

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

February 18, 2024

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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

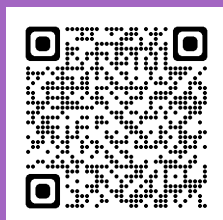
Monday is Presidents Day. There will be only one Mass at Noon, no Confessions and the Offices are closed.



LENT 2024
SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

For more information and to let us know you're coming to the scripture sharing on Mondays of Lent beginning February 26th, scan this QR Code and sign up.

It's FREE!



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday

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

Saturday 10 - 11 AM

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



LAUDATO SI...

Circle at St. Francis

These 40 Forks of Lent

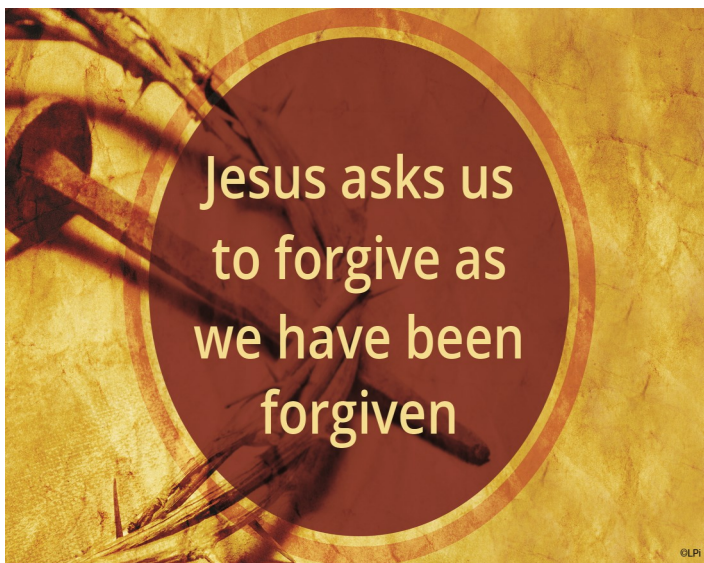
This season, instead of giving up chocolate, consider giving up single-use plastics like straws, bags, and cutlery. If every Catholic in New York City gave up forty plastic forks, we would save 105,600,000 forks from ending up in a landfill. It can take up to one thousand years for a fork to decompose and even then, since many of them are petroleum-based, even when they do degrade or are incinerated, they end up as microplastics in our water, food, and lungs.

“Nonetheless, every little bit helps...there are no lasting changes without cultural changes... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes.” Pope Francis (Laudate Deum 70)

For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at St. Francis or to share your own tip of the week, email: stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com



Click on the QR Code to go to our page on the website for St. Francis Church.



Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2015, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.

Weekly Collections Weekend of February 3-4, 2024

In-Pew Collection	\$6,003.00
OnLine Collection	3,424.00
OnLine Church Support	<u>3,251.00</u>
Total:	\$12,678.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 17, 2024

- 11:00 AM Lucia Dioso's Birthday
& Antonio Jiminez (D)
4:00 PM Leon Dioyan Diolata (D) & Pat & Joe Frick

Sunday, February 18, 2024

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Marcelina DeJesus Widman (D)
& Nelida Dumeng (D)
12:30 PM Intentions of Caimei & Lilian Halley (D)
5:00 PM Marie Roc's Birthday & Martin Grady

Monday, February 19, 2024

- 7:30 AM *No Mass - No Intentions*
12:00 PM Merylyn Narciso &
Intentions for Clarissa Alenze
5:30 PM *No Mass - No Intentions*

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- 7:30 AM Rose Taverni & Thanksgiving for
Vidal & Josep Families
12:00 PM Chenxing Yao/John (D) & Rosita Yap (D)
5:30 PM Luis Rosa & Manolito Francisco (D)

Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- 7:30 AM Joseph Taverni & Maria LaFranca (D)
12:00 PM Marciano Jacela (D)
& Kimberly Ann Terribile
5:30 PM Philomena Redmond
& Didier Marquez (D)

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- 7:30 AM Guiseppe Lovoi & Anna John Kampl
12:00 PM Marion Harkins (D) & Alexis Morales
5:30 PM Theresa Smock (D) & Jesse Hilario

Friday, February 23, 2024

- 7:30 AM Erik Charles Cruz & Annabelle Skoglund
12:00 PM Mary O'Sullivan & Our Lady of Lourdes
5:30 PM Healing for Consuelo Ruiz &
Lina Mary Acevedo (D)

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

Catherine B. Puangco
&
The Powers Family

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 Migrant Center is
partnering with a coalition
of other agencies to
provide job fairs and job
training opportunities to
newly arrived migrants and anyone who
needs it.

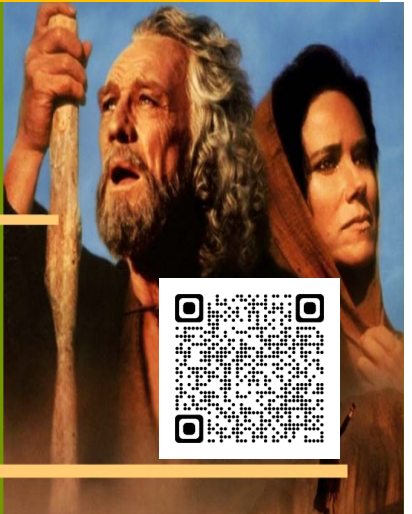
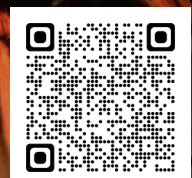
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ST. FRANCIS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

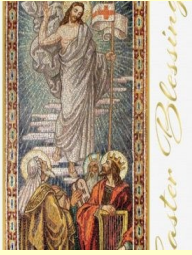


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Remember your family & friends with an Easter card!

We have a few styles of Easter cards available to remember and honor your loved ones. Click on the QR Codes to order them!



Adult Education Spring Offerings Registration is Open!

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!



A number of our courses begin this week. Among them are:

- Great Choral Music
- The Spiritual Genius of Henri Nouwen
- Reading the Letter of James
- Catholicism: 101: Christianity in the 2nd & 3rd Centuries.

Take advantage of these opportunities to deepen your faith and to make new connections in the parish community!



Lent: A Time for Mending Hearts

In this season of reflection and preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection, there are numerous opportunities to deepen our faith and community connections. Click of the QR Code for a listing of these activities.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT





Join us for the Stations of the Cross.

Every Friday during Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross after the Noon and 5:30pm Masses. Fr. Michael Carnevale will lead the prayer.

Come and join the community in this traditional Lenten devotion!



Community Penance Service

We will have a Communal Penance Service at 6:30pm on Friday, March 22nd. In addition to the communal prayer, there will be opportunity for individual confession as



A Perpetual Prayer Opportunity

We invite you to remember or pray for a loved one or a personal intention in a special way by lighting a candle for a year in the Shrine of St. Anthony in the Lower Church.

A small plaque displaying the name of your loved one or your intention will be mounted below the candle. The annual offering for each candle is \$200 which will benefit the outreach ministries of the Church. Click on the QR Code here to get more information.

Lenten Talk by

Fr. James Martin ,SJ



“Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus’ Greatest Miracle”

Come and Join us on Saturday, March 9th at 2pm as Fr. James Martin,

SJ shares a presentation on his latest book. This event is FREE - but preregistration is needed so we have enough room for everyone - he’s a very popular speaker!

