

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

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December 10, 2023

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi
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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 our website and the bulletin for changes to the schedule for Holidays.

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

NEW BEREAVEMENT GROUP



"When Someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure"

The Winter Bereavement Group will run for six Tuesdays beginning on February 13th and ending on March 19th. The sessions will begin at 6:45pm and end at 8pm. 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.



Reach Out to Friends & Family with Beautiful Christmas Cards

These cards are the perfect way to share the joy of Christmas while keeping the Church of St. Francis of Assisi open to share the Good News and offer wonderful ministries and programs to enrich our lives.

Please visit the Front desk, our website or click on the QR Code to order them!





LAUDATO SI...



Dear Fellow Parishioners here at St. Francis of Assisi-

I am happy and excited to be a part of the new environmental ministry here at St. Francis. The Laudato Si Circle, as we are called, is a group of individuals who feel called to take action to address the climate crisis. Guided by principles outlined by Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home" and further in his 2023 exhortation "Laudate Deum", we believe that small actions taken every day can create change in ourselves, our church, our city, and our world.

We acknowledge that the topic is overwhelming and difficult to face but we find that by doing it together, we find hope and even joy. We are not experts or scientists. We are at different levels of awareness and each of us has room to learn and grow. Everyone's unique talent is appreciated and needed. We welcome all ages, faiths, and affiliations. We meet in person on the last Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:00PM in the 1st Floor Conference Room. We just had our first meeting which we used to get organized and now we invite you to join us. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 28th at 6:30 and we'll be brainstorming ideas for what we'd like to accomplish in the new year. In the meantime, keep an eye on the bulletin for our tip of the week. Keep the faith. Change is possible.

Beth Dzuricky



ADVENT 2023 SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Our Advent Soup & Scripture will happen every Monday of Advent. We thank our parishioner and friend, Bruce from Tracks Restaurant, for helping to provide and underwrite the expense of the soup! Click on the QR Code to find out more about and to let us know you're coming to our Advent Soup & Scripture Mondays!



Christmas Flower Donations

We invite you to memorialize members of your family or other loved ones with a donation to defray the costs of our Advent & Christmas expenses. Please fill out the form online or at the parish office by Wednesday, December 20th. The names received by that day will be included in a special insert in the Christmas bulletin. Click on the QR Code to access our online order form.



Registration is Open

for our

Winter Weekend Retreat

January 12-14, 2024

Come relax in the country with fellow parishioners, ministers and volunteers at Mt. Alvernia Franciscan Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls.

Click on the QR Code for more information and to register!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9, 2023

- 11:00 AM Leonora Prudencio (D)
& Mercedes & Odette Jean Baptist (D)
4:00 PM Josefina Magno (D)
& Catherine & Edward Jacob (D)

Sunday, December 10, 2023

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Dennis & Margaret Sullivan
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Elizabeth Carole Michaels (D)
& Marilyn McHugh (D)
12:30 PM Roberto, Generoso & Renee
Almanines (D) & Alba Naranjo (D)
5:00 PM Maurice & Luc Boivert (D)
& Avelina Parami (D)

Monday, December 11, 2023

- 7:30 AM Constantine & Adelena D'Argenio &
Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
12:00 PM Frank & Amelia Bettua &
Healing for Marion Pierce
5:30 PM Pulquerio & Anastasia Tamos (D)
Lawrence & Teresa Costa (D)

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

- 7:30 AM Providencia Castro Gilbride &
For St. Anthony
12:00 PM Nikhil Shej (D) & Rafael Ceron,
Raul Zapata & Lucia Angel
5:30 PM Edmon Kwan Thanksgiving &
Joseph & Carmela Dimech (D)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 7:30 AM Fergus Healey, Emilio Osorio &
Deliberio Lopez & Edwin Restrepo
& Maria Fernanda
12:00 PM Mary & John Brown (D) &
Healing for Myriam Rosales
5:30 PM Alabre Family & Romelia, Sergio Jr.
Sergios Sr.

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- 7:30 AM Healing for Myriam & Maria Fernanda
& Nelson Honda Po (D)
12:00 PM Matthew Perry (D) & Thanksgiving
Joseph Jean Baptist
5:30 PM Adler, Frantz & Jenifer Scutt (D)
& For St. Anthony

Friday, December 15, 2023

- 7:30 AM Frances McPartland (D) &
Sheldon & Winnifred Smith (D)
12:00 PM Hector & Francis Marin
& MacArthur Smith (D)
5:30 PM John Caulfield (D)
& Estrella Ebro Juele (D)

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

Catherine B. Puangco

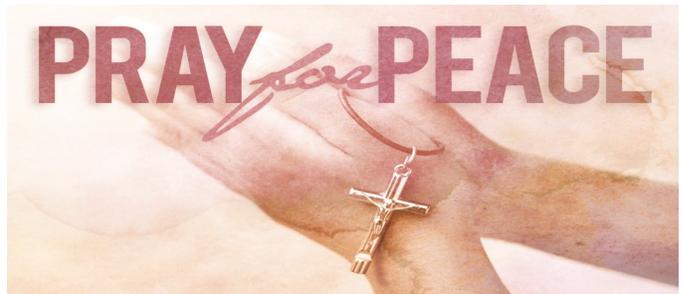
If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine
used at Masses each week,
or for the Sanctuary Light,
please go to the reception desk in the
lobby of St. Francis House.

Migrant Center

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



For more information
scan the QR Code.



Simbang Gabi
9-Day Advent Novena Masses
December 15 to 23
Weekdays 6:15 PM Upper Church
Weekends 4:30 PM Lower Church
All are Welcome!

UGNAYAN Filipino Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi

Weekly Collection

Weekend of December 2-3, 2023

In-Pew Collection	\$5,189
OnLine Collection	<u>2,995</u>
Total:	\$8,184

Check Out the Christmas Items in the Lobby Gift Shop!