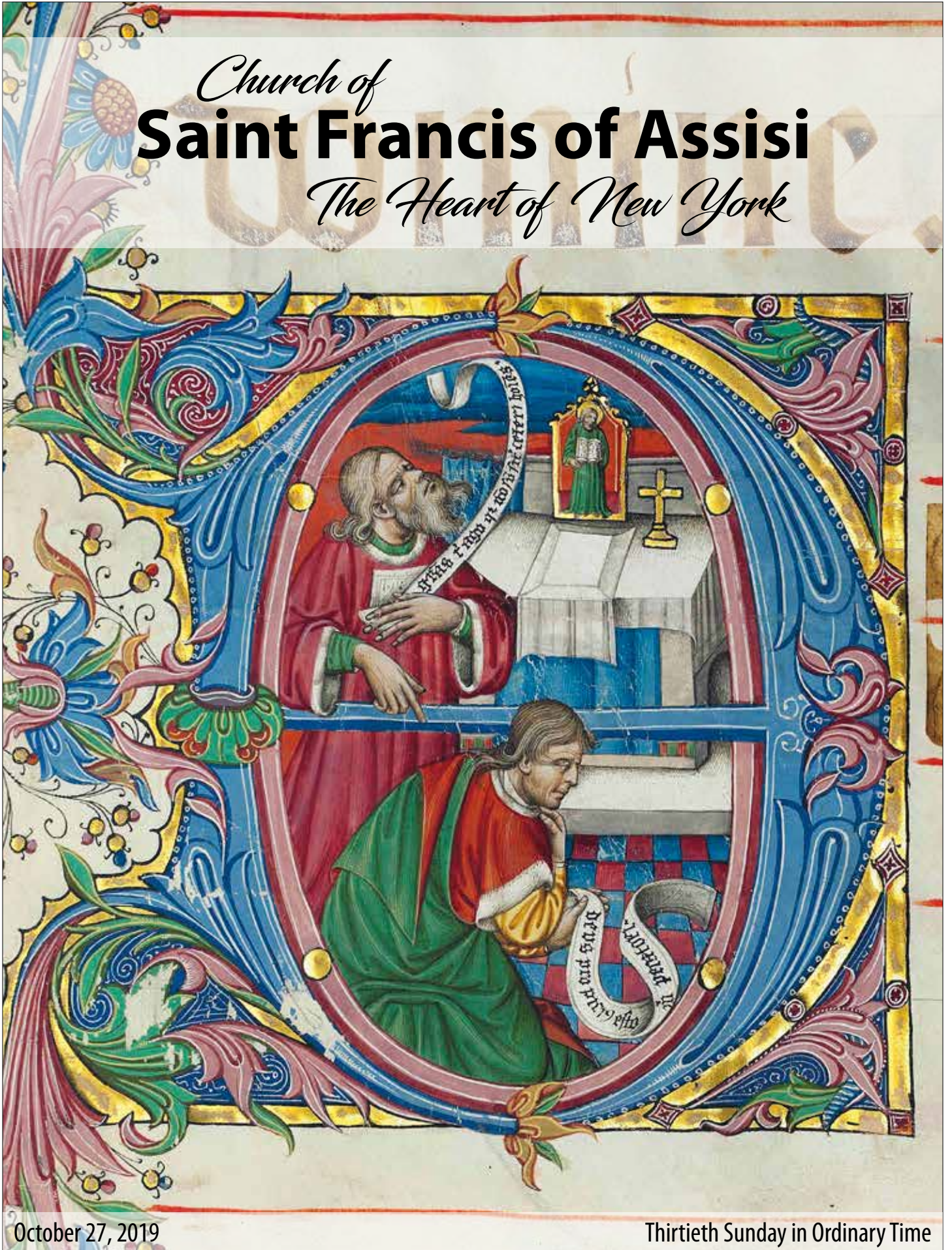


Church of
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The Heart of New York



October 27, 2019

Thirtieth 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)

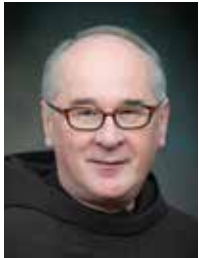
Summer hours: 9:00 - 11:15 AM; 1:00 - 4:15 PM

On the cover

The Pharisee and the Publican in an initial 'D' on a leaf from a Gradual, an illuminated manuscript produced in Seville in the second half of the 15th century. The Pharisee holds a scroll with a line from Luke 18: 'Deus gratias ago tibi quia non sum sicut ceteri hominum' (O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity), and the Publican has the caption 'Deus propitius esto mihi peccatori' (O God, be merciful to me a sinner).

