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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, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 11:30 AM;
12:15, 1:15, 4:30, 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Masses

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

First Friday Filipino Community Mass

6:00 PM (Lower Church)

Holidays

Consult the weekly bulletin and the posted notices for New Year's Day, January 2, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Easter Monday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas, and December 26.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM; 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Confesiones en español Martes 11:30 - 1:00 y 4:30 - 6:00

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM; 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Devotions

Tuesday

St. Anthony Devotions, after all Masses starting at 8:00 AM

Wednesday

St. Jude Devotions, after 8:00 AM, 12:15 & 5:30 PM Masses

Thursday

Mass and Prayers for the Sick: 12:15 PM

Friday

Stations of the Cross after 12:15 & 5:30 PM Masses

First Friday

Sacred Heart Devotions after 12:15 & 5:30 PM Masses

Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Upper Church)

Consultation

A member of the pastoral staff is available for consultation on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

On the Cover

The stained glass window of St. Francis of Assisi in Glory located in the vestibule of the upper church. This window was originally placed in the center of the apse, but was removed when the Great Mosaic was installed in the 1925. The window was returned to its current placement in 1992.

The Pastor's Corner



As the Church Year draws to a close, the Scripture readings for today's Mass speak about the end of time. St. Mark's Gospel is rather dark and says that we know not either the day nor the hour. How should we react to this? There is a simple answer: stay vigilant, stay busy, don't grow slack. The first reading from today's Mass from the Book of Daniel is encouraging for those who stay on the Lord's path and keep living an upright life. It says, "the wise shall shine brightly... and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." There is nothing to fear.

The task of rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy is going to take a long time. Many have asked "What can I do?" The Archdiocese of New York's website has links that will direct you to ways that you help. Check it out at www.archny.org. We are taking up a Hurricane Relief Fund to assist those situations that are in need. There are envelopes that you may use for this fund.

People have asked about our other Franciscan places. We have heard from our Friars from our parish on Long Beach Island in New Jersey. The main church (there are four churches) had three feet of water in it and will need extensive repair. The Friary basement was flooded; however, the other buildings are not damaged greatly. The Friars will not be able to go back to the island for months because of the clean up that needs to take place. We'll keep you updated as we hear more.

Fr. Andrew Reitz, O.F.M.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Thanksgiving is a favorite time of year for many people. We all know how important it is to be grateful for our lives and to say "thank you" to others and to God. This will be a particularly difficult Thanksgiving for many because of their losses from Hurricane Sandy. Many will have Thanksgiving dinner in a totally new and temporary setting. Our hearts and thoughts and prayers go out to them. We have learned so much from the recent tragedy of the weather. Life is fragile and sometimes we have little or no control over what may happen in our lives. We've also learned what's important and what's not quite that important. In the midst of this, there still is reason to say "thank you." Don't hold back.



Up Front

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Thursday, November 22nd
Mass at 11:00 AM only

Friday, November 23rd
Masses at 8:00, 11:00 AM, 4:30 & 5:30 PM

There will be no confessions and the church offices will be closed both days.

We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving!



Campaign for Human Development Collection

Your offering to the Catholic Church's Campaign for Human Development in our second collection this weekend gives hope to the poor and low-income people who are working together to build a better life. For 42 years, CCHD funded programs have enabled low-income communities throughout the ten counties of the Archdiocese of New York to create jobs, build affordable housing and provide economic opportunity. This nationwide program funds successful projects here in our archdiocese. Please give generously.

Franciscans Deliver!

We are expanding the Breadline which has been serving the poor since 1930. It is a ministry of outreach to seniors in our neighborhood who are struggling in this current economy. We are calling this new ministry *Franciscans Deliver*. We have established a food pantry in our old school building and we will begin to deliver groceries to those in need this Christmas. There will be an open house in the new pantry the weekend of December 15th and 16th. The hours will be Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and Sunday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. We will also have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass as well as at the Sunday 5:00 PM Mass. Please stop by – all are welcome!

