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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.

Welcome  *Witness*
Worship

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

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day,
Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day,
Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day
8:00 and 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday

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

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday - Friday

Morning Prayer: 8:10 AM (Lower Church)

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: 8:30 - 5:30 PM (Lower Church)

ST. FRANCIS BOOKSTORE

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday - Monday Closed

Christmas in July



To paraphrase a popular Christmas tune, "Oh, the weather outside is hot and humid, but the work inside is so delightful!" The St. Francis Knitters and Crocheters have been very busy knitting hats and scarves for our Breadline guests. These items serve as gifts from the St. Francis community and

hopefully provide some warmth and comfort during the long cold months of winter. On Christmas Eve the Franciscan Friars and our Partners in Ministry distribute the knitted items during the morning breadline hour.

There are six more months before Christmas Eve and our knitters are working diligently to get ready. Scarves and hats are being created with good wishes for the person who will wear the item in the future.

In December, volunteers will gather to wrap and prepare the scarves for distribution. This is a parish-wide event and people offer their time freely so others might have a warm reminder of our genuine care and concern for the less fortunate.

The knitting group consists of eleven people who get together twice a month knit, chat, and enjoy each others' company. Some knitters work from home or parish communities as far away as Illinois. The group has become inter-religious and cross-cultural. All of the yarn used is donated from local stores or by individuals. We are most grateful for the high quality, dark yarn that is needed to make a good, durable item. People are extremely generous with their yarn donations especially when they learn it is for St. Francis Breadline. The Breadline's reputation precedes itself and has been doing so since the Great Depression.

We ask for your prayers in our continued success in this ministry as we move into our second year of working and praying together.

Edward Trochimczuk
Director of Volunteer Ministry



Gloria Buckley, Nancy Zavoluk and Nora Lehpamer are among the knitters in the group.

Up Front

ON THE COVER

Monday, July 26, is the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the names given to the mother and father of the Blessed Virgin by a tradition dating back to the second century. As St. John Damascene wrote: "O blessed couple. All creation is in your debt. For through you is presented the noblest of gifts to the creator, namely a spotless mother who alone was worthy for the creator."

The photo on the front cover is the well-worn statue of St. Anne and her daughter Mary in the lower church. One of the stained glass windows in the main church (near the front on the left side) pictures Saints Joachim and Anne.

BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. FRANCIS CHURCH!

We are honored to have you worship with us today and we hope your experience was both meaningful and enjoyable. We invite you to become a member of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi and help to contribute to this spirited community. To register as a parishioner, please fill out a Parishioner Registration card which is available at the reception desk in the lobby of St. Francis House, adjacent to the church. Registration forms are also available at the entrance of the church on 31st and 32nd Streets. We look forward to getting to know you!

THE CATECHUMENATE JOURNEY

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, or who is already Catholic but would like to complete their rites of initiation, please let them know about our catechumenate program. For more information, call Joseph Nuzzi, our Pastoral Associate, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 365 or by email at jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org.

SAINT FRANCIS PRAYER BOOK

We have recently replenished the supply of Saint Francis Prayer Books in the main church for our weekly devotions. We urgently ask that you leave the books in the pews so that everyone can participate in the devotions.

If you would like to have a copy for your own personal use, the books are available at the reception desk in the lobby of St. Francis House for \$5 each.



Views from the Pews

We invite you to send us your comments or reflections on how the Church of St. Francis of Assisi has touched your life. We begin with a reflection by a participant in our St. Francis Adult Education program.

My first experience taking courses at St. Francis began years ago, when I enrolled in the art classes given under the tutelage of Mr. Ernesto Rodriguez. Those classes were wonderful for a person like me, who couldn't draw a straight line, yet learned to sketch and color in a totally non-judgmental atmosphere.

From there, I began to explore other programs and enjoyed learning more about my favorite spiritual heroes, through classes about Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade given by Fr. Robert Gavin, O.F.M., to Thomas Merton, Pope John Paul II and more recently, Padre Pio given by Ms. Celeste Parks.

