



Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

October 8, 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

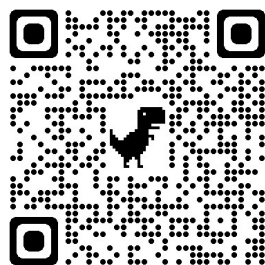
11:00 AM

Holidays

Monday is Indigenous People's/Columbus Day - a legal holiday. There is only one Mass at Noon and no Confessions and the Offices are closed.



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





A Word from Our Staff

Dear Friends of St. Francis of Assisi Church –

I'm the Minister of St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity, one of over 600 fraternities in the Secular Franciscan Order in the U.S., with many more worldwide. My Fraternity was founded here, at our Church, in 1965, and has been blessed by the many volunteer opportunities our community offers. Never heard of the Secular Franciscan Order? Not a problem! Here's a capsule history. In the early 13th century, St. Francis of Assisi established three orders. The first was the **Order of Friars Minor** and the second was the **Order of St. Clare**. St. Francis also saw the need to establish a third order, the **Secular Franciscan Order**, for people who wished to live Franciscan lives in the secular realm.

My fraternity has thirty professed members, women and men who observe the Gospel by following the example of Saints Francis, Clare, and Benedict himself. The formation process leading to Profession takes three years and is divided into three phases: orientation, inquiry, and candidacy. In our Church, members of St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity volunteer are ministers of hospitality, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and other volunteers. Some of the most important contributions of Secular Franciscans, however, are perhaps the most discrete – they preach not with words, but by example, in their workplaces, with their families, and among friends, neighbors, and acquaintances.

St. Benedict the Moor's parents were taken as slaves from Africa to Sicily, where they became devout Catholics. Benedict was born in 1526 and became a Franciscan at age twenty-one. His spiritual erudition far outweighed his lack of a formal education, and Benedict became Master of Novices and then Guardian of his Friary in Palermo. He died in 1589, having spent his entire life in Sicily. His life of servant leadership is an inspiration for us all. I hope by now you have seen the new statue of St. Benedict the Moor, which was donated by my Fraternity. Carved from lindenwood and finished with oil paints by artists in northern Italy, the statue was dedicated at Sunday Mass on January 15th, 2023, on the eve of Martin Luther King Day.

One of our Church's most beloved artworks is the Great Mosaic, which includes five Secular Franciscans: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Louis of France, St. Frances of Rome, Christopher Columbus, and Dante Alighieri, poet laureate of the Franciscan Order. Interesting company! Can you find them?

Paul Francis Beelitz, Minister, St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity (SFO)
Volunteer Lector, Eucharistic Minister,
and Livestream Studio Operator

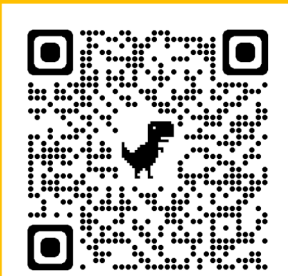
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Fr. Joe Wants to Know

Please take the survey that we have done in-pew if you haven't already filled one out. We're trying to collect information from everyone who comes to St.

Francis of Assisi Church to learn more about you, what you are interested in and how we can grow as a community of faith. Click on the QR Code and submit the completed survey online! *Thanks!*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 7 2023

11:00 AM James A. Vallozzi (D) & Mary McGovern
4:00 PM Jane R. Janiak (D) & Leslie Dias (D)

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League & Mr. Manion (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Anthony J. Math, Jr. (D) & John Schmidt (D)
12:30 PM Jim Finan (D)
5:00 PM Elizabeth Jablonski (D)

Monday, October 9, 2023

7:30 AM *No Mass*
12:00 PM Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)
5:30 PM *No Mass*

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Mona Lebreton
5:30 PM Chad Babwah (D)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Hilda Gonzalez (D) & Special Intention of Amanda Umana
5:30 PM

Friday, October 13, 2023

7:30 AM Jonathan Phillip's Birthday
12:00 PM Veneration Czobor & Ismael Montoya (D)
5:30 PM



Thanks
Thank You to
the Gallo
Family for the
beautiful baby
grand piano in
the lower
church. It has
been donated
to the Memory
of Annette
Gallo.

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

Catherine B. Puangco
Francisco Carlos' Birthday
Marie Jeanette Celestin, Rosemelie Eustache &
Gerardo Celestin

Intentions for the Sanctuary Light
Francisco Carlos' Birthday

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine
used at Masses each week,
or for the Sanctuary Light,

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.



Anointing of the Sick/Communion Calls

For homebound communion calls or anointing of the
sick, contact Edward Trochimczuk
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Adult Education Fall Offerings



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Theology to Scripture and Music
to Literature - there's something
for everyone!!
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today!