

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;  
whence shall help come to me?  
My help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven  
and earth.  
Ps. 121:1-2

*Church of*  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**  
*The Heart of New York*

October 20, 2019

Twenty-Ninth 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.

### Safe Environment Program

The mission of the Archdiocese of New York's "Safe Environment Program" is to prevent and respond to any incidents of child sexual abuse. We are dedicated to insure the safety of children and young people who have been entrusted to our care in our parishes, schools, religious education classes, and other programs. To report an incident of child sexual abuse, go to: <https://archny.org/safe-environment-program>, or email the director at [emechmann@archny.org](mailto:emechmann@archny.org).

### 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



Today's Gospel is the interesting account of the persistent widow and the dishonest judge. She is the victor in spite of how she is treated. This is a victory for what a woman in her position in society could do. This is encouraging for those who may be hesitant to stand up for what they know is right. Jesus uses the example of ordinary people to show heroic action in difficult circumstances. He joins his life to ours and encourages us to act the same.

Several activities are coming up soon: next Saturday, October 26, there is a Wills Seminar after the 4 PM Mass in the Clare Room. This is a great opportunity to ask questions that you may have and to hear about ways to plan for the future. It is free and will begin about 5 PM.

Also on Saturday, October 26, the Filipino Community is sponsoring a Costume Party with food and music. It is always interesting to see how people will come dressed to this event. This promises to be a fun evening.

Commemorative Journals are available at the reception desk. This beautiful book celebrates St. Francis Church's 175 Years of presence in midtown Manhattan. Some history, our ministries, photos and sponsors make up this Journal. Stop by and take a look at it.

*Fr. Andrew*

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

### Wills Seminar Next Saturday

On **Saturday, October 26, at 5:00 PM** there will be a free Wills Seminar in the Clare Room in the Parish House. Topics will include advice on drawing up a will, estate planning, how can you help your church, and practical answers from an attorney. This FREE event is sponsored by the Church of St. Francis of Assisi and the Legacy of Faith of the Archdiocese of New York.



### All Souls Mass of Remembrance

Our annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on **Monday, November 4, at 7:00 PM**. Because All Souls Day falls on a Saturday this year, we did not want it to conflict with the Saturday evening Mass schedule. This liturgy is an opportunity to remember your loved ones who have died, especially those whose funerals you were unable to attend. We invite everyone to bring a photo of your loved one which will be placed in the sanctuary during the Mass.

### Mission Sunday

Today, World Mission Sunday, we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness that mission in the world through our prayer and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world.

The second collection this weekend will be taken for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.



### Week of Prayer to St. Jude

We invite to take part in a Week of Prayer in honor of St. Jude from **Monday, October 21, through Friday, October 25, at the 11:30 and 4:30 weekday Masses**.

Devotions to St. Jude became popular in the United States because of the Great Depression, World War II, and the sufferings of ordinary people. St. Jude continues to be a beacon of hope to those who call him, no matter how desperate the need.

Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church for your intentions.



### Poems R Us



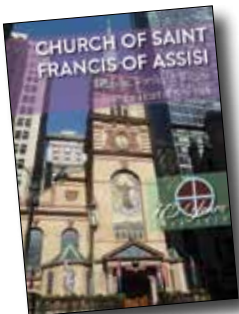
Enjoy an evening of original poetry by members of the St. Francis Adult Education Program and friends of our parish. This free program will take place **6:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday, October 23**, in the Conference Room. Enter through the Parish House.

### 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.



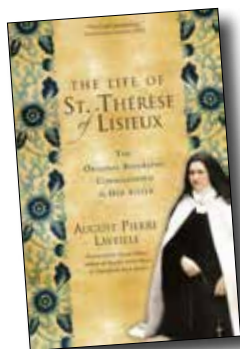
## 175th Anniversary Commemorative Book



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!

## Book Review: *The Life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

This biography of St. Thérèse is the original biography commissioned by her sister that has been recently republished. Those who are lay Carmelites or just interested in the Little Flower will find



this book a real treasure. Her early years and the early influences on her life are worthwhile noting and following her entrance into the Carmel show how God was working in her life. We are given a look at the interior life of the Carmel and her dealings with day to day life with the other Sisters and her responsibilities with the novices. We read about her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary,

the role of suffering in her life and her ideas about the "Little Way." Although illness took Thérèse at an early age, the richness of her life and example are plentiful. There is much to be learned from this "Little Flower." The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

## Lecture on Franciscans & Civil Rights

The Academy of American Franciscan History is pleased to announce its 13th Annual Tibesar Lecture. This lecture is named in honor of Antonine Tibesar O.F.M. (1909-1992), a noted Franciscan scholar and director of the Academy.

