

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

- Jn 20:21

May 28, 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

Please note that Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day and there will be only one Mass at Noon and the parish offices are closed that day.

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



St. Francis Live is moving exclusively to our website and YouTube

STARTING JUNE 1, 2023

We will no longer stream to FACEBOOK.

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We will continue to bring you Daily and Sunday Masses as we have
You can see our Masses at:

stfrancisnyc.org/st-francis-live or youtube.com/stfrancisnyc





The Pastor's Corner

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

This year our celebration of Pentecost coincides with Memorial Day. We give thanks for the gift of the Spirit always already given. In John's Gospel, Jesus, in his encounter with the disciples in the locked room, offers them peace and inspires them with Holy Spirit.

Jesus empowers the disciples to offer forgiveness in his name. In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples praying in the upper room are gifted with the Spirit. They immediately proclaim the Gospel's message to people of various nations. Each understands the message with no language barrier.

As we link our celebration of Pentecost with the memorial of all those who have died for our nation. We are called again to accept the offer of peace in the Spirit and to embrace the variety of nations with the message of God's overwhelming love. Memorial Day is a solemn remembering of the pain and loss that so many have experienced. We remember families and friends who grieve the deaths of Service Women and Men. We keep memory as we gather to tell their stories and bless them for their shared gifts. We also commit to working for peace as their legacy. The power and dynamism of the Spirit enable us to engage in the work of peace.

The gift of the Spirit is God's presence within and among us. It is the energy of God gracing us to do the good. St. Paul reminds us that we do not even know how to pray as we ought but the Spirit groans within us as our prayer. We feel the groaning for peace, for freedom from fear, and for hope in a future of freedom for all. Our constant prayer is the acceptance of the variety of gifts embodied in the many women and men of our world. As the diverse crowd that heard the proclamation of the disciples on that first Pentecost, we, a diverse community, hear the message of God's love for all anew. We each hear in the way that we are able to hear.

Often at Pentecost, we pray for the coming of the Spirit, as if God is holding back. I have always wondered why we do this. The Spirit has already been given. Perhaps it would be better to pray that we accept the gift that God offers us, the sharing in divinity that is ours through the breath of God breathed into us as Spirit.

In openness to the Spirit, we embrace and nurture our gifts. We are each uniquely gifted, and sharing our gifts forms the community known as the Body of Christ. As we see in Paul's letter to the Corinthians, each person is essential to the Body. Each gifted person has the dignity of God's Spirit. We are likewise the Communion of Saints; our Memorial Day reminds us of the grace that links us with all who have gone before us.

May they rest in peace and may we work for peace.

Blessings,

Fr. Tom, ofm

BISHOP AND MARTYR

**“—
GOD WANTS
TO SAVE US
IN A PEOPLE.
HE DOES
NOT WANT
TO SAVE US
IN ISOLATION.
—”**

- ST. OSCAR ROMERO

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 27, 2023

11:00 AM Frank Deverna (D) & Joan O'Malley (D)
4:00 PM Porcia Fontilus (D) & Patricia Jackson (D)

Sunday, May 28, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League & Poor Souls in Purgatory
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Elizabeth Carole Michels (D) & Wedding Blessings for Marieta & Brandon O'Halloran
12:30 PM Luis J. Carreon, Jr. & Celia Navarrete (D)
5:00 PM Isabel Lane (D)

Monday, May 29, 2023

7:30 AM *No Mass*
12:00 PM Remedios D. Zambales (D) & Alexis Morales
5:30 PM *No Mass*

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

7:30 AM Nelly Carangui
12:00 PM Jacqueline Dupree - Healing & Intentions of the Ruedas Family
5:30 PM

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Maximo Luna (D) & Patricia Gorram
5:30 PM Dr. Donald G. Beyer (D)

Thursday, June 1, 2023

7:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Friday, June 2, 2023

7:30 AM Poor of the World & Francisca Zuniga (D)
12:00 PM Elizabeth Brennan & Restituto Mamhot Sr. (D)
5:30 PM

Schedule Change for Next Week

Since many of the friars will be away at the last Chapter for Holy Name Province the first week of June, the Daily Confession Schedule will be changed.

There will only be Confessions from 11 am to Noon and 4:30 to 5:30pm from June 4th to June 7th.

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

Catherine B. Puangco

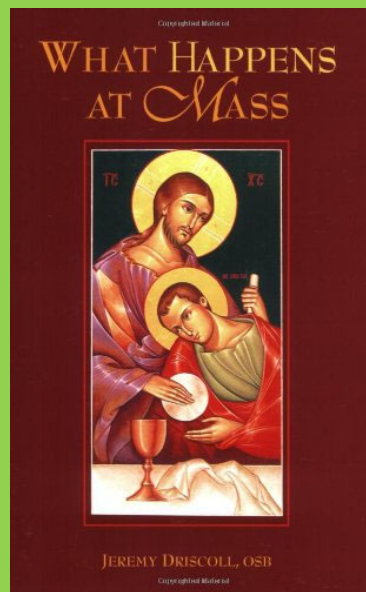
If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine used at Masses each week, or for the Sanctuary Light, please go to the reception desk in the lobby of St. Francis House.

Adult Education - New Offering

We go to Mass Sunday after Sunday, but do we

really know what's going on? Why does the priest wash his hands? How do they choose the readings? Why do we keep getting up and down? What happened to the bells?

This summer, take some time to learn more about our supreme act of worship: The Mass. During this five-week course we will study the parts of the Mass



and the spirituality behind them. We will also reflect on how our prayers and rituals illuminate our Catholic understanding of creation, the incarnation, the bible, discipleship, and salvation.

This class is open to everyone: Catholics and others who would like to learn more about Catholicism.

The course is designed to be a combination of lecture and discussion.

Wednesdays June 14, 2023 – July 19, 2023
(No Class July 5th)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM or 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
(evening class available on Zoom also)

San Damiano Hall (129 W. 31st Street, NYC)

Instructor: Joseph Nuzzi

See our website for details: www.stfrancisnyc.org/cath101-Mass or scan the QR Code

