

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
The Heart of New York

John the Baptist saw
Jesus coming toward him
and said, "Behold,
the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world." JOHN 1:29

SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi
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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

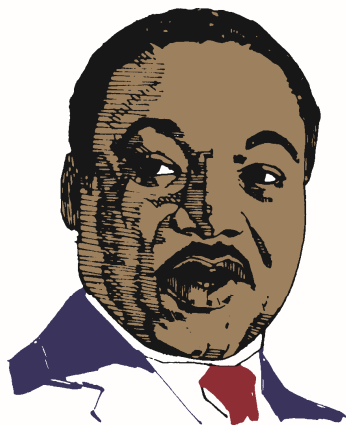
7:30 am, 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Mass

11:00 AM

Holidays

There is only one Mass at Noon on the observance of the Holiday for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 16th..



**Martin Luther
King, Jr.**

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



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The Pastor's Corner

Dear Community and Friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi,
May the Lord give you peace.

We celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on the day after Epiphany. This brings to a close our celebrations of Christmas 2022. Thank you for all your support during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. Our gatherings were beautiful. Many people braved the cold to be with us for Christmas in person and many more participated from home. All our ministers and ministries were experiences of grace. Thank you all. We also had visitors from around the globe. It is good to be a place where so many feel welcome. Your hospitality is a great gift.

As I write this letter, we have just received a statue of St. Benedict the Moor. St. Benedict was born (1525) to enslaved African parents who had been brought to San Fratello, a small town near Messina, Sicily. He, himself, was freed at birth. Benedict, a shepherd, did not attend school. He was kind to the poor. After encountering Franciscan Friars, living as hermits according to St. Francis' rule for hermitages, he gave away his possessions and joined the friars. He became the leader of the small band of Franciscan hermits which was later incorporated into a larger fraternity living the Rule of St. Francis. He was recognized for the depth of his spiritual understanding and was asked to work with the novices. Ultimately, he became the Guardian of the friar community. He was not a priest, nor had he had the opportunity for studies. He was known for his intuitive understanding of the scripture and human nature. Benedict had a reputation for healing and for his care for the poor. It is also to be noted that he enjoyed cooking. He served as a cook for the community of hermits and later for the larger friar community. St. Benedict died in 1259. We are blessed to have him as our brother. (No doubt, Fr. David would have asked him to film something for Friar Chef!) This incredible work is a gift from a donor. Indeed, it recognizes our own Secular Franciscan Fraternity of St. Benedict the Moor.

Blessings and thanks,

Thomas M. Gallagher, OFM

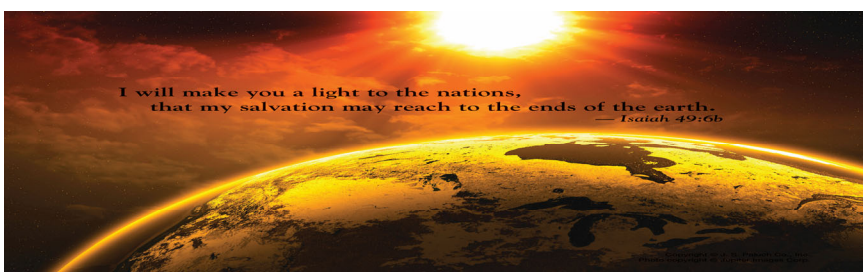
NEW BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will be offering a new Bereavement Group beginning on Wednesday, February 1st. The group will run for 6 weeks from 6:30—8 pm. This is an in-person group and is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. This small group format allows everyone to share their experiences and feelings.

Space is limited!

For more information and to register, please contact

Fr. Steve Patti at spatti@stfrancisnyc.org or
Fr. Michael Carnevale at Carnevale1@me.com.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 14, 2023

11:00 AM Birthday of Carlos Hilario R. Mateo
4:00 PM

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00
12:30 PM
5:00 PM

Monday, January 16, 2023

7:30 AM *No Mass*
12:00 PM Special Intention of Amani Stroude
5:30 PM *No Mass*

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Intentions of the Gotaco-Lee Families
5:30 PM

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Robert Jablonski (D) &
Fivos Antonopoulos (D)

Thursday, January 19, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Friday, January 20, 2023

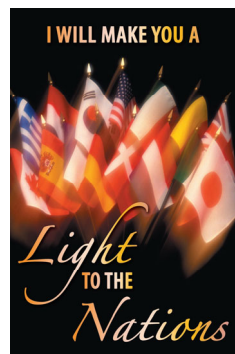
7:30 AM Marijan Kustera (D)
12:00 PM Barbio & Gloria Cebedo (D)
& Lagrimas Madrid (D)
5:30 PM

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!!*

