

APRIL 20, 2025 • EASTER SUNDAY

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Domenico Pagliarolo, Italian, 15th century. Resurrection, in an initial A. Morgan Library & Museum, New York.

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the province of Our Lady of Guadalupe 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

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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), 10:00 AM (en español),

11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM

Please join us for our Sunday 11:00 AM or 5:00 PM livestreamed Masses. Special events will also be livestreamed.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM; 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM; Saturday 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday 8:00-9:00am; 11:00am-12:00pm; 4:30-5:30pm;

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 am

DEVOTIONS

Monday: Devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother, after all Masses

Tuesday: St. Anthony Devotions, after all Masses

Wednesday: St. Jude Devotions, after all Masses

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes, after the 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses; The Sacrament of Anointing, after the 12pm Mass

Friday: Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Cross, after all Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am -5:00 pm (Lower Church)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 19, 2025

8:00 PM Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 20, 2025

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

10:00 Birthday Linda & Kerwin Macalinao; Francisco Jongsoo Lee (D)

11:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; SP Intentions Celestin Lawson

12:30 PM Elena & Nicholas Daconta; Jose & Esther Medina (D); Healing for Providencia Castro Gilbride

Monday, April 21, 2025

12:00 PM Gary Olser; Alex Jr., Mom & Dad

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

7:30 AM Elena & Nicholas Daconta; For Peace

12:00 PM Thanksgiving Delia R. Larosa; Thanksgiving Jinghui Xie & Children

5:30 Ira V. McKenzie (D); Margaret Clements

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:30 AM Peter D'Souza (D); Larry & Judy O'Brien

12:00 PM Sr. Helen McCaffrey (D); Ignacio Palatan (D)

5:30 Birthday & Thanksgiving - Luz G. Lee (D); Birthday of Georgia Lawson

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:30 AM Cecilia Arcierno (D); Hazel Dalmau (D)

12:00 PM Thanksgiving Luz Banaga (D); Eyenga Pierre Emmanuel

5:30 Patrick Dalton (D); Edna Irizarry (D)

Friday, April 18, 2025

7:30 AM Patrick Reilly(D); Genevieve Irizarry (D)

12:00 PM Eugenio Salazar & Family; Petronila A. Degracia (D)

5:30 Birthday Barbara Sonntag; Edward John Irizarry (D)

Dated Mass and weekly Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp intentions may be reserved at our Hospitality desk in the Francis House where Mass cards are sold.

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Easter Sunday is one of my favorite days of the year! The aroma of spring has arrived. People are dressed up for church services. Families get together for a meal and a lively discussion.

More importantly, we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, the large stone blocking the tomb has been removed as witnessed by Mary Magdalene, St. Peter and St. John in today's Gospel of John. They saw and believed.

After forty days of Lent and six days of Holy Week, we witnessed the culmination of the liturgical year through the Easter Vigil. Last evening, we witnessed the full initiation of six catechumens and full communion for five candidates in English PLUS 18 catechumens for full initiation and ten candidates for full communion in Korean. It was a beautiful testimony of faith, hope and love! The large stone of doubt and misery was removed with Easter joy and enthusiastic appreciation for new Catholic members of our faith community.

Yes, we have had challenges to our faith and sanity in recent months. But we should receive inspiration from our nation's history that we always had a comeback from any setback. Proof of my claim are the words of former President, Jimmy Carter who died recently. He was not highly acclaimed as a US President. However, he was highly acclaimed as a statesman and a Christian humanitarian AFTER his presidency such as Habitat for Humanity.

The following pearl of wisdom from Jimmy Carter should give us hope for the future: "Each generation of Americans has to face circumstances not of its own choosing, by which its character is measured and its spirit is tested."

On behalf of the Franciscan friars and our parish staff, we wish you all a Blessed Easter season!

Father Brian

MIGRANT CENTER UPDATE

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi to have the support of Nunez Law PLLC.

At Nunez Law PLLC, we focus exclusively on U.S. immigration law, offering dedicated legal services in areas such as Asylum, VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) petitions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Family-Based Immigration, Citizenship and more. We are passionate about helping individuals and families navigate their path to legal status with care, compassion and integrity.

