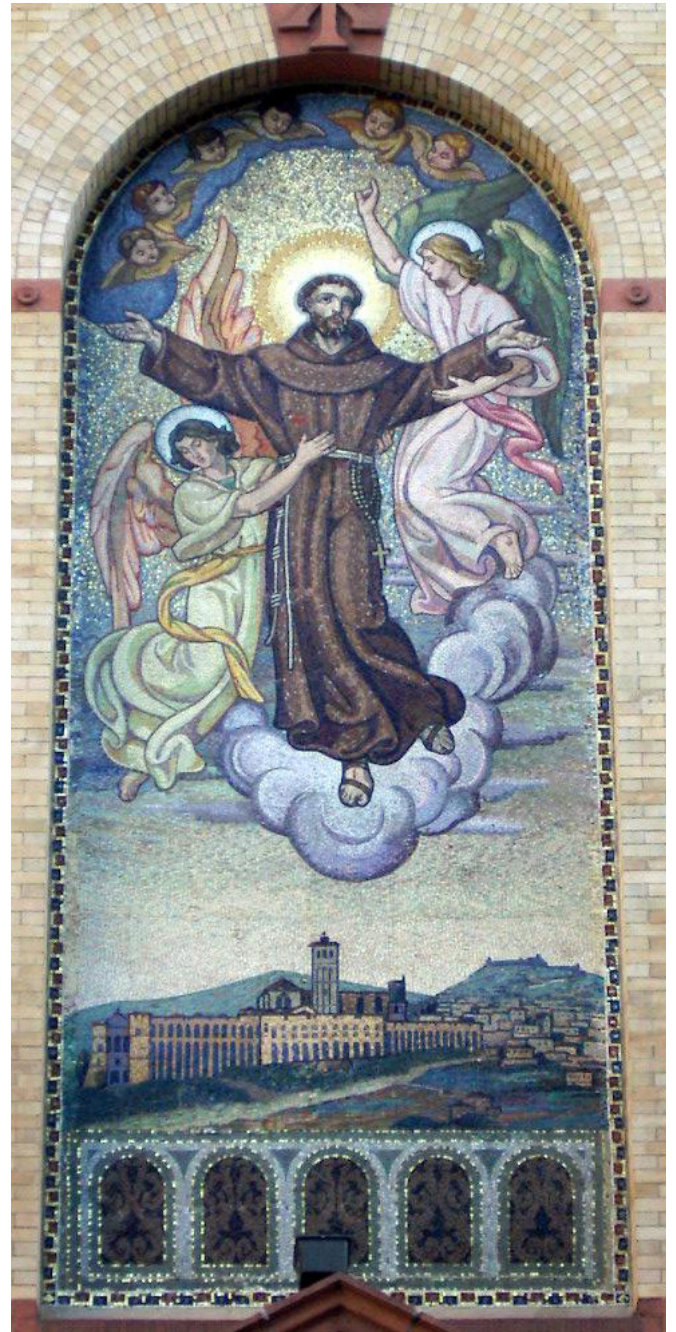


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and the servant of all."*

— Mt 9:30-37

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

Beginning October 6, we will no longer livestream our daily Mass. Please join us for our Sunday 11:00am or 5:00pm livestreamed Masses. Special events will also be livestreamed.

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 21, 2024

11:00 AM Leonida G. Soresca (D); Angie Gonzalez (D)

4:00 PM The Earth and for All of Us That We May Become Better Stewards of God's Creation; Arielle Durham

Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Gerald (Birthday) & Raymond Sampson (D); Thanksgiving Ma. Dolores Aspa

12:30 PM Healing Angelina Roderos; Lydia Caparros (D)

5:00 Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal; Healing For Manny Serrano (L)

Monday, September 23, 2024

7:30 AM Erik Charles Cruz (L); Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

12:00 PM Joseph Dempsey (D); Carrie Lee Oglesby (D)

