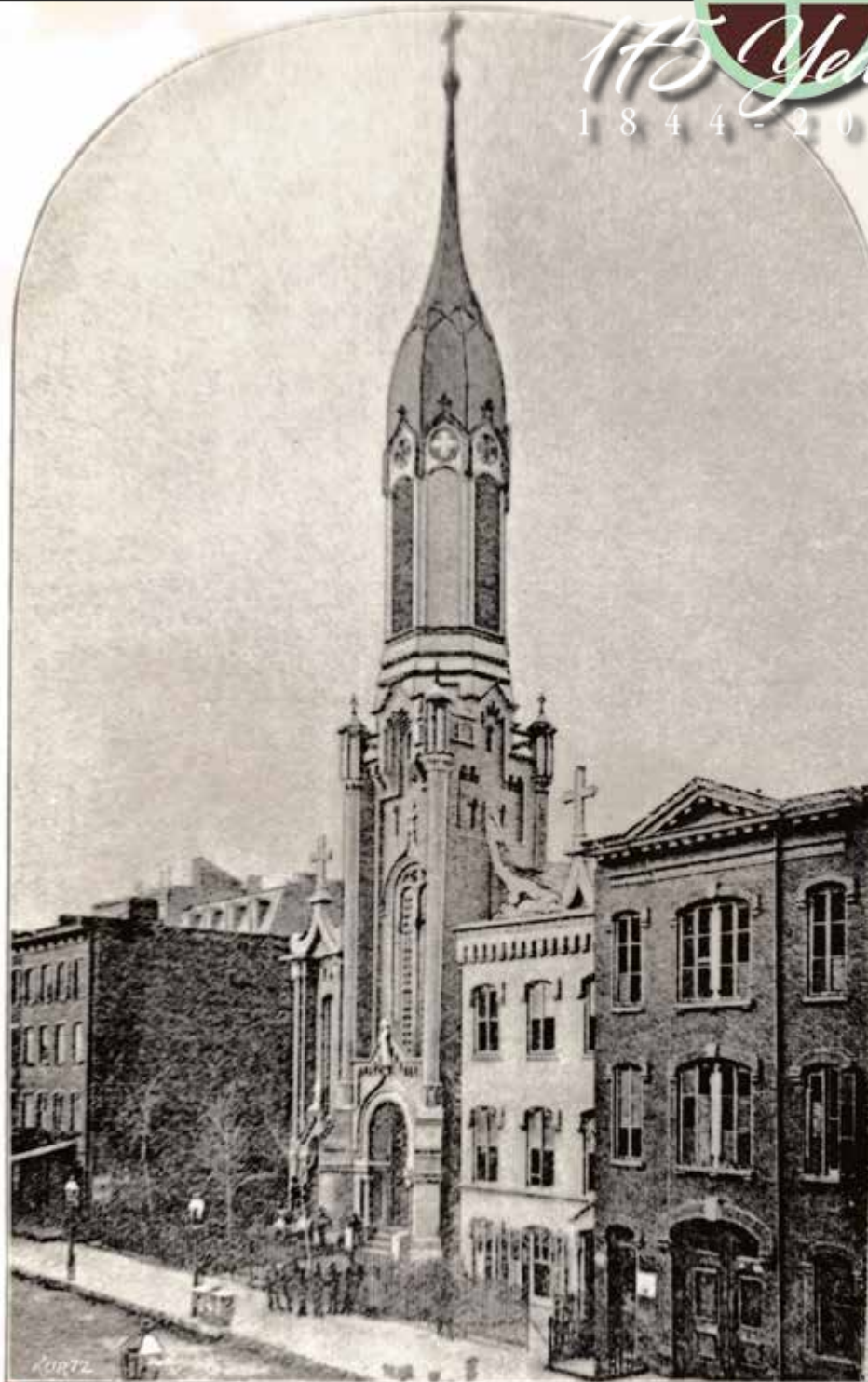


Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844-2019



OLD CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISIUM
31st STREET, BET. 6TH AND 7TH AVES., NEW YORK

September 22, 2019

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:

As we approach the climax of our 175th anniversary celebration, the covers of our bulletins for the next several Sundays will feature historic photos of our church throughout the years. Today's cover show the original church which stood from 1844 to 1892. The cornerstone of this edifice was blessed on May 9, 1044 by Most Reverend John McCloskey, Coadjutor Bishop of New York.

