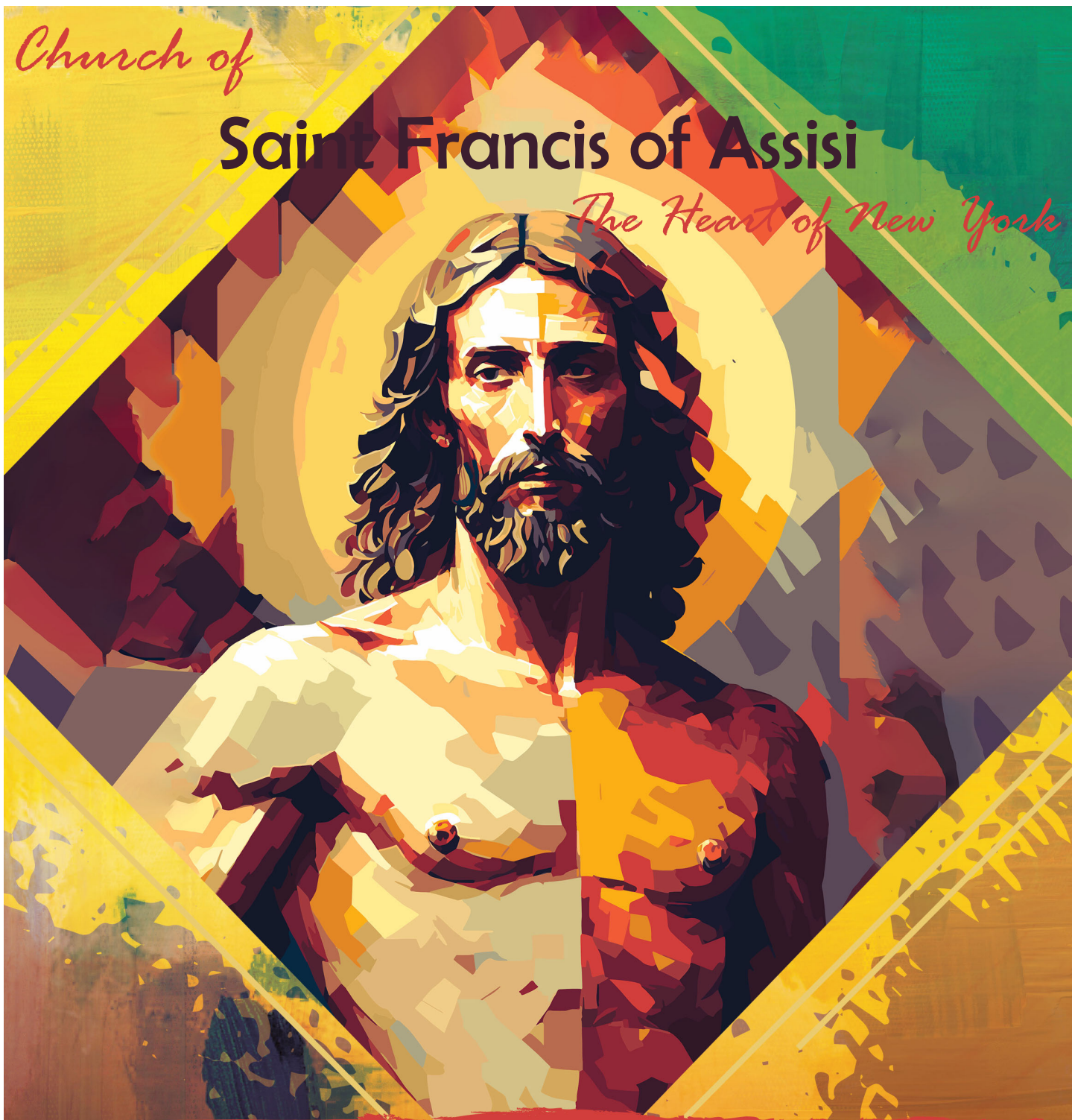


*Church of*

# Saint Francis of Assisi

*The Heart of New York*



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

- Mt 13:3, 7-9

July 16, 2023

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*Welcome*  *Witness*  
*Worship*

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 website for 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.

