

*Church of*

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

*The Heart of New York*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I KNOW MINE  
AND MINE  
**KNOW ME.**

— JOHN 10:14 —

**April 21, 2024**

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi  
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Welcome  Witness  
Worship

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 our website or the bulletin 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 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



# Let it begin with Trees

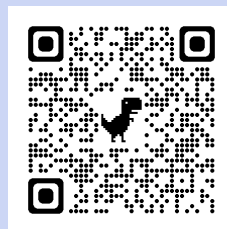
An Earth Day & Arbor Day Event  
hosted by the Laudato Si Circle  
at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

# LAUDATO SI...

## Circle at St. Francis

### Own A Piece of Valuable NYC Real Estate

Did you know that anyone can help maintain and care for our city's trees? Not only are you welcome but you are encouraged to do so. We have a half-million street trees here which are cared for by the Parks Department, local neighborhood associations, and individuals like you. Choose one near your home or one that you happen to pass by every day. You're free to work the soil, lay mulch, and plant flowers. Hang a sign to remind people that dog poop and pee kills trees. Call 311 to request a tree guard or make one yourself. For Dos and Don'ts, visit <https://www.nycgovparks.org/>



*"Not everyone is called to engage directly in political life...Some, for example, show concern for a public place...and strive to protect, restore, improve or beautify it as something belonging to everyone." Pope Francis (LS232)*

Sign up here for "Let It Begin With Trees" on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Get some hands-on experience in the company of neighbors.



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](mailto:stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com)

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



“  
ALL I WANT  
TO KNOW IS  
CHRIST AND  
THE POWER  
FLOWING  
FROM HIS  
RESURRECTION!  
”



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- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, April 20, 2024

- 11:00 AM Francisco Jong Soo Lee (D) &  
Jennifer Andres Luna (D)  
4:00 PM Healing for Barbara Sonntag &  
Healing for Myrna & Stanley Wohl

## Sunday, April 21, 2024

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League  
& Leonida Soresca (D)  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
11:00 Thanksgiving for Nora Cuevas &  
Eufemia Ondevilla (D)  
12:30 PM Fr. Michael Carnevale, OFM &  
Intentions of Charlary Family  
5:00 PM Apolonio & Reynaldo Ondevilla (D)

## Monday, April 22, 2024

- 7:30 AM Elena DaConta & Thanksgiving for  
Jieng Sy & Lori Roslawski  
12:00 PM Healing for Joseph Roman  
& Miranda Vescio (D)  
5:30 PM Aaron Bushnell (D) & Pilar Alfredo  
& Antonio Taboso (D)

## Tuesday, April 23, 2024

- 7:30 AM Erik Charles Cruz & Carlos Jaime  
& Ricardo Taboso (D)  
12:00 PM Katie Holihan (D) &  
Healing for Barry Roman  
5:30 PM Georgia Lawson's Birthday &  
Nely Uy & Robert Roslawski (D)

## Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- 7:30 AM Marilyn Aldovino (D) &  
Maclyn Smith Reed (D)  
12:00 PM Chen Wei Wei's Mother, Anna (D) &  
Healing for Carol Roman  
5:30 PM Avrum Frankskopp & Thomas Lang

## Thursday, April 25, 2024

- 7:30 AM Kelly Beth Damien MacKenzie &  
Kimberlie Ann Felicity  
MacKenzie Perman  
12:00 PM Chen Wei Wei's Mother, Anna (D) &  
Patrick Reilly (D)  
5:30 PM Jason Perman & Alyssa Brooke  
MacKenzie Durfee

## Friday, April 26, 2024

- 7:30 AM Sean Michael Durfee &  
Gloria Manfredi Bettiol  
12:00 PM Chen Wei Wei's Mother, Anna (D)  
& Dr. Howard Rose (D)  
5:30 PM Rev. James Sidoti, O.Carm. (D) &  
Donald Francis MacKenzie

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.

