



JANUARY 5, 2025 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

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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 Masses

4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM, 9:15 AM (Korean), 10:00 AM (en español),

11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM

Please join us for our Sunday 11:00 AM or 5:00 PM livestreamed Masses. Special events will also be livestreamed.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM; 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM; Saturday 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 12pm Mass

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, January 4, 2025

11:00 AM Mary Locc (D); Rosejean Bulong

4:00 PM Carol & James Emsworth; Healing Jody Henry

Sunday, January 5, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Adelena & Constantine D'argenio; Michael Kaplan (D)

12:30 PM Healing Alvaro Diaz Martinez; Healing Benjamin Coyle

5:00 Birthday Chedita Salvador; Ladislav Nam Tschamoko & Yobe Nam (D)

Monday, January 6, 2025

7:30 AM Erlinda Claudio Bernal (D); Rufina Chan 78th Birthday

12:00 PM Beloved Mother Mrs. Vilma Arthur (D); Leon Diolata (D)

5:30 Rev Richard Conlon; Well Being Of Ravel Charles

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:30 AM Rev. William McLaughlin; Thanksgiving To St. Claire

12:00 PM Fleurdelys Abaya (D); Thanksgiving To St. Jude

5:30 Mireille Gbeasor (D); Rosemelie Eustache (D)

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

7:30 AM Mary O'Sullivan; Souls In Purgatory

12:00 PM Hijino P. Bulong (D); Souls In Purgatory

5:30 Jay Martinelli; Souls In Purgatory

Thursday, January 9, 2025

7:30 AM Regina & Ronald Hong; Erlinda Claudio Bernal (D)

12:00 PM Thanksgiving Jeannette Vilme; Mary Ann Burbage

5:30 Alexis Morales

Friday, January 10, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Marie Jeanette Celestin (D); Intention Of Amani Stroude

5:30 Giovannie & Leonardo Mamaril (D); Jimmy Delos Santos (D)

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco; Carmelite & Victoria Maynard (D)

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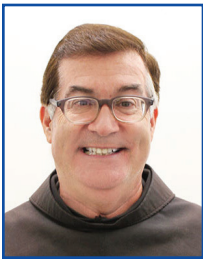
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The Pastor's Corner



Our parish has two New Year's resolutions. First, to integrate Pope Francis's Jubilee Year of Hope with the 800th Anniversary of the oldest form of Italian literature, "The Canticle of the Creatures," composed by St. Francis of Assisi in 1225. Our parish will be emphasizing the

virtue of "HOPE" as we observe the importance of society's collective responsibility to protect the world's environment — Holy Mother Earth! You heard of Project 2025 — we will have The Canticle of the Creatures 2025!

Second, we will be responding to the recent World Synod Report by emphasizing lay leadership through our spirit of synodality. We have formed a finance council and are now in the process of forming a parish council composed of three committees: Worship; Evangelization/Education; and Social Concerns. In addition, we are exploring the possibility for a Development Committee and a Construction Committee. For those interested in these committees, please see Father Brian Jordan in person, email him at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org, or call him at 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

Come join us in the synodal spirit of calendar year 2025!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian



The Christmas flowers and wreaths which adorn our church at Christmas are offered to honor the birth of Christ and to glorify God. Thank you to everyone who donated toward our Christmas decorations.

You can find the updated list of Christmas flower intentions at stfrancisnyc.org/christmas-flowers-intentions-2024/

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Going forward, we will include more information about our parish finances in the bulletin. This includes information about our collection totals, both in-person during Masses and online.

Online Sunday Collections, 12/23/24-12/30/24: \$5,147

In-Person Collections, Sunday 12/21/24 and Saturday 12/20 Vigil Masses: \$4,468

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 12/16/24-12/20/24: \$1,589

In-Person Collections, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: \$11,583

Totals for Christmas donations, including flowers and letter responses, will be in next week's bulletin.

REASSESSMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After a careful reflection with the friars, staff members and fellow parishioners, we are making a pastoral change on how we administer the anointing of the sick on Thursdays. The communal anointing of the sick will now be administered at the 12 noon Mass only for the seriously sick, the elderly, those preparing for a medical procedure, and those suffering from mental illness.

The US Catholic Catechism for Adults teaches of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick that "this sacrament of healing is given to a person who is seriously ill or in danger of death due to sickness or old age. Elderly people may be anointed if they are in a weak condition though no dangerous illness is present." We ask that everyone at the 12 noon Mass on Thursdays to abide by this church teaching. The parish staff will plan 4 communal anointing of the sick ceremonies on weekends during the calendar year.



A Case for Hope

How do you feel when someone says “climate crisis”? Most of us feel extreme anxiety, which can derail us and bring communication to a screeching halt. Heads (and chins) up! The Converge Ministry and the Laudato Si Circle here at St. Francis are co-hosting a book club beginning February 3rd. Through lively discussion we’ll get the train moving again.

We’ll be reading *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Katharine Hayhoe. In this book, the author brings her perspective as a Christian and a climate scientist to the problem and helps us understand the facts and the feelings. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead.

“...we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us.” — Pope Francis (LS13)

For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, email stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com

A PERPETUAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

We invite you to remember or pray for a loved one in a special way by lighting a candle for a year in the Shrine of St. Anthony in the Lower Church.

A small plaque displaying the name of your loved one or your intention will be mounted below the candle. The annual offering for each candle is \$200, which will benefit the outreach ministries of the Church. You can use this QR code for more information.



WINTER PARISH RETREAT: JUBILEE — LIBERTY AND RENEWAL

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

In keeping with a centuries-old tradition of celebrating a Jubilee Year every 25 years, Pope Francis has proclaimed a Jubilee for 2025. During the ancient Jubilee, prisoners would be released, slaves would be set free, and justice would be restored. On this retreat we will reflect on this special time of Jubilee and how God sets us free to be people of peace, justice and equality.

Join us to spend time with other parishioners to pray, reflect and reconnect with God and each other. Joseph Nuzzi, our former Director of Evangelization, will be joining us as retreat master.

Registration is \$300. If you would like to reserve your spot, you can register now with a deposit of \$100.00 and make partial payments so long as your payment is complete by January 15, 2025.

For more information and to register, go to stfrancisnyc.org/st-francis-weekend-retreat-2025

Wise Men

Still Seek Him