As a proud supporter of St. Francis of Assisi Church, we are offering a 15-minute free consultation to parishioners—just mention your membership when you reach out.

Learn more at gnunezlaw.com or call (917) 708-1072 to schedule your free consultation. We're here to help you move forward.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, AND SERVICES

The Archdiocese of New York's Sharing God's Gifts Pastoral Grants program is a new initiative focused on supporting parishes and local communities in serving God's people. It invites parishes in the Archdiocese of New York to reimagine faith formation and community engagement at all levels.

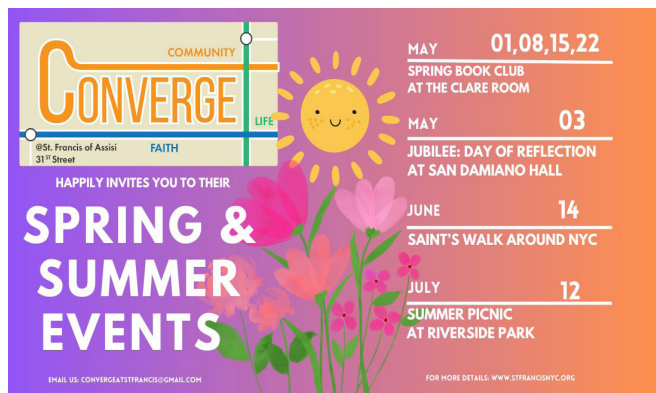
The program offers grant opportunities to strengthen existing or foster innovative ministry initiatives within the parish, particularly in the following key pastoral areas: (1) Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation, (2) Respect Life, (3) Youth Faith Formation, (4) Youth/Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate, and (5) Cultural Diversity.

To learn more about the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, contact us at 646-794-3300 or visit cardinalsappeal.org. To make sure that your online gift counts as meeting our parish's goal, select "St. Francis of Assisi, Manhattan" in the dropdown menu under "Direct my gift to".

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In person collection, Sunday mass 4/13 \$6,685

In person collection, weekday collection 4/7-4/11 \$2,623



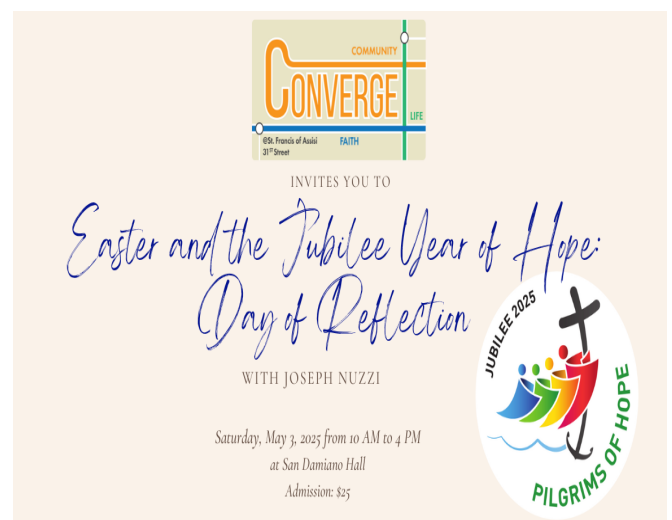
CONVERGE @ ST. FRANCIS SPRING EVENTS

The Converge @ St. Francis ministry invites you to its Spring and Summer events. We invite the church community to events that will inspire, serve, and connect with one another.



CONVERGE BOOK CLUB SPRING 2025: THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

This May, join us for the Converge Ministry Spring Book Club! We'll be reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Meetings will be Thursdays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Clare Room. A few copies of *The Screwtape Letters* are available for purchase at the parish bookstore.



CONVERGE DAY OF REFLECTION: EASTER AND THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Join us for a special Day of Reflection centered around the themes of hope, resurrection, and the Jubilee 2025. Pope Francis has chosen hope as the focal point for this holy year, and we invite you to explore its significance through reflection and discussion with Joe Nuzzi. The Day of Reflection will be Saturday, May 3rd 10 am-4pm in San Damiano Hall.



THANK YOU

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi is grateful for all the contributions for the Easter flowers. The names in remembrance are listed on the website.