. 31st St. New York, NY 10001

For more info: filipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org
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Treasures from Our Tradition

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts – first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons – to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves!



James Field

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Collections for September 2018 & 2019

September 2018

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$46,019
Online Sunday Collections:	14,829
Total Sunday Collections:	60,848
Total Weekday Collections:	14,553
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	75,401
Budgeted for September 2018:	90,000
Difference	-14,599

September 2019

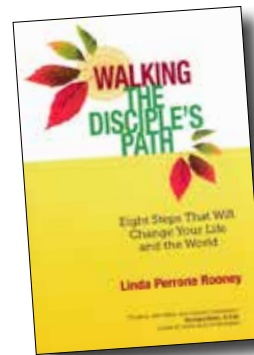
Offertory Sunday Collections in church (5 Sundays):	\$47,911
Online Sunday Collections:	14,751
Total Sunday Collections:	62,662
Total Weekday Collections:	15,014
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	77,676
Budgeted for September 2019:	90,000
Difference	-12,324

The Church Fiscal Year runs September 1 to August 31

Book Review: *Walking the Disciple's Path*

Linda Perrone Rooney has written a number of books to help people enrich their spiritual lives. It is so easy to stand still or even regress in one's spiritual life and one's contact with God. The subtitle of this book is "Eight Steps That Will Change Your Life and the World." This seems like a challenging task for a book, so I decided to look at it to see if it might be able to help a person make the necessary changes. As I looked over the table of contents, "attitude" seems to be the key factor and this "attitude" is shaped by the Scriptures.

Realizing that we are invited daily by Christ to walk with him is the first step – that we are invited repeatedly. Accepting consciously to respond to this invitation is a must. Then, cultivate a generous spirit, praying like Jesus, being a healer and dealing with any fears are essential aspects of this transformation. Needless to say, this takes time. She has questions, suggestions and prayers to guide anyone who takes up this challenge. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



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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 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!

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Open Wide Our Hearts, A Pastoral Letter on Racism from the United States Catholic Bishops

A very strong corrupting factor in cultures throughout history is the presence of racism. We just have to take a quick look through history to see its destructive power. In 2018 the US Bishops' Conference responded to the power of racism by writing and publishing a pastoral letter against this "persistent form of evil": *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. The letter opens with the Scripture from St. John that says: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." The letter continues to address: What is racism?

Racism arises when – either consciously or unconsciously – a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of persons offended. To recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love (Mt. 22,39).

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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 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 Aldo Festa, Sr.; and the intentions of Jenny & Cristina Mercandetti from B. Umayam.

Saturday, October 12, 2019

8:00 AM Cassien Alexander (d.)
11:00 Secular Institute of Missionaries of Kingship of Christ (d.)
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
5:15 Franciscan Mass League

Sunday, October 13, 2018

8:00 AM Felix, Cesar & Rebecca Marquez
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Sor. Blanca Cordova (d.)
11:00 Mary Kossen (d.)
12:30 PM Frank Militello (d.)
5:00 Renzo Ventrella (d.)
6:15 Jenny & Louis Castellano (d.)

Monday, October 14, 2019

Columbus Day Holiday

11:30 Victoria D. Bazzurro (d.)

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

7:00 Felix, Cesar & Rebecca Marquez
7:45 William Brown (d.)
8:30 John Collins
11:30 Frank & Amelia Betua (d.)
12:30 PM Donald Hoffman (d.)
4:30 Dennis & Margaret Sullivan (d.)
5:30 David Erbe (d.)

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7:00 AM Felix, Cesar & Rebecca Marquez
7:45 For Employment
8:30 Brian Montevirgen
11:30 Hufnagel & Valley Families (l. & d.)
12:30 PM Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
4:30 Clara Giovannello (d., birthday)
5:30 Dauphine & Family

Thursday, October 17, 2019

7:00 Cecilia Quintana (d.)
7:45 Brian Montevirgen
8:30 Brian Montevirgen
11:30 Felix, Cesar & Rebecca Marquez
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Ernest Bane
5:30 George Simonton

Friday, October 18, 2019

7:00 Felix, Cesar & Rebecca Marquez
7:45 Kara Webber (d.)
8:30 Dioscoro Pinili Vincoy (d.)
11:30 Mary Rogich (d.)
12:30 PM Dr. Carolann F. Martin (d.)
4:30 Esilda Aranguren (d.)
5:30 Thanksgiving to St. Jude



Right: Saint Luke, Evangelist; October 18

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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