

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844 - 2019

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi
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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.

On the cover:

Aimez-vous les uns les autres (Love one another) by the French painter and engraver, François Flameng (1856–1923).

This charming engraved image illustrates the verse from today's Gospel: John 13:34.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

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

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: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

The Pastor's Corner



We have been hearing sections of the Book of Revelation for several Sundays and today we hear this beautiful passage: "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their

God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. . ." Reading this over and over, allowing it to sink into our minds and hearts has a very calming and reassuring effect on us. This is where and what God chooses to be, and this is the relationship that God chooses to have with us. The reading also says, "Behold, I make all things new." Our celebration of this Easter season and what we are offered is what we need during these unsettling times. When we are more attentive to this, we are different and *if* the world were more attentive, many things would be different.

I hope to see you at the Korean Bazaar this Sunday afternoon. It is held on Broadway between 31st and 32nd Street just a short walk from the church. You will find many wonderful Korean food specialties, drinks, tents filled with items to buy, and a raffle. The Korean drum group will lead a short parade to Broadway and perform for everyone. It is only one day, so don't miss it. The Bazaar takes much planning and many people to set it up and take it down and work throughout the day. See you there!

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

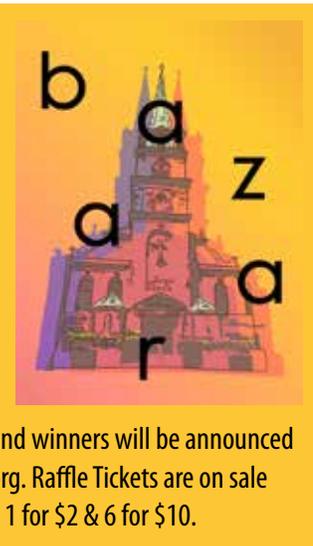
Via Lucis

THE STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Every Friday during the Easter Season
after the 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

During the Easter season we will celebrate the *Via Lucis* or Way of Light. The *Via Lucis* consists of 14 "Stations" which recount the Easter story from the Resurrection to Pentecost.

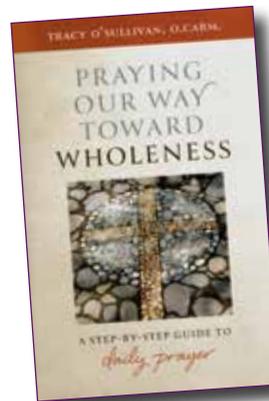
The Saint Francis Korean Community invites you to the 21st Annual Bazaar on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 10 AM to 5 PM on Broadway between 31st & 32nd Streets



A drawing will be held at 4 PM and winners will be announced on our website, stfrancisnyc.org. Raffle Tickets are on sale at the Reception desk: 1 for \$2 & 6 for \$10.

Book Review: *Praying Our Way toward Wholeness*

What makes this book different from other books on prayer? The author, Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O. Carm., has been involved in inner-city pastoral ministry for many years and he weaves Carmelite spirituality and other spiritualities throughout this book. He calls this book "A Step-by-Step Guide to Daily Prayer."



Beginning with a description of prayer from Thomas Merton and he adds thoughts from Teresa of Avila. Chapters on topics such as the importance of self-knowledge, what happens within us when we pray regularly, difficulties in prayer and

moving into contemplation make you pause and personalize what he says. He spends time on Teresa's prayer of acceptance that has the famous lines: "may nothing disturb you, may nothing makes you afraid, everything passes, God alone never changes. . ." The book is very readable and is available in the lobby of the Parish House.

A Sweet Taste of Spring!

We now have a selection of jams and jellies made by the Trappist monks in Spencer, Massachusetts. These products are made by the monks themselves and are one way they support themselves in their cloistered prayer life. The Trappists still live a very strict life of prayer and work and have minimal contact with the outside world. The jams and jellies are available in the lobby of the Parish House.



Fifth Sunday of Easter: *No Stunt Man for Jesus*

Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing, or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony.

That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony in the Garden through the Crucifixion.

