

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844 - 2019

July 21, 2019

Sixteenth 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:

Christ in the House of Martha and Mary is a painting finished in 1655 by the Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer. Housed in the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh, it is the largest painting by Vermeer and one of the very few with an overt religious motive.

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



I believe in keeping busy. I inherited that German/Slovak quality of making sure that you stay busy. I still believe in it, but over the years I have also discovered that I enjoy being quiet and taking time for reflecting on life. In today's Gospel we meet Martha and Mary. Martha is the perfect host, making sure all the details are taken care of. Mary is a little different – she enjoys sitting and listening to Jesus. Martha is frustrated and it seems that she may be overworked. Jesus tries to calm her down, telling her that relaxing and paying attention to Him is good for her. I'm not sure how this went over with Martha, but it is good advice.

Cardinal Dolan recently celebrated Mass at the Shrine of Saint Frances Cabrini in Washington Heights. Mother Cabrini is the patroness of immigrants and refugees. Afterwards he wrote the following message:

"I was moved as I recalled her work among Italian immigrants in the United States in the 19th and early 20th century. This work impresses me today as the Church continues to welcome immigrants from so many countries, particularly in these troubling uncertain times.

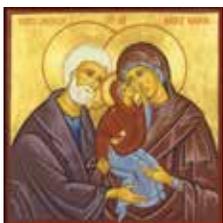
"It saddens me to admit that many, some even in the Church, opposed Mother Cabrini's work. It troubles me that today in too many places hate and malice are directed against immigrants and refugees- in both words and actions.

"As a Pastor, I pray that understanding, respect and love might grow in dealing with newcomers to our land. I am proud of the welcoming that our parishes, schools, charitable and healthcare ministries have and do provide."

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

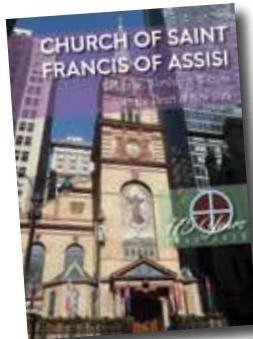
Week of Prayer for Parents & Grandparents



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.

Last Call for Sponsors 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.

The deadline for submission Wednesday, July 31, so don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this exciting project!

THE UGNAYAN FILIPINO MINISTRY PRESENTS



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 fipinoministry@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.

The Friars of Thirty-First Street, Part 10

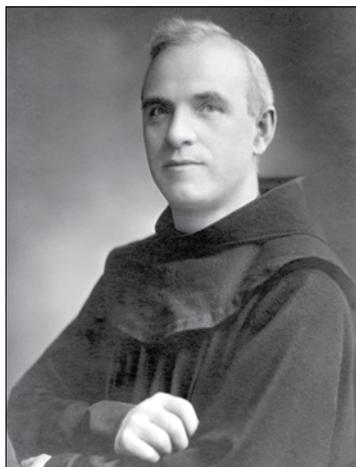
The missionary *par excellence*, Fr. Francis Koch, succeeded Fr. Ludger Beck as pastor but stayed less than two years. He had inherited a debt of \$76,000 which he worked hard to reduce.



The neighborhood was changing radically around Saint Francis Church. The modest frame buildings of the German residents were transformed almost overnight into theaters, taverns, saloons and dance halls. Behind the church on West 32nd Street was the famed house of prostitution known as "House of All Nations." On the same street, closer to Sixth Avenue, was the infamous "Tenderloin Club" which gave its name to the district. On one wall, created out of discarded horse race tickets, were letters which spelled out "LOST HOPES." The people were all moving out and the parish appeared doomed as a spiritual center. Rumors circulated that the church might be closed and the site disposed of. The "Nightworkers' Mass," which was first offered at 2:30 AM on March 20, 1904, is given credit for turning the tide around when a new clientele began to pour through the doors of Saint Francis Church.

Father Francis Koch had initiated the "Nightworkers' Mass" in response to the request of Mr. Thomas Meehan, a new correspondent of the Herald syndicate, who approached Fr. Francis in the name of 200 Catholic men who worked at *The New York Herald*.

