



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844-2019

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Twentieth 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:

The painting of Mary, Untier of Knots, in the Church of St. Peter am Perlach in Augsburg, Germany. The painting dates from about 1700, and it pictures the Virgin Mary untying knots from a long white ribbon. The knots represent the many difficult struggles we face in life which can be helped through the assistance and intercession of a caring and loving Mother.

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



Today's Gospel from St. Luke says: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you but rather, division." This is a disturbing statement and yet, this is what happened in the time of Jesus and continues to happen. Not everyone believes in the

values that Jesus taught and exemplified throughout his life. Not everyone lives by them in today's world. The values of Jesus focus on the dignity and value of each person created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus constantly reached out to those who were looked down on by the people of his culture and times. Many today in our world chose primitive values that are self-centered. They do not include God or Jesus in their way of dealing with the world or people. Thus, division. Jesus did not back down on what was important to him. That can be a temptation for us.

Each month I put together the figures of our income from Sunday and weekday Masses, both for collections taken up in church and donations given online. I show the comparison between 2019 and 2018. I also include the budgeted amount that is needed to meet expenses for the month. It is rare that we meet the budgeted figure. Many people are very generous to St. Francis Church and I am grateful for their ongoing support. Some have to live on a fixed income. But some give only \$1 in the collection, or nothing at all. You keep this church going; your donations pay the bills, provide beautiful music, salaries for our staff, the ministries that touch the lives of many people. The Archdiocese doesn't pay our bills. In fact we are assessed a certain amount each year that we must pay the Archdiocese: the regular yearly Archdiocesan assessments for St. Francis are about \$200,000 and the school tax is \$144,000. I believe that this is important information for everyone to know.

Fr. Andrew
Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Week of Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots



Our Week of Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots, begins on Monday, August 19, and continues to Friday, August 23, at the 11:30 and 4:30 Masses.

For many people, the pain and frustration of the knots in their lives can seem overwhelming. Here is an opportunity to bring to Mary our Mother the prayers of our hearts and ask her to help untie those problems and challenges that seem impossible to understand or resolve.

Mission Cooperative Collection

Each year at the end of August we welcome a representative from one of the religious communities to preach on behalf of the missions. Next weekend, August 24-25, Brother Jim Hamilton, a Christian Brother, will offer a presentation for the Missionary Cooperative Plan of the Archdiocese of New York. The second collection that weekend will be taken for the missions.

Saint Francis Walks

Here's a new opportunity to witness our faith in the public square: **Saint Francis Walks**. Friars, staff and parishioners of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi plan to walk in solidarity with the people of New York City in Breast Cancer Walk, Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Alzheimer's Walk, AIDS Walk, as well as many other opportunities to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers. For more information, contact Fr. Julian Jagudilla, O.F.M. at jjagudilla@stfrancisnyc.org.

Collections for July 2018 & 2019

July 2018

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$45,422
Online Sunday Collections:	11,577
Total Sunday Collections: (5 Sunday in 2018)	56,999
Total Weekday Collections:	19,736
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	76,735
Budgeted for July 2018:	85,000
Difference	-8,265

July 2019

Offertory Sunday Collections in church:	\$37,228
Online Sunday Collections:	13,298
Total Sunday Collections: (4 hot Sundays in 2019)	50,526
Total Weekday Collections:	17,329
Total Sundays and Weekdays:	67,855
Budgeted for July 2019:	90,000
Difference	-22,145

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

Come Explore the Catholic Faith!

Are you interested in exploring Catholicism for yourself? Do you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith? Were you baptized in another Christian church and are thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you Catholic but never received Confirmation or First Communion?



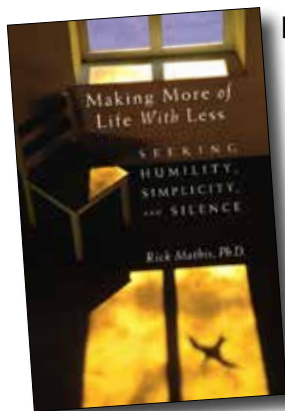
Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM starting in September. These classes are designed for people who may or may not be sure that they want to join the Catholic church. We present a comprehensive overview of Catholic faith and traditions designed for adults. Anyone inquiring into the Catholic faith may attend these sessions with no obligations. The RCIA is free for anyone exploring Catholicism.

If you would like to find out more about our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, please contact: Joseph Nuzzi, Director of Evangelization; 212-736-8500, Ext. 365 or jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org.

Book Review: *Making More of Life with Less*

This book deals with the statements that "Life is hard. But we often make it harder than it has to be. That's because we tend to look at the world from the perspective of maintaining our own importance and our own secure place in the world. Moreover, noise from the world and from our own internal chatter distract us from serenity."

The author, Rick Mathis, Ph.D., focuses on three virtues that have always been important, but remain distant for most people. These are: humility, simplicity and silence. Most people have a



poor idea of the positive value of humility; they think it means degrading yourself while it really means understanding both the positive and negative parts of oneself. It can lessen self-criticism and allow a person to appreciate the gifts and talents that are God given, not self-made. Simplicity is the call to move from the complexity of life to new ways of living one's daily life.

Our use of time, what we consume, and making people matter are important elements considering simplicity in our lives. Finally, silence is considered from the point of selective silence and paying attention to our speech. Each of these – humility, simplicity and silence – has a chapter on practices to develop these virtues daily. The book gives many insights and practical ways to "be more with less." Copies of the book are available in the lobby of the Parish House.

