



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Welcome  *Witness*
Worship

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

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

The Saturday 5:15 PM Mass will resume November 2.

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 (livestreamed until October 5), 5:30 PM

Saturday at 11:00 AM

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 28, 2024

11:00 AM Amparo Obsequio (L); Filomena Paz (D)

4:00 PM Mathew Varkey (D); Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Arthur and Mary Bazzurro

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Eric Fernandez (D); Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

12:30 PM Thanksgiving To St. Jude; Thanksgiving To St. Anthony

5:00 Sp Int Jaydon Jeremy Gonzalez; Hessein Samuel Afify (D)

Monday, September 30, 2024

7:30 AM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal; Kevin Blewitt (D)

12:00 PM William Schrauth (D); Wellbeing of Valley's Family

5:30 Pasquina D'sa (D); Astella D'sa (D)

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

7:30 AM Andrew Joe Frick (D); Healing Marla Digiacomio

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

5:30 Intention Of Amani Stroude; Healing Pat Venditto Frick

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

7:30 AM Healing Liz Whetstone; Luciana Basic (D)

12:00 PM Birthday Belinda Domingo; Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

5:30 No Intentions

Thursday, October 3, 2024

7:30 AM Giuseppe Lovoi (D); Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales (D) & All

Deceased; Mary Ann Burbage & Dorothy Yost

5:30 No Intentions

Friday, October 4, 2024

7:30 AM Healing Katarzyna Samanta Wyrwal

12:00 PM Esther Medina (D); Bienvenido & Cecilia Sison (D)

5:30 Michael C. Bernardo (D); Marie S. Laine (D)

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco; Birthday of Francisco Carlos

Sanctuary Lights: In Memory Of Bonifacio Carlos, Jr.

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The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers! Greetings!

This coming week we will be celebrating St. Francis of Assisi Week. There is probably no saint as appealing to so many people as Francis of Assisi. He has been called the saint who is most

like Jesus Christ — “The Mirror of Christ!” St. Francis of Assisi has a strong following among Lutherans, Anglicans — even many Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim writers celebrate his role as a peacemaker! Why does he have this universal appeal?

Francis was an effective communicator, an effective evangelizer because everything he said and did came from the heart. It was a heart he opened fully to God, to receive his love, and a heart he opened fully to people from all walks of life. Francis was a pathfinder. The road he took to Assisi remains open. No power can close it. We are equipped for it and cannot be stopped since

the true essence of Francis lives in us this week. Please join us for the “Transitus,” commemorating the passing away of St. Francis of Assisi, on Thursday, October 3, and the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday October 4 at 5:30 pm.

This year, 2024, we celebrate the 180th anniversary of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan. It was founded by the German friars of the Fulda province in 1844 with humble beginnings in a rural farmland. (Can you believe that?) As the new pastor of this iconic parish, I invite all parishioners and friends to start planning the 200th anniversary of our historic parish, which would be October 4, 2044! Some might say “Hold on! We have time.” Yes, but let us also share in a vision for the future of this beloved Franciscan parish!

Blessings to all!

Father Brian

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 at the door. Register at stfrancisnyc.org/francisfest



The Blessing of Animals

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.

BUILDING A BRIDGE DOCUMENTARY VIEWING

Join Converge @ St. Francis for a screening of the documentary *Building a Bridge*. Named after the book by Father James Martin, and directed by Martin Scorsese, the film follows Fr. Martin as he handles the feedback (both positive and negative) on his book on the Catholic Church and the LGBT community. The screening will be held Monday, September 30th at 6:30pm in the Francis Room.

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.

MESSENGER OF PEACE CONCERT

You are invited to join us Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30pm in San Damiano Hall for Chiesa Nuova's MESSENGER OF PEACE. Hear 10 powerful stories of people whose lives were radically changed by Francis of Assisi, and see how his intense love for God, his simplicity and his example move people today. Narrated by Luca Tironzelli, with music performed by SATORDUO (Paolo Castellani, violin, and Francesco Di Giandomenico, guitar.)

Tickets are \$25. You can find more information and buy tickets at <https://stfrancisnyc.org/messenger-of-peace-concert>

SATORDUO STRING CONCERT

Hear SatorDuo live at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi! Featuring Paolo Castellani (violin) and Francesco Di Giandomenico (guitar), SatorDuo has been described as "one of the most thrilling duos in Italy today" by Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago.

SatorDuo has traveled the world with music from Latin America, Italian film scores and classical composers. Direct from Perugia, Italy, SatorDuo has just completed a concert tour through China, and have performed in South America, the U.S. and throughout Europe and Russia.

Join us Friday, October 18 from 1pm-2:30pm to hear them live at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Tickets are \$25 each at stfrancisnyc.org/satorduo-live-concert



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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