

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

REMAIN

IN ME.

— JOHN 15:4 —

April 28, 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

I AM THE VINE,
YOU ARE
THE BRANCHES.



LAUDATO SI...

Circle at St. Francis

Fair Fare

Find out where your coffee comes from. Who grew it and how were they treated? Fair trade certified coffee directly supports a better life for farming families in the developing world through fair prices, community development and environmental stewardship. Check out sites like <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/>. If you're worried about cost, consider mixing it to start, or buying in bulk which can be very competitive, especially these days. For many people it means being able to stay in their homes and success in their attempt to make a better world. Your morning cup never tasted so good.

"...while the existing world order proves powerless to assume its responsibilities, local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land." Pope Francis (LS179)

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.



Congratulations to Everyone Baptized and/or Confirmed at the Easter Vigil!!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 27, 2024

- 11:00 AM Cheyenne Mae Garces & Lorrie Anne
Bettiol MacKenzie
4:00 PM Donald Francis MacKenzie &
Adam Russin

Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Elizabeth Carole Michaels (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Ira McKenzie (D) & Luz Gotaco Lee
12:30 PM Thanksgiving for the Durham Family &
for Carmen Blackman Telesford
5:00 PM Zoilo Magpile (D) & Birthday of
Angelica Magpile

Monday, April 29, 2024

- 7:30 AM St. Jude & Augustin Corujo, Sr. (D)
12:00 PM Thanksgiving Marie Valerie Slevert
& Zenaïda & Karen Soriano
5:30 PM Romeo Madrid (D) & Thanksgiving
Maria Angeles Collazo

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 7:30 AM Jean Dennis (D) & Intentions of
Matt Dabrowski
12:00 PM Healing for Mildred & Noel Thompson
& Thanksgiving Grace Tuliao
5:30 PM Catalina Saribano (D) & Intentions of
Kristin Palma

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- 7:30 AM Laurence Barras, JR. (D) &
Amazie Amazin (D)
12:00 PM Lillian de Paris (D) &
Rev. Paul Moore, Jr. (D)
5:30 PM Robert DeSantis (D)

Thursday, May 2, 2024

- 7:30 AM Manette DuVerglass (D) & Intention of
Marie & Family
12:00 PM Mary Cihanek & Birthday of
Corazon Goncarz
5:30 PM Maria Theresa Abejo & Chris Bacich

Friday, May 3, 2024

- 7:30 AM Rose Gerardi & Theresa Lionel (D)
12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales (D) & 70th
Birthday of Michael T.P. Gilbride
5:30 PM Prpic Ana (D) & Richie Ozdemir (D)



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.

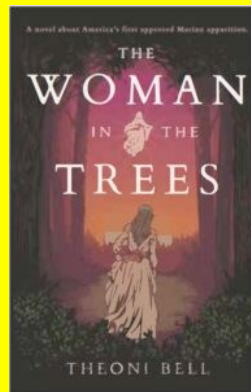
Migrant Center

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



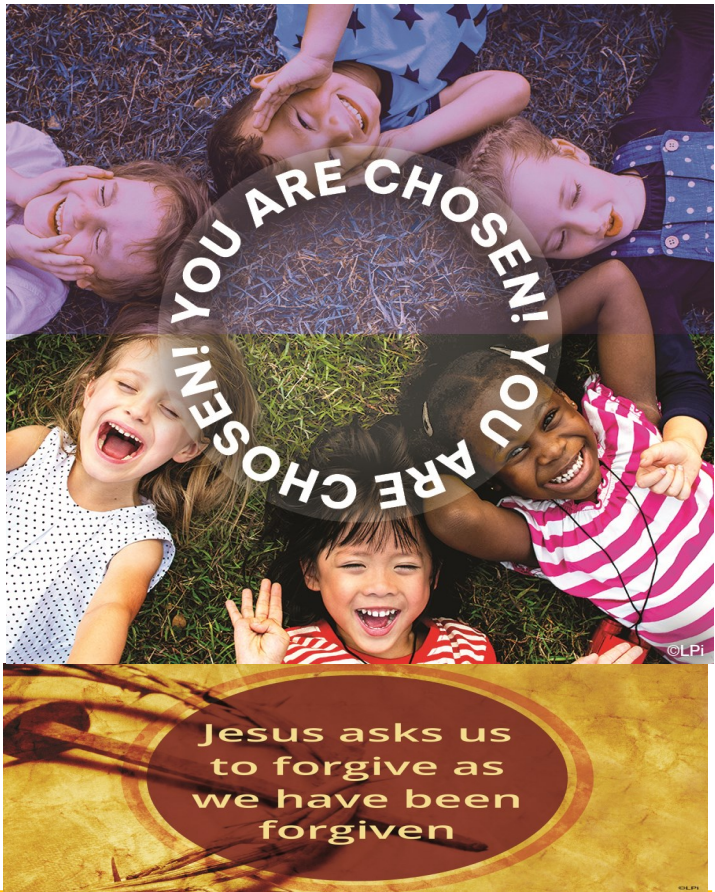
Join Converge for their Spring Book Club



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!