This year's lecture will focus on Franciscans in the Civil Rights movement, and we are very pleased to have as our speaker Dr. Paul Murray, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Siena College, Loudonville, NY. Dr. Murray's talk is entitled "Franciscans and the Civil Rights Movement: Father Nathaniel and the Cost of Leadership." He will share with us the story of Father Nathaniel Machesky O.F.M. and his brothers and sisters in Greenwood, Mississippi during the tumultuous period of the 1960s.

The talk will be given at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 28 in San Damiano Hall, 129 West 31st Street. Light refreshments will be served. The lecture is free and everyone is invite to attend.

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## *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Perseverance*

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers.

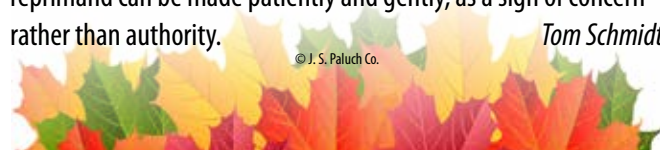
St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that?

"Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority.

*Tom Schmidt*

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

Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and – all too often – hatred.

Racism comes in many forms. It can be deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racism and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanics and African Americans, for example, face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices and African Americans, for suspected criminal activity. There is also the growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear among foreigners, immigrants and refugees. Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when (many) remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered.

*(to be continued)*

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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 intentions of the Umayam Twins, Jessie Eleazar, and the healing of Dennis Evangelista from B. Umayam.

### Saturday, October 19, 2019

8:00 AM Peter F. Keyes (d.)  
11:00 Katherine Weis (d.)  
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris  
5:15 Franciscan Mass League

### Sunday, October 20, 2018

8:00 AM Franciscan Mass League  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
9:30 Sheila Garces, birthday  
11:00 Ozorino Valeriano (d.)  
12:30 PM Godfrey Rozario, birthday  
5:00 Araceli Cerez (d.)  
6:15 Elizabeth C. Weese (d.)

### Monday, October 21, 2019

7:00 Mary Bazzurro (d.)  
7:45 Sr. Anne Denise Brennan, S.G.  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Maureen Thompson  
12:30 PM Rosario Crapa  
4:30 Maridelsa & Armando Grullon  
5:30 M. Abasial & Family; G. Malagar & Pilleren Family

### Tuesday, October 22, 2019

7:00 Hanna  
7:45 Jack Chery (d.)  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Yolanda Fonseca (d.)  
12:30 PM Terr F. Tapia-Morales (d.)  
4:30 Thanks. to St. Anthony, Gesele Amael  
5:30 Isabelle Henriquez Hernandez (d.)



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### Wednesday, October 23, 2019

7:00 AM James Warchol  
7:45 Oleksandra  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Wedding blessings for Halina & Sebastian  
12:30 PM Nikica Kumbatovic  
4:30 Teresa Mulrennan  
5:30 Joanne, birthday

### Thursday, October 24, 2019

7:00 Constancia E. Gapuz (d.)  
7:45 Susana G. Toribio (d.)  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Justa Barnachea (d.)  
12:30 PM The Sick  
4:30 Julita B. Gapuz (d.)  
5:30 Severina Cam (D.)

### Friday, October 25, 2019

7:00 Amarys Eliana Sun (d.)  
7:45 Daniel Joseph-Green (d.)  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Alexis Morales  
12:30 PM Conor Patrick Devlin (d.)  
4:30 Willie Diaz (d.)  
5:30 Thanks. to St. Anthony, Edna Thomas

## 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

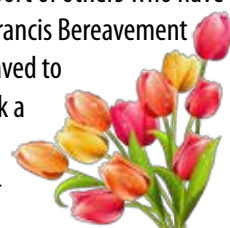
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to [www.stfrancisbreadline.org](http://www.stfrancisbreadline.org).

### 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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