5:30 Blanche Malong (D); Birthday Lino Estacio

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

7:30 AM Jerry & Rosalia D'argenio; Thanksgiving Jean Lionel Mesidor

12:00 PM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal; Sp Int Jaydon Jeremy Gonzalez

5:30 Carmelite Meynard (D)

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

7:30 AM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal; Richard Whelan (D)

12:00 PM Antonio Dela Rosa; Richard Whelan (D)

5:30 Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D); St. Jude

Thursday, September 26, 2024

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Antonio Dela Rosa; Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

5:30 Francisco Jong Soo Lee (D); Guadalupe Trejos Picado (D)

Friday, September 27, 2024

7:30 AM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal; Safe Travel Lucy McManus

12:00 PM Hugh A. Canavan (D); Birthday Antonio Dela Rosa

5:30 Antonio Dela Rosa; Rodulfo P. Jorda (D)

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

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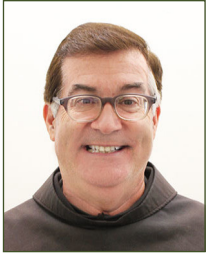
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The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Why is it that our society must know “who is the greatest?” Who is the “greatest” in the Middle East? Who is the “greatest” in the war in Ukraine? Who is the “greatest” team in major league baseball or pro football for that matter?

Evidently, in our society “greatness” equals “success.” Not with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In today’s Gospel passage from Mark, Jesus tells those who have designs on success to abide by these words: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and servant of all.” Jesus is the source and inspiration for the term “servant leadership.”

Among the significant servant leaders in our nation was President Abraham Lincoln. He once said, “In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count, it is the life in your years!” As I get older, I wholeheartedly agree. The outstanding US Poet Laureate, Maya Angelou, once wrote about servant leaders to “Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.” She taught by example. American statesman John Quincy Adams argued that actions must match our words. He challenged young people — “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” Servant leadership is based in humility and understanding. We, the community of faith at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, seek the ingredients of humility and understanding for servant leadership.

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

At the 11am Mass on Sunday, September 29, Father Brian will be officially installed as pastor by Bishop Edward Whalen, D.D., an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York. There will be no reception after this installation Mass. Please join us if you can.

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LAUNCHES FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE 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, an NYC Fire Department chaplain, died responding to the World Trade Center attack on 9/11/2001.

Father Mychal 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.

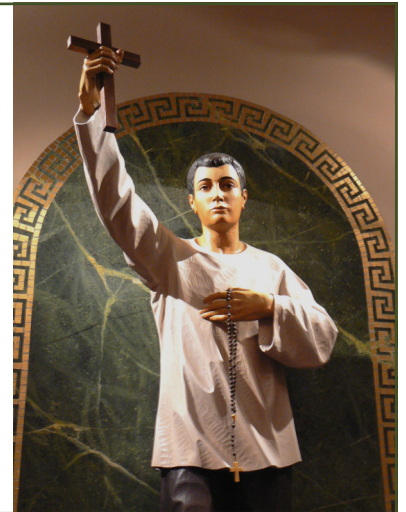
To donate, you can send checks or cash to:

The Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund c/o
The Church of St. Francis of Assisi
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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 or call him at 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST DAY MASS

UGNAYAN, our Filipino Ministry, invites you to the Feast Day Mass for San Lorenzo Ruiz. The Mass will be held Saturday, September 28 at 2pm in the Upper Church. All are welcome!



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



You are invited 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 \$30 after September 22nd and at the door. Register at stfrancisnyc.org/francisfest



Do you love your pet? Well, God does too!

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals, and it's part of our Franciscan tradition to bless our furry friends on or near Francis' feast day. So bring your cat or dog, fish or frog, or any friend you have to get blessed.

The Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, September 29th at 1:30 PM. Please gather with your pet near the church entrance on W. 31st Street. We will process in together for the blessing.

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. 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 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.

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.



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

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