

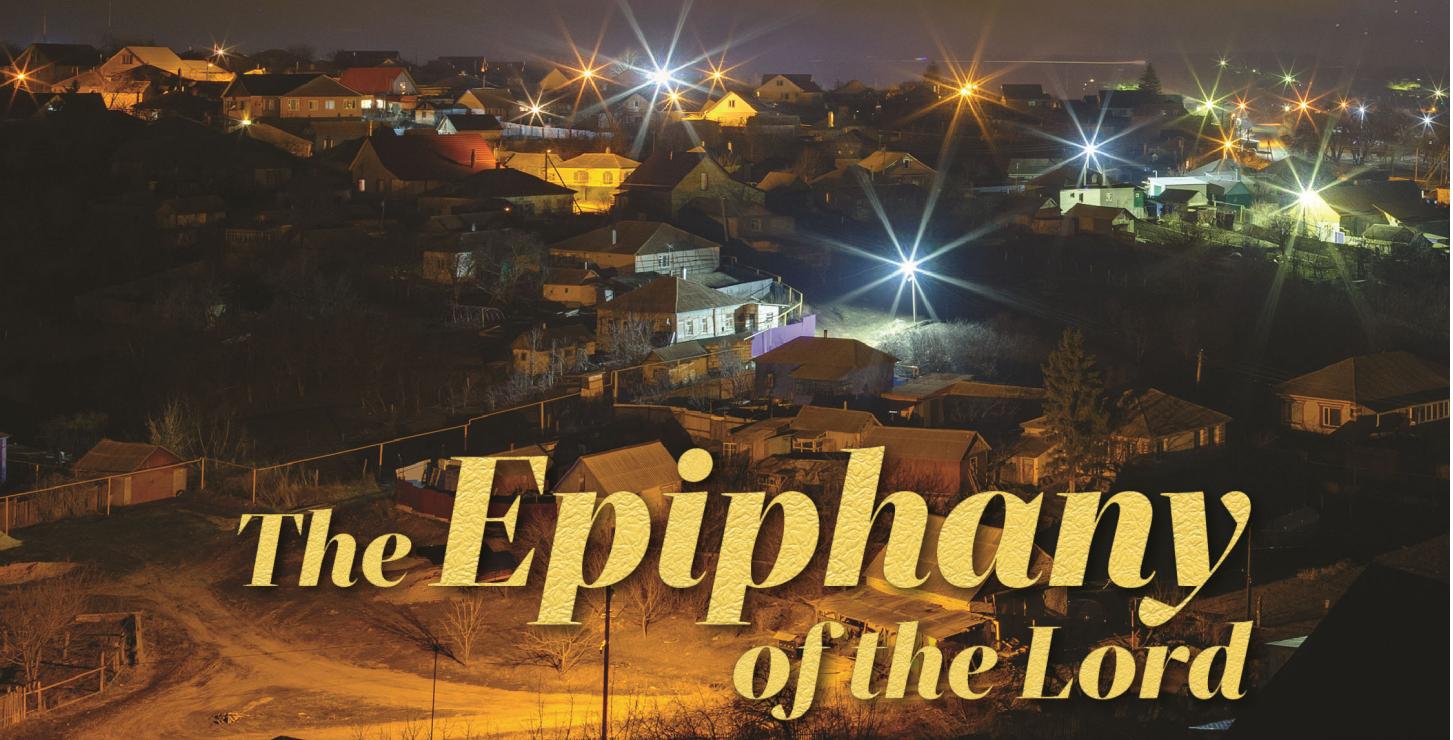
Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

And behold,
the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

MATTHEW 2:9



**The Epiphany
of the Lord**

JANUARY 8, 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

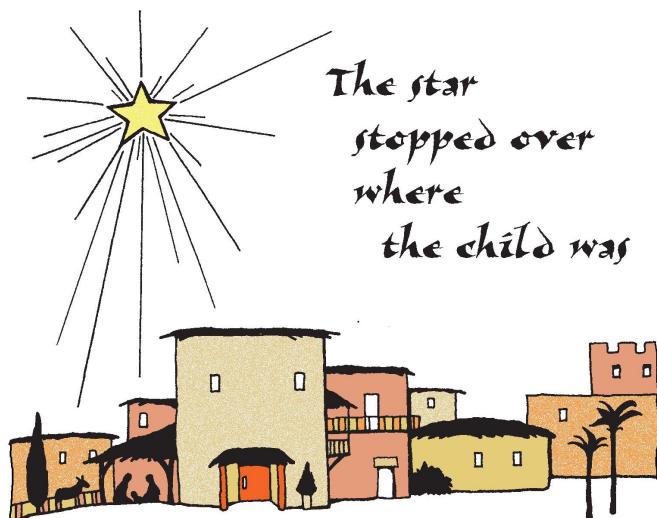
7:30 am, 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Mass

11:00 AM

Holidays

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



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where
the child was*

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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