So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not

there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3). *Tom Schmidt*

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2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Goal for St. Francis Church: \$113,500

Amount pledged to date: \$38,971
(last report: \$29,221)

Number of Gifts: 58 (last report: 51)
Number of Potential Givers: 1,665

Since the last report, 7 people have contributed gifts totalling nearly \$10,000 to make a significant movement toward our goal. If you were not able to give to Renew and Rebuild, this is an opportunity to help support the various services which come from the Archdiocese to help parishes run smoothly, as well as Catholic education, priestly formation and emergency aid for poor parishes for capital improvements such as roof and boiler repairs.

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.

\$3,199 from New York

For information email areitz@stfrancisnyc.org.



Alpine Europe *with* The Passion Play of Oberammergau

11 Days: May 16-26, 2020

visiting

Heidelberg • Rhine Valley • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Salzburg
Altötting • Markt Am Inn • Munich • Rothenburg

hosted by

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

\$3,959 per person from New York

For a brochure and more information, please contact
Fr. Andrew at 212-736-8500 or email areitz@stfrancisnyc.org



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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!

¡LEVÁNTENSE! 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.

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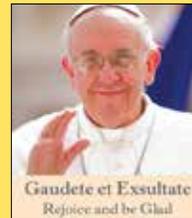
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Gaudete et Exsultate:

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 4: Signs of Holiness in Today's World



"Lord... help me to know that I am following in your footsteps." To act in this way presumes a heart set at peace by Christ, freed from the aggressiveness born of overweening egotism. That same peacefulness, the fruit of grace, makes it possible to preserve our inner trust and persevere in goodness, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"... Standing firm in the Lord, the Rock, we can sing: "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Christ, in a word, "is our peace"; he came "to guide our feet into the way of peace." As he told St. Faustina Kowalska, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy." So let us not fall into the temptation of looking for security in success, vain pleasures, possessions, power over others or social status. Jesus says, "My peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world gives peace."

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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 of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers.

The Sanctuary Lights and Bread & Wine have been given in honor of St. Rita for Karl Amaya.

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine used at Masses each week, please go to the reception desk.



May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

Monday, May 20, 2019

- 7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 7:45 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (d.)
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 Thomas O'Donnell (d.)
- 12:30 PM Ginette Marette-Lepage (d.)
- 4:30 Loraine Escarcha
- 5:30 Rosa Chua Go (d.)

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

- 7:00 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)
- 7:45 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 R. Daino, birthday
- 12:30 PM D.J. Sixsmith
- 4:30 R. Daino, birthday
- 5:30 Lucia Huang (d.)

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

- 7:00 AM Chris McHugh
- 7:45 Brazilian Charismatic Congress
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 In honor of St. Rita for Karl Amaya
- 12:30 PM D.J. Sixsmith
- 4:30 Thanksgiving to Sts. Anthony & Jude
- 5:30 Mary & Owen McGarrity (d.)

Thursday, May 23, 2019

- 7:00 AM Frank McPartland (d.)
- 7:45 Brazilian Charismatic Congress
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 D.J. Sixsmith
- 12:30 PM The Sick
- 4:30 Keegan Family and Friends
- 5:30 O'Reilly Family and Friends

Friday, May 24, 2019

- 7:00 AM Juline Dalmau
- 7:45 Brazilian Charismatic Congress
- 8:30 St. Anthony Novena
- 11:30 For friends and family of Eleanor
- 12:30 PM D.J. Sixsmith
- 4:30 Stephen B. Crowley (d.)
- 5:30 Lucia Huang (d.)

Saturday, May 18, 2019

- 8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 11:00 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
- 4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
- 5:15 Esilda Aranguren (d.)

Sunday, May 19, 2018

- 8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
- 9:30 Franciscan Mass League
- 11:00 Celestin Lawson
- 12:30 PM Jason Gonzalez (d.)
- 5:00 Rosario Frayna (d.)
- 6:15 Donohue & Williams Families (l. & d.)

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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