

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

April 23, 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 the website for any Holiday schedule changes.



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

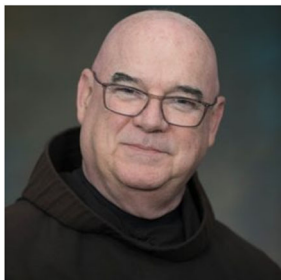
Monday—Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
in Lower Church



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.

Happy Easter! Our celebration of the Lord's resurrection continues!

As you gaze around the church, you will see the Stations of the Cross, and below the traditional Stations, we have the Easter Stations. Each one reflects the experience of the Lord's resurrection. We pray these stations together each Friday at the noon and 5:30 PM masses. You can join with the Livestream at noon if you like. It is also possible to pray these stations privately. We are all invited to prayerful reflection on the mystery of God's incredible love for us in Jesus. You will also find banners at the 32nd St. entrance to the church noting a phrase from the Gospel for each of the Sundays of Easter.

We are invited to reflect on the disciples' journey to and from Emmaus this Sunday. This beautiful text from the Lucan gospel invites us to consider our own journey. Many people are disappointed in their experience of church, as Cleopas and his companion were disappointed in the seeming failure of Jesus' mission. They had hoped that he was the one who would fulfill the promise of God for them. They debate and struggle with their disillusionment. Jesus comes to meet them in their struggle. They are so preoccupied with their thoughts that they do not recognize him. He asks them to tell him about their struggles. When he has heard them, he retells the story for them. He tells them of God's faithfulness and the hope in God that has been a constant theme of the scriptures. Still, they do not recognize the love of God in their midst. Finally, they recognize him in the shared meal, in the breaking of the bread. Enlightened, they return to Jerusalem.

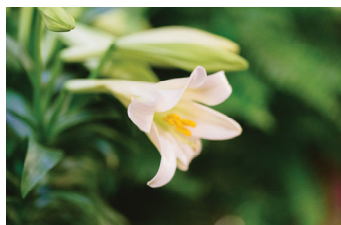
Many people are disillusioned in their experience of Church. Many have walked away. We are blessed that Jesus comes to meet us even as we have thrown our hands up in despair. He walks among us. In our realization of the failures of discipleship, he lives. The Spirit given to us calls us to newness of life. Cleopas and companion return to Jerusalem transformed. They are not the same as they were when they left. So, it is with our sisters and brothers who are journeying away. They call us to transformation and renewal of life. The hope of return is always there, but not a return to former ways of knowing and being. Their journey and encounter are liberating. Jesus expanded the imagination and the understanding of God's presence for the disciples. This Easter celebration is our opportunity to remember our encounters with God's presence and to be set free from limited ways of knowing, a faith that constrains, and the infantilization of just following the rules.

Finally, I get regular letters from the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. We are well short of our \$71,000 goal. Please do what you can do. I do not ask that you pledge beyond your means. While there is a financial goal, there is also a participatory goal. We would like to have a greater number of donors, even giving small amounts, to reach that goal.

Thank you for sharing your journey in discipleship with
Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

Peace,

Fr. Tom, ofm



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 22, 2023

- 11:00 AM Nicholas & Elena DaConta &
Intentions of Jiang Xiu Guo
4:00 PM Edith Castellana &
Fabian & Bernardina Septino (D)

Sunday, April 23, 2023

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League &
Intentions of Xiu Feng
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Healing Gao Gong Ying & Peter Shi (D)
12:30 PM Healing Joe DiGiacomo II &
Birthday Georgia Lawson
5:00 PM Jocelyn Carreon (D) Anniv. &
Healing Marla DiGiacomo

Monday, April 24, 2023

- 7:30 AM Healing Rita McConnon &
Healing Joe DeGiacomo III
12:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. John Cannarella &
Mbamey prayer for forgiveness
and protection
5:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Demeri &
Fausto Miraflores

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

- 7:30 AM Patrick Reilly (D) &
Healing Gao Gong Ying
12:00 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D) &
Jacqueline Dupree Healing
5:30 PM Vincent Joseph Anthony Camastro (D)
& Healing Rose Taverni

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

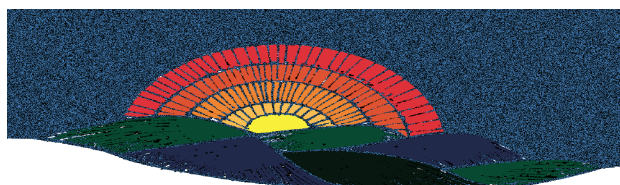
- 7:30 AM Marcelina DeJesus Widman Birthday
& Honor of St. Jude
12:00 PM Peter Shi (D) &
Healing Olivia Taverni
5:30 PM Intentions of Marie Turtur &
Women who lost children

Thursday, April 27, 2023

- 7:30 AM Mona Lebreton & Anna Balsamo (D)
12:00 PM Healing for Bobby L. Sievert &
Thanksgiving Mary Valerie Sievert
5:30 PM Ira V. McKenzie (D) &
Eugene Cornelius Balsamo (D)

Friday, April 28, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Intentions of Ruedas Family &
Winnie O'Grady (D)
5:30 PM Isabel Lane (D) &
Paul Rodrigo Paloma (D)



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

Catherine B. Puangco

&

Manuel, Julia Marlene
Family Cervantes Rodriguez

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine
used at Masses each week,

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*

