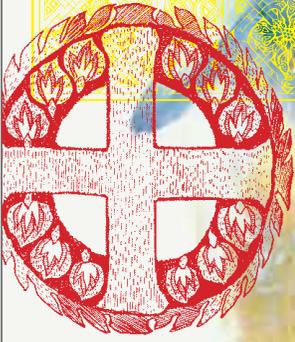


*Church of*  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**  
*The Heart of New York*



THIS IS  
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March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

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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.

### 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

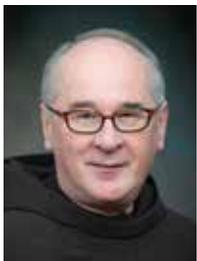
### On the cover:

A bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17: 5

*Transfiguration* by iconographer Aidan Hart in collaboration with Donald Jackson, calligrapher, from *The Saint John's Bible*, Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. © 2002

## The Pastor's Corner



The scene described in today's Gospel is amazing. Not only is Jesus transfigured before Peter, James and John, but Moses and Elijah appear alongside Jesus. It is no wonder that they want to stay on the mountain. Ordinary, daily life is not that captivating, but sometimes you need moments such as these

to carry you through days that might be challenging. The problem is that we don't have that mountain and will probably never have an experience such as the one described; however, when we slow down and when we focus on God's presence in our world, we may have something similar. Meditation and contemplation are two ways that any Christian can have a deeper experience of God. This may not be easy, but Lent presents the opportunity for us to be "transfigured."

In response to the Coronavirus, please see the following page for steps we are taking at St. Francis of Assisi to help prevent the spread of this virus. We are concerned by what we hear and read, so we need to take some steps locally. We will try these practices for the time being and then evaluate the need to continue them. We ask for your cooperation in observing them. If you are sick, stay home – it is not a sin. Coming to Mass and spreading your illness is a sin. We don't know what is going to happen here in the United States, but we must be cautious.

*Fr. Andrew*

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.



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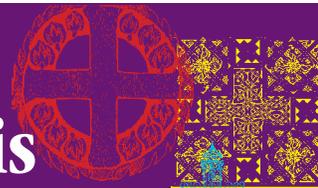
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You can use PayPal right from your smart phone: just PayPal the church at: [development@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:development@stfrancisnyc.org) or scan the code to the right.



## Lent at St. Francis



Stations of the Cross  
Every Friday after the 12:30 & 5:30 PM Masses

"Pardon & Peace" Service of Reconciliation  
Friday, March 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM

A Lenten Afternoon of Prayer  
Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM  
San Damiano Hall

Matthew the Evangelist added his own unique touches to the story of Jesus' journey to the cross. These particular insights will form the basis of meditations on Matthew's Passion narrative, interspersed with selections from J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion – the work of a faith-filled musical genius and one of the towering achievements of Western culture. The afternoon will include communal prayer and conclude, for those who wish to participate, with our 5:15 Mass for Palm Sunday.

Presenters: Fr. William Beaudin, O.F.M. & Charles Powell  
Fee: \$20. Register online at [stfrancisnyc.org](http://stfrancisnyc.org).

JOIN US FOR  
GOSPEL BREAK

LOOK DEEPER INTO  
THE SUNDAY GOSPELS OF LENT  
MARCH 1 - 8 - 15 - 22 - 29  
3:30 PM CLARE ROOM



the CARDINAL'S  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
Sharing God's Gifts

Goal for the Church of St. Francis of Assisi: **\$109,000**  
Pledges & Donations as of February 28: **\$13,035**  
Last week: **\$6,785**  
Number of Gifts: **16** (Last week: **13**)

## The Church Responds to the Coronavirus

The Archdiocese of New York and other dioceses throughout the United States have implemented precautions in response to the spread of the Coronavirus, urging that we should prepare for its spread in communities across the country. These are the guidelines that are given by archdioceses and dioceses:

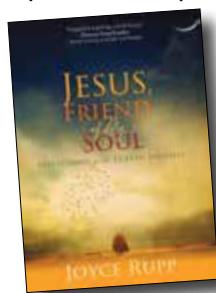
1. Washing our hands thoroughly, not coughing near one another and not touching our mouth, nose or eyes without first washing them are the simplest and most effective ways to prevent the spread of disease.
2. We will not be offering the Blood of Christ from the cup until further notice.
3. Parishioners are *strongly* encouraged to receive Communion in the hand to prevent saliva from possibly touching the minister's fingers and being passed onto the next person. This happens very frequently.
4. The sign of peace will be given by waving, bowing, a nod of the head. We recommend no physical touching.
5. Those who have symptoms such as coughing, a runny nose or feeling unwell are asked to stay home from Mass. Missing Mass when you are sick is **not** a sin; coming to Mass when you are sick **is** a sin. You may be spreading your illness to others.
6. Please sanitize your hands before coming to Mass. All priests and Eucharistic ministers already wash their hands before Mass.