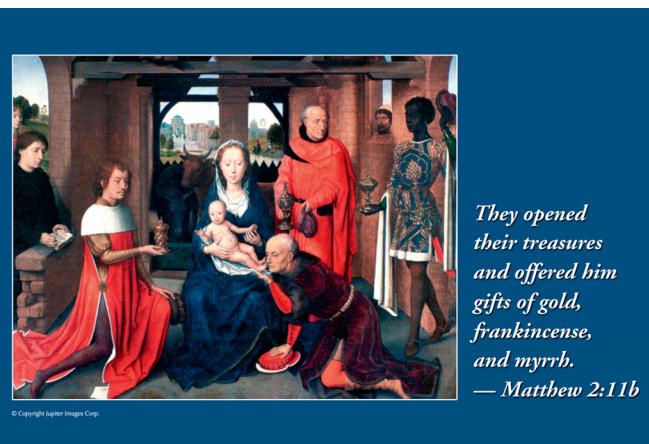
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Saturday

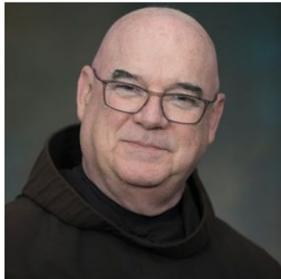
The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



*They opened
their treasures
and offered him
gifts of gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.
— Matthew 2:11b*



The Pastor's Corner

Dear Community and Friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi,

May the Lord give you peace.

Christmas continues as we tell again the story of the Magi. Matthew's Gospel invites us to consider the wonders of the search for wisdom and enlightenment. The Magi, gentiles, traveled from distant lands following the illumination of a star in the sky. They are considered wise and seek the one who is wisdom. Our journey is much the same; we are ever seeking enlightenment from the one who is the Light of the World. Gifted with wisdom from the Spirit, we seek the font of Wisdom, the Christ.

We pray to engage the wisdom of God in our quest for a just and lasting peace. God's wisdom leads us to offer hospitality to the stranger. The Magi must have been amazed to find the one they sought, not in a palace or a place of royalty. They found him in a humble dwelling under the care of his loving parents. They recognized him for who he was. This was their gift and their ability to see beyond the ordinary.

Like the Magi, we are called to the light. Our experiences, our prayer, and the scripture lead us to constantly reconsider our response to world events and our day-to-day encounters. The love of God, revealed in wisdom, invites us to new ways of hospitality. We prize the dignity of all. Seeing beyond the ordinary recognizes the presence of God in unusual places and circumstances. We may become uncomfortable as the Lord opens our eyes and restores our vision. The vision is seeing through the eyes of love and peering into the eyes of love.

Their visit and embrace of the gift of God was a threat to the child, his parents, and themselves. The quest for power is not always a search for wisdom. Herod desired to secure this throne and feared the "newborn king of the Jews." The magi depart and return to their homes avoiding Herod. Joseph leads Mary and the child into Egypt, where they live as migrants/refugees until it is safe to return to their home.

Many migrants who have come to New York came because it is no longer safe for them to stay in their home country. Many long to return to the customs, language, and people they left behind. The Herods of today continue to send the poor into exile.

This is an invitation to grow in wisdom and discern ways of hospitality that will meet the needs of our latest arrivals. I thank you for your support of our Migrant Center. We are all grateful for the work of the many volunteers who assist the families that come for help. I marvel at the warm clothes that show up at our door. Fr. Julian is coordinating the effort for us. Thank you.

Blessings as we follow the light and grow in wisdom,

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 7, 2023

- 11:00 AM Intentions of Fr. Michael Carnevale, OFM & Healing and Thanksgiving Lino Estacio
4:00 PM Joseph John Powers (D) & Thanksgiving to Padre Pio

Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

Monday, January 9, 2023

- 7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Jude
12:00 PM Marie A. Sweeney (D) &
Gary J. Kenny
5:30 PM Marcial Roldan (D)

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

- 7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
12:00 PM Josephine, Felix & Family &
Aura & Keary Dunn
5:30 PM

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Erin & Damian Bazadona
5:30 PM

Thursday, January 12, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Mrs. Ana Paulino & Juan Bacini (D)
5:30 PM Adena & Rob Grundy

Friday, January 13, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Special Intention of Amani Stroude
5:30 PM Cynthia Caulfield (D)

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

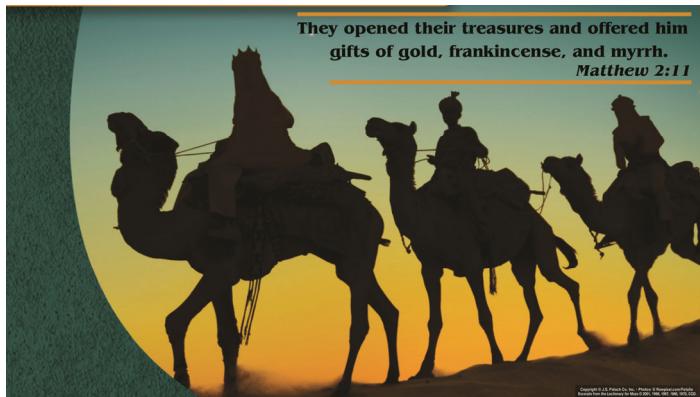


The need continues as more and more migrant families arrive here in the City. An Amazon and Target Wish List and other ways your assistance may be offered from volunteering to

donating can be found here, using this QR Code.



*Again, many many
Thanks for all you are*



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