



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844-2019

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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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 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 Masses

4:00, 5:15 PM (Organ & Cantor)

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM (Organ & Cantor), 9:15 AM (Korean),
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor; Lower Church),
11:00 AM (Organ & Choir); 12:30 PM (Organ & Cantor),
5:00 & 6:15 PM (Contemporary Ensemble)

Weekday Masses

7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM; 12:30, 4:30, 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Masses

8:00, 11:00 AM

First Friday Filipino Community Mass

6:15 PM (Lower Church)

Holidays

Consult the weekly bulletin and the posted notices for federal and other holidays.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 8:30 AM; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Confesiones en español Martes 11:00 - 12:00

Saturday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 - 9:30 AM; 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Devotions

Monday

Devotions in Honor of St. Monica after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Tuesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony after all Masses starting at 7:45 AM

Wednesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Jude after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Thursday

Devotions in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes for the Sick after 8:30 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Friday

Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Heart after 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

Lenten Season: Stations of the Cross

Easter Season: Stations of the Resurrection

Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

On the Cover

The Finding in the Temple from Les Très Belles Heures de Nôtre-Dame, an illuminated manuscript made between 1380 and 1412 for Jean, Duc de Berry (1340-1416). This image begins the Hour of None in the Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Pastor's Corner



We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend. The Scriptures don't tell us much about the day to day life that Jesus, Mary and Joseph experienced in their home. During the past week we heard from the Gospels about the circumstances surrounding the birth of

Jesus. Today's Gospel focuses of the finding of the child Jesus in the temple. Later, we will hear about the relationship between Jesus and his mother, especially her faithfulness to him during the time of his execution. Their lives were not easy, but God's love was at the heart of all that they experienced. Family life today can be a challenge. Many families today extend their boundaries to include other people rather than relatives. This can be a blessing for both.

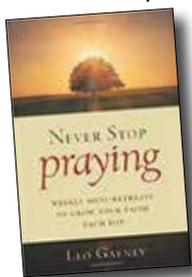
I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas with good memories. Thank you for the greetings, the cards, the gifts, your presence. So many people have to travel at this time of the year and many times, it can be taxing. Enjoy the time that you are together. Now, we face a New Year: 2019. Midtown Manhattan will be filling up as it does every year. As we face the challenges of a New Year, it is important to live it day to day. Make prayer an important part of your daily routine. A stronger relationship with God can be a blessing for you. Take advantage of opportunities to be of service to others and to be kind and thoughtful when in public. 2019 can have many opportunities for you each day. Don't let them pass you by; they could be real blessings for you. Happy New Year!

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Book Review: *Never Stop Praying*

If you are inclined to make a New Year's resolution that will strengthen your spiritual life, you might consider Leo Gafney's book *Never Stop Praying*. He describes his book in these words:



"Weekly Mini-Retreats to Grow Your Faith Each Day." Over the course of 26 weeks, the author has chosen topics for the mini-retreats: Accept, Peace, Sickness, Faith, Prayer, Temptation, the Poor, the Stranger, Do not Worry, Fully Human, Fully Divine, Work – just to name a few. Each chapter has several paragraphs written on the topic, then a Scripture reading

and verse, and a weekly practice. You are given a whole week to consider the topic from several points of view: the author's, Scripture, and weekly practice. The book presents a manageable way of deepening your spiritual life through consideration of issues with which we all struggle. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

New Year's
at Saint Francis of Assisi

Monday, December 31: New Year's Eve
Vigil Masses of at 4:30 & 5:30 PM
for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 8:30 and 11:30 AM
There are no Confessions on New Year's Day.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

The Shrines of France

11 Days: November 6-16, 2019
visiting
Geneva • Annecy • Lyon • Tours
Loire Valley • Chartres • Mont St. Michel
Bayeux • Normandy • Caen • Lisieux • Paris
hosted by
Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.
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Farewell, Father Michael Carnevale!

Shakespeare once wrote that parting is such sweet sorrow, and so it is that we bid farewell to Fr. Michael Carnevale, O.F.M., who is retiring to St. Petersburg, FL this week after serving at St. Francis of Assisi for many years, including a stint as Pastor and Guardian in the late 1980's.

Throughout his more than 50 years as a Franciscan priest, Fr. Michael has brought a unique blend of compassion, wisdom and humor to his ministry, whether it be in the confessional or counseling parlor, a hospital bed side or a grave side. Fr. Michael has probably performed more baptisms and weddings than all of the friars combined. A night out at a good Italian restaurant or a Broadway show were just a few of his favorite things!

Here are a few recent photos of Fr. Michael doing what he does best – enjoying the company of people with lots of laughter!

Fr. Michael with Edward Trochimczuk, Director of Volunteers, and Sharon Sookram, during a Sunday Sundaes.