Source: christies.com.

The Pastor's Corner



St. Luke recounts one of the parables of Jesus which begins "Two people went up to the temple area to pray..."

We are all different in the ways that we pray – some praise God for their blessings, some ask God to grant their petitions, some ask God for guidance, and some even tell God what they want Him to do. Praying can be difficult in our busy world full of distractions. The point to today's Gospel is to pray from the heart, knowing who we are before God and that we are all sons and daughters of the One God. There is no "put down" of anyone or bragging about one's "generosity." The conclusion of the Gospel speaks about humility and that there is something positive about being humble.

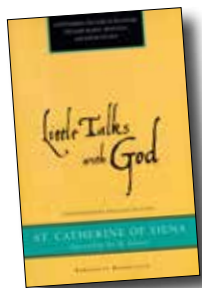
I have found that the Wills Seminars that we have here at St. Francis are always helpful and well attended. I am surprised to learn how many people do not have a will or that they never had their will updated. So many problems are created when a person dies and there is no will or an outdated one. I have seen families torn apart because of this. Also, many do not think about leaving something to the church. We have been blessed over the years to have received financial support through the estates of people who have come to St. Francis while they worked or lived in Manhattan. I am grateful that lawyers offer their services FREE at these Wills Seminars. It provides an opportunity to clarify questions that a person may have. If you missed Saturday's seminar, we will have another one soon.

Don't forget the All Saints Holy Day on November 1.

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Book Review: *Little Talks with God*



Have you ever wondered what the saints thought... about God, about their purpose, about prayer? In the book *Little talks with God*, we are introduced to the thoughts of Saint Catherine of Siena, who was declared a "Doctor of the Church" in 1970. Catherine was born in 1347, the 24th of 25 children. She was "a headstrong and independent child" with a "passionate desire for truth and knowledge of God." She joined the Dominican Sisters and had many mystical experiences there. This book gives you a look into what she experienced and how she came to a profound relationship with God. *Little Talks with God* is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

All Saints Day: Friday, November 1

Friday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints.

In addition to our regular weekday Mass schedule (7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 4:30, 5:30 PM), the 4:30 and 5:30 Masses on Thursday, October 31, will also be celebrated as Vigil Masses for All Saints Day.



All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance

St. Francis of Assisi is a community of people from all over the world. Whether we come from other countries or other parts of the United States, many of us are far from family and friends. Often we face the reality of grieving for lost loved ones from afar.

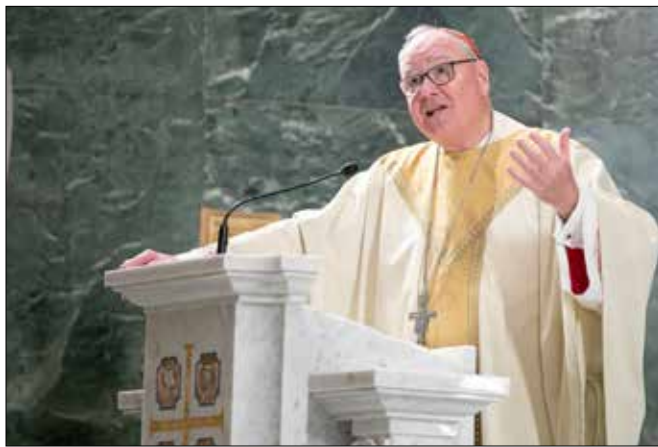
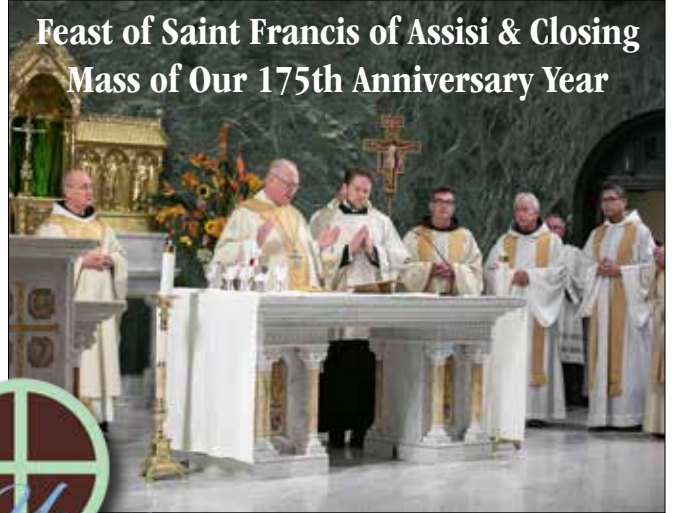
Our annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Monday, November 4, at 7:00 PM. Because All Souls Day falls on a Saturday this year, we did not want it to conflict with the Saturday evening Mass schedule. This liturgy is an opportunity to remember your loved ones who have died, especially 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.



