



*Blessed  
are they who  
hope  
in the  
Lord.*

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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

*Welcome*  *Witness*  
*Worship*

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), 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:** Our Lady of Lourdes, after the 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses; The Sacrament of Anointing, after the 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)

### Parish Staff

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 15, 2025

11:00 AM Birthday Cynthia G. Belen & Isabelita Glorioso

4:00 PM Terence G. Hall (D)

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Thanksgiving To St. Andrew; Thanksgiving To St. Anthony

12:30 PM Arthur Bulong; Gloria Lara (D)

5:00 Healing Providencia Castro Gilbride; Rachel Talang (D)

### Monday, February 17, 2025

11:00 AM Mass ONLY at 11:00 AM (Presidents' Day);  
No Intentions

### Tuesday, February 18, 2025

7:30 AM Frank Di Verna Jr. (D)

12:00 PM Birthday Marie Q. Roc

5:30 No Intentions

### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Birthday Zenaida R. Ortaliza

5:30 No Intentions

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 No Intentions

### Friday, February 21, 2025

7:30 AM Leonida G. Soresca (D)

12:00 PM Marciano Jacela (D)

5:30 No Intentions

**This week's Bread and Wine:** Catherine Puangco

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

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.

## The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

This past week, I learned that one of my friends lost his job at the US Catholic Conference of Bishops' Office of Refugee and Resettlement due to federal cutbacks on programs to resettle refugees. He is shocked and dismayed. Many other friends who I know in the greater Washington DC office are in fear

of their US Federal government jobs and even their pensions due to questionable budget cutbacks. The place that used to have job security has no security at all. People are now afraid for their future.

In today's first reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, this prophetic oracle describes two ways of life and their consequences. One is the path of the cursed person who experiences barrenness and emptiness. The other person is blessed by finding power in the Lord and his covenant of justice. This does not mean to imply that my friends in the Federal government and in the US Bishops' Conference are "cursed persons." They are victims of an unjust removal caused by a bizarre power play. They are called to find strength in the Lord! They are demanding justice in the workplace.

Today's Gospel passage from St. Luke is Luke's version of the Sermon of the Mount (St. Matthew), called the Sermon on the Plain. I think of my friends who are facing sudden and unexpected unemployment when I read today's verses "Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." "Behold, your reward will be great in Heaven." I empathize with my friends, who are also great donors for worthy causes, including providing funds for their local churches. The readings today echo the challenges of my friends' livelihood. No matter one's present circumstances, wisdom demands walking the path of trust in God. May God help them persevere!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

## SYNOD SPIRITUALITY

The new Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe recently convened a meeting in Kansas City, Missouri to discuss various aspects of the worldwide Synod that recently took place in Rome, Italy. They have asked that each Franciscan placement of our new Province form a synodal group. Since Father Brian has been here for the last six months, he has formed a finance council and is in the process of forming a parish council and a Development Committee. Once all those three committees are fully formed, select members of those three committees will comprise the synodal group. This may take a few months, but it will help us to truly listen to voice of the laity through our newly-charged lay leaders. For more information, please contact Father Brian at [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org) or call 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Online Sunday Collections, 2/3-2/9: \$3,110

In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 2/3-2/7: \$ 3,964  
Second Collection, Peters Pence: \$630.00

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 2/8-2/9: \$1,867

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The pledge project for the Annual Cardinal's Appeal will during the weekend of March 8/9. Our goal this calendar year 2025 is \$65,000. The parish finance council has granted permission to the pastor to cut a check out for the Cardinal's Appeal for \$10,000. Before the check is sent out, we are seeking your input for how we will designate this check. There will be three choices: 1. Catholic education 2. Charitable Outreach or 3. Pastoral Administration, Grants and Services (we truly benefitted from the Archdiocesan Offices of Real Estate and Insurance. Their advice was invaluable.)

Please indicate your preference to Father Brian, our pastor by email at [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org), by phone at 212-736-8500 ext. 232, OR in person by February 23. Once again, your funds will go to a worthwhile cause. We truly mean that.



On the weekend of Friday January 31 to February 2, we held our parish retreat at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappinger Falls, NY. A total of 47 people attended the gathering, which was led by Mr. Joe Nuzzi and Fr. Frank Critch, OFM. "Jubilee, Liberty and Renewal" was the theme of the retreat. The weekend was filled with reflection, prayer, Mass and personal time for journaling. We were able to meet new people and rekindle some friendships from previous retreats. The evening socials provided for a time to join together to get together and deepen our relations with other participants.



# LAUDATO SI

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY

## America Is All In

There is a growing number of non-federal climate leaders.

Billionaire and longtime climate activist Michael Bloomberg has announced his donation to ensure that the UN's climate change efforts suffer no funding shortfall from the current American government's recent cop-out. This is the second time he's done this.

In addition, the coalition known as America Is All In is the most expansive coalition of leaders ever assembled in support of climate action in the United States. Mobilizing thousands of cities, states, tribal nations, businesses, schools, and faith, health, and cultural institutions, this coalition is working to deliver a sub-national climate strategy that meets the urgency of the climate crisis. Repeat: Sub-National. Non-Federal. You can find out more about the America Is All In Coalition here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR18JvDU8yM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR18JvDU8yM)

"All it takes is for one good person to restore hope." — Pope Francis (LS71)

For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at St. Francis email [stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com)

## PRESIDENTS' DAY SCHEDULE

On Monday, February 17 2025, our nation will celebrate Presidents' Day. We will have only one Mass. This Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM. There will be no confessions, and the church offices and Adult Education Center are closed for the day. Please note: when the church offices are closed, all ministry meetings, classes and self-help groups are suspended.

## SPRING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Join us for our Spring Adult Education classes! This term's courses include:

- Lent Soup and Scripture
- Jane Austen: A Writer and her Enduring Legacy
- Jane Hirshfield: Questions and Observations
- Jesus
- The Life and Spiritual Theology of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
- The Life and Spiritual Theology of St. Titus Brandsma
- Saints, Anchorites, Mystics, and Holy Women from the Middle Ages

You can find course information and register at [stfrancisnyc.org/courses](http://stfrancisnyc.org/courses)

While we try to keep our registration fees low (generally about \$10 per hour of instruction) we understand that for some this can be a burden. We do not want anyone who wants to attend a class to be prohibited by economic hardship. If the fee is a financial burden, please email Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM at [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org) for information on full or partial scholarships.

## WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR FEBRUARY 23

All parishioners and friends are invited to attend a will and estate planning seminar on Sunday, February 23 at 11 am in the St. Clare Room in the Parish House. The purpose of this seminar is to educate parishioners about how to include the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in your own will or estate planning. This seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Father Brian at [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org) or call him at 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

## SUPPORT LENTEN PRAYER BOOKS

As we have in previous years, the Church of St. Francis of Assisi plans to offer Lenten daily prayer books to all parishioners and visitors. As the cost of printing rises, we need more support for outreach literature like this. Donate using this QR code to help bring the word to all!



## LENT SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Our Lent Soup and Scripture will be held Mondays March 3 – March 31 at 6:30pm-8pm in the Francis Room. Together we will break bread, drink soup, and open the Sunday Lent Gospels. Join us for as many reflections as you'd like.

This is a free event, but since soup is being served, we are asking for free will donations to offset the costs of the meal. Please RSVP using this QR code, or at [stfrancisnyc.org/soup-and-scripture-lent-2025/](http://stfrancisnyc.org/soup-and-scripture-lent-2025/)

