



Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

175 Years
1844-2019

June 23, 2019
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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:

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
Jesus said the blessing over them, broke them,
and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.
They all ate and were satisfied.

Luke 9: 16-17a

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)

The Pastor's Corner



St. Augustine said: "Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ." When we say "Amen" we are saying "Yes, I believe this is the Body and Blood of Christ and that I will be the Body of Christ to others." Every week and, for many, every day we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. This is what nourishes us; this is what strengthens us to be Christ in our world today. In the same way that we cannot survive without physical nourishment, we cannot fulfill our vocation without the nourishment and strength we receive from the Eucharist. It binds us together as brothers and sisters with Christ as the "heart" of our faith community. Let us be grateful to God for this great gift.

This Thursday, June 27 at the 5:30 PM Mass, several Friars will be celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversaries of first profession of vows. Fr. Brian Smail from our community celebrate 25 years, and Fr. Vincent Laviano, who used to be here at St. Francis, will celebrate 50 years. We congratulate them and pray for them on this great occasion! Ad multos annos!

Tickets are on sale for the 175th Anniversary Raffle at the Front Desk. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250 and you don't have to be present to win. The drawing is September 20th. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Fr. Andrew

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

2019 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Goal for St. Francis Church: \$113,500

Amount pledged as of June 14, 2019: \$42,416.50
(last report: \$40,096.50)

Number of Gifts: 71 (last week: 65)

Number of Potential Givers: 1,652

Can we reach \$50,000? Over the past week 6 people gave and moved our total further into the \$40,000 mark. Even with a few people giving each week, \$50,000 should be easy to reach. A little bit of help from a few people can make a big difference!

Once again, we apologize to those who gave to Renew and Rebuild who keep receiving mail from the Cardinal's Appeal. We were told that you would not be on the mailing list for the Cardinal's Appeal because of your generosity to Renew and Rebuild. Sorry for the annoying mail.

**UNITED
IN
LOVE
CELEBRATION**

Festive Mass Saturday, June 29 at 5:15 PM
Fr. James Martin, S.J., Presider

175th Anniversary Raffle

\$1,000 First Prize \$500 Second Prize

\$250 Third Prize

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

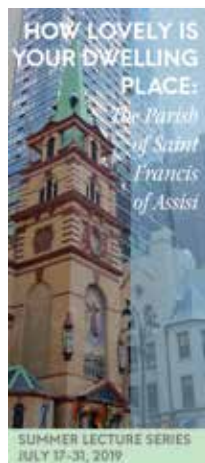
**On sale at the reception desk in the
lobby of St. Francis House**

Drawing will be held at the Gala on September 20

You do not have to be present to win

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 can also register online at stfrancisnyc.org.

THE UGNAYAN FILIPINO MINISTRY
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, NYC

**PIYESTANG
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ANNUAL FILIPINO FIESTA EXPERIENCE
CELEBRATING THE CULTURE & CUISINE
OF THE PHILIPPINES.

SATURDAY
JULY 27, 2019

1 PM–5 PM | San Damiano Hall
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
135 W 31ST ST, NEW YORK, NY 10001

TICKETS ARE \$20* EACH.

Tickets are available at the church front desk and through the church website. They will also be available at the door of the event.
*You must present your ticket at the ticket desk to receive your \$10 Voucher for fiesta food & drink.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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www.stfrancisnyc.org

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS CHURCH SERVICES & ITS MINISTRIES.

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.



*As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*
1 Corinthians 11:26

Book Review: *We Need Each Other*

The philosopher, theologian, and writer Jean Vanier died recently. He gave an important gift to humanity by showing how people with various challenges can live together. His /Arche communities



began when he invited two people with disabilities to live with him. From this humble beginning, 151 similar communities now exist over five continents. His book, *We Need Each Other: Responding to God’s Call to Live Together*, explains how this was done. His story of how he came to know Jesus and where that knowledge took him, is indeed

an inspiration. People with disabilities became his teachers. This happened because he allowed Jesus in the Gospels to transform his vision and to embrace the various differences in people that he lived with daily. There is much in this book to inspire and transform each one of us. This book can be purchased in the lobby of the Parish House.

The Shrines of France

11 Days: November 6-16, 2019

visiting

**Geneva • Annecy • Lyon • Tours
Loire Valley • Chartres • Mont St. Michel
Bayeux • Normandy • Caen • Lisieux • Paris**

hosted by **Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.**

\$3,199 from New York

For information email areitz@stfrancisnyc.org.



**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

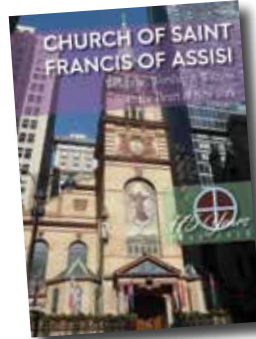


¿Está sin estatus de inmigración?

¡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.

**Help Sponsor 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,
135 W. 31st Street, New York, NY 10001.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Bread & Wine for Masses this week have been given for the intentions of Edgar Sullivan; for Joseph, Marie & Thomas Powers, Jr., and in memory of Thomas Powers, Sr. from Victorina Powers.

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine used at Masses each week, please go to the reception desk.

Saturday, June 22, 2019

8:00 AM Father's Day Novena
11:00 Juan Luxama, birthday
4:00 PM Franciscan Mass League
5:15 Kathleen Harris

Sunday, June 23, 2018

8:00 AM Father's Day Novena
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
9:30 Justin Powell (d.)
11:00 Arthur Bazzurro (d.)
12:30 PM Juan & Angelina Rios (d.)
5:00 Charmaine Spadavecchia
6:15 Thomas & Edith Castellano (d.)

Monday, June 24, 2019

7:00 Father's Day Novena
7:45 John J. Carreon (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Joseph Fitzpatrick (d.)
12:30 PM Claudette Mésidor (d.)
4:30 Clara Giovanniello (d., anniversary)
5:30 Junior Sajous & Eddy Garcon (d.)

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

7:00 Virginia Anderson
7:45 Kevin Collins
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Madeline Serluco (d.)
12:30 PM August & Joan Tolomer (d.)
4:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
5:30 Clifton Ford

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

7:00 AM Raisa Escallier, in thanksgiving
7:45 Therese Colford (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Patrick & Paul Chery, in thanksgiving
12:30 PM Sister Mary Dolores Renner, VHM
4:30 Eric A. Rivera (d.)
5:30 Petra Vega (d.)

Thursday, June 27, 2019

7:00 AM Frances Jablonski
7:45 Theodora & Peter Kim (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Eileen Harris (d.)
12:30 PM The Sick
4:30 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
5:30 Gertrude Crichlow

Friday, June 28, 2019

7:00 AM Vincenta Geronimo (d.)
7:45 Diana Dono (d.)
8:30 St. Jude Novena
11:30 Minerva Magadia (d.)
12:30 PM José & Aurelia Esporas (d.)
4:30 Catalino Cortes (d.)
5:30 Pacita Dulzura (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

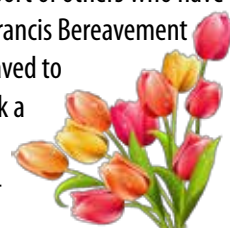
The St. Francis Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. Franciscans Deliver brings groceries to area shut-ins on a weekly basis. For more information, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org.

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?
Vocation Ministry of Holy Name Province • BeAFranciscan.org