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



"No servant can serve two masters. . . You cannot serve God and mammon." (Mammon: opulence, deep pockets, affluence, riches, luxury, plenty) All of us must give some time to "mammon." We need resources to live and we want more than just "enough." We have to plan for the future. Sometimes, however, our work ethic gets in the way of our really living and participating in life. Or, we may always want "more." Sometimes I hear people say "What ever happened to enjoying the 'simple' things of life, many that cost little or nothing at all?" Yes, work is necessary, but our work ethic needs to be examined frequently: what am I sacrificing; am I using my time well; what or whom do I neglect? I have always admired countries where they take a siesta in the afternoon or where they close down for a month in the summer. We can be proud of the work that we do, but sometimes our work works against us.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Gala and the Raffle. The Commemorate Journal is available at the reception desk and represents the work of many people, especially our Anniversary Committee and Fr. Tim Shreenan, who designed it. We will put the names of the Raffle winners in the bulletin next weekend although they have been contacted by now. Now we prepare for the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the Transitus on October 3 and the Masses on October 4th. This brings our 175th Anniversary to a close. Prayers and Blessings as we move into our 176th Year!

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

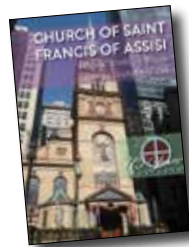


All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome to join us for our annual Young Adult Retreat at the Mt. Alvernia Franciscan Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. The retreat is from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, September 27-29, 2019.

Join us for prayer, reflection, inspiration and sharing. This retreat is a great way to enter the fall season reconnecting with God and with other young adults in our community. The cost is \$200 per person and includes use of the retreat house, retreat materials, meals, and Saturday evening social. Transportation is not included, but details will be provided. For information, contact Joe Nuzzi at 212-736-8500, Ext. 365 or jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org.



175th Anniversary Commemorative Book



Our Commemorative Book is now available for sale at the reception desk in the Parish House for \$20. Get your copy of this handsome limited edition now!

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, September 29, at 2:00 PM

Please gather with your pet in front of the church on W. 31st St.

Triduum of Prayer in Honor of St. Francis

Tuesday to Thursday, October 1-3, at 11:30 & 4:30

Let us pray to be instruments of peace in our world.

Transitus of Saint Francis

Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 PM

The commemoration of the Passing of St. Francis to Eternal Life.

175th Anniversary Festive Mass

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, 2019, 5:30 PM

Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be the principal celebrant at the Mass, together with former Pastors and visiting friars, which will close our anniversary year.

More information can be found at stfrancisnyc.org.



Save the Dates!
6th Annual
Indie & Foreign Film Festival
Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 PM
Friday, October 18 at 6:00 PM
Saturday, October 19 at 1:00 PM

San Damiano Hall, 127 West 31st Street
www.indieforfilmfest.com

The Friars of Thirty-First Street, Part 19

On the eve of the feast of St. Francis, October 3, 1944, the Very Rev. Delegate General of the Friars Minor in this hemisphere, Fr. Mathias Faust, was celebrant of the Transitus ceremony, commemorating the death of the founder of the Franciscan Family.

Following the traditional spirit of fraternity between the Franciscans and Dominicans, the Ver Rev. John B. Reese, O.P., Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer Priory on the upper Eastside, was the celebrant for the centenary Mass. The Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M., Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, presided. An eloquent sermon on Saint Francis



and Saint Dominic was preached by the Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P. of the faculty of the Catholic University of America. The music was provided by the Men's Choir assisted by 40 boy choristers of the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, with S. Constantine Yon as organist and choirmaster.

Centenary ceremonies continued throughout the following week. A Solemn Pontifical Mass was offered for the deceased friars, parishioners, benefactors and friends of St. Francis Church. The next day a solemn Mass was offered for the living and deceased members of the Secular Franciscan Order of the church. On October 7, a Solemn Mass for the members of the Armed Forces of our country was offered. A Solemn Pontifical Mass was offered on Sunday, October 8, for the intentions of all friends and benefactors of the friars. The Nightworkers' Mass at 2:30 AM was offered by Monsignor William E. Cashin, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, New York. Solemn Vespers at 5:30 PM was celebrated by Bishop Bernard T. Espelage. A supper for the laity and friars was held, and the centenary observance brought to a festive close. The tiny acorn planted in 1844 by Fr. Zachary Kunz had grown into a sturdy oak with its roots deeply embedded in the fertile soil of West 31st Street of New York City.