The Friars of Thirty-First Street, Part 13

The Provincial Chapter of 1925 elected Fr. Benvenutus Ryan, O.F.M. to succeed Fr. Mathias Faust, O.F.M. as Minister Provincial. The same Chapter appointed Fr. Mathias to be



guardian of St. Francis Friary, as Fr. Anselm Kennedy, O.F.M. had completed his second term. However, in recognition of his excellent pastoral ministry, Fr. Anselm remained as pastor at 31st Street. He continued to improve the parish properties and to provide for the ever increasing numbers of clients who flocked to the church. Early in 1929, sickness forced the energetic friar to relax the intensity of his efforts. He sought treatment at a Michigan hospital, but when he perceived no noticeable improvement, he begged to be taken back to New York. He was taken directly from the train to St. Francis Hospital in the Bronx, where he died later on the eve of the Feast of St. Anthony, June 12, 1929.

The funeral of Fr. Anselm was the largest ever held in St. Francis Church until that time. Practically every parish in the city was represented. The funeral took place on June 17, 1929 with Patrick Cardinal Hayes presiding. There was genuine sorrow at the funeral Mass for the kindly friar who had looked out for the welfare and comfort of those who attended his church. Many in the congregation wept openly. This was the friar who would look for empty seats for those he found standing, or erect provisional confessionals when people had to wait too long. This was the friar who always put the convenience of others before his own, and who knew them by name. The death of this gently friar was a great loss to the people whom he loved and knew so well.

Fr. Anselm left a vibrant spiritual center in the midst of New York's largest department stores, grand hotels, subways and railways. The thousands of people streaming day after day from these various locations found a true spiritual oasis. The noonday Mass, the confessionals and the various devotions were crowded with grateful worshippers. The church parlors were filled with people seeking advice, consolation or instruction. Eight public Masses were offered daily, and on Sunday 14 Masses were available.

At the side altars, during the age before concelebration, visiting bishops and priests could be seen offering Mass every half hour. Novenas and spiritual devotions were well attended, and confessions were heard throughout the day. In 1934, during the Great Depression, it was ascertained that 350,000 confessions were heard by the friars. Though not the largest church in New York City, St. Francis of Assisi had become the most popular and busiest house of worship in the world.

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.

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.

Gaudete et Exsultate:

Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

The Beatitudes:

Although Jesus' words may strike us as poetic, they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us toward another way of living. The beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practice them if the Holy Spirit fills us with the power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride.



Let us listen once more to Jesus... Blessed are the poor in spirit...Being poor of heart. Blessed are the meek...Reacting with meekness and humility. Blessed are those who mourn... Knowing how to mourn with others. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...Hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Blessed are the pure in heart...Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love. Blessed are the peacemakers... Sowing peace all around us. Blessed are those persecuted for righteous' sake... Accepting daily the path of the Gospel even though it may cause its problems: all 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: Melissa & Marina Louis; John & Vivienne Family; Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers.

The Sanctuary Lights have been given for Cheryl & Lawrence Carlos from Adelaida Carlos.

Saturday, August 17, 2019

8:00 AM Juliana M. Adolfo (d.)
11:00 Esteban & Laura Malave (d.)
4:00 PM Jessie & Joan Laurienzo (d.)
5:15 Franciscan Mass League

Sunday, August 18, 2018

8:00 AM Ames & Jean D'Argenio (d.)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Mary Young Hau
11:00 Elena Wenzel
12:30 PM Mary John (d.)
5:00 Maximiano Sumaway (d.)
6:15 Maria & Scott Master-Wallner

Monday, August 19, 2019

7:00 Elizabeth C. Gilligan
7:45 Bernard Aaron Butler (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Aurelia U. Apiado (d.)
12:30 PM Stanley Goldstein (d.)
4:30 Mary Duane, birthday
5:30 Esilda Aranguren (d.)

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

7:00 Lucy Smith (d.)
7:45 Vania Silva, thanksgiving
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Gilberto Santana (d.)
12:30 PM Marie Kathryn Giammanco (d.)
4:30 Margaret & Daniel Kelly (d.)
5:30 Thanksgiving for Topview Gentlemen

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

7:00 AM John Mealey (d.)
7:45 Bartolome Cruz (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Carlos Alfonso, birthday
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity
4:30 Thanksgiving to St. Jude
5:30 Norberto Jim Agad

Thursday, August 22, 2019

7:00 Silvio Kustera, for healing
7:45 Mary Nelson Weekes (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Carlos C. Castora (d.)
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Intention of the Ortiz-Riera Family
5:30 Geneva Genser Cusack

Friday, August 23, 2019

7:00 Miguel Gumboc Himbing (d.)
7:45 Brenda Darensbourg (d.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Alejandro Gumboc Himbing
12:30 PM Glicerica Himbing Ediza (d.)
4:30 Elizabeth Tayengco (d.)
5:30 Felixberta Gabriel (d.)



St. Rose of Lima, August 23

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Directory

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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

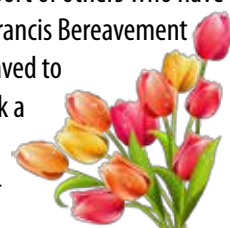
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org.

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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