

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

June 18, 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

This Monday, June 19th is a Federal Holiday. The Offices will be closed. There will be one Mass at Noon and no Confessions.



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

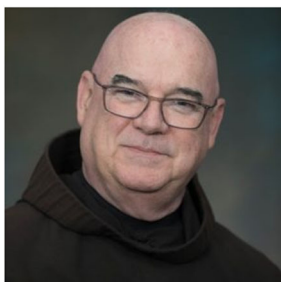
Saturday

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 have just had a wonderful celebration of the Feast of St. Anthony. Scores of people have come to pray with us and to give thanks to God for St. Anthony of Padua.

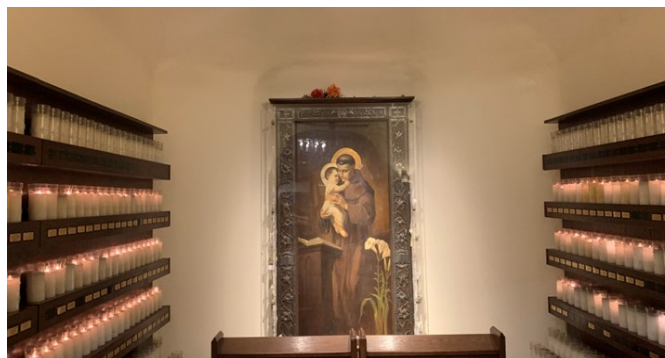
Thousands of loaves of St. Anthony's bread have gone to homes and offices throughout the area. Thank you to all who came to join us for the Feast. Thank you also to the many who volunteered to assist for the day. It was a mammoth undertaking, and everything went well. This year we had the relic in the San Damiano Room. This provided a quiet space for people to gather and made restrooms available for those who traveled to be here for the day.

Thank you to all who contributed to the support of the day. Our many donors and benefactors, together with the participants of the day, graced us with generous support. The spaces were beautifully appointed and honored the celebration of the day.

We return to the scripture readings that we left when Lent started. We are attentive to the continuation of the text from the Book of Exodus, the Letter to the Romans, and the Gospel according to Matthew. It is hard to remember where we left off that Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Today's Gospel notes Jesus' distress as he looks at the people and realizes they are like sheep without a shepherd. He, the Good Shepherd, begins his ministry and appoints twelve disciples to share in that work. He sends them to announce the nearness of the Kingdom of Heaven and empowers them to heal and liberate. He likewise challenges them to share the gift as gift without charge.

Like those early disciples, we have a message to bear and are empowered to heal and liberate. He gave the disciples the freedom to do the good. We have that same freedom. As beginners, they were sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. When they are more secure in their mission, they will go beyond the boundaries of their nation. In sending them, he invites them to nurture the gifts of their hearers, to encourage them in the covenantal relationship, and to hear again words of hope. He does not send them to beat the "lost sheep" but to love them as he has modeled. This is the mission of the church. It is not to push out but to gather in. It is not exclusion but inclusion. We have some work to do.

Finally, I do not yet have a definite date for my departure. I will go to Florida this week to meet with the friars there, and I will also meet with Fr. Joe Juracek to work out a time for transition. I am sorry to leave you so soon. It has been a privilege to be here and to minister with you. We have developed many new ways of connection, including live streaming, Zoom, and social media. The Word of God continues to take root in our lives. I will keep you informed as the transition moves forward. I thank you for your support and your prayers.



Blessings and peace,

Fr. Tom, ofm

A Perpetual Prayer Opportunity

We invite you to remember or pray for a loved one or a personal intention in a special way by lighting a candle for a year in the Shrine of St. Anthony in the Lower Church.

A small plaque displaying the name of your loved one or your intention will be mounted below the candle. The annual offering for each candle is \$200 which will benefit the outreach ministries of the Church. Click on the QR Code here to get more information.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 17, 2023

11:00 AM Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)
4:00 PM Nora Cordova(D) &
Luis Edrosolan (D)

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Nicholas & Elena DaConta
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Arthua Bazzurro & Luz Ulrickson (D)
12:30 PM Jack & Rita Castellano &
Fausto Bautista & Julian Jamili (D)
5:00 PM Nicholas & Elena DaConta &
Juliana Uy (D)

Monday, June 19, 2023

7:30 AM *No Mass*
12:00 PM Rose & Paul Berardi
& Thomas Reilly (D)
5:30 PM *No Mass*

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Antonio Abuan (D)

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Santos Jose Rosado Jr. (D)

Thursday, June 22, 2023

7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Viterbo Valera's
60th Wedding Anniversary
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Friday, June 23, 2023

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro
12:00 PM

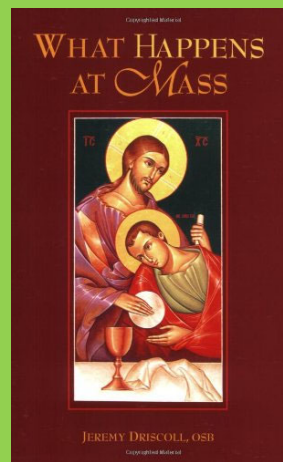
Bread & Wine for Masses this week
have been given for the intentions of:

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.

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](http://www.stfrancisnyc.org/cath101-Mass) (or scan the QR Code)

