



*Church of*

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

*The Heart of New York*

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more  
than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

**June 25, 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 website for any Holiday schedule changes.

### **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

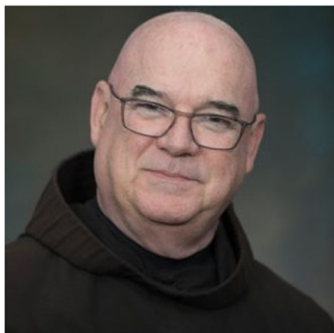
#### **Saturday**

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.

Months ago, as we reflected on our conversations regarding the Synod and then read the report, we noticed that concern for the LGBTQ community was clearly expressed. Our community raised the concern and was affirmed to see it in the Report from Pope Francis.

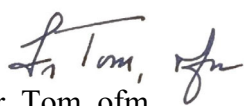
This Saturday at 4:00 PM, we host our annual Pre-Pride mass. This inclusive celebration precedes the Pride celebrations in the city. We are blessed to be home to many LGBTQ members. Last week's New York Times noted that we, together with the Jesuits of St. Francis Xavier and the Paulist Fathers at St. Paul's, recognize the grace of the Body of Christ that is welcoming and affirming of God's many gifts. Please join us in this celebration. We are indeed blessed by all who pass through our doors.

It is always interesting to consider the Gospels after we have been immersed in the Easter/Pentecost experience. In Matthew's Gospel today, we hear Jesus proclaim that he will deny anyone who denies him. And then we remember Peter, who denied Jesus on the eve of his death, and then Peter is charged to continue the mission. Paul's letter this weekend says, "But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."

God's grace transforms us all. The gift of Jesus is reconciliation and healing for all. In his resurrection, Jesus affirms God's love. There is no condemnation. He offers healing and a charge to continue the mission of proclaiming the Gospel. It is all the more pressing that having been reconciled or, as Paul noted last week, justified, we deepen our commitment to discipleship.

As I write this, I am in Florida getting acquainted with the ministry here and the many people who help to support our senior friars. It is hot! I will keep you posted on the timeline for the arrival of Fr. Joe and my departure. It has been a privilege to have had this short time with you. I thank you.

Blessings and peace,

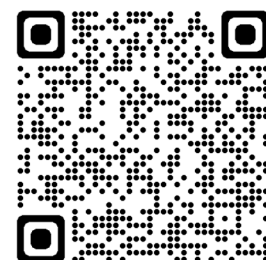
  
Fr. Tom, ofm



## **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 24, 2023

11:00 AM Felix Bonhome & Charles Cabady (D)  
& Maurice Poteau & Yve Rouseau (D)  
4:00 PM Clara Giovanello (D) & John J. Carreon (D)

## Sunday, June 25, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League  
& Robert J. Suarez (D)  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
11:00 Jean Castellana &  
German Roman & Luis Gonzalez (D)  
12:30 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D)  
& Antoinette Ann Ortiz (D)  
5:00 PM Gerard Labosierre & Robert Cadet (D)  
I.L.M. Roseann Conforto Fusco (D)

## Monday, June 26, 2023

7:30 AM Melena Pavlovic (D) &  
Healing Aura Sanchez Camacho  
12:00 PM Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)  
& Alexis Relato Borlaza (D)  
5:30 PM Healing for Diedre

## Tuesday, June 27, 2023

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 PM Dominador S. Lee (D)  
& Alexis Relato Borlaza (D)  
5:30 PM

## Wednesday, June 28, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Minerva Magadia (D)  
5:30 PM Isabel Lane (D)

## Thursday, June 29, 2023

7:30 AM Infant of Prague Intention  
12:00 PM Healing Rose Hermithe Prospere  
& Jean Robert LaGuerre  
5:30 PM

## Friday, June 30, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)  
5:30 PM

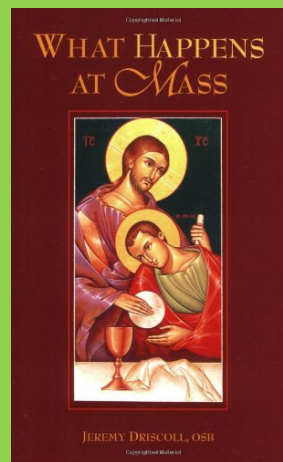
Bread & Wine for Masses this week  
have been given for the intentions of:

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.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>)  
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM or 6:30 PM  
– 8:00 PM (evening class  
available on Zoom also)  
San Damiano Hall (129 W.  
31<sup>st</sup> 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)

