



MAY 25, 2025

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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.

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 24, 2025

11:00 AM Reynaldo Siochi (D); Anne Sophier Grace & Carl Fredrick Gerard Janvier

4:00 PM Laura Jack (D); Anthony Giacoia (D)

Sunday, May 25, 2025

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

10:00 Healing/Thanksgiving Elena Leal; Rosa Maria Hoang (D)

11:00 Hugh A. Canavan; Marijan Kustera

12:30 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo & Family Living & Deceased; Bobby Sievert (D)

5:00 Birthday of Dante Giovanniello (D); Alicia Mejia De Lopez

Monday, May 26, 2025

12:00 PM Constantyne & Adelina D'Argenio; Marisa J. Sobremisana (D)

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

7:30 AM Frank Di Verna Sr. (D); Rosa Maria Hoang (D)

12:00 PM Anniv. Telencovic Ante & Maria; Healing Ramona Montanez Mason

5:30 Vidaic Pavao & Albina; Marty Joseph (D)

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

7:30 AM Luis T. Carreon Jr.; Intentions of Lucy & Tuesday Eslao

12:00 PM Mathew Varkey (D); Jinghui Xie & Children

5:30 All Souls; Sharon Johnson (D)

Thursday, May 29, 2025

7:30 AM Healing Marco Vidaic & Family; Francisco Tarud (D)

12:00 PM Mary Sleaf's 100th Birthday (D); Pong Ching (D)

5:30 Healing Providencia Castro Gilbride; John M. Farrell (D)

Friday, May 30, 2025

7:30 AM Rosa Maria Hoang (D); Thanksgiving Bianca Moncion

12:00 PM Healing for Ruben Serrano; Healing Remy Labranca

5:30 Jinghui Xie & Children; Frank & Mary Flynn (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

I am following up on the concept of "Synodality" that I addressed in previous bulletins and on the website back in January and February 2025. Over four years ago, then Pope Francis called for

a Synod on the Laity in which each parish and diocese throughout the world were invited to convene and dialogue on a local level. I was told that there was a Synod gathering at our parish in San Damiano Hall in 2022. The pastor was Fr. Tom Gallagher, OFM and the invited speaker was Dr. Brian Flanagan. I am not sure if there was any follow up to the "synodal process" since that time. I cannot find any evidence about this. The purpose of "synodality" is to listen to the people of the parish in an organized, friendly setting and come up with a pastoral plan.

Nevertheless, the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe has recently requested an update on all Franciscan ministries. I was fully aware of this request since January 2025 and put in bulletin inserts and website invitations for parishioners and friends to contact me directly to see if they had interest in this local Synod Committee. A number of parishioners came forward and others recently exhibited interest in this Synod Committee. Therefore, parishioners who showed interest were invited to be members of this Synod Committee.

Last Saturday, the first meeting was held in the Clare Room. It was a lively discussion and I believe it will benefit our parish in the future. We discussed the purpose of "synodality" and how it will apply to our parish. We agreed that the Synod Committee will be divided into three sub-committees addressing the three vital concerns of a parish: a Liturgy Committee; an Evangelization/Education Committee and a Social Concerns Committee. The Liturgy Committee will help plan important liturgies of the parish while also training new lectors, eucharistic ministers, hospitality ministers and invite parishioners to join the music choirs. The Evangelization/Education Committee will plan the various OCIA programs and Adult Education. The Social Concerns Committee will deal with key issues of social justice, revive the Laudato Si Committee and reports from the newly organized Migrant Center. When we organize these three committees, we will invite key parishioners to join these three committees.

The Synod Committee is an advisory board that listens in the spirit of today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. One verse

reads "The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives." The Synod Committee invites positive feedback and constructive criticism from parishioners and friends. This is not a complaint committee that will respond to destructive criticism and anonymous correspondences. Again, in the spirit of true "synodality"--we welcome positive feedback and constructive criticism face to face.

Seven members of our parish have agreed to be part of our Synod Committee. They will meet once a month to build the foundation for this Synod Committee for this takes time. We are also planning to invite a female academic in religious studies from a local Catholic university to offer another talk on the importance of "Synodality." We hope to have this person to give that talk in either late June or the middle of September. The names of our Synod Committee members are: Samantha Romero, Ellen Fishman, Pedro Tavaréz (Liturgy Committee); Dario Corradini, Jennifer Lee (Evangelization/Education Committee) and Professor Frank Schramm, Carmen Collado (Social Concerns Committee.) Once again, after these Committees are fully organized--we will invite other parishioners to join these Committees.

The spirit of "synodality" is included in select verses of today's Gospel of John "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Peace be with you always!

Father Brian

FRIARS UPDATE

A few parishioners have asked about the status of fellow friars who have served in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Father Brian Smail, OFM transferred to St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, Massachusetts back in early January 2025. Fr. Brian wanted to be closer towards his family in the Boston area. Father Frank Critch, OFM recently requested to go from full time in our parish to work full time in our Franciscan Friary to take care of maintenance and to help serve in the Development Office for the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fr. Frank will still say Mass and hear confessions in the parish whenever he is available. Father Julian Jagudilla, OFM has recently returned from his sabbatical in Colombia. He is currently awaiting a new assignment from our Provincial office. We publicly thank Fr. Julian for his twelve years of dedicated service at our parish, especially the Migrant Center. Father Brian Jordan is presently exploring the possibility of recruiting another priest or a lay academic to help plan liturgies and be a liaison for adult education. May the Holy Spirit be with us!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations at Our Parish

On Sunday, May 18, we commemorated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We welcomed and prayed for postulants and those discerning religious life. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they move forward with discernment and formation.



Will Bernal (Vocation Office Administrator), Alex B. (2025 accepted postulant), Chris B. (2025 accepted postulant), Brother Basil, OFM, Jason S. (2025 accepted postulant), Tim J. (2025 accepted postulant), and Bobby M. (discerning 2026 entry).



Father Brian Jordan prays and blesses postulants and those discerning religious life at Mass on Sunday, May 18.



CONVERGE
INVITES YOU TO
**SAINT WALK
AT THE
CABRINI SHRINE NYC**

THE CABRINI SHRINE HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNATED AS ONE OF THE
PILGRIMAGE SITES FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025
AT 1:15 PM
RSVP REQUIRED



CONVERGE: SAINT WALK AT THE CABRINI SHRINE NYC

Join the Converge@St. Francis Ministry on Saturday, June 14 for a visit to 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 registration is required.



MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 26, 2025

The purpose of Memorial Day is to remember and honor all brave women and men of the US armed forces who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country. Patrick Henry of the Revolutionary War sums it up best with these words "We shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

On Memorial Day, there will be one Mass at 12:00 noon and there will be no confessions. The Parish office will be closed.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Person Collections

Sunday Mass, May 18:	\$5,365.00
Weekday, May 12-16:	\$1,806.00

Online Collections

Update will be provided in the next bulletin.