Funeral and Memorial Pre-Planning Seminar

The Funeral Pre-Planning Seminar which was scheduled for Saturday, November 10th, had to be rescheduled. We will keep you informed once a new date is determined. Those who already signed up will be notified of the new date. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Advent Morning of Prayer

Please mark your calendar for an Advent Morning of Prayer on Saturday, December 15, 2012, in San Damiano Hall (127 W. 31st Street) beginning with prayer at 10:30 ('coffee and' on arrival though no lunch is served) and a reflection entitled "After Christmas Day...The Christmas Season" led by Fr. Kevin Tortorelli, O.F.M.

The consumerism of the season stops with Christmas Day but there are '12 Days' in the liturgy of Christmas. Among its highlights are Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. Our reflection will focus on this integrity of the Christmas season and what it can teach us.

There is a \$15 fee. If possible, please register beforehand. You may use the registration form in the Adult Education brochure or online at www.stfrancisnyc.org. Or you may complete the form below and either mail it back or drop it off with your fee at the reception desk in St. Francis House. In addition, you may leave a voicemail at 212-736-8500, Ext. 311 and pay the fee at the door.

Registration for Advent Morning of Prayer

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Payment: ____ Check (St Francis of Assisi Church) ____ Cash

Coming Soon: New, Revised Weekly Devotions

We are happy to announce that new, revised devotions will be starting in a few weeks. Join us on Monday in praying for those struggling with their faith (Devotions to St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine); on Tuesday for those who have lost their way (Devotions to St. Anthony of Padua); on Wednesday for those who feel hopeless (Devotions to St. Jude, The Apostle of Hope); on Thursday for those who are ill (Devotions in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Caring for the Sick); and on Friday for those who need to feel the Lord's affection for us (The Stations of the Cross and on First Friday, Devotions to the Sacred Heart).

On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, devotions will take place after the 8:30 AM, 12:15 and 5:30 PM Masses. On Tuesday devotions will take place after every Mass starting at 8:00 AM. On Friday, devotions will take place after the 12:15 and 5:30 PM Masses.

St. Francis Knitters & Crocheters Christmas Project



The St. Francis Knitters and Crocheters are busy getting ready for Christmas. If you would like to join their efforts, you can do so at home.

This year they are asking for dark colored hats and gloves along with dark colored yarn. These hats and gloves will be put together with scarves and hoodies to be given out at the breadline shortly before Christmas. Finished products can be dropped off at the reception desk at St. Francis House. If you have any questions, please call 212-736-8500.

LGBT Ministry News

The Lesbian & Gay ministry of St. Francis Church meets on first and third Mondays of each month in St. Francis House beginning at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be November 19th. Please plan to take some time out of your busy lives to join us for some prayer and fellowship!



Online Giving at St. Francis Church

Online giving to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi is easy and secure! Just go to our website, stfrancisnyc.org and click on the Support St. Francis link on the right side of the home page for more information. Online giving offers you many options to customize your giving in a way that best fits you. We are grateful for the support you give to us!



Donations Being Received for Our Advent Wreaths

We invite you to make a donation to help us defray the cost of the Advent wreaths in both the upper and lower churches. The candles alone cost over \$600. We will print the names of our donors in the bulletin with a minimum donation of \$25. Of course, if you can afford more, we would be most grateful. Just complete this form and return it by mail or to the reception desk with your donation, or you may use our website, stfrancisnyc.org. Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Donation amount: _____

Treasures from Our Tradition

This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days (“change-of-season days”) as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.)



The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

James Field

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The bread and wine for Masses this week, November 17-18, is given in memory of Violet Puangco.

The bread and wine for Masses this week, November 19-23, is given by Edgar & Bessie Sullivan, and in memory of Adelaida Ridad and Dr. D. S. Montalvo.

The sanctuary light in the upper church this week, November 18-24, is given in honor of Lola, Garrett, Daniel, Amy & Dolores Pesantez, and by Allen & Florence Pacina & Family.

The sanctuary light in the lower church this week, November 18-24 is given by Laurence B. Dejean and Paulette T. Louis & Merlyn.

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine or the sanctuary lights, please stop by the reception desk in the lobby of St. Francis House to reserve a date.