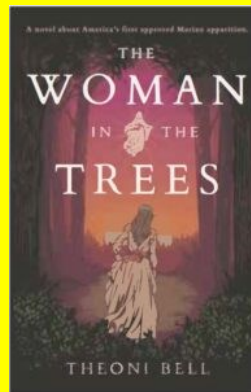
## Migrant Center

The 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

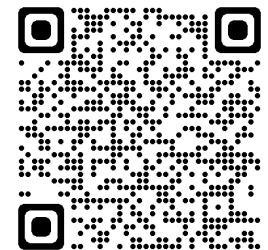


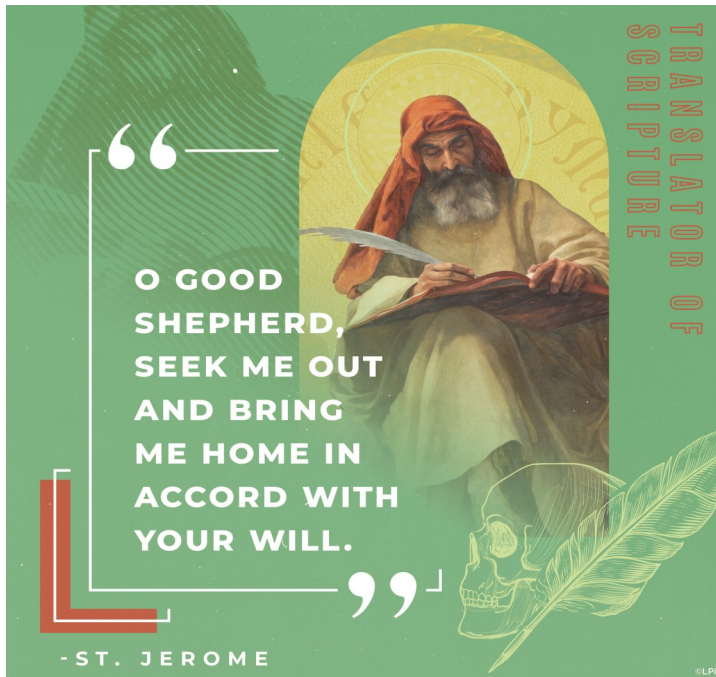
## Join Converge for their Spring Book Club



The group will be gathering  
to read "*The Woman in the  
Trees*" by Theoni Bell. The  
Club will meet on Mondays  
on April in the Clare Room  
at 6:30pm.

For more information and  
to register for this FREE  
event, click on the QR Code to let us know  
you're coming!





**GOSPEL MEDITATION**  
Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

**The Good Shepherd and the Wolf**

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

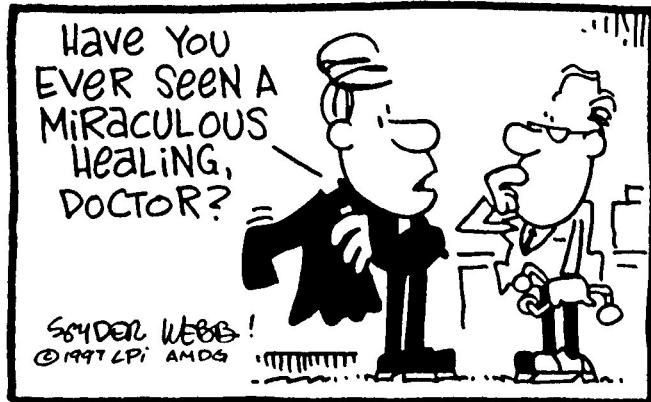
The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

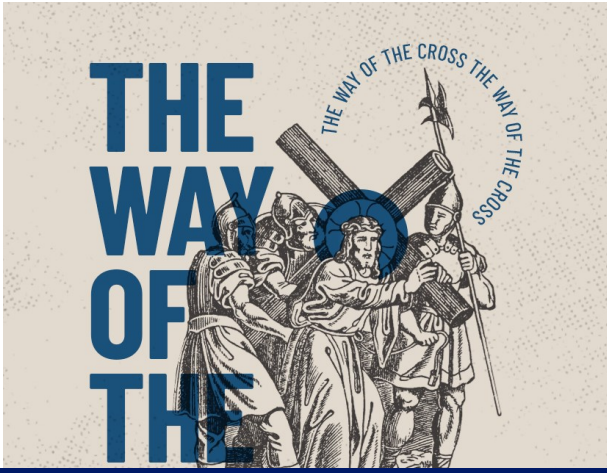
He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*"I will lay down my life for the sheep."* — John 10:11  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi



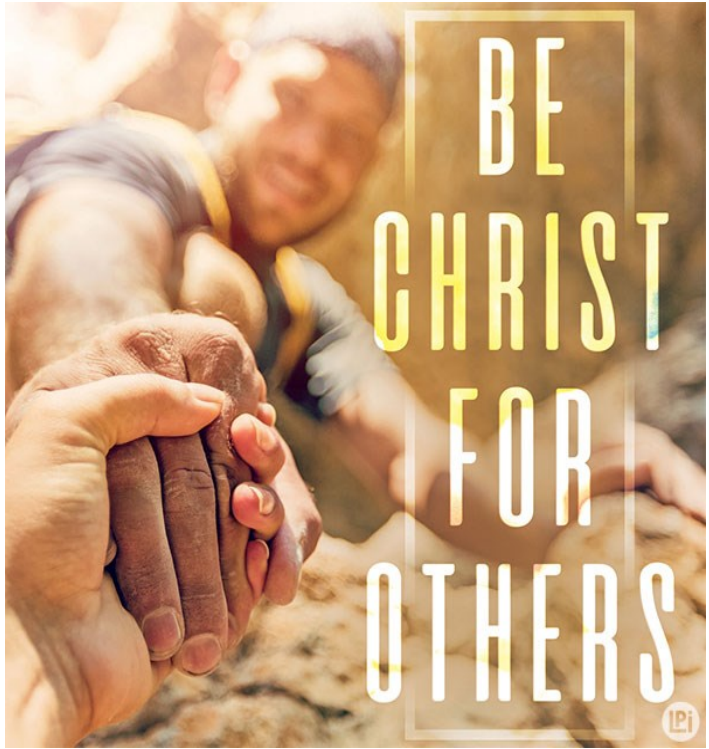
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# RESURRECTION

Join us for the Stations of the Resurrection Every Friday during the Easter Season we will pray the Stations of the Resurrection after the Noon and 5:30pm Masses. Fr. Michael Carnevale will lead the prayer. Come and join the community in this Easter Season devotion!



**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.