All Souls Day Cards

If you would like to remember a deceased friend or loved one on All Souls Day, we have a 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.





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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!

¡LEVANTENSE! 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 o 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

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

Racism can often be found in our hearts – in many cases placed there unwillingly or unknowingly by our upbringing and culture. As such, it can lead to thoughts and actions that we do not even see as racist, but nonetheless flow from the same prejudicial root... Racism can also be institutional, when practices or traditions are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. The cumulative effects of personal sins of racism have led to social structures of injustice and violence that makes us all accomplices in racism.

With the positive changes that arose from the civil rights movement and related civil rights legislation, some may believe that racism is no longer a major affliction of our society – that it is only found in the hearts of individuals who can be dismissed as ignorant or unenlightened. But racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts. The persistence of the evil of racism is why we (the US Bishops) are writing this letter now. People are still being harmed, so action is still needed.

(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 Aldo Festa, Sr. & Family.

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

Saturday, October 26, 2019

8:00 AM Frances & Stephen Rosty (d.)
11:00 Thanksgiving
4:00 PM Eric A. Rivera (d.)
5:15 Kathleen Harris

Sunday, October 27, 2018

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Franciscan Mass League
11:00 Frank Costanza (d.)
12:30 PM Conor Patrick Devlin (d.)
5:00 Jessie & Joan Laurienzo (d.)
6:15 Elizabeth C. Weese (d.)

Monday, October 28, 2019

7:00 Karen Skoglund
7:45 Eduardo Bodiola (d.)
8:30 Carol Barbaro (d.)
11:30 Carol Barbaro (d.)
12:30 PM St. Jude Novena
4:30 Irene Zetlmeir-Lenardson (d.)
5:30 Angela Sullivan

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

7:00 Virgilio Jomoad (d.)
7:45 Cuita Skific (d.)
8:30 Martha Brown (d.)
11:30 Peter Kustera (d.)
12:30 PM St. Jude Novena
4:30 Maria Rosa
5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Shirley Dacillo & Family
Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

7:00 AM John & Julie Mullane
7:45 Pauletta Menard Family
8:30 Maureen Thompson
11:30 St. Jude Novena
12:30 PM Patrick Duane (d.)
4:30 Rosa Figueroa Grajo (d.)
5:30 Thomas & Edith Castellano (d.)

Thursday, October 31, 2019

7:00 Ameer Brian Charles Khan (d.)
7:45 Luz, Bartolome & Karen (d.)
8:30 Patrick Duane (d.)
11:30 St. Jude Novena
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Mary & Michael Duane
5:30 Elaine Barone (D.)

Friday, November 1, 2019

7:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)
7:45 Maria del Pilar Blanco (d.)
8:30 Charles & Gretta Duffy (d.)
11:30 Guilaine Evariste, thanksgiving
12:30 PM Amelia & Reynaldo Siochi (d.)
4:30 Jenny & Louis Castellano (d.)
5:30 Dec. Memb. of Drury, Neenan, Cuellar & Ayala Family (d.)



Solemnity of All Saints • November 1

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

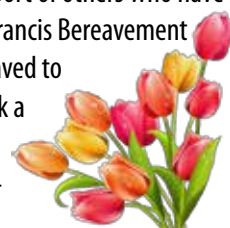
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org.

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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