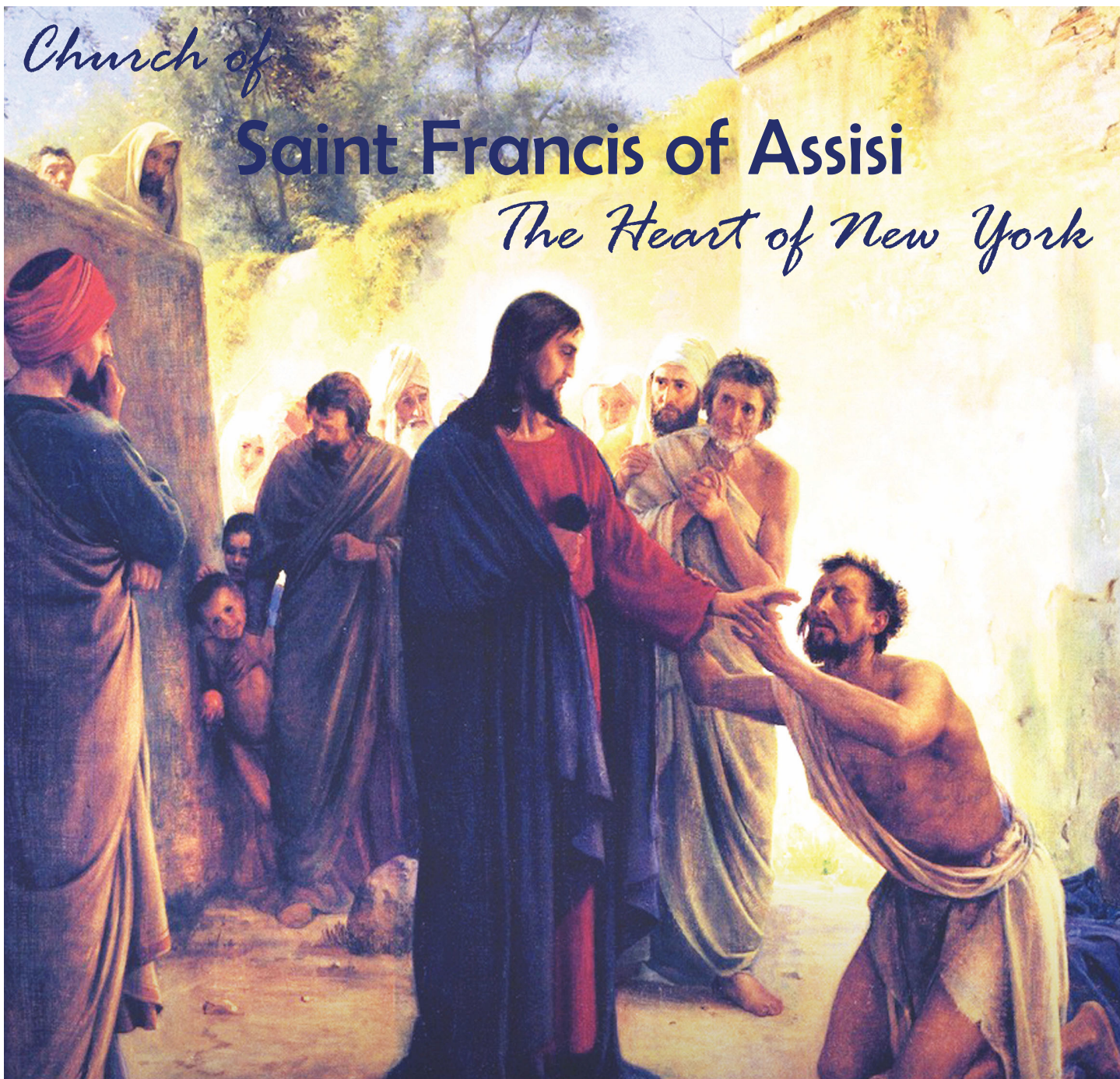


Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

March 19, 2023

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The Church of Saint 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 Mass

4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM,
9:15 AM (Korean),
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
5:00 PM

Weekday Masses

7:30 am, 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Mass

11:00 AM

Holidays

Please check Bulletin and website for information regarding special Holiday scheduling.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday

8 - 9 AM; 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM;
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Saturday 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sunday No Confessions

Devotions

Monday

Devotions in Honor of St. Monica
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Tuesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Wednesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Jude
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Thursday

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
after the 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

First Fridays

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday—Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
in Lower Church

Adult Education Spring Offerings



A new schedule of classes - from
Theology to Scripture and Music to
Literature - there's
something for

everyone!!
Scan this QR Code to see the
full line-up of classes and
register today!





The Pastor's Corner

Dear Community and Friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi,
May the Lord give you peace.

Thank you for your generous response to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. We are at \$17,000 of our \$73,000 goal; please give as your means allow to help sustain the mission of the Archdiocese. We particularly want to support the work of Catholic Charities.

