



MAY 11, 2025

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6th century Byzantine mosaic of the enthroned Theotokos on the north wall of the Basilica di Sant'Apollinare Nuovo (New Basilica of Saint Apollinaris) at Ravenna, Emilia-Romagna, Italy.

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.

Welcome  *Witness*
Worship

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)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 10, 2025

11:00 AM John Flynn (D); Aurea Mason Rodriguez (D)

4:00 PM Albert & Venera Costabile (D); Esperanza Fung (D)

Sunday, May 11, 2025

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

10:00 Dolores Pacheco (D); Daniel Crowley

11:00 Mary & Arthur Bazzurro; Esther Medina (D)

12:30 PM B-Day Theresa Restuccia (D); Margarita Francia (D)

5:00 Lily M. Kwan (D); Herminia Sobremisana (D)

Monday, May 12, 2025

7:30 AM Elvira Miranda; Paddy & Pauline Quinlivan (D)

12:00 PM Daniel Crowley; Nancy D'Auria (D)

5:30 Dymrna Flynn; Noel Flynn Thanksgiving

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

7:30 AM Elvira Miranda; Virgilio R. Vegas (D)

12:00 PM Thomas Annie & Thomas Reilly (D); Barbara Davis Thompson (D)

5:30 Victor Maynard (D); Anniversary - Michael J. Quinn (D)

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

7:30 AM Elvira Miranda; Arlene & Keith DiFontorum & Family

12:00 PM Daniel Crowley; Tom Mc Aleer (D)

5:30 Rufinita Moscaya (D); Lenora & George Urban (D)

Thursday, May 15, 2025

7:30 AM Elvira Miranda; Healing Maureen Boland

12:00 PM Healing Elizabeth Brennan; Healing Bridget Moore

5:30 Assunta & Gino Agnese (D); Healing Juan Lata

Friday, May 16, 2025

7:30 AM Elvira Miranda; Nancy Giaco

12:00 PM Teresita K. Ching (D); Eugenio Salazar & Family (D)

5:30 Birthday Christopher Temple (D); James Schimmel (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco



The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Above is the famous oil painting "Motherhood" by the renowned French artist, Eugene Carriere (1849-1906). It was painted in the 1880's. I came upon this magnificent painting during a recent visit

to the newly-renovated Frick Collection Museum in Manhattan. I was accompanied by fellow Franciscan friar, Xavier Seubert, OFM and we both agreed that this painting should be published in our bulletin for Mother's Day weekend.

Notice the mother's eyes of heart-warming devotion directed at her precious, newly born baby in her arms. The mother has absolutely, undivided attention towards the lovingly, innocent child. There are no distractions nor interruptions. The portrait captures the ultimate devotion and endless love that each mother has for her children. It is safe to say that our mothers--all mothers unconditionally love their children no matter what circumstances happen in life! My loving mother used to say "Rocks are rocks, water is water, mothers are mothers--unbreakable, unshakable, they will always love you!" In our living Catholic tradition, motherhood and holiness graciously interact with one another as exemplified in our devotion to the "Blessed Mother, Mary!"

At all this weekend's Masses, all mothers and mother figures, will be invited for a special blessing in the sanctuary and be given a white carnation as a sign of our love for them. At the same time, all deceased mothers and mother figures will be remembered both in the universal prayer and part of the Eucharistic prayer. Their memories will always live in our hearts and minds.

We will also do the same devotion for all fathers and father figures in next month's Father's Day weekend.

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

Photo Credit: Father Brian Jordan, O.F.M.

Eugene Carriere (1849-1906). "Motherhood" (1880's). Frick Collection, New York, USA.

JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR OUR CANDIDATES IN FORMATION AND FOR ALL CONSIDERING RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Mass on May 18* at 11AM & 5PM

Observed at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi*



Tim J.

Alex B.

Jason S.

Chris B.

*Please pray for our **candidates** who enter Franciscan formation this year and for all people considering a religious vocation...*

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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Person Collections

Sunday Mass, May 4:	\$5,215.00
Weekday, April 28-May 4:	\$2,448.00

Online Collections

April 28-May 4:	\$3,357.45
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CONVERGE: SAINT WALK AT THE CABRINI SHRINE NYC

On Saturday, June 14, the Converge@St. Francis Ministry will visit the Shrine of St. Frances Cabrini, located in the Washington Heights in Manhattan. A docent will present insights on St. Frances Cabrini's life and works. Scan QR code for full details and to register.



HOSPITALITY DESK HOURS AS OF MAY 1, 2025

Please note the changes to the Hospitality Desk hours.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

UPDATE

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi has discontinued operating a bookstore. We have and will continue to offer a few items for sale at the Hospitality Desk including Candles, Holy Water bottles, Holy Oil, copies of the daily devotional "Give Us This Day", and Mass Cards. Please ask for the assistance of our staff to purchase one or more of these items. Thank you.

UPDATE ON THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Dear parishioners and friends,

We have exceeded our parish goal of \$75,000 towards the Annual Cardinal's Appeal for the Archdiocese of New York. So far, we have nearly \$100,000 pledged and collected from our parish towards this 2025 Annual Appeal and this year is not even half over! Amazing! It is a rule by the Archdiocese that any parish that goes over their intended goal, will receive over 50 percent of those extra dollars. Therefore, we are entitled to receive \$13,500 in a tax-free check. On behalf of our Franciscan friars and parish staff, we are grateful for your generosity to the Annual Cardinal's Appeal.

MIGRANT CENTER UPDATE

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi to have the support of Nunez Law PLLC.

At Nunez Law PLLC, we focus exclusively on U.S. immigration law, offering dedicated legal services in areas such as Asylum, VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) petitions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Family-Based Immigration, Citizenship and more. We are passionate about helping individuals and families navigate their path to legal status with care, compassion and integrity.

As a proud supporter of St. Francis of Assisi Church, we are offering a 15-minute free consultation to parishioners—just mention your membership when you reach out.

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