We will observe these precautions during until further notice. We offer prayers for those have come down with this virus, for health care personnel, and for those working to find an antivirus.



## Book Review: *Jesus, Friend of My Soul*

This Lenten book was written by Joyce Rupp, author of many topics related to spirituality. This volume provides you with daily thoughts about Jesus and what he offers us. It is amazing to look through the daily reflections and discover how a relationship with Jesus can affect anyone. Each day begins with the words "One Who..." and then completes this with such actions as choosing wisely, living kindly, extending mercy, being a friend, trusting, being compassionate, being patient, being nonviolent, living simply, being courageous, speaking truthfully, and on through the days of Lent. Each meditation ends with an original prayer based on the theme. This is one way during Lent to get to know Jesus and then to deepen one's relationship with him. The book is available in the lobby of the Parish House.



## Collection for Catholic Relief Services



Our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection next weekend, March 14-15. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Poems-R-Us

Enjoy an evening of original poetry by participants in the Adult Education program and friends of the parish. This free program will take place in the conference room of the Parish House on Monday, March 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



## Change

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

## *Open Wide Our Hearts, A Pastoral Letter on Racism from the United States Catholic Bishops*

Almost 30 years ago, John Paul II reminded us just what is at stake. Each person "is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life." We are all called to that great life, to the communion of heaven where "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue [stand] before the throne and before the Lamb." That Lamb, showed us that the very life of God is love, and love requires something of each of us. We pray that the reader will join us in striving for the end of racism in all its forms, that we may walk together humbly with God and with all of our brothers and sisters in a renewed unity. For there is no place for racism in the hearts of any person; it is the perversion of the Lord's will for men and women, all of whom were made in God's image and likeness.

**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.

**Easter Flower Memorials**



The flowers and plants that will decorate our church at Easter are a sign of our joy in the Resurrection of Christ and our hope in the resurrection of those who have gone before us. We invite you to remember deceased members of your family and friends with a donation for our Easter decorations.

Please fill out this form and return it with your offering to the reception desk. **The names of those received by April 3 will be included in the Easter bulletin of April 12.**

Please print clearly. **In Memory of:**

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Donation: \$20. \_\_\_\_ \$30. \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

Bread & Wine for Masses this week  
Catherine B. Puangco;  
for the intentions of Joseph, Marie and  
Thomas Powers, Jr. and in memory of  
Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers;  
in memory of Bishop Serge Mio  
from Elmise Celestin;  
and in thanksgiving from Jeanne Perard.

If you would like to make a donation for  
bread and wine used at Masses each week,  
or for the Sanctuary Lights,  
please go to the reception desk in the  
lobby of St. Francis House.

### Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:00 AM Clarita Borja (d.)  
11:00 Andre Ian Cherman (d.)  
4:00 PM Joseph & Nancy Belich (d.)  
5:15 Mouto D'Souza (d.)



### Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00 AM Benedetto Lo Voi (d.)  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
9:30 Maria Loja  
11:00 Richard Jordan  
12:30 PM Peter Reilly (d.)  
5:00 Franciscan Mass League  
6:15 Louis A. Zemanski (d.)

### Monday, March 9, 2020

7:00 Thomas Mealey  
7:45 Patrick Moran  
8:30 Matthew Melendez  
11:30 Jane Caracciolo  
12:30 PM Bruce Buono (d.)  
4:30 Joe Biden  
5:30 Henry Morris (d.)

### Tuesday, March 10, 2020

7:00 Lilliana Lopez  
7:45 Colleen Kerwick  
8:30 Emma Avevilla (d.)  
11:30 Jean Castellana (d.)  
12:30 PM Kathleen McGrath  
4:30 Amelia Siochi (d.)  
5:30 Helen Manaos (d.)

### Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:00 AM Newly Married Couples  
7:45 Estervina Green  
8:30 Ella E. Laurente (d.)  
11:30  
12:30 PM Irene Veronica Gafner (d.)  
4:30 Joseph Dunn  
5:30 Ryan Paul Villanueva

### Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:00 AM Newly Married Couples  
7:45  
8:30 Alexis Morales  
11:30 Ginevra & Francesco Marino (d.)  
12:30 PM The Sick  
4:30 Johnny Hanley (d.)  
5:30 Cezar Augusto Umadac (d.)

### Friday, March 13, 2020

7:00 AM Modesto Miranda  
7:45 Maria Kim, birthday  
8:30  
11:30 Anna Cremin  
12:30 PM  
4:30 Fausto & Pilar Miraflores (d.)  
5:30 Eva J. Carreon

## 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

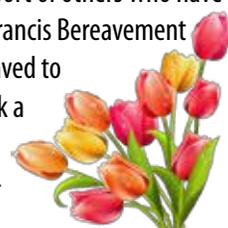
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to [www.stfrancisbreadline.org](http://www.stfrancisbreadline.org).

### 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](mailto: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 Wednesdays before the First Friday. Email: [flipinoministry@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youngadults@stfrancisnyc.org).