This weekend we spend some time with the experience of the man born blind as told in the Gospel according to John. He gradually comes to realize that it is Jesus who has opened his eyes. Many were disbelieving, and many who would have preferred that he remain blind. Some see "sin" as the cause of his blindness. As we are on our pilgrimage of transformation, we also realize that there are limits to our vision. With the man born blind, we seek the healing that comes from the encounter with Jesus to open our eyes so that we might see ever more clearly. Perhaps we have limited vision due to culture, tradition, church, or experiences of abuse. We seek to see the presence of the Lord in our life experiences. As we share in his vision, we are liberated for the mission of the Gospel. I invite you to pray with this text considering how we might see things through the lens of compassion and inclusion.

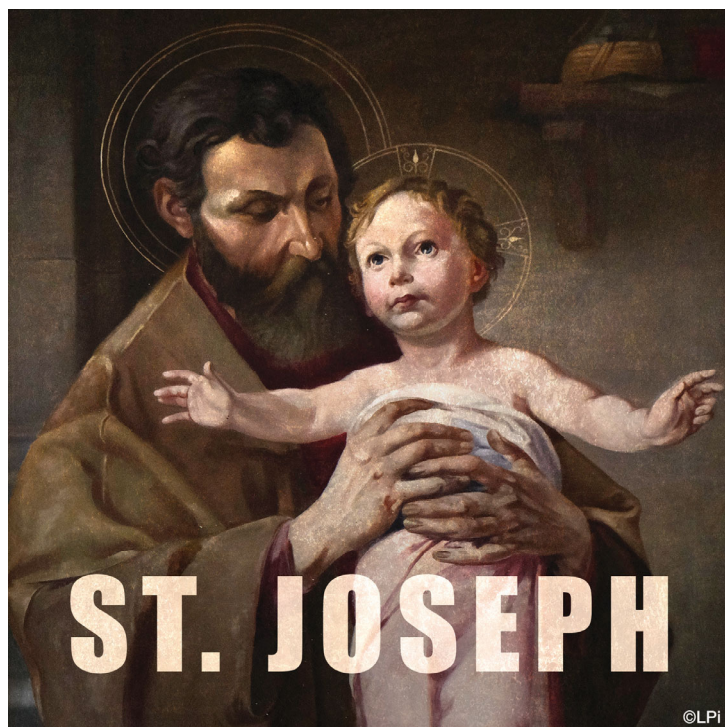
As we celebrate Pope Francis' ten years as the Bishop of Rome, we see in him a man who continues to invite us to a new vision of the Reign of God. His concern for our participation in creation, his love of the Gospel, and his engaging all of us in a synodal process are blessings for the life of the church and the world. He desires to hear all people's dreams, hopes, and brokenness. He calls us to be shepherds with him in seeking the broken and the lost. He imagines the church as a field hospital where we triage the many people who have experienced the struggles of life. He calls us to a new way of knowing ourselves as church, and through listening to one another, wash away the mud from our eyes that we might see the graced person who walks with us. With God's grace, we may see greater equity of ministry by women in the church, the realization of the gifts that people who have suffered fractured relationships of divorce bring to the community, and the talents of our LGBTQ+ members. We need everyone around the table and everyone on the journey. Perhaps our task this week is to open our eyes to recognize the gifts of the people in our lives and our community. With the newly sighted man of the Gospel, we give thanks.

Finally, I invite you to check out the banners at the 32nd Street entrance. The banners have text from the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent. The lengthy scaffolding time was disastrous for our plants, and we will begin planting as the weather changes.

Thank you for all you are for the Church and community!

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Tom, ofm



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 18, 2023

11:00 AM Herman A. Vallozi (D) & Estervina Green
4:00 PM

Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Victoria D. Bazzurro
& Adelena D'Argenio
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Joseph DeVito (D) & Sally Clark (D)
12:30 PM Vittorio La Raggione (D)
& Matthew Melendez
5:00 PM Lorenzo Servedio (D) & Alexis Morales

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:30 AM Jordan Michael Lopez & Alexis Morales
12:00 PM Peace in the Family by Ying Cong
& Special Intention of Zheng Yu Ping
5:30 PM Health & Birthday of Ming Yi

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

7:30 AM Anna Cremin
12:00 PM Special Intention for Child by Song Ying
& In Thanksgiving by Zheng Yu Ping
5:30 PM

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Gervais Bros (D)
5:30 PM

Thursday, March 23, 2023

7:30 AM Helyne Joseph
12:00 PM Didier Colas (D) & Randy Gonzales (D)
5:30 PM

Friday, March 24, 2023

7:30 AM Mary Margaret O'Hara (D)
12:00 PM Rogette Dolesca & Family
& Elizabeth Brennan
5:30 PM Artemas Beattie & Sunghee Kim (D)

Bread & Wine for Masses this week
have been given for the intentions of:

Catherine B. Puangco

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

Migrant Center

The need continues as
more and more migrant
families arrive here in the
City. An Amazon and
Target Wish List and
other ways your
assistance may be offered



from volunteering to
donating can be found
here, using this QR
Code.



*Again, many many
Thanks for all you are
helping us to provide*



LENTEN SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Mondays • February 27 • March 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30PM
Francis Room