



Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

LUKE 2:19

Mary,
The Holy Mother of God

JANUARY 1, 2023

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The Church of Saint 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 Mass

4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM,
9:15 AM (Korean),
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
5:00 PM

Weekday Masses

7:30 am, 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Mass

11:00 AM

Holidays

Consult the weekly bulletin and the posted notices for federal and other holidays.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday—Friday

7:30—8:30 AM; 11:00 AM—12:00 PM;
4:30—5:30 PM

Saturday 11:30 AM—12:30 PM
Sunday No Confessions

Devotions

Monday

Devotions in Honor of St. Monica
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Tuesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Wednesday

Devotions in Honor of St. Jude
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Thursday

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
after the 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

First Fridays

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

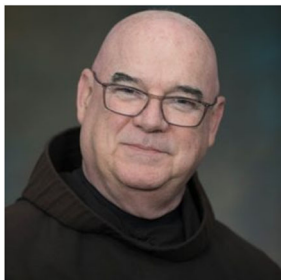
Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday—Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
in Lower Church

A graphic titled "saint snippets" on the left and "January 4" on the right. It features a cartoon illustration of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in a grey habit. A speech bubble next to her contains the quote: "Our least action, when done for God, is precious to him." Below the illustration, the text reads: "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton" followed by "Mother of five children who established an orphanage; the first American-born citizen to be canonized". At the bottom, it says "Copyright © 2018, Michael Thimons". There are decorative scissors at the top and bottom corners of the graphic.



The Pastor's Corner

Dear Community and Friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi,
Peace and all good in this New Year! Welcome to 2023!

Over the years, the Feast for this day has changed. When I was young, it was the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus. This was to keep memory of Jesus' rootedness as a child of Abraham. His family roots embraced the Covenant with the liberated people wandering in the desert. It marks him as belonging to the people shepherded by David and the voices of the prophets. The psalms were, for him, a way of prayer. The revelation of God to the people Israel was imprinted in his being.

Shortly after the Second Vatican Council, it was the World Day of Peace. We need to remember our constant prayers for a just peace. Our nation, church, and world are terribly divided. The war in Ukraine, the unrest in Peru, and the thousands of migrants fleeing violence and poverty cry out for a new world of compassionate peace. The shootings of school children, racist violence, and the safety of our streets echo the cry for peace.

Today, we are asked to remember Mary, the God-Bearer, "Theotokos." We celebrate Jesus coming among us, having taken flesh from his mother, Mary. In his praises of the Blessed Mother, St. Francis speaks of Mary as Jesus' robe, his tabernacle, and his palace. We remember the blessings of Mary and her primacy as the God-Bearer. We also know that we, like Mary, have been overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and are empowered to be the bearers of God's presence in our world.

Let's can combine these images. We are members of the Body of Christ, the People of God, through our baptism. Our shared history with Jesus marks us as a people of the Covenant. Our Covenantal bond transcends the Law of the tablets of stone and is inscribed on our hearts. We are bound to the Covenant of love. The prophets' voices, the psalmists' prayers, and the Evangelists' words call us to live the mission of Jesus in our time. We belong to Christ and to one another. Jesus' gift to the disciples in his resurrection was and is peace. It is peace through compassionate justice. It is the peace that Pope Francis discusses in *Laudato Si'*, a peace in communion with all of creation. Finally, through the gift of the Spirit, we are sharers in Mary's experience of bearing Christ into the world. By our lives, we embody his loving presence.

May 2023 be a year of grace and peace for all. May we live our call as the People of God, peacemakers, and God-Bearers. Thank you for all the many ways you bring his love into being in our world.

Peace and all good,

Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm



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— Luke 2:19

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 31, 2022

11:00 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro &
Luis Family's Health & Wellbeing
4:00 PM Sung Hee (Sophia) Kim (D)
& John Caulfield (D)
5:30 PM Julie Mullane (D) & John Mullane
Midnight Zoila Aguirre

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Felixberta Hallazgo Gabriel (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro &
Thomas & Edith Castellana
12:30 PM Special Intention for Celestin Lawson
& Special Intention for Georgia Lawson
5:00 PM Grotaco—Lee Families

Monday, January 2, 2023

7:30 AM Nicolas & Elena Daconta
12:00 PM Edna Thomas' Birthday &
Salvatore & Nancy Pisano (D)
5:30 PM No Mass

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

7:30 AM Gloria & Barbio Cebedo (D)
12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales (D) &
Dario Betancourt (D)
5:30 PM Carola Betancourt (D) &
Antonio Abuan (D)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Genevieve Gbearsor (L) &
Mary Locz (D)
5:30 PM Special Intention of Amani Stoude &
Helyne Joseph & Vidal Family

Thursday, January 5, 2023

7:30 AM Constantine & Adelena D'Argenio &
Antonia & Luciano Conetta (D)
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Friday, January 6, 2023

7:30 AM John O'Neill (D) & Ayala Cuellar (D)
& Drury Families
12:00 PM Vilma Arthur (D) &
Mary Ann Burbage
5:30 PM Jestty Munoz Martinez

Bread & Wine for Masses this week
have been given for the intentions of:

Catherine B. Puangco

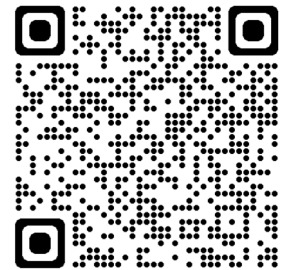
If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine
used at Masses each week,
or for the Sanctuary Light,
please go to the reception desk in the
lobby of St. Francis House.

Migrant Center



The need continues as
more and more migrant
families arrive here in the
City. An Amazon and
Target Wish List and other
ways your assistance may
be offered from
volunteering to donating
can be found here, using this QR Code.

*Again, many many
Thanks for all you are
helping us to provide
for these sisters and
brothers!!*



Peace

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