During a recent Christmas party for our Volunteers, Fr. Michael is joined by Fr. Tim Shreenan, O.F.M., Meredith Augustin, and a photo-bomb by Joseph Nuzzi.



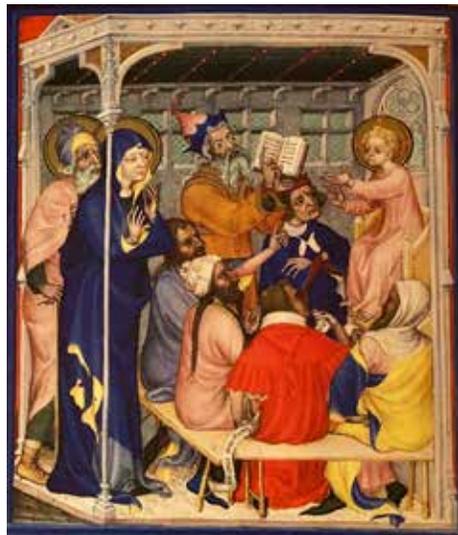
Widely known for his ability to tease an unsuspecting liturgical minister, Fr. Michael literally pulled the wool over the eyes of Dorothy Taylor Adams at a farewell lunch for the church staff.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study.

Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus:



parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage – the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind! *James Field*

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The Gift of One Hour

At St. Francis we ask our members to contribute the equivalent of one hour of their weekly salary. If you cannot commit One Hour at this time, we ask that you contribute at least \$5.00 as a minimum offering for the upkeep and mission of the church.



If you are among the many people who carry little or no cash, now you can text your donation to the church at 917-983-3911. If you have any problems, email Joseph Nuzzi at jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org.

STAND UP, IMMIGRANTS! BUILD THE NETWORK

A Network of Information, Support & Protection of Immigrants



Are you without immigration status?

Here's a possible solution!

STAND UP! is a campaign to protect the rights and welfare of immigrants, especially the undocumented. It is confidential, dependable and secure. For more information, contact us at standupimmigrants@gmail.com or 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

INMIGRANTES, LEVÁNTENSE CONSTRUYAMOS LA RED

La Red de Información, Apoyo y Protección de Inmigrantes



¿Está sin estatus de inmigración?

¡Aquí hay una solución posible!

¡LEVANTENSE! es una campaña para proteger los derechos y el bienestar de los inmigrantes, especialmente los indocumentados. La campaña es confidencial, confiable y seguro. Para más información, contáctenos a standupimmigrants@gmail.com o 212-736-8500, Ext. 305.

Gaudete et Exsultate: Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 1: The Call to Holiness

We need a spirit of holiness capable of filling both our solitude and our service, our personal life and our evangelizing efforts, so that every moment can be an expression of self-sacrificing love in the Lord's eyes. In this way every minute of our lives can be a step along the path to growth in holiness.



Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free to recognize our great dignity.

Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory Thomas Powers, Sr., from Vicky Powers.

If you would like to made a donation for the bread and wine or sanctuary lights, please go to the reception desk.

Saturday, December 29, 2018

- 8:00 AM Christmas Novena
- 11:00 Scott Deyo (d.)
- 4:00 PM Jayson Stuart (d.)
- 5:15 Kathleen Harris

Sunday, December 30, 2018

- 8:00 AM Christmas Novena
- 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
- 9:30 Teri & Barry Tilman
- 11:00 Rosen Family, in thanksgiving
- 12:30 PM Carolyn Laguya & Martel Richard
- 5:00 Franciscan Mass League
- 6:15 Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 31, 2018

- 7:00 AM Christmas Novena
- 7:45 Elvira Miranda & Family
- 8:30 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)
- 11:30 Jorge R. Sievert (d.)
- 12:30 PM Cornelius J. Dever (d.)
- 4:30 Ann & Edward Rappa (d.)
- 5:30 Elvira Miranda & Family

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

- 8:30 AM Christmas Novena
- 11:30 For the People of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

- 7:00 AM Christmas Novena
- 7:45 Clare Shen (d.)
- 8:30 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)
- 11:30 Armando Crisostomo, Sr. & Justina Sanchez (d.)
- 12:30 PM Ma Rosario Palomeno, birthday
- 4:30 Thanks. to St. Anthony, J. Angelone
- 5:30 Nicholas & Elena Daconta (d.)



Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, January 3

Thursday, January 3, 2019

- 7:00 AM Ann D. Pendola (d.)
- 7:45 Carmen Maria Morales (d.)
- 8:30 Marie Koutsoumaris (d.)
- 11:30 Sr. Pat Murphy & Fr. Sandro Bigi (d.)
- 12:30 PM The Sick
- 4:30 Maria Zic, for healing
- 5:30 Isabel Vásquez (d.)

