



DECEMBER 29, 2024 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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

Please see the back cover of this bulletin for our New Year's Eve and Day schedule.

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)

Saturday, December 28, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

11:00 AM Thanksgiving Rolande, Hadarak & Moses; Our Lady Of Perpetual Help

4:00 PM Lily M. Kwan (D); Mathew Varkey (D)

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Poor Souls

9:15 Intentions Of The Korean Community

11:00 John Caulfied (D) Birthday; Andres Macalino (D)

12:30 PM St. Jude; St. Anthony

5:00 Corinne T. Christiansen (D); Bonifacio Tanega (D)

Monday, December 30, 2024

7:30 AM Glenn R. Evans (D); Healing Elizabeth Abanilla

12:00 PM Josefina Lopez (D); Elizabeth Brennan

5:30 Rosita Magno (D) Anniversary; Thanksgiving Lisa Mabasa

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

7:30 AM Elvira & May Miranda; Poor Souls

12:00 PM Jorge Sievert (D); Felicitas B. Allarey (D)

5:30 John Cauldfield (D) Birthday; Elizabeth Pierre (D)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

11:00 Death Anniv Felixberta Hallazgo Gabriel (D); Edwin Garzon (D)

Thursday, January 2, 2025

7:30 AM Elena & Nicholas Daconta; Kuantai Yeh

12:00 PM Edna Thomas; Fabiola Suwanto

5:30 Joseleo Vicaldo (D); Arthur & Mary Bazzurro

Friday, January 3, 2025

7:30 AM Natalie Yeh; Zelda Torribio (D)

12:00 PM Teresa Sclafani (D); Carmen Maria Morales Rosado & All Deceased Family Members

5:30 Eduardo Mendoza (D)

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco, Intention of Dolores Henry

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.



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

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LAUDATO SI

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY



Calling All Creation Pilgrims

800 years ago in late 2024, St. Francis composed the Canticle of the Creatures, a poem praising God's Creation. Ten years ago in May 2015, Pope Francis used it as inspiration for his encyclical on the climate crisis, "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home."

In recognition of both, there will be a very special Laudato Si Jubilee Pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy. From June 3-7, Catholics from around the world will gather in Assisi, the home of St. Francis. Together, we'll grow in relationship with the Creator of all, guided by the team of Assisi Terra Laudato Si. This is a chance to immerse yourself in the land of Francis, in the spiritual and environmental beauty of Laudato Si.

To express your interest in attending and for a complete description including costs, go to assisilaudatosi.org/en/

You can also request to participate as a volunteer at a reduced cost. Who knows what special skill of yours could be useful?

"Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us..." - St. Francis of Assisi

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. Beginning on Thursday, January 2, the communal

anointing of the sick will 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.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

On Monday, December 30, New Year's Eve, and Thursday, January 2, we will have Masses at 7:30am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm. Confessions will be available from 11am-12pm only.

On New Year's Day, there will be one Mass at 11:00am. There will be no confessions, and church offices will be closed.

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.