Fr. Francis was extremely tired after 29 years of ceaseless missionary work in America. At the "Nightworkers' Mass" on August 14, 1904 he announced his decision to return to his old home in the friary of Fulda, Germany, and devote the rest of his days to quiet reflection in preparation for eternity.



"My life has been so filled with stirring scenes in the last 29 years, that I shall be glad of an opportunity for rest and quiet near the tomb of Saint Boniface," he told his parishioners.

Fr. Francis sailed on the RMS Pannonia on November 15, 1904 with Bishops McDonnell of Brooklyn and Colton of Buffalo, who were on their way to the Holy Land and Rome. Fr. Francis carried with him an exquisite chalice presented to him as a gift from the New York "Nightworkers." Fr. Francis did not remain inactive in Fulda for very long. He returned to America and worked for 15 more years, surpassing every other American priest in the number of churches which he built, primarily in northern New Jersey.

This series of articles on the history of our parish is adapted from the writings of Fr. Flavian Walsh, O.F.M., Pastor from 1985-87.

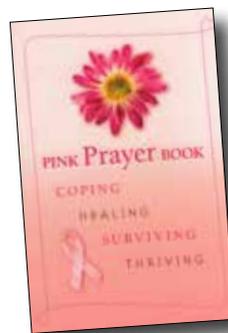


Can you guess the date when this photo was taken?

Book Review: *Pink Prayer Book*

This small book has been put together by breast cancer patients and survivors and their relatives and friends. A description of this book says: "Prayers, Scripture, and quotations offer support for women moving through diagnosis and treatment toward recovery and the hope of lasting remission."

The chapters of this book are divided into these sections: coping, healing, surviving and thriving. It can be a helpful companion when one goes through the trauma of this disease. The prayers are beautifully written and come from the hearts of people in real life situations. It is small and easy to carry with you. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



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

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!

¡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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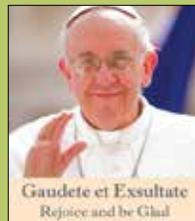
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Gaudete et Exsultate:

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Chapter 3: In the Light of the Master

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."



Hunger and thirst are intense experiences since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come . . . Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways. Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of quid pro quo, where everything becomes business . . . True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak . . . (True justice) is shown especially . . . toward those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow."

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: That is holiness.

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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 have been given for the intentions of Cecilia Ver Beek and Ben Umayam.

Saturday, July 20, 2019

8:00 AM Mercedes Cadet, in thanksgiving
11:00 Terence McKenna
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
5:15 Providencia Castro

Sunday, July 21, 2018

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Hugo Riveras (d.)
11:00 Carmen Maria Morales (d.) & all deceased
12:30 PM Franciscan Mass League
5:00 Juline Dalmau (d.)
6:15 Richard Paul Kim

Monday, July 22, 2019

7:00 Alfredo Guglielmo (d.)
7:45 Yvette & Gladys Verna
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Catherine Moore (d.)
12:30 PM In honor of Our Lady of Fatima
4:30 Anna Guglielmo (d.)
5:30 Anna & Alfredo Guglielmo (d.)



St. Mary Magdalene, July 22

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

7:00 Francine McPartland
7:45 Mary Cannarella
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Rita Connolly (d.)
12:30 PM Genevieve Charles, in thanksgiving
4:30 Thanks. to St. Anthony, Marie Fortune & Family
5:30 Prudencio Samson (d.)

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

7:00 AM Olizer Garces, birthday
7:45 Thanks. to St. Michael, Archangel
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Peter Chude Obiesie (d.)
12:30 PM Vincenzo J. Barbera (d.)
4:30 Daisy Pigasiou & Family, thanksgiving
5:30 James Clyde Javier (d., anniversary)

Thursday, July 25, 2019

7:00 Francesco Guglielmo (d.)
7:45 Marie Jacques-Saint-Amour
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Spencer Hau
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Gloria Reese (d.)
5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Evariste (d.)

Friday, July 26, 2019

7:00 Franciso Gaspere & Filomena Francisco (d.)
7:45 Settimia Raffaele & Giovanna (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Prpic Ana
12:30 PM R.M. Express Staffing Registry
4:30 Eric A. Rivera (d.)
5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Evariste (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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