



Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

April 30, 2023

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi
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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

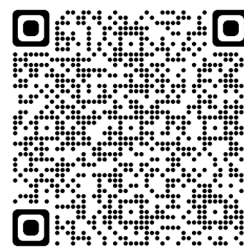
The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Spring Book Club

Converge is hosting a three week Spring Book Club discussion of The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis. The book will be discussed on Three Monday evenings May 8, 15, & 22 from 6:30-8 pm. For more information click on this QR Code. The sessions are free but pre-registration is required.





The Pastor's Corner

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

I ask your prayers this weekend for 3 young friars, James Bernard, Steven Kuehn, and Aaron Richardson, who were ordained priests on Saturday. They professed their Solemn Vows here at St. Francis last year. We are blessed to have these young friars ministering in our Province. I ask for your prayers for them and thanksgiving to God for them. The ordination is in Silver Spring, MD, at St. Camillus Church.

The Gospel this weekend affirms Jesus as the gate of the sheepfold. He is the way. He is the shepherd who knows his sheep. The scriptures are replete with images of the shepherd. From the very beginning of Genesis, we learn that Abel, the brother of Cain, was a shepherd. Moses was tending the flocks when he saw the burning bush; David was a shepherd in the field when the prophet came to anoint him, king. In the prophets, we hear of kings and priests who shepherded the people badly. In Ezekiel, we hear that God, as God, will shepherd them, nurturing them, binding up their wounds, leading them to places of rest and water. The bad shepherds placed heavy burdens on the sheep and used them for themselves. They grew fat on the lamb's meat, kept warm while the sheep were exposed to the elements, and were not attentive to their needs.

Jesus the Good Shepherd, the gate of the sheepfold, fulfills Ezekiel's prophecy. He came to lead the sheep, God's community, into freedom. His ministry was healing, nurturing, seeking out the lost, and creating a new vision of God's loving-kindness. As we have celebrated Easter together, we remember the mission of Jesus. We hold fast to His Word and presence. We continue to be fed at his table and as members of his body. Our mission is to continue to do what he has done. In John's Gospel, chapter 21, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?". Peter affirms his love for Jesus. Three times he is asked, and three times he affirms. After each of his affirmations, Jesus charges him to be the shepherd who tends and feeds his lamb, his sheep.

Like Peter, we affirm our love for Jesus, accept the commission to shepherd one another, and seek out the lost and broken. We create a safe space for all who are called.

Thank you for your hospitality, your care for all who come to our doors, and your living the Gospel in your own unique way. We are blessed and enriched by the wonders of God present in our midst.

Blessings,

Fr. Tom, ofm



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 29, 2023

11:00 AM Peter Shi (D)
4:00 PM Dr. Howard Lerner & Audrey Muranski

Sunday, April 30, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Fr. Michael &
Eduardo Enrique Rochester Taylor (D)
12:30 PM Marty Gumb (D)
5:00 PM Peter Shi (D)

Monday, May 1, 2023

7:30 AM Thomas & Edith Castellana &
Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Lillian DeParis (D) & Brigid Flanagan (D)
5:30 PM Rev. Paul Moore (D)
& Lawrence Barras (D)

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:30 AM Poor in the World
12:00 PM Jacqueline Dupree - Healing
5:30 PM Eileen Murphy (D)

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

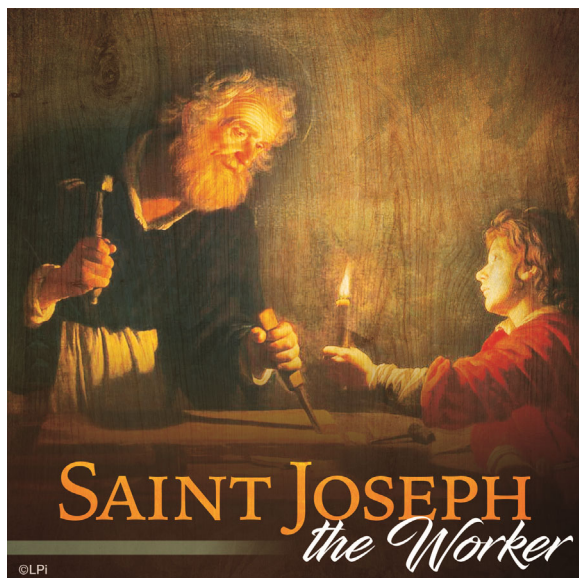
7:30 AM Rose Gerardi & Prpic Ana
12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales & all departed (D)
& Napoleon Luna (D)
5:30 PM Joseph & Camela Dimech (D)

Thursday, May 4, 2023

7:30 AM Michael Gilbride Birthday &
Prpic Mirko
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Vanessa Despeignes

Friday, May 5, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Intentions of Ruedas Family &
Mary Cihanek
5:30 PM



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

THANK YOU!!!



*Thank you for your on-
going support of the
Migrant Center's Drop-
In Center where we have
been able to assist so
many of the 55,000
migrants who have come to New York to
begin their new lives!!*

*We are phasing out the Drop-In
Center so that we can focus on other needed
assistance for them like learning English and
helping them fill out the Immigration forms
and assisting them with job skills.*

*There is still a great need for people
who are bi-lingual with either Spanish or
French/Haitian. If you are able to help with
these ministries, please contact Fr. Julian at
jjagudilla@stfrancisnyc.org or call 212-736-
8500 x377.*

*Again, many many Thanks for all you have
done in helping us to provide
for these sisters and brothers!!*