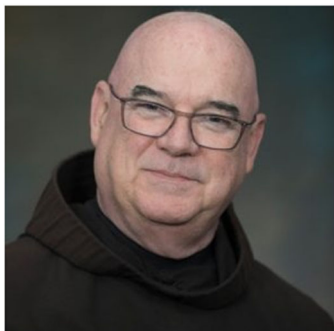
#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



*Thank You, Fr. Tom!*

Let's wish Father Tom farewell on his new adventure! As many of you may have heard, Father Tom is leaving us to head to St. Petersburg, Florida. Please plan to join us after the 12:30pm mass on Sunday, July 16, in the Clare Room to thank him for shepherding us over these past three years, especially bringing us out of Covid!



## The Pastor's Corner

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

I thank you for the privilege of ministering with, to, and for you. It has been a great grace for me to be here with you. I have enjoyed these three years. You have generously shared your lives with me and the friars.

It has been a great blessing to participate in the ministry of healing experienced in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. The honesty and the spiritual depth of the sharing in those moments are experiences of the Lord's presence for me. Likewise, the celebrations of the Eucharist and preaching are blessings. You have responded graciously and been engaged in these celebrations. We, St. Francis Church, are quite popular with the live-stream community.

The pastoral ministry team and the entire staff are remarkably dedicated to ministry. They are committed to you and to using their gifts to build up the Body of Christ as realized at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. The spirit of St. Francis thrives here in the energy and joy that abounds.

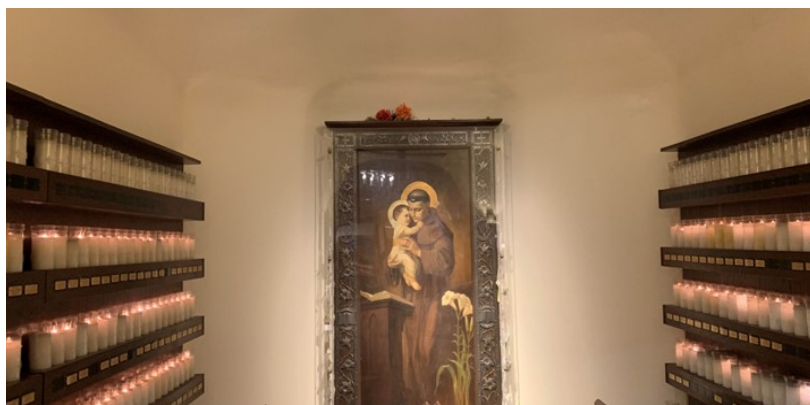
I honestly did not know what to expect when I was asked to leave Hartford and come here. I found incredible goodness and a gracious welcome (however socially distant in September 2020). I am grateful to have had the privilege to be with you, even for a short time. I ask your continued prayers for the friars and your welcome of your new pastor, Fr. Joe Juracek, ofm. I will remember you in my prayer with gratitude.

I will head to St. Petersburg, Florida, to minister with our senior friars next week. This is a significant change in ministry for me. I was surprised to be asked to pick up and go south! I have packed my sunscreen and my hats!

I am sure I will be back to visit.

Blessings and peace,

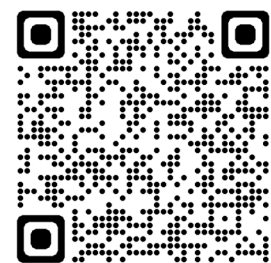
Fr. Tom, ofm



### 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.




**Young Adult  
Margarita Meet and Greet**

Sunday, August 13th  
After the 5pm mass.

RSVP HERE:



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, July 15, 2023

11:00 AM Marcelina De Jesus Widman (D)  
& Eric Castellano  
4:00 PM Jane R. Janiak (D) &  
Violeta & Ernesto Puangco (D)

## Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League  
& Poor Souls  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
11:00 Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)  
12:30 PM  
5:00 PM Loida Diaz & Marie Christelle Delva

## Monday, July 17, 2023

7:30 AM Michael & Providencia Gilbride  
12:00 PM Norie Gonzalez (D) & Stuart Glenn (D)  
5:30 PM Cynthia Caulfield (D)

## Tuesday, July 18, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Violeta Puangco (D)  
5:30 PM

## Wednesday, July 19, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Melba Emralino (D)  
5:30 PM

## Thursday, July 20, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM  
5:30 PM

## Friday, July 21, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM  
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 Summer Offerings

There are several  
Summer classes being offered  
now. click on the QR Code to  
find out more information on  
them.

Some are available on  
Zoom from the comfort of your  
own air conditioned space!



## Migrant Center

The Migrant  
Center is partnering  
with a coalition of  
other agencies to  
provide job fairs and  
job training  
opportunities to  
newly arrived  
migrants and anyone  
who needs it.

For more  
information scan the  
QR Code.

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