Weekly Collections
Weekend of April 6-7, 2024

In-Pew Collection	\$4,729.00
OnLine Collection	3,065.00
OnLine Church Support	<u>3,516.00</u>
Total:	\$11,310.00

Weekend of April 13-14, 2024

In-Pew Collection	\$5,106.00
OnLine Collection	2,799.00
OnLine Church Support	<u>1,267.00</u>
Total:	\$9,172.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION
Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

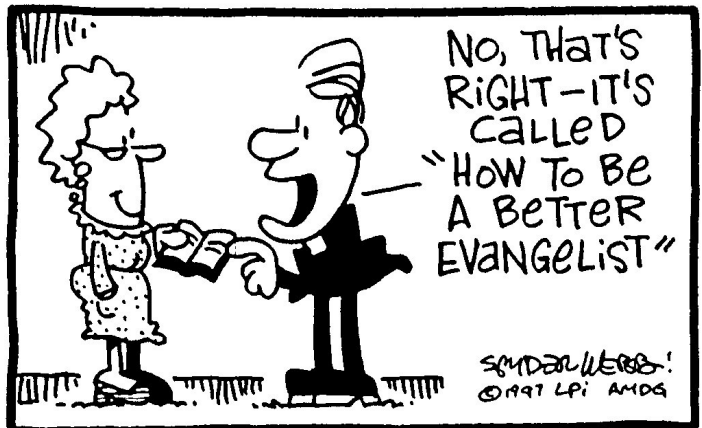
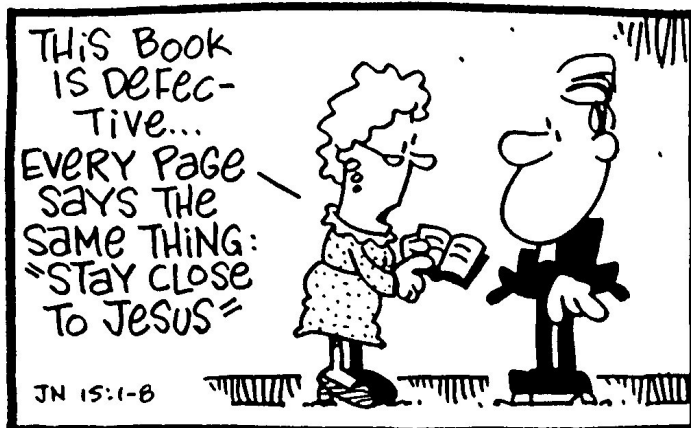
To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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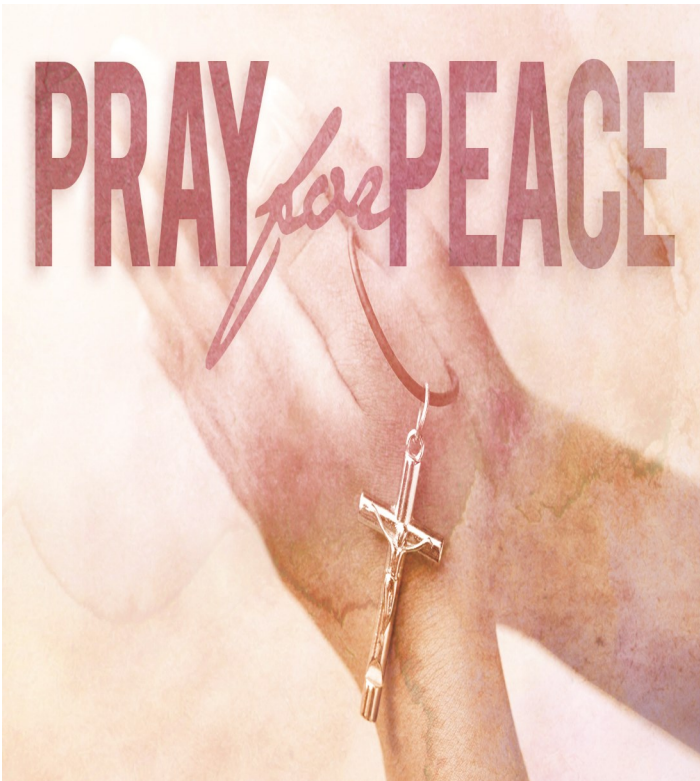
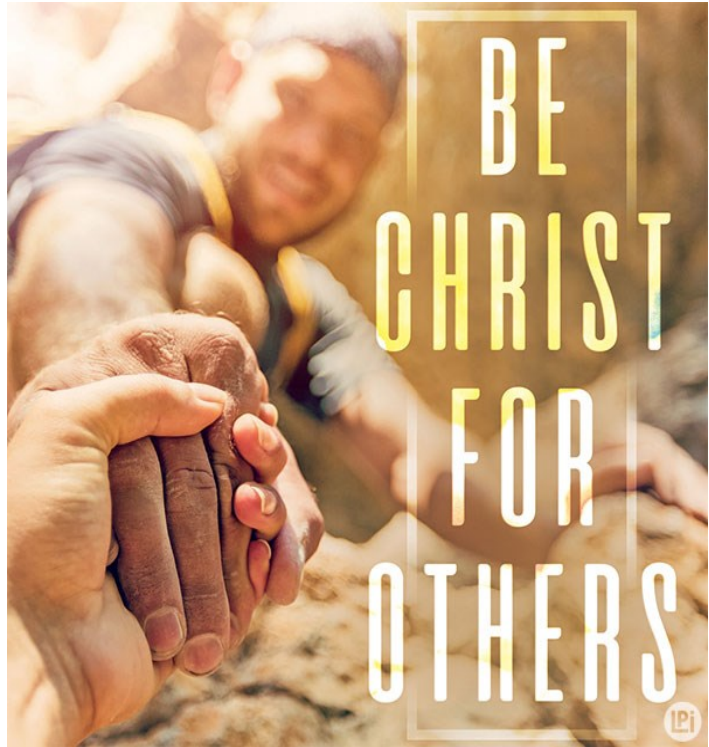
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RESURRECTION

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.

