



*I will walk before the  
Lord,  
in the land of the living.*  
— (Ps 116)

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi  
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The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the province of Our Lady of Guadalupe 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

*Welcome*  *Witness*  
*Worship*

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

Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 9:15 am (Korean), 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM.

### Daily Masses

Monday through Friday at 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Saturday at 11:00 AM

Daily Mass will be live-streamed at 12:00 PM Monday through Friday.

### Misas en Español

La Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís tendrá misas en español a partir del seis de octubre. Las misas en español serán los domingos a las 10:00 am en la Iglesia Baja.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 4:30 - 5:30 PM;

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM

## DEVOTIONS

**Monday:** Devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother, after all Masses

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony Devotions, after all Masses

**Wednesday:** St. Jude Devotions, after all Masses

**Thursday:** The Sacrament of Anointing, after all Masses

**Friday:** Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Cross, after all Masses

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday-Saturday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

Dated Mass and weekly Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp intentions may be reserved at our Hospitality desk in the Francis House where Mass cards are sold.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, September 14, 2024

11:00 AM Renee Philip, Devasia Oliapuram (D)

4:00 PM Doreena Pastrana Bday Thanksgiving; Juan Manuel Torres Soto (D)

## Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Madge Mckeever (D)

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Chloe Willert; Alice Rondineli (D)

12:30 PM Hildegard Shuning Feng; Chong Yu Sia

5:00 Healing Chelsea and Bryan Zamzam; Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

## Monday, September 16, 2024

7:30 AM Jesus, Edilberta & Celso Bacunga (D); Donna & Jay Martinelli

12:00 PM Sr. Lelia Horkans (D); Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

5:30 Maylin Hong; Xavier Melendez

## Tuesday, September 17, 2024

7:30 AM Matthew Melendez; Ana Ronayne

12:00 PM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

5:30 Judah and Cecilia Ness (D); Celestina Mangroo (D)

## Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

5:30 Sunghee Kim (D); Intention of Brenda and Felisa Parilla

## Thursday, September 19, 2024

7:30 AM Rose and Gaston Duverne (D)

12:00 PM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

5:30 No Intentions

## Friday, September 20, 2024

7:30 AM Elna Sensplece (D)

12:00 PM Thanksgiving Berthe Lennox and Family; Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

5:30 Jimmy De Los Santos (D); Leonardo & Giovannie Mamaril (L)

**This week's Sanctuary Lights:** Grace Crisostomo (D)

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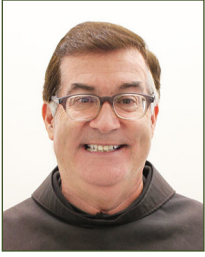
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## The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

This Wednesday, September 17, is the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi. This event occurred on the mountainside of Mt. Alvernia in 1224. While praying, St. Francis had a vision of an angel and of Christ fastened to the cross.

Francis's body then received the stigmata, a miraculous imprint of the wounds Jesus suffered during his crucifixion, including nail prints in his hands and feet, and a wound to his side that bled. The stigmata remained on St. Francis' body until his death on October 3, 1226. He was the only saint on the Catholic calendar until St. Padre Pio, the Capuchin Franciscan, had it in the last century.

There had been no witnesses to this receiving of Stigmata of St. Francis. There were visible marks on his body, and he decided to

share this experience with his brothers. The stigmata never disappeared and were present until Francis' death. The Franciscans have commemorated the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis since it was approved by Pope Alexander IV and Pope Benedict XI. The example of St. Francis is that we all have to carry our Cross in one or more unique ways in our spiritual lives.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus proclaims that "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Suffering is the price we pay for true discipleship. Life has many difficult encounters, and it may seem overbearing. However, suffering-laden discipleship also entails unparalleled promise. To lose one's life for the Gospel means salvation. Sisters and brothers, let us take up our true Cross each day!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

## Parish News

### FRANCISFEST 2024: OUR OCTOBERFEST TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Come to FrancisFest 2024, our annual Oktoberfest celebration hosted by CONVERGE @St.Francis – our parish life ministry supporting life, faith and community at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

Join us Sunday, September 29 from 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM in the San Damiano Hall for Beers, Brats, Pretzels and good times with parishioners and friends of St. Francis of Assisi. Lederhosen and Dirndls encouraged!

