



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
175 Years
1844-2019

July 14, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

Parable of the Good Samaritan (detail). Painted in 1670 by Jan Wijnants (1632-1684) and Adriaen van de Velde (1636-1672)., this work is in the collection of The State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia.

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)

Summer hours: 9:00 - 11:15 AM; 1:00 - 4:15 PM

The Pastor's Corner



"And who is my neighbor?" is the question asked by the scholar of the law to Jesus. The answer probably came as a surprise to this man because Jesus tells the story of the "good" Samaritan. Remember, there was a mutual hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans

and vice versa. Jesus chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of this story. What happens is familiar to us but to the scholar, there was much to think about because it involved a "good" Samaritan and this was a person who went out of his way for a stranger. Quite a response.

There are several ways to participate in the Commemorative Book that is being prepared for our 175th Anniversary. Check online or look at the form that was included in the weekly bulletin (or pick up one in the lobby). There will be pages with family greetings, memorial pages, pages for ads, and a pet section. All sponsorships must be submitted before the end of this month.

Next May's Pilgrimage to the Passion Play and Alpine Europe is full. There are still some openings for this November's Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France. There are no more single rooms available, but rooms for two people are available. Information and registration forms are available at the Front Desk.

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Collections for June 2018 & 2019

June 2018

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$39,640
Online Sunday Collections:	8,690
Total Sunday Collections:	48,330
Total Weekday Collections:	27,191
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	75,521
Budgeted for June 2018:	85,000
Difference	-9,479

June 2019

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$45,436
Online Sunday Collections:	15,001
Total Sunday Collections:	60,437
Total Weekday Collections:	21,983
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	82,420
Budgeted for June 2019:	90,000
Difference	-7,580

National Black & Indian Mission Collection

This weekend our parish will take up the 135th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska



Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please be generous in our second collection this weekend, July 13-14.

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place: St. Francis of Assisi Parish at 175

As part of our parish's year-long jubilee celebration, the St. Francis Adult Education Center is offering a three-week summer program that will look at our



parish's past and present through several lenses: the biblical, the historical, the theological and the artistic. St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers a case study in what it means to be the Catholic Church in America and an oasis of spirituality in the secular city.



Week One: Biblical Perspectives

Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M.
Wednesday and Thursday: July 17 & 18

Week Two: Historical Perspectives

Fr. Dominic Monti, O.F.M.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:
July 23, 24 & 25

Week Three: Theological and Artistic Perspectives

Joseph Nuzzi & Fr. Timothy Shreenan, O.F.M.
Tuesday and Wednesday: July 30 & 31

Brochures are available at the entrances of the church. You may also register online at stfrancisnyc.org.

Help Sponsor 'Sundae Sunday'

We'd like to invite our parishioners to help sponsor our Sundae Sundays this summer. For more information, please email Edward Trochimczuk at etrochimczuk@stfrancisnyc.org or call him at 212-736-8500 Ext. 361.



THE UGNAYAN FILIPINO MINISTRY PRESENTS

PIYESTANG PINOY

ANNUAL FILIPINO FIESTA EXPERIENCE
Celebrating the Culture & Cuisine
of the Philippines

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019
1:00-5:00 PM • SAN DAMIANO HALL

Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the reception desk in the lobby of the St. Francis Parish House as well as online at stfrancisnyc.org. They will also be available at the door. For more information contact filipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org, or Princess (347-850-3558) or Carla (718-503-4637). Proceeds will benefit the Church of St. Francis of Assisi and its ministries.

Days of Prayer for Parents & Grandparents



We will hold a Week of Prayer dedicated to Parents and Grandparents in honor of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, and grandparents of Jesus. Special prayers will be said after the **11:30 AM and 4:30 PM Masses Monday to**

Friday, July 22-26. Envelopes will be available on which you may write the names of parents and grandparents whom you would like to have remembered on these days.

175th Anniversary Raffle

**\$1,000 First Prize \$500 Second Prize
\$250 Third Prize**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

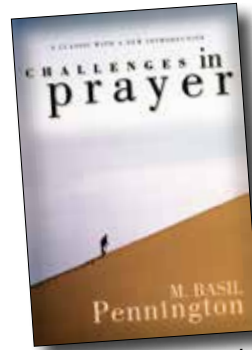
**On sale at the reception desk in the
lobby of St. Francis House**

Drawing will be held at the Gala on September 20

You do not have to be present to win

Book Review: *Challenges in Prayer*

Basil Pennington is well known for his many books on prayer. This book was first published in the 1980's and was revised twenty years later. It is filled with much wisdom and teaching from a



man whose life has been immersed in prayer as a Trappist monk. He states that the greatest challenge for us is "time." Connected to this is the question: do we believe in the power of prayer?

