

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

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Thirty-First 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.

### **On the cover**

An icon depicting the story of Jesus meeting Zacchaeus, the tax collector. In today's Gospel we hear the story of the life-altering encounter of this hated little man with Jesus, the compassion and mercy of God.

### **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**

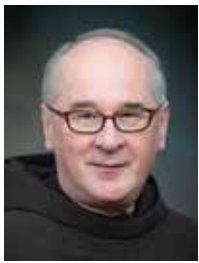
The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass

#### **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



We hear about the famous Zacchaeus in today's Gospel. He was the chief tax collector and a wealthy man, and probably not a popular individual. It is interesting to follow how he could not see Jesus and so he ran ahead and even climbed a tree. Jesus sees him and to the surprise of the crowd, invites Zacchaeus to come down out of the tree and tells him that he is going to stay at his house. You can only imagine the reaction from the crowd. We get an idea of the reaction when they begin grumbling and say that he is going to the "house of a sinner." Zacchaeus now has a chance to tell Jesus what positive things he is going to do: give half of his possessions to the poor and if he has extorted anyone, he will repay the person four times over." Something beyond reason has happened to Zacchaeus. . . all of because of Jesus' non-judgmental, accepting approach.

On Monday evening at 7:00 PM we will celebrate our annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance. Bring a photo of your loved one to place before the altar during the Mass. This is a special Mass especially for those who were not able to attend the funeral of a loved one or those who died recently. See the announcement in the column to the right.

This Wednesday, November 6, I will leave with 42 Pilgrims to visit some of the shrines and historical sites in France. We will have Mass in many of these places and we always pray for those back home, our benefactors, and our friends for health and blessings. We fly to Geneva and travel into France from that direction. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe and inspiring pilgrimage.

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



## All Souls 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.

## Collection Next Week for Military Archdiocese

A special collection will be taken next weekend at all Masses for the Archdiocese for the Military Services which provides for the spiritual and sacramental needs of all the members of the United States Armed Forces, embassy staffs around the world, and their families. While the salaries and retirement of military chaplains are paid for by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of its mission. This triennial collection helps to support these services.

## Book Review: *Domestic Monastery*

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser is the author of many books on spirituality. In this new book he puts forth the theory that there can be elements of contemplative life within a home filled with children and responsibilities. He says that several spiritual authors have commented that their mothers, busy with raising a family, were more contemplative than those who do not have these demands. Powerlessness and the fact that time is not our own but God's are two elements of contemplative life that can be learned anywhere. Monks have the "monastic bell" that calls them to drop everything and go to another activity; parents do not have the bell, but they have to drop everything to take care of a need in one or more of their children. Rolheiser continues with chapters on tensions in spirituality, seasons of our lives, the sacredness of time and life's key questions. This interesting little book that can help the day to day Catholic become more contemplative, and it is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

# FRATERNAL ECOLOGY



## HOLY NAME PROVINCE 2017 - 2020

Fr. Kevin Mullen, O.F.M., Minister Provincial of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province, has asked all the ministry sites staffed by the Friars to share the following information about our plans for the future with our parishioners and all whom we serve throughout the Province.

### What is Fraternal Ecology?

It is a process of revitalizing the life and ministry of the friars of our province. Through study, evaluation and dialogue it is our desire to determine the number of Fraternities in Mission we can best sustain going forward. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si*, in which he urges an integral ecology that responds to "the cry of the earth" (natural ecology) and to "the cry of the poor" (human ecology), we friars recognize our responsibility to be attentive to the welfare of our Franciscan brothers (fraternal ecology). We know we must realistically plan for the future in light of our diminishing numbers and the ever-increasing challenges of our ministries. We hope to right-size our commitments, to reorganize and reimagine them, that we might reestablish Fraternities in Mission that assure a quality of fraternal life for the brothers and thus empower them to better serve the Church.

### When did it begin?

In June 2017 our Provincial Chapter mandated that by our next Chapter in 2020, the friars evaluate and make decisions concerning the quality and sustainability of our existing Fraternities in Mission. In December 2017 our Provincial Minister wrote to the friars, their Partners in Ministry and their local bishops to explain the process of Fraternal Ecology and the timetable it would involve.

### What process followed?

Between December and March 2018 each of our thirty Fraternities in Mission completed a thorough self-study and worked with our Fraternal Life in Mission Directorate in developing a resultant report. Between September 2018 and July 2019 visits were conducted by members of the Directorate to each of our Fraternities in Mission to allow the friars, their Partners in Ministry and their local bishops to discuss this report and share their particular concerns about the future.

