

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

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

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:

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
*John 4: 5-7*

*Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well*  
by Ferdinand Georg Waldmüller (1793-1865)  
Palais Dorotheum, Vienna, Austria

### 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

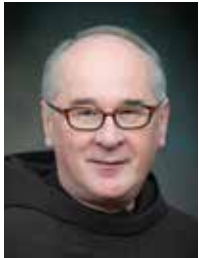
#### Saturday

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



On this Third Sunday of Lent we hear about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan. It is odd that he would meet this woman at the well at noon because the typical time to draw water was in the morning. Jesus acts in his usual manner by engaging the woman in conversation. She is shocked that he is talking to her— a woman, a Samaritan, and in public. Jesus discovers much about her and her broken life. The conversation seems to heal her and she ends up going back to town telling the people that she may have found "the Christ." Jesus certainly shows us the way to deal with others – non-judgmental and accepting.

We have begun certain measures to protect ourselves from the spread of the coronavirus. While they may disturb our usual pattern of life in church, they are necessary. There is no holy water in the fonts. No handshake at the sign of peace. The Precious Blood is not given. Some are disturbed by taking Communion in the hand. This was the way that Christians received Communion for centuries. When Communion is given on the tongue, frequently it is difficult to put the Host on a person's tongue and the minister ends up with saliva on the fingers which then is given to the next person when they receive Communion. We are called to protect ourselves and others. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

*Fr. Andrew*

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

## Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Today's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Thank you for your generosity!

JOIN US FOR  
**GOSPEL BREAK**  
LOOK DEEPER INTO  
THE SUNDAY GOSPELS OF LENT  
MARCH 1 - 8 - 15 - 22 - 29  
3:30 PM CLARE ROOM

## Lent at St. Francis



**Stations of the Cross**  
Every Friday after the 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

**"Pardon & Peace" Service of Reconciliation**  
Friday, March 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM

**A Lenten Afternoon of Prayer**  
Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM  
San Damiano Hall

Matthew the Evangelist added his own unique touches to the story of Jesus' journey to the cross. These particular insights will form the basis of meditations on Matthew's Passion narrative, interspersed with selections from J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion – the work of a faith-filled musical genius and one of the towering achievements of Western culture. The afternoon will include communal prayer and conclude, for those who wish to participate, with our 5:15 Mass for Palm Sunday.

Presenters: Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M. & Charles Powell  
Fee: \$20. Register online at [stfrancisnyc.org](http://stfrancisnyc.org).

## 'Thirteen Tuesdays' of St. Anthony

The traditional "Thirteen Tuesdays" before the Feast of St. Anthony begin on Tuesday, March 17. Devotions to St. Anthony are prayed after every Mass starting at 7:45 AM. Please join us!



the **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

Goal for the Church of St. Francis of Assisi: **\$109,000**

Pledges & Donations as of March 6: **\$13,685**

Last week: **\$13,0355**

Number of Gifts: **18** (Last week: **16**)

I hope you received my letter about Renew and Rebuild and the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. We did very well with Renew and Rebuild, thanks to the support of 10% of our parishioners who made it possible for us to reach our goal. I am counting on the remaining 90% to help us reach our Stewardship Appeal goal. Now is the time to show your support by sending a donation to the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. – Fr. Andrew

**Book Review: *Small Surrenders***

Although Lent may be in full swing, it is never too late to find a book that can lead you through the remaining weeks. Emile Griffin's *Small Surrenders* is worth looking at is you are searching for a Lenten companion. She writes, "Lent is our chance for a fresh start, a new page. We consciously let down our defenses against the grace of God. We admit to ourselves our need for improvement." Throughout this daily book, she integrates the wisdom of poets, famous writers, and spiritual authors with her own reflections. One such quote is from Thomas Merton where he says, "We are not converted only once in our lives, but many times, and this endless series of large and small conversions, inner revolutions, leads to our transformation in Christ." It is not too late to help make this Lent more than you expected. The book is available in the Lobby of the Parish House.

**St. Francis Easter Cards**

Share the joy of Easter with your loved ones and friends by giving them a St. Francis Easter card for a suggested donation of \$5.00 each, which supports our programs and ministries. A selection of cards are available at the Reception Desk in St. Francis House.



**Querida Amazonia: Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis**

The following is from the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis following the recent synod on the Amazon. These are the Holy Father's Four Dreams for the Amazon region.

