

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

At once they left their nets and followed him.

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**THIRD
SUNDAY IN
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TIME**

JANUARY 22, 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

Please check the Bulletin or our website for holiday schedules.

Adult Education

Spring Offerings



A new schedule of classes - from Theology to Scripture and Music to Literature - there's something for everyone!!

Scan this QR Code to see the full line-up of classes and register today!



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday

8 - 9 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

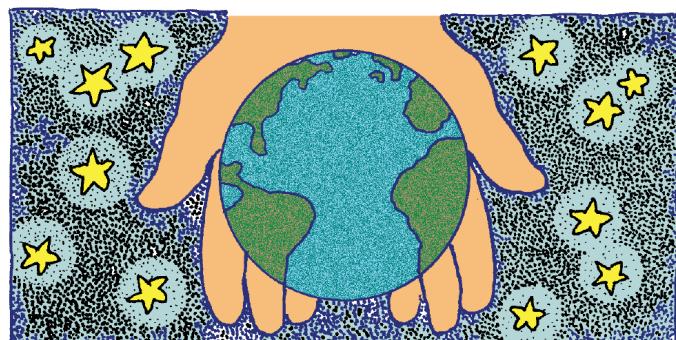
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

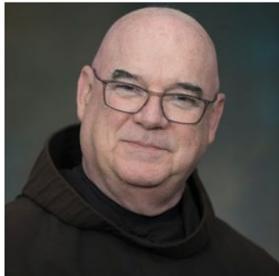
Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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





The Pastor's Corner

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

We had a good weekend celebrating St. Benedict the Moor, remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and recognizing our call to communion. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, calling for an end to division among them. Some claimed to be better than others based on their baptismal affiliation through individual apostles or preachers. Paul reminds them and us that our focus is Christ. A homily for St. Benedict the Moor noted his and the friars' grace in belonging.

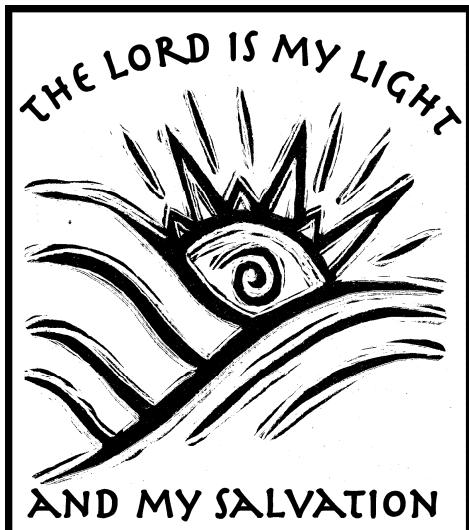
"The challenge St. Benedict the Moor presents to us is his total response to the Lord's command at the Last Supper: I give you a new commandment: Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so should your love be for one another. The integration of Benedict the Moor into a community of Franciscan confreres racially and ethnically different from himself, their mutual acceptance and love for one another, the choice the friars made to have Benedict, though illiterate, become the superior and guardian of their religious community — these present a timely challenge. They are a source of great encouragement toward holiness through love of neighbor for the love of God. And the challenge and encouragement are further enhanced by the power of Benedict's example to not only love his neighbor as himself but to love as Christ loved, as he said to his apostles: Your love for one another must be such as my love has been for you. In this love, we find true communion with all humanity."

We are in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We recognize the variety of gifts and charisms of the many ways the Gospel is lived among us. All the baptized participate in the Body of Christ. Our vision is Christ and the inbreaking of the Reign of God. This vision calls us to respect differences and accept various views. Pope Francis' call for a synodal church is an invitation to hear various voices. We are to listen to people both in and outside of the church. We are linked by a common desire to nurture the community's life.

With the people of Isaiah's prophecy, we have walked in darkness and have seen a great light. The darkness of division within our world, nation, and church creates a longing for the great light of God's love. We hear Jesus empowering people in Matthew's Gospel as he says, "you are the light of the world." Illumined by God's love, we, like Benedict, form an integrated community where racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual difference are accepted in mutual love. We choose to love as we have been/are loved.

Thank your participation in this graced community and group of friends who gather here, in person and online. We are blessed by the grace each person brings to our communion. Our vision is also attentive beyond our doors and welcomes the migrant, the stranger, and the one seeking Christ's presence. Thank you.

Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm



Winter Retreat

February 17th—19th

Join with other parishioners and volunteers on a weekend retreat at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappinger Falls, New York. Click on the QR Code to get more information about the retreat and to register—space is limited!!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 21, 2023

- 11:00 AM
4:00 PM Healing for Lincoln Trotman

Sunday, January 22, 2023

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League & Alfredo & Eva Bazzurro
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Mark Miranda
12:30 PM
5:00 PM Angel Tapia (D) 1st Anniversary of Death

Monday, January 23, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Gregorio V. Ramos, Jr. & Jiang Yin Meng-Son
5:30 PM

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Intentions of Agatha & Joseph Huang, Mother & Father of Huang Zheng Cong
5:30 PM

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D) & Benedict Shi, Father of Shi Sheng Zhi
5:30 PM

Thursday, January 26, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Intentions of Agatha , Mother of Shi Sheng Zhi
5:30 PM Isabel Lane (D)

Friday, January 27, 2023

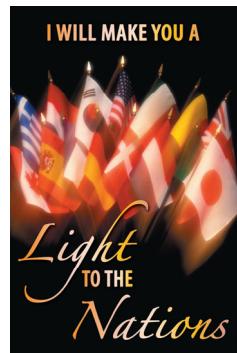
- 7:30 AM Victoria Schultz
12:00 PM Dominga Luna (D)
& Chrisotomo Maximiano V. Ramos
5:30 PM Lourdes Corazon V. Ramos Mateo

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!!



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.