Saturday, November 17, 2012

8:00 AM Barbara Rojas, Yanet Rojas and Salomon Ramos (D.)
9:30 Rose Gaglio (D.)
11:00 Samuel Montalvo (D.)
4:00 PM Judith & Christopher Pena (D.)
5:15 Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez

Sunday, November 18, 2012

8:00 AM Frank & Amelia Bettua (D.)
9:15 Franciscan Mass League
9:30 Marie A. Brennock (D.)
11:00 Madeline Novak (D.)
12:30 PM Anthony Feretic (D., Anniversary)
5:00 Paul Anthony Katemopoulos (D.)
6:15 Teofilo Gil B. Farrales (D.)

Monday, November 19, 2012

7:00 AM Dylan Joseph Morris
7:30 Richard Sell (D.)
8:00 Gloria Gaddi (D.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Roger, Carl & Antoine Calixte (D.)
12:15 PM Catherine Spina (D.)
1:15 Vanessa Naughten (D.)
4:30 Edward Joseph & Leocadia Frances Monitsky (D.)
5:30 Maximo Luna (D.)

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

7:00 AM Members of St. Anthony's Guild (L&D)
7:30 Thanksgiving, Ruby Jo & Annabelle
8:00 Ruben Aguilar (D.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 José Ereguero(D.)
12:15 PM Lecrecia R. Duque (D., Birthday)
1:15 Thanksgiving
4:30 Mary & Michael Lyons (D.)
5:30 Armand Charmant (D.)

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

7:00 AM Manijeh Teleshani
7:30 Ann M. McGee (D.)
8:00 Arcadio Quipit (D.)
8:30 St. Anthony Novena
11:30 Marian Ross (D.)
12:15 PM Senator Ted Kennedy (D.)
1:15 Senator Robert F. Kennedy (D.)
4:30 Terese Greenlee
5:30 President John F. Kennedy (D.)

Thursday, November 22, 2012

11:00 AM Emelda Garces (D.)

Friday, November 23, 2012

8:00 AM St. Anthony Novena
11:00 Margarita Boraby (D.)
4:30 Special Intention of K. Devenney
5:30 In honor of Sts. Jude & Anthony

Please Note: Because the Church of St. Francis of Assisi was closed on Monday, October 29, and Tuesday, October 30, due to Hurricane Sandy, the Mass intentions for those days will be transferred to Monday, January 7, and Tuesday, January 8, 2013. If you have any questions please call our reception desk at 212-736-8500, Ext. 352. Thank you for your understanding.

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. Kevin Tortorelli, O.F.M., Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 311.

Breadline for the Poor

The largest and oldest of St. Francis' social ministries, the Breadline provides food for hungry people every morning of the year at 7:00 AM. For more information, and to help support the Breadline, go to www.stfrancisbreadline.org. Fr. Michael Carnevale, O.F.M., Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 304.

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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.

The Good Word

Each day a special message is given by one of the friars or Partners in Ministry of St. Francis Church. Call 212-736-9233.

Immigration Center

The St. Francis Immigration Center is temporarily closed.

Korean Ministry

The Korean Community worships in Korean regularly every Sunday at 9:15 AM. Fr. Andrew Hwang, O.F.M.; 212-736-8500, Ext. 355.

LGBT Outreach

The Lesbian & Gay ministry of St. Francis Church meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in St. Francis House beginning at 6:30 PM. Gay and lesbian people of faith are welcome to explore their spirituality and share their experience, strength, and hope with one another. We actively provide and promote faith opportunities to build community for those who have experienced spiritual disconnection. 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

Using the best of traditional and contemporary liturgical music, we strive to raise our hearts and voices in praise to God. Our choir sings at the 11:00 Sunday Mass and the Contemporary Ensemble provides music at the 5:00 and 6:15 PM Sunday Masses. 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. It is a journey which leads many to seek full membership in our Church. 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.

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.

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>.

Senior Citizens

Meetings take place every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Parish House. Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, O.F.M., Moderator.

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.

Separated, Divorced & Remarried Catholics

A group for mutual support for those who have been, or are in the process of divorce or separation. Widowed persons are also welcome. Meetings take place on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Gene Curry, Coordinator (718-392-0954).

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. Meets 6:00-8:00 PM Thursdays in the St. Francis Adult Education Center. A monthly First Friday Mass is celebrated at 6:00 PM in the Lower Church. Email: filipinoministry@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; 212-736-8500, Ext. 361.