- I dream of an Amazon region that fights for the rights of the poor, the original peoples and the least of our brothers and sisters, where their voices can be heard and their dignity advanced.
- I dream of an Amazon region that can preserve its distinctive cultural riches, where the beauty of our humanity shines forth in so many varied ways.
- I dream of an Amazon region that can jealously preserve its overwhelming natural beauty and the superabundant life teeming in its rivers and forests.
- I dream of Christian communities capable of generous commitment, incarnate in the Amazon region, and giving the church new faces with Amazonian features.

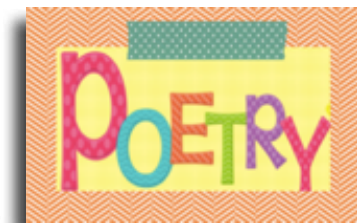
**This is our church. This is our mission.**  
**Stewardship 2020**  
**Text Your Donation**  
 You can text your donation to 917-986-3911  
 (This will require a one-time set up the first time you use this feature.)

**Collections for February 2019 & 2020**

<b>February 2019</b>	
Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$33,332
Online Sunday Collections:	14,908
Total Sunday Collections:	48,240
Total Weekday Collections:	15,104
<b>Total Sundays and Weekdays:</b>	<b>63,344</b>
Budgeted for January 2019:	90,000
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-27,656</b>
<b>February 2020</b>	
Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$36,591
Online Sunday Collections:	13,077
Total Sunday Collections:	49,668
Total Weekday Collections, including Ash Wednesday:	20,441
<b>Total Sundays and Weekdays:</b>	<b>70,109</b>
Budgeted for January 2020:	90,000
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-19,891</b>

**Poems-R-Us**

Enjoy an evening of original poetry by participants in the Adult Education program and friends of the parish. This free program will take place in the conference room of the Parish House on **Monday, March 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.**



**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 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!

¡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.

**Easter Flower Memorials**



The flowers and plants that will decorate our church at Easter are a sign of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and our hope in the resurrection of those who have gone before us. We invite you to remember deceased members of your family and friends with a donation for our Easter decorations.

Please fill out this form and return it with your offering to the reception desk. **The names of those received by April 3 will be included in the Easter bulletin of April 12.**

Please print clearly. **In Memory of:**

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email (phone # if no email)

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Donation: \$20. \_\_\_\_ \$30. \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

Bread & Wine for Masses this week has been given for the intentions of Catherine B. Puangco;

Melissa & Marina Louis;

Joseph, Marie and Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers;

and in memory of Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, O.F.M. from Joann Zarejko.

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine used at Masses each week, or for the Sanctuary Lights, please go to the reception desk in the lobby of St. Francis House.

### Saturday, March 14, 2020

8:00 AM  
11:00 Deceased Members of the Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ  
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris  
5:15 Alfonse Mattina (d.)

### Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00 AM Alba Naranjo (d.)  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
9:30 Orizana & Frederick Bethel (d.)  
11:00 Genevra & Francisco Marino (d.)  
12:30 PM Laura Schmidt, birthday  
5:00 Rosalina Ungad-Timbol  
6:15 Franciscan Mass League

### Monday, March 16, 2020

7:00 Dra. Luisa Gabriel Antonio (d.)  
7:45  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Rosa Dino (d.)  
12:30 PM  
4:30 In honor of Infant of Prague  
5:30 Irwin Pantell (d.)

### Tuesday, March 17, 2020

7:00 J. C. Arguson  
7:45 Lulu, for successful surgery  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Grace Kiely  
12:30 PM Anita Neus (d.)  
4:30 Maria Chung, birthday  
5:30 Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, O.F.M. (d.)

### Wednesday, March 18, 2020

7:00 AM Herman A. Vallozzi (d.)  
7:45 Mary Maguire  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Nicholas Masi, 20th birthday  
12:30 PM  
4:30  
5:30 Juan & Elvia Quiroga (d.)

### Thursday, March 19, 2020

7:00 AM Anna Griffio (d.)  
7:45 Enroci & Victoria D. Bazzurro (d.)  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 Alice Doherty (d.)  
12:30 PM The Sick  
4:30 Joe Pinchinat & Family (d.)  
5:30 Marcelina Umadac (d.)

### Friday, March 20, 2020

7:00 AM  
7:45 Soledad Paccarangan & Margarito A. Gunsat (d.)  
8:30 St. Anthony Novena  
11:30 James H. Neelan (d.)  
12:30 PM  
4:30  
5:30 Andrew Riedlinger

## 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 Wednesdays 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).

