



*The Lord has done
great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

— (Ps 126)

OCTOBER 27, 2024

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO

In the Catholic Church, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To honor our Blessed Mother, this month's bulletin covers feature images of Mary from throughout the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. This 18th-century Italian Rococo painting can be found in the side entrance of San Damiano Hall.

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), 10:00 AM (en español, en la Iglesia Baja),
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. Special events will also be livestreamed.

Daily Masses

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

Saturday at 11:00 AM

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, October 26, 2024

11:00 AM Blessed Mother; Katherine Gabriel (D)

4:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; Billy Cipriani (D)

Sunday, October 27, 2024

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Mary Hall (D); Healing Liza Abrilla Torres

12:30 PM Intention of De Jesus Family; Anniversary Emilia Patino (D)

5:00 Healing Maria and Dennis; Intention of Mary Raferty

Monday, October 28, 2024

7:30 AM Angela Lawrence (D); Healing Ermy Luz Rosario

12:00 PM Mathew Varkey (D); Elizabeth Brennan

5:30 David and Hyacinth Lawrence (D)

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

7:30 AM Charles and Blanche Foster (D)

12:00 PM Cirilo Lopez (D); Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

5:30 Poor Souls

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

7:30 AM Maria Amelia Camacho (D)

12:00 PM Pierre Eyenga Nsom (D)

5:30 Carl Sylvester and Compton Davies (D)

Thursday, October 31, 2024

7:30 AM Poor Souls

12:00 PM Healing Yanick and Serge Clermont; Anna Marie Larose (D)

5:30 Philippe Marrio Milorme (D)

Friday, November 1, 2024

7:30 AM Mary and Arthur Bazzurro; Bretta and Charlie Duffy (D)

12:00 PM Mary Ann Burbage and Dorothy Yost; Yong Yeob (Victor) Yang

5:30 Thomas and Edith Castellana; All Saints

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco; Birthday Of Normita Mangahis

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco

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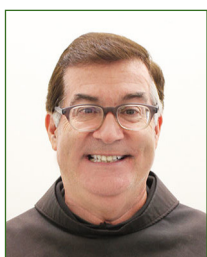
The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the province of Our Lady of Guadalupe and their partners in ministry.

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



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.

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Every four years, political pundits and media consultants talk about the "Catholic" vote in presidential elections. I do not know why. There is no monolithic Catholic

vote. Many Catholics vote for one party, and many Catholics vote for the other main party. Still other Catholics vote as independents. There is pluralism in Catholic voting preferences. Neither of the main political parties fully embrace Catholic social and sexual teaching! We are grateful for the US Bishops' Conference for promoting a wonderful document called "Faithful Citizenship." This document asks Catholic voters to conduct research on candidates for elected government positions on local, state and federal offices. "Faithful Citizenship" asks Catholic voters to find out the positions of all candidates and where they stand on particular issues.

We are not abiding by single issue politics such as abortion, which is extremely important. However, other issues also need to

be carefully addressed such as the mental acuity of each candidate. That widens our scope, and gives us hope to vote with a clear conscience. In today's first reading from the Book of Jeremiah, we find language for hope and rejoicing. Jeremiah anticipates the future restoration of Israel. This is clearly a moment of divine triumph as the remnant of Israel. I hope and pray that we restore unity in our country.

In today's Gospel passage from Mark, blind man Bartimaeus has his eyesight restored by Jesus. As Catholic voters, we should not be "blind" to our political choices. Nor should we be manipulated by family members or friends on who to vote for. Voting is a sacred privilege and needs to be carefully reflected with a thorough examination of conscience. Bartimaeus has his eyesight restored by Jesus and he also had the insight to see Jesus as he really is.

When you vote, please read the ballot with your eyesight and the insight to make what you believe is the best choice. Voting is a civic duty and a moral responsibility.

Blessings upon you all,

Father Brian

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31 at 5:30 PM (Vigil Mass) and on Friday, November 1 at 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM.



Church of St. Francis of Assisi
Worker's Chapel
Dedication Wednesday November 13



Please join us Wednesday, November 13th at 12pm for a special dedication Mass for our Workers Chapel. Labor leaders Gary LaBarbera (President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York and of the New York State Building and Construction Trades Council) and Vincent Alvarez (President, New York City Central Labor Council) will be the main speakers. Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, and other elected officials will also join us.

MARATHON MASSES

On Saturday, November 2, we will celebrate all NYC Marathon runners and their families at the regular 4 pm Mass and at the return of the 5:15 pm evening Mass. After both Masses, all Marathon runners will receive a special blessing for their participation in the 2024 NYC Marathon.

All NYC Marathon runners and their families are invited to attend one of these two special Masses. For more information, please contact Father Brian at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org. He ran 21 NYC Marathons!

JOIN US FOR FRIENDSGIVING!

Join Converge @St. Francis and the LGBT+ Ministry for Friendsgiving Sunday, November 17th at 1:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

Our Friendsgiving is a classic pot-luck dinner. The LGBT+ and Converge Ministries provides the turkey and the ham. We ask everyone attending to bring either a side dish or dessert to share, or to contribute towards the cost of the turkey and ham.

Pre-Registration is required for this event. Registration closes on Monday, November 11th at 11:00 PM. Due to the nature of the event, we cannot accept walk-ins. You can register at stfrancisnyc.org/friendsgiving2024

SAVE THE DATE — WINTER PARISH RETREAT

Our Adult Education, with the support of Converge Ministry, will be holding our Wappingers Falls winter retreat January 31-February 2, 2025. The retreat is open to all church ministers, volunteers, parishioners and friends.

Joseph Nuzzi, our former Director of Evangelization, will be joining us as retreat master. More information will be coming soon, including registration details and costs. Mark your calendars!



ALL SOUL'S DAY AND NOVEMBER MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

According to Catholic tradition, throughout November, the Month of Remembrance, we remember, honor and pray for our loved ones who have passed away.

On November 2, Saturday morning Mass at 11am will be held for All Soul's Day. We will also have our All Souls Mass of Remembrance Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM. During the month of November, all All Soul's Day Mass envelopes will be placed on the altar to commemorate the names of our beloved dead.

For more information about the All Souls Mass of Remembrance and to submit your loved ones' names, go to stfrancisnyc.org/allsouls