### Where are we now?

These reports were shared with all the friars of the province in July 2019 and their responses solicited. In October 2019, based upon their two year study, the Directorate made recommendations to the Provincial and the Council concerning the Fraternities in Mission they believed ought be sustained after Chapter 2020.

### What are the next steps?

The Council continues to review and study these reports and recommendations and will discuss their findings with the Guardians and Pastors at their annual meeting in November 2019.

Given the wisdom gleaned over the previous 2½ years, the Provincial and the Council will prayerfully make their final decisions in December 2019. In January 2020 these decisions will be announced to the friars, their Partners in Ministry and all local bishops. We want no one to be caught unaware by decisions we will soon be making that will surely affect their lives every bit as much as ours. May the Lord continue the good work he has begun in us.

## Treasures From Out Tradition

As space permits, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people at prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries.

In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service. One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent

the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today.

At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

—James Field

## STAND UP, IMMIGRANTS! BUILD THE NETWORK

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](mailto:standupimmigrants@gmail.com) or 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

## INMIGRANTES, LEVÁNTENSE CONSTRUYAMOS LA RED

La Red de Información, Apoyo y Protección de Inmigrantes



### ¿Está sin estatus de inmigración?

¡Aquí hay una solución posible!

¡LEVÁNTENSE! 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](mailto:standupimmigrants@gmail.com) o 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

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

How do we overcome this evil of rejecting a brother or sister's humanity, the same evil that provoked Cain's sin? What are the necessary steps that would lead to this conversion? We find our inspiration in the words of the prophet Micah:

**You have been told, O mortal, what is good,  
and what the Lord requires of you:**

**Only to do justice and to love goodness,  
and to walk humbly with your God. (Mi 6,8)**

To do justice requires an honest acknowledgement of our failures and the restoring of right relationships between us. "If we acknowledge our sins (God) is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." To love goodness demands pursuing "what leads to peace and to building up one another." It requires a determined effort, but even more so, it requires humility; it requires each of us to ask for the grace needed to overcome this sin and get rid of this scourge.

*(to be continued)*

## *The Pastoral Staff at Saint Francis of Assisi*

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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 in memory of Celina Moise & 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, November 2, 2019

8:00 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)  
 11:00 Marie Couamin & Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Evariste (d.)  
 4:00 PM Kathleen Harris  
 5:15 Felixberta, Carlos, Miguel, José Gabriel (d.)

## Sunday, November 3, 2018

8:00 AM Fr. Michael P. McDonnell, O.F.M. (d.)  
 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
 9:30 Gerard Del Re (d.)  
 11:00 Franciscan Mass League  
 12:30 PM Carmen Maria Morales (d.)  
 5:00 Francisca Nieves Alvarez (d.)  
 6:15 Blessed Carlos Rodriguez (d.)

## Monday, November 4, 2019

7:00 Eusebia Obsequio (d.)  
 7:45 Elizabeth C. Weese (d.)  
 8:30 Felicitas De La Paz (d.)  
 11:30 Elizabeth Josefina Alfonso & Family  
 12:30 PM Thomas Ventura (d.)  
 4:30 Isabel Vasquez (d.)  
 5:30 Jonathan Butler

## Tuesday, November 5, 2019

7:00 Eleanor Vicaldo (d.)  
 7:45 Poor Souls (d.)  
 8:30 Felix C. Sotero (d.)  
 11:30 Tiongco & Alfonso Families (I. & d.)  
 12:30 PM Lillian De Paris (d.)  
 4:30 Bob Winnemore (d.)  
 5:30 Frank & Amelia Bettua (d.)

## Wednesday, November 6, 2019

7:00 AM Dec. memb. of Referente Family (d.)  
 7:45 Marie Couamin (d.)  
 8:30 Mary Keating  
 11:30 Annie Brennan (d.)  
 12:30 PM George Peterson (d.)  
 4:30 Doris E. Landre (d.)  
 5:30 Lucia Go (d.)

## Thursday, November 7, 2019

7:00 Health & Intentions of Bhodan  
 7:45 Health & Intentions of Bhodan  
 8:30 Health & Intentions of Bhodan  
 11:30 Marie De Diego (d.)  
 12:30 PM The Sick  
 4:30 Mary Kavanagh  
 5:30 Elizabeth C. Weese (D.)

## Friday, November 8, 2019

7:00 Tomassa Tolentino (d.)  
 7:45 Thanksgiving to St. Francis  
 8:30 Maria Dolores (d.)  
 11:30 Mary Yost (d.)  
 12:30 PM Mary Ann Burbage (d.)  
 4:30 Paul Moore (d.)  
 5:30 Manhattan Employment Services, Inc.

# 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](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).