Over the summer, I enrolled in the Gospel of St. Matthew and although I had been delving into bible study for many years, I was amazed to discover that I possessed a minimal amount of knowledge regarding the gospels. By attending this class, I increased my awareness of the history and social conditions existing in Israel at the time of our Lord rather than thinking that Jesus came out of a "vacuum". In so doing, I learned to reflect on the life and teachings of Christ, his family and disciples in a deeper manner. Under the tutelage of Mr. Joe Nuzzi, supported by suggested reading resources and handout sheets, the gospel was presented in a clear and concise manner with the injection of humor at appropriate times. The class was both instructive and enjoyable, and somehow made these "dog days of summer" more tolerable.

The bottom line is that being enrolled in the various classes affords me a feeling of being on a mini retreat: experiencing the sacraments, (which are always available at this parish), feeding on spiritual instruction from qualified teachers and sharing together with like-minded students. Likewise, it's an opportunity to withdraw temporarily from the busyness of the city surrounding St. Francis in order to grow experientially in the Catholic faith.

May these classes continue *ad infinitum*.

— Mary Corchia Hart, Forest Hills, NY



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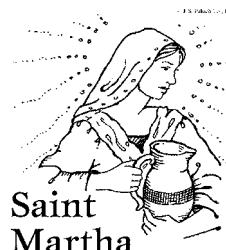
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SAINT MARTHA

July 29



Saint Martha

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as “second-class” Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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LISTENING TO GOD

Familiarity, in the case of the Lord’s Prayer, probably hasn’t bred contempt in most of us, but it certainly can breed a kind of inertia. The words we speak in prayer run the same risks as all our other human words: they can be spoken hastily, thoughtlessly, carelessly. In a manner parallel to the words we say in the Lord’s Prayer—“forgive us as we forgive others”—today might be the day to invite God to “listen to us as well as we listen to you.” Today might be the day to listen to the Lord’s Prayer with newly attentive ears.



Let us learn from the example of Luke’s Jesus, who would not instruct others how to pray until he himself had been a man of prayer. Moreover, listen carefully to the follow-up Jesus gives for the prayer itself. In our quick-fix society we must heed the call to persistence; in a world that puts glib explanations on difficult situations we must continue to seek and knock; in our all-too-humanity, we must be open to the patience, grace, and wisdom of the will of God. Do we want the Lord to listen to our voice? Maybe we can start by listening to God’s.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 24, 2010

St. Sharbel Makhluif, Priest (Opt.)
 8:00 AM Faustina Misquith (D)
 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Evariste (D)
 11:00 AM Susan O'Sullivan (D)
 4:00 PM Fr. Francis Muller, O.F.M. (D)
 5:15 PM Cajamarca Quizhpi

Sunday, July 25, 2010

8:00 AM Johnny Uh Gan & Aida Dagondon (D)
 9:15 AM
 9:30 AM Franciscan Mass League
 11:00 AM Sean Murray (D)
 12:30 PM James Connelly (D)
 5:00 PM Josephine Connelly (D)
 6:15 PM Michael Jackson (D)

Monday, July 26, 2010

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM (Mem.)
 7:00 AM Teresa Salvoni (D)
 7:30 AM Margaret Knapp (D)
 8:00 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anne
 8:30 AM St. Jude Novena
 11:30 AM Nancy Quizan (Birthday)
 12:15 PM In honor of Sts. Joachim & Anne
 1:15 PM Cleante Torchon (D; 10th Anniv.)
 4:30 PM Frank L. Arcieri, Sr. (D)
 5:30 PM Sylvia Murray (D)

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

7:00 AM Gaudencio Oncines (D)
 7:30 AM
 8:00 AM Ernest Bane
 8:30 AM St. Jude Novena
 11:30 AM Pasquale Sponcia (D)
 12:15 PM Michael & Fiorello Dell'Arena & James Aliseo (D)
 1:15 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony from Patricia Lewis
 4:30 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony from Cyril Pereira
 5:30 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

