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Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
The Heart of New York

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT • 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 17, 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...

Circle at St. Francis

GETTING STARTED:

"How do you pronounce 'Laudato Si'?"
Lau rhymes with now - Dot - Oh - See

The phrase Laudato Si, or Praise Be To You, is repeated throughout St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures. Pope Francis uses it to describe our right relation to Creation and he urges each of us to address the climate crisis right now.

TIP OF THE WEEK:

For a good introduction to Laudato Si, watch the documentary *The Letter: A Message for our Earth* (2022), 81 mins. It's free to watch. Go to www.theletterfilm.org. If you'd rather read the Pope's encyclical, hard copies are available at booksellers and a free downloadable pdf is available online. Search "*Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*" by Pope Francis.

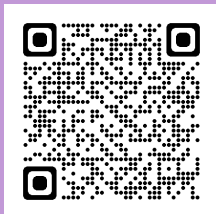
"Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us." Pope Francis (LS1)

For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at St. Francis or to share your own tip of the week, email stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com



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!
Last Chance This Monday!



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

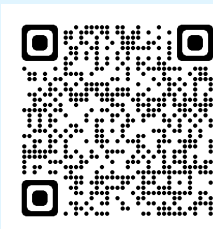
for our

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 16, 2023

11:00 AM Aida Nery Sotto (D) & Celestin Lawson
4:00 PM Mary & Samuel Nasoff (D)
& The Earth & All of Us that we may
become better stewards of God's Creation

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Rev. Claude Antonucci, OFM
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Elizabeth Carole Michaels (D)
& Eduardo Cuevas (D)
12:30 PM Mauread McInnerney &
Celia Rose Sanchez (D)
5:00 PM Sandra Arcius' Brithday &
Ramon de Jesus (D)

Monday, December 18, 2023

7:30 AM Ryan McGee (D) & Rev. Ralph Antonucci
12:00 PM Hank & Martha & Leslie Dias (D)
5:30 PM Nelson Honda Po (D) &
Keto & Gail Davidson

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7:30 AM Eileen O'Hara (D) & For St. Anthony
12:00 PM Carole & Theodore Bardy (D) &
Bernard & Cassel Smith
5:30 PM Terry & Barry Tillman &
Amelia Siochi (D)

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

7:30 AM Rosa Villanueve (D) &
Fr. Joe Doino, OFM (D)
12:00 PM Marie & Tom Finnerty &
William Damandaman (D)
5:30 PM Joseph Castora & Ryan Falek (D)

Thursday, December 21, 2023

7:30 AM Prpic Ana (D) & St. Francis
12:00 PM Joan & John Boyle & Kunal Khorana (D)
5:30 PM Rose Viliani (D) & Blessings for
Gotaco-Lee Families

Friday, December 22, 2023

7:30 AM Marie & Kendrice Roc & St. Anthony
& Blessings for CL's Friends/Family
12:00 PM Mariel, Scott, Ross & Ryan
& Jose Medina (D)
5:30 PM John Mullane &
St. Anthony

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!



LGNAYAN Filipino Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi

Check Out the
Christmas Items
in the Lobby Gift Shop!

Weekly Collection Weekend of December 9-10, 2023

In-Pew Collection	\$5,622
OnLine Collection	2,904
OnLine Church Support	<u>3,543</u>
Total:	\$12,069