These are two basics that deserve some reflection before reading on. He also invites us to look into contemplative prayer through such methods as *lectio divina* and centering prayer, explaining that this is not for a select few, but for anyone wishing to go deeper. Topics such as "dryness in prayer" and "distractions" are discussed so as to be helpful.

At the end of his Introduction, Pennington quotes another spiritual father Dom Chapman who says "Pray as you can, don't pray as you can't." This book helps us understand what might be possible for anyone of us. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



Gaudete et Exsultate:

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

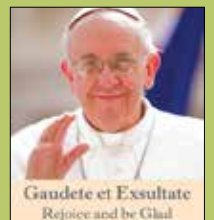
Chapter 4: Signs of Holiness in Today's World

If we realize that God exists, we cannot help but worship him, at times in quiet wonder, and praise him in festive song. We thus share in the experience of Bl.

Charles de Foucauld who said, "As soon as I believed that there was a God, I understood that I could do nothing other than to live for him."

In the life of God's pilgrim people, there can be many simple gestures of our adoration, as when "the gaze of a pilgrim rests on an image that symbolizes God's affection and closeness. Love pauses, contemplates the mystery and enjoys it in silence."

The prayerful reading of God's word, which is "sweeter than honey" yet a "two edged sword" enables us to pause and listen to the voice of the Master. It becomes a lamp for our steps and a light for our path. As the bishops of India have reminded us, "devotion to the word of God is not simply one of many devotions, beautiful but somewhat optional. It goes to the very heart and identity of Christian life. The word has the power to transform our lives."



**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.

Reserve Your Copy of Our 175th Anniversary Commemorative Journal!



You can be part of our parish's anniversary celebration by becoming a sponsor for our beautiful commemorative journal which will capture the highlights of the past 175 years!

Full-page, half-page and quarter-page ads are available, as well as memorial and donor inscriptions. Just go to our website: <https://stfrancisnyc.org/journal175>

for more information.

You can also reserve your copy of this limited edition keepsake. Just fill out the form below and return it with your payment.

Order Form for *Church of Saint Francis of Assisi: Welcome, Worship & Witness in the Heart of New York*. Price: \$15 each (\$20 by mail).

Make checks payable to: Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email address _____

Return this form to Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Anniversary Book,
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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; for the intentions of Catherine B. Puangco; for the intentions of Buenaventura Carlos from Adelaida Carlos; and in memory of Marciano Jacela from the Jacela Family.

Saturday, July 13, 2019

8:00 AM Matthew
11:00 Secular Institute of Missionaries of Kingship of Christ (d.)
4:00 PM Pilar Singson (d.)
5:15 Jane R. Janiak (d.)

Sunday, July 14, 2018

8:00 AM Matthew
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
11:00 Franciscan Mass League
12:30 PM Hugh A. Canavan (d.)
5:00 Aldave Vicente (d.)
6:15 Providencia Castro, birthday

Monday, July 15, 2019

7:00 Mario Di Maria (d.), Anthony DiMaria
7:45 2nd Congress of the CCR in Mt. Vernon
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Margaret & Daniel Kelly
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
4:30 Thanksgiving
5:30 In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Tuesday, July 16, 2019

7:00 2nd Congress of the CCR in Mt. Vernon
7:45 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Int. of Richard Limbaugh
12:30 PM Paulo Balacot (d., anniversary)
4:30 Maeve Johnson (d.)
5:30 Fr. Wladyslaw Kubert

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

7:00 AM 2nd Congress of the CCR in Mt. Vernon
7:45 Eileen Flynn
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)
12:30 PM Marica & Marijana Kustera, healing
4:30 Francis McKenna
5:30 Michael & Providencia Gilbride, Wedding anniversary

Thursday, July 18, 2019

7:00 Raymonde Larose (d.)
7:45 Marie Couamin (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Sebartian Dumelle (d.)
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Marina Gonzales, birthday
5:30 Catherine Glasser

Friday, July 19, 2019

7:00 Anthony DiMaria
7:45 Maureen, David, Erie & Ronan Honer
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Hufnagle & Valley Family
12:30 PM Esteban Pelaez (d.)
4:30 Frank Delbagno
5:30 Esilda Aranguren (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

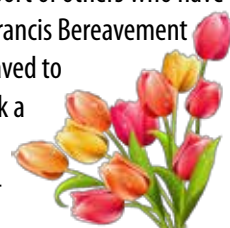
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org.

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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