7:00 AM
 7:30 AM
 8:00 AM
 8:30 AM St. Jude Novena
 11:30 AM Matthew Canty (D) & Timothy Canty
 12:15 PM Bill Hughes (D; 1st Anniversary)
 1:15 PM Laura Reynolds
 4:30 PM
 5:30 PM Santiago Heng (D)

Thursday, July 29, 2010

St. Martha (Mem.)
 7:00 AM
 7:30 AM
 8:00 AM
 8:30 AM St. Jude Novena
 11:30 AM Judith McLane (D)
 12:15 PM The Sick
 1:15 PM In honor of St. Anthony
 4:30 PM
 5:30 PM Miguel Gulle (D)

Friday, July 30, 2010

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (Opt.)
 7:00 AM
 7:30 AM
 8:00 AM
 8:30 AM St. Jude Novena
 11:30 AM
 12:15 PM
 1:15 PM Norm Reynolds
 4:30 PM
 5:30 PM

According to an old tradition, Catholics may offer a contribution to the Church and request an intention for a particular Mass. This custom invites the faithful into a deeper celebration of the Eucharist by uniting their sacrifice with that of Christ. It also helps to support the work of the Church. Because of this latter reason, the contribution is called a "stipend."

We encourage you to remember your deceased loved ones by making an offering. You may also make an offering for the living, especially for the sick, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or for any particular intention. The offering or stipend for each Mass celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi is \$15 (this stipend is determined by the Archdiocese of New York). Please note that the intention is not announced verbally at Mass.

We have attractive Mass cards for both the living and the deceased for no extra charge. Please visit our reception desk in the lobby of St. Francis House for more information.

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

ST. FRANCIS COUNSELING CENTER & IMMIGRATION CENTER: 144 W. 32nd Street

St. Francis 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, Winter 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.

St. Francis Book Store

Located in the St. Francis Adult Education Center, 139 W. 31st Street, the St. Francis Book Store offers the latest titles in liturgy, theology, scripture, self-help, children's, and general devotion books. Also on hand are rosaries, statues, CD's, DVD's, candles, greeting cards, gifts and Franciscan items. 212-736-8500, Ext. 324.

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. Fr. Michael Carnevale, O.F.M., Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 304.

Saint Francis 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.

Center for Franciscan Spirituality & Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction as a means of spiritual growth and faith development is provided by the Center Staff. Contact Br. Tony LoGalbo, O.F.M., Center Director, at 212-736-8500, Ext. 253 for more information or to make an appointment.

Saint Francis Immigration Center

A welcome and referral center for newly-arrived immigrants and refugees to various social agencies. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 to 7:00 PM by appointment only. Maria Clara Delgado, Director; 212-736-8500, Ext. 269 or 377.

St. Francis 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.

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 for your Good Word of the day.

Korean Ministry

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

Reception Desk

Mass cards and perpetual enrollments are available at the Reception Desk in the lobby of St. Francis House, 135 W. 31st Street. 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.

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).

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. 326.

RENEW! Younger Retiree Program

Catholic retirees, age 55 and over, participate in spiritual, cultural, social, and service activities in the New York Metropolitan Area. A monthly newsletter is mailed to members outlining activities for the coming month. 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. The Secular Franciscans form a world-wide fraternity of brothers and sisters serving the church and society through prayer and apostolate. There are three Secular Fraternities at St. Francis Church. For information please see our website <http://www.stfrancisnyc.org/secularfranciscans.htm>.

Ugnayan (Filipino Fellowship)

Meets 5:30-7:30 PM each Wednesday in St. Francis Center. A monthly Mass is celebrated on the First Friday in the Lower Church.

St. Francis Senior Citizens

Entertainment, day trips, days of recollection, arts & crafts, slide lectures, and holiday parties for the young at heart. Meetings take place every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Parish House. Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, O.F.M., Moderator.

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, Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA), Al-Anon, Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, Co-Dependents Anonymous, Johns Anonymous, Sex Addicts Anonymous, Survivors of Incest Anonymous, and Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous. Please consult the Self-Help and Support Groups brochure for times and locations of the meetings.

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