Fr. Mathias Faust, Delegate General of the friars in 1944, and former pastor of St. Francis Church, reflected on the one-hundred-year history of the Franciscan church in midtown Manhattan. His words reflect the spirit and joy of St. Francis Church on the eve of its 100th birthday:

"It is recorded that when, a hundred years ago, the bells of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, on Thirty-first Street, called for the first time the faithful this neighborhood to divine worship, our little belfry fairly dominated this whole area. That is no longer so. We have been caught in the rapid and mighty maelstrom of a large city's, nay, of a nation's enterprise. As a result, the noise of con-

fused voices and hurried steps of a restlessly surging humanity, and of the unceasing clatter and din of their manifold tools on all sides as well as from the air above and ground below, mingles almost rhythmically with our daily monastic exercises, while all around us massive structures of steel and stone raise their gigantic heads

to alpine heights, burying our little house with their might and magnitude. Meanwhile, those same bells continue fearlessly and fervently to sound their age-old refrain, 'venite, adoremus,' and the tiny steeple still points upwards, unbent, unswayed, and undisturbed, to the ancient dome above.

Yes, there is no other meaning to this happy Hundredth Anniversary of St. Francis Church. Let us raise our hearts to God and give thanks to His Holy Name. God does great things in simple fashion, and the very simplicity of His ways is the certain proof of His enduring Providence. 'Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God' (Psalm 20:7). This is God's work, and God's work it shall remain. Such shall be the grateful pledge of the sons of St. Francis of Assisi on this Jubilee Day."

One year later, a photo and an article about St. Francis Church appeared in *Time* magazine. The opening line of the article referred to St. Francis Church on West 31st

Street as "the most cosmopolitan and busiest Roman Catholic Church in the U.S.," and depicted the edifice as "small and sandwiched off among office buildings in a crowded section near Pennsylvania Station."



Top photo: The Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Dominican Friars on Wednesday, October 4, 1944 for the 100th Anniversary of the founding of St. Francis Church. Above: The commemorative anniversary journal for 1944. 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.

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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.

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La Red de Información, Apoyo y Protección de Inmigrantes



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Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

#4: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

From Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*:

Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God. It follows that, in the reality of today's global society, it is essential that "we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone," no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning. We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replaces human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and fulfillment.

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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 Vincent Bernacchio and in memory of Joan Bernacchio from Francine Grace; in memory of Emma Carlos from Adelaida Carlos; for Gesner, Valentine & Henri St. Vil Limage from Antoine St. Vil Limage.

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:00 AM Emily Movizzo (d.)
11:00 Saul Pereira (d.)
4:00 PM Kathleen Harris
5:15 Franciscan Mass League

Sunday, September 22, 2018

8:00 AM Carol Cattani, for healing
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Johnny Rios (d.)
11:00 Intentions of Mildred Ziminski
12:30 PM Fr. John Opara
5:00 Franciscan Mass League
6:15 Eddy & Mary Sherry

Monday, September 23, 2019

7:00 Diana Gabrielle Santiago
7:45 For health & intentions of Lesya
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Patrick Duane (d.)
12:30 PM Alexander Delakowski (d.)
4:30 Venera & Albert Costabile (d.)
5:30 Policarpo Batomalaque (d.)

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

7:00 Greg Buck (d.)
7:45 Richard & Lisselotte Serr (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Nelly Bodiola Jahnke (d.)
12:30 PM Rosette LaRose
4:30 Pedro Guilamo-Solano (d.)
5:30 Marjorie Francis, Myra Taylor (d.)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:00 AM Sheldon Anthony
7:45 Michael A. Falson (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 John Michael Dee
12:30 PM Sal Serluco (d.)
4:30 Allyson, Meaghan & Emily Conyers
5:30 Mary Clarke (d.)

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:00 Brenda R. Duque (d.)
7:45 Amalia D. Caturay (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Christobal Deuda (d.)
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Eric A. Rivera (d.)
5:30 Elizabeth C. Weese (d.)

Friday, September 27, 2019

7:00 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony, Rose Carmel Maelle Severe
7:45 John D. Kelly (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Thanksgiving, A. Gonsalves
12:30 PM Mon. Sean Ogle (d.)
4:30 Sharon E. Itliong, birthday
5:30 Hugh A. Canavan (d.)



St. Vincent de Paul, September 27

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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