Friday, January 4, 2019

- 7:00 AM Onesefero Marcelina Pacina (D.)
- 7:45 María del Pilar Blanco (d.)
- 8:30 Julian, Lourdes, Ann & Ben Young (d.)
- 11:30 Fr. June Esguerra & Fr. Resty Ahyong (d.)
- 12:30 PM Caroline Miskic (d.)
- 4:30 Fredericque Francisque (d.)
- 5:30 Eileen & John Geraghty

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE: 135 W. 31st Street • SAN DAMIANO HALL: 127 W. 31st Street
ST. FRANCIS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER: 139 W. 31st Street

Adult Education

A variety of courses in Scripture, church history, spirituality, personal growth, and other topics are offered at noon and in the evenings in the Fall and Spring months. Special brochures with course offerings are published prior to the start of each term and are available at the church entrances. Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M., Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 311.

Franciscan Bread for the Poor

The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org.

Counseling Center

Counseling services are available on a short- or long-term basis by appointment only. Sliding scale fee structure. Call 212-736-8500, Ext. 290 for information or to make an appointment.

Saint Francis Bereavement Ministry

While grief is a very private experience, people who have lost loved ones can benefit from the witness and support of others who have lost someone special in their lives. The St. Francis Bereavement Ministry offers an opportunity for the bereaved to connect with others who grieve, and to seek a path of healing as they come to terms with their loss. Call Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500, Ext. 204 to inquire.



Immigration Assistance

The Migrant Center at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi provides assistance to all immigrants regardless of status. If anyone needs assistance or has concerns about immigration matters, please contact the Migrant Center at 212-736-8500, Ext. 305/377 or email migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org.

Korean Ministry

The Korean Community worships in Korean every Sunday at 9:15 AM. A Mass for young adults is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM in the lower church. Fr. Michael Kim, O.F.M.; 212-736-8500, Ext. 384.

LGBT Outreach

Our LGBT ministry is very active in our community. The ministry provides various spiritual, social, and educational events from September through June. For more information, please visit the website to sign up for our mailing list. For more information, contact Meredith Augustin, liaison for the LGBT ministry, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

Mass Cards & Perpetual Enrollments

Available at the Reception Desk in the lobby of St. Francis House. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM; Saturday: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Music Ministry

To become involved in our liturgical music ministry, please call Meredith Augustin, Director of Music Ministries, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 327.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is the process by which people can question, search, and inquire into the Catholic faith. The RCIA is for any unbaptized adult who is new to the Catholic faith or any unbaptized child usually over the age of 7. The RCIA is also for any adult or child over the age of 7 who was baptized in another Christian tradition and for baptized Catholic adults seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Joseph Nuzzi at 212-736-8500, Ext. 365.

RENEW! Younger Retiree Program

Catholic retirees, age 55 and over, participate in spiritual, cultural, social, and service activities in the New York Metropolitan Area. For information, please contact RENEW at 212-736-8500, Ext. 389.

Secular Franciscans

Lay men and women who strive to follow the Gospel way of life according to the ideals of St. Francis. For information please see our website <http://www.stfrancisnyc.org/secularfranciscans.htm>.

St. Francis on Facebook

St. Francis Church is on Facebook! Join the group "St. Francis of Assisi NYC" on Facebook to see who else is a member, be informed of news and events and keep in touch with what's going on in your parish community. Stay connected the way you like to stay connected. Join the group today and invite your friends.

Self-Help Groups

St. Francis Church hosts numerous self-help groups, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Sex Addicts Anonymous, Survivors of Incest Anonymous, and others. Please consult the Self-Help and Support Groups brochure for times and locations of the meetings.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction as a means of spiritual growth and faith development is provided by the Center Staff. Contact Fr. Joseph Cavoto, O.F.M. at 212-736-8500 for more information.

Ugnayan Filipino Ministry

A home away from home for newly arrived Filipino immigrants. Our ministry sponsors the Sacred Heart devotion during the 6:15 PM First Friday Mass with fellowship afterwards. We conduct Lectio Divina every Third Friday of the month. The ministry also welcomes interested individuals to join their music ministry. Rehearsals are on two consecutive Thursdays before the First Friday. Email: flipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org.

Volunteers

St. Francis Church invites individuals to give freely of their time and expertise in order to make a difference. Our volunteers participate in liturgical ministries as well as other forms of service to the church and the community. Edward Trochimczuk, Director of Volunteers. Email: etrochimczuk@stfrancisnyc.org.

Young Adult Ministry

This is a ministry of, by, and for Catholic men and women in their 20's and 30's. At St. Francis we believe that ministering to young adults begins by creating an environment where people feel welcome, especially by worshipping God together in a way that feeds the spirit. For more information please email: youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org.



Is God calling you to be a Franciscan Friar?

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