Tickets are \$25.00 until September 22th, \$30 after September 22nd and at the door. Register at [stfrancisnyc.org/francisfest](http://stfrancisnyc.org/francisfest)

### THE ELEPHANTS ARE COMING! LAUDATO SI HIGH LINE GROUP WALK

Join the Laudato Si Circle for a group walk on the High Line! There will be a giant treat waiting for us at our destination. The Great Elephant Migration is arriving in New York City. This powerful art installation features 100 life-size elephant sculptures that are making their way across the country raising awareness about conservation. Join others who share your passion for nature and art.

No registration is necessary. Meet us at 9am on Saturday, September 21st at the entrance to the church on 32nd Street. The rain date will be Saturday, September 28.

### FALL 2024 ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Our parish is dedicated to ongoing faith formation through our Adult Education ministry. Our Fall 2024 courses are now open for registration at [stfrancisnyc.org/courses](http://stfrancisnyc.org/courses). We are committed to bringing the faith to all who seek Christ. If the registration fee is a burden, email Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM at [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org) for information on full or partial scholarships.

### ONE WORLD ONE LOVE FASHION SHOW

In celebration of this year's Season of Creation, the Laudato Si Circle is hosting a fashion show. Come see beauty in action and learn about the role the fashion industry plays in the climate crisis. We will also collect clean, dry used clothing in any condition, which will be reused, recycled, or repurposed by the folks at Wearable Collections.

This event will be held Saturday, October 5th from 5:15 – 6:45 PM in the San Damiano Hall. Please register at [stfrancisnyc.org/laudato-si-circle-one-world-one-love-fashion-show](http://stfrancisnyc.org/laudato-si-circle-one-world-one-love-fashion-show).

### CONVERGE LECTIO DIVINA: SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

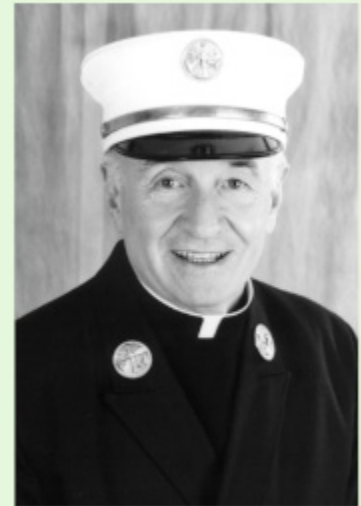
Converge @ St. Francis invites you to a Lectio Divina Series. This 3-part series will be held on October 6, 13 and 20 at 2:00 PM in the Clare Room. Lectio Divina, which means Divine Reading/Listening, is one of the great treasures of the Christian tradition of prayer, dating back to the monastic third century Desert Fathers and Mothers. You can register at [stfrancisnyc.org/converge-lectio-divina-series-sundays-in-october](http://stfrancisnyc.org/converge-lectio-divina-series-sundays-in-october).



## The Church of St. Francis of Assisi

*Launches*

### Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund



The Church of St. Francis of Assisi Parish officially launched the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund on September 11, 2024. Father Mychal was an NYC Fire Department chaplain who died responding to the World Trade Center attack on 9/11/2001, along with 342 FDNY firefighters.

Father Mychal lived in our beloved parish for many years. He always loved the architecture and legacy of spirituality of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. This building fund is intended to defray the expenses of renovation, repair, and replacement within the physical plant of our church, the parish house, and the school, which houses our adult education program and 12 step programs. All three buildings are aging and need repair, including electrical work, extensive plumbing, repointing bricks, HVAC repairs, carpen-

try renovations, painting, and scaffolds to clean out drains around all three buildings, plus numerous door and window replacements.

A Construction Committee is being formed with skilled members of the building and constructions trades plus contractors. To donate, you can send checks or cash to:

The Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund c/o  
The Church of St. Francis of Assisi  
135 West 31st Street  
New York, NY 10001

All donations are tax-deductible. Donors will be able to send monies electronically within the next few weeks. For more information, please contact Father Brian Jordan, OFM, Pastor at [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org) or call him at 212-736-8500 ext. 232.



## Celebrate

*St. Francis*

Sunday 9/29 - 1:30pm Blessing of the Animals  
Francis Fest

Thursday 10/3 - 7:00pm The Transitus

Friday 10/4 - 5:30pm Festive Mass for the Feast of St. Francis

For More Information: [stfrancisnyc.org/celebratefrancis](http://stfrancisnyc.org/celebratefrancis)

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