

*Church of Saint Francis of Assisi*

*The Heart of New York*

# A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN!

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**December 24, 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

The parish offices are closed on Christmas Day and on Tuesday, December 26th. On Tuesday there will be one Mass at Noon and no Confessions.

### 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.

## Christmas Schedule

#### Sunday, December 24th

Masses at 8, 9:15 (Korean), 11 AM and 12:30PM are for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Masses at 4, 5:30, 8 (Korean) PM and Midnight are for Christmas

#### Monday, December 25th

Masses are at 8, 11 AM and 12:30PM

# LAUDATO SI...

## Circle at St. Francis

The phrase Laudato Si, or Praise Be To You, is repeated throughout St. Francis' Canticum 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:

**Fir Tree Well - Mulchfest** runs December 26 - January 7. Bring your Christmas tree and the Parks Dept will turn it into valuable wood chips that will be used to nourish trees throughout the city. On Chipping Weekend you'll receive your own bag of chips to use as you please. For a list of locations and to learn how to properly lay the chips, go to: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/highlights/festivals/mulchfest>

*"It is important that the different parts of a city be well integrated and that those who live there have a sense of the whole, rather than being confined to one neighborhood and failing to see the larger city as space which they share with others."* Pope Francis (LS151)

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](mailto:stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com)

## Saturday Confession Change

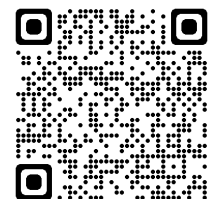
Beginning January 1st, our Saturday morning Confessions will be from 10 - 11 AM.

*Check Out the  
Christmas Sale Items  
in the Lobby Gift Shop!*

*Hope*  
for the  
Holidays

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 23, 2023

11:00 AM Wang Family & Thanksgiving Maria  
Victoria Robles  
4:00 PM Yvette Dias (D) & Diane Bardy Zafiros

## Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League  
& Intentions of Celestin Lawson  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
11:00 Elizabeth Carole Michaels (D)  
& Eric Bouverie (D)  
12:30 PM Maria, Mark, Gavin & Claire &  
Nerio Plondaya  
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish  
5:30 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D)  
& Michelle Kenny (D)  
Midnight For the People of the Parish

## Monday, December 25, 2023

7:30 AM *No Mass - No Intentions*  
12:00 PM Mary & Arthur Bazzuro  
& Lillian De Paris (D)  
5:30 PM *No Mass - No Intentions*

## Tuesday, December 26, 2023

7:30 AM *No Mass - No Intentions*  
12:00 PM Julie Mullane (D) & St. Anthony  
5:30 PM *No Mass - No Intentions*

## Wednesday, December 27, 2023

7:30 AM Kustera Matija (D) & John Gorham  
12:00 PM Jinto, Anse & Joachim Family  
& Patricia Gorham  
5:30 PM Lily Kwan (D) & Benito Vargas (D)

## Thursday, December 28, 2023

7:30 AM Xavier Melendez & St. Jude  
12:00 PM Mary Flanagan (D) & Alexis Morales  
5:30 PM Lily M. Kwan (D) & Isabel Lane (D)

## Friday, December 29, 2023

7:30 AM German, Gilda & Luis (D) &  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pierre (D)  
12:00 PM Yvette & Leslie Dias (D) &  
Amerinda, Antolini & Jack (D)  
5:30 PM Eugene Wisnieaski (D) &  
Rigoberto & Carmen Perez (D)

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

Catherine B. Puangco  
and  
Honorata Talavera's 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.



## Weekly Collection

Weekend of December 16-17, 2023

In-Pew Collection	\$3,825
OnLine Collection	2,832
OnLine Church Support	<u>5,756</u>
Total:	\$12,413