

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

September 3, 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

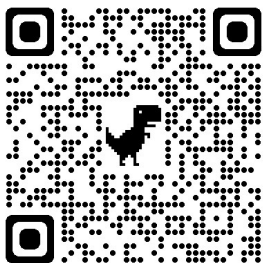
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Holidays

Monday, September 4th is Labor Day. The parish offices will be closed. There will be only one Mass at Noon. There are no Confessions.



Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Catholic or finishing other rites of Initiation like Confirmation? Click on the QR Code for more information about the RCIA here at St.



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

Spiritual Direction

Are you in need of some time in your month to sit and talk about your faith and spiritual journey with a person trained to listen and offer some tools to deepen your journey? There are trained Spiritual Directors here at St. Francis of Assisi who can listen and journey along with you. To make an initial appointment to explore Spiritual Direction and to see if it is something you want to invest your time and energy in, contact Fr. Barry Langley at BLangley@stfrancisnyc.org.



A Word from the Pastor

To All at St. Francis,

Matthew 16: 21-28

Why would anybody want to be a Christian? Denying yourself. Carrying your cross. Following Jesus? Why would anyone want to do that? Today's Gospel is about the difficult task of following Jesus. Why do we do it? Why do we encourage others to do it?

Look at the Book of Acts, the believers are persecuted and even killed and yet the church continued to grow! Why would anyone want to be a Christian? Why would anyone want to be part of a group that was being persecuted, jailed, and killed? What was/is it about Christians that would make others want to join them-even with the threat of suffering? What is (or

should be) so attractive about Christians that others are willing to share in those benefits in spite of the difficulties?

Jesus' scandalous call, then to **take up the cross and follow** is a call to martyrdom, to die as Jesus does. Such is the risk of continuing Jesus' countercultural work of proclaiming and demonstrating God's kingdom here on earth.

Peter who we thought he knew who Jesus is **You are the Christ, Son of the living God** but fails to believe that Jesus would have to suffer and die. Jesus' rebuke **Get behind me Satan**, indicates the Peter here, like Satan in the temptation story, is trying to lead Jesus away from the suffering and death of the cross.

So why be a Christian? Because we are not afraid of death or dying. We know that the power of the Resurrection is stronger than death. We are sons and daughters of the living God.

Peace & All Good,

Fr. Joe



NEW BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Fall Bereavement Group will run for five Mondays beginning on September 25th and ending on October 23rd. The sessions will begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. We will accept 6 individuals so that it would be a more intimate group. Please call by Fr. Michael Carnevale, OFM at 862-703-8822 if you are interested.



Space is limited!

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, September 2, 2023

- 11:00 AM Anthony J. Math, Jr. (D)
& The Poor Souls
4:00 PM Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)
& Milagres Rodrigues (D)

Sunday, September 3, 2023

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Fe Tumlos
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased
& Stephen McTague
12:30 PM Luis Naranjo & Maured McInnerney
5:00 PM

Monday, September 4, 2023

- 7:30 AM *No Mass*
12:00 PM Esther Medina (D)
5:30 PM *No Mass*

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

- 7:30 AM Teresita Jacela
12:00 PM Valerie Adam - Blessings
5:30 PM Maria Encarnacion Oris - Thanksgiving
& Ant

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Special Intentions of Jamie Arcius
5:30 PM Patricio A. Bernal (D)

Thursday, September 7, 2023

- 7:30 AM Miguel Gabriel (D)
12:00 PM Diego Fernando Aparicio (D)
& Healing for Nadia Jones
5:30 PM

Friday, September 8, 2023

- 7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D) &
Theresa Cole (D)
12:00 PM Valerian Dias (D) &
Ingrid, Glenn & Danny
5:30 PM Saleaflor Holdings &
Florentino Masaba, Sr. (D)



Anointing of the Sick/Communion Calls

For homebound communion calls or anointing of the sick, contact Edward Trochimczuk
212.736.8500 X361
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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 Migrant Center is partnering with a
coalition of other agencies
to provide job fairs and
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to newly arrived migrants
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