



FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

March 17, 2024

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 & bulletin for holiday schedule changes.

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



LENT 2024
SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

For more information and to let us know you're coming to the scripture sharing on Mondays of Lent scan this QR Code and sign up.
It's FREE!



LAUDATO SI...

Circle at St. Francis

Give Up Calling People Names

"Once and for all, let us put an end to the irresponsible derision that would present this issue [the climate crisis] as something purely ecological, "green," romantic, frequently subject to ridicule by economic interests. Let us finally admit that it is a human and social problem on any number of levels. For this reason, it calls for involvement on the part of all. In Conferences on the climate, the actions of groups negatively portrayed as "radicalized" tend to attract attention. But in reality, they are filling a space left empty by society as a whole, which ought to exercise a healthy "pressure", since every family ought to realize that the future of their children is at stake." Pope Francis (LD58)

"It's not easy being green." Kermit the Frog

<https://youtu.be/51BQfPeSK8k?si=QTUAgZixZBdmoYQI>



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.



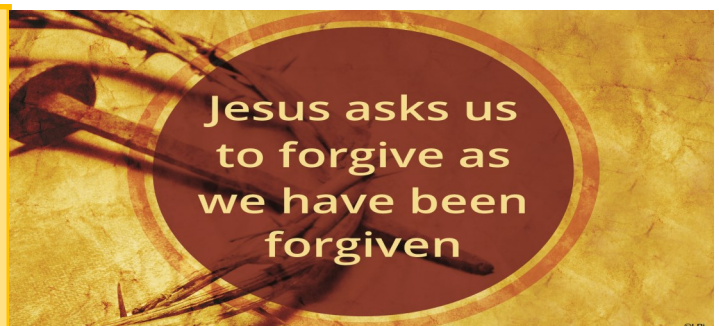
Young Adult Game Night

Church of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, March 10th
in the Francis Room after the 5:00 PM Mass
Hosted by **CONVERGE@St.Francis**
RSVP: stfrancisnyc.org/gamenight
open to all parishioners and their friends ages 21-40
BYOB... snacks will be provided



Weekly Collections Weekend of March 2-3, 2024

In-Pew Collection	\$6,637.00
OnLine Collection	1,218.00
OnLine Church Support	<u>2,464.00</u>
Total:	\$10,319.00



Jesus asks us
to forgive as
we have been
forgiven

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:00 AM

4:00 PM Florentino Mabasa, Sr. (D) & Felipe & Leo Bacares (D)

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League & Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, OFM (D) & Amelia & Frank Bettua

12:30 PM Richard Reynaud & Intentions of Amani Stroude

5:00 PM Roma Janowicz (D)

Monday, March 18, 2024

7:30 AM

12:00 PM Lin Fan Lin (D)

5:30 PM William Fishman (D) & Irene Flynn (D)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:30 AM Jose M. Thottam (D) & St. Anthony

12:00 PM Victoria Bazzurro & Josefina Eslao (D)

5:30 PM Adelena D'Argenio

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:30 AM

12:00 PM Yang Cai Di (D) & Patrick Moscaya Thanksgiving

5:30 PM

Thursday, March 21, 2024

7:30 AM Richard Sidney in Honor of OLPH & Leonida G. Soresca (D)

12:00 PM Ulises Dela Rosa (D) & Intention of Arielle Carmaire Lalgee for exams

5:30 PM Charles A. Scalafani (D)

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:30 AM

12:00 PM Lin Yun Qin (D) & Manuel de Jesus Flores (D)

5:30 PM

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

Catherine B. Puangco
&
+ Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, OFM

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. For more information scan the QR Code.



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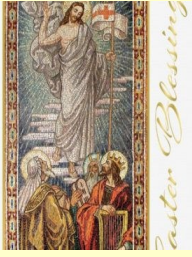
HOLY WEEK 2024

THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6pm

FRIDAY
Seven Last Words
12pm
Liturgy of the Passion
3pm
Stations of the Cross
5:30pm

SATURDAY
The Great Vigil of Easter
6:30pm

SUNDAY
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection
8am • 11am • 12:30pm



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!



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 17, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

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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 part of the service.



5th 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!



We're invited to Good Friday Way of the Cross

We are invited to accompany the members of Pax Christi Metro New York in a Christian Peace Witness on Good Friday, March 29th beginning at 8:30 am. They will start at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza between 2nd and 1st Avenues at E. 47th Street and then process to 42nd Street



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.



WE ARE
HEALED BY
Compassion