

JUNE 22, 2025 SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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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.



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, June 21, 2025

11:00 AM Anna Franco Corradi (D); Mary O'Sullivan 4:00 PM Arturo Lumbre (D); Kotya Bottichelly (D)

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

10:00 Healing For Myrta Vargas; Raymond & Gerald Sampson

11:00 Beatrice Caulfield (D); Moises Cabalu (D)
12:30 PM Birthday Luz Arciaga; Margaret Mary Oates (D)

5:00 Pablo Martinez Rodriguez (D); Margaret Caulfield (D)

Monday, June 23, 2025

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Lee Sherman (D)

12:00 PM Birthday Ctw Spadavecchia; Bday Rodolfo & Edith Ciudad (D)

5:30 Kevin Noaski; Healing Olivia Taverni

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

7:30 AM Claudette Cilien Mesidor Bday (D); Thanksgiving Marianne Vaniapura

12:00 PM John J. Carreon (D);

Thanksgiving to Immaculate Conception

5:30 Gary Robert Moscaya (D); Clara Giovannielo (D)

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

7:30 AM Annabelle Skoglind; Healing Mary Taverni 12:00 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo & Family;

Thanks. O. L. of Czestochowa

5:30 Caridad Pangue (D); Healing Robert Taverni

Thursday, June 26, 2025 | Juneteenth

7:30 AM Sixto Siosco (D); Elizabeth Aspillaga (D)

12:00 PM Eye Healing for Ana Wilson; Healing Myrta Vargas

5:30 Healing William Hilaire & Erzuta Duprat; Deceased Members of Volta Family

Friday, June 27, 2025

7:30 AM J & S Radzieta; Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

12:00 PM W Radzieta;

Berta Sanchez & Nena Maria Reyes (D)

5:30 Anna & Joseph Radzieta (D); Norma Carvallo (D)

This week's Bread: Catherine Puangco, Solange Adjonh Konan, and Ismenia Cuenca

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. While growing up as a child, the Church called this the "Feast of Corpus

Christi" translated from Latin to English meant "Feast of the Body of Christ." I vividly recall as a child that our local parish encouraged a Corpus Christi Procession each year in which the priest carried the monstrance with the Body of Christ known as the Blessed Sacrament. He was followed by many parishioners and friends as they processed throughout the neighborhood in which they provided a public witness of the Body of Christ as a "walking Body of Christ." The symbolism was incredible in the public square!

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the elements of bread and wine that Melchizedek brings garners our attention in the first reading from the Book of Genesis. The Eucharist has deep roots in God's sustained and uninterrupted work among His chosen people. The second reading provides the words of institution in the Eucharistic prayer blessing both bread and wine and the Body and Blood of Jesus "Do this in remembrance of me." There is a "thanksgiving" performed by Jesus since the word "Eucharist" means "giving thanks" translated from Greek into English. The Eucharist that we receive as a "Body of Christ" signifies the new covenant that Jesus forges for us with Almighty God.

The passage from the Gospel of Luke celebrates the multiplication of loaves and fish in which the followers of Jesus are completely fed with some baskets left over. That feeding of the five thousand will continue to come by means of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Our Breadline is the oldest, continuous breadline in US history—95 years old since 1930 till 2025. During each day of those 95 years, Franciscan friars and lay volunteers have been feeding the hungry and the homeless with Catholic compassion and Franciscan charity. Why? We receive the "Body of Christ" as the "Body of Christ" especially to the poor.

Blessings on you all!

Father Brian



JUNE 28: UNITED IN LOVE — PRE-PRIDE MASS

"Inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, and rooted in community in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi, we actively welcome all people."

This is the first declaration in our parish mission statement. It is how our community at St. Francis thinks and acts. We are again celebrating this welcome to all people at our United in Love Pre-Pride Festive Mass. This is a Weekend of Prayer for and with our LGBT Brothers and



Sister. Join us on Saturday, June 28 at 4 pm for our Pre-Pride Mass.

JUNE 30: REVIVAL OF THE LAUDATO SI COMMITTEE

All parishioners and friends are invited to revive the Laudato Si Committee which is based on Pope Francis' encylical "Laudato Si" which calls on the world to protect Holy Mother Earth from climate change and to protect our natural resources. This meeting begins at 5:30 pm in the Library of the St. Clare Room on Monday, June 30. All are invited. For more information, please contact Father Brian Jordan, OFM our pastor at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org or leave a message at 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

JUNE 30: NEW LECTORS WORKSHOP

All parishioners and friends who are interested in becoming a lector are invited to a special lector workshop on Monday, June 30 beginning at 6:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. No prior experience is necessary but a good, clear speaking voice is required. This workshop will take about two hours for preparation and a practicum of reading in public. For more information, please contact Father Brian Jordan, OFM, our pastor at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org or leave a message at 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Last weekend was a joyous occasion for the parish with the Feast of St. Anthony (6/13), the Converge Ministry's visit of the Cabrini Shrine (6/14), and Father's Day (6/15). Thank you to everyone who participated in our celebrations and events and thank you to the parish staff and volunteers for making it all possible! Photos provided by Sr. M. Lucy Ahn, Father Jim Bernard, Loida Diaz de Jesus, and Saki Mori.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY















FATHER'S DAY



Father Frank Critch, OFM offers parishioners who are fathers, grandfathers, and father figures a Father's Day blessing with a prayer card of St. Joseph.

CONVERGE MINISTRY AT THE CABRINI SHRINE



Our parish's Converge Ministry visited the Cabrini Shrine uptown. We were able to explore the Shrine and learn about the life, works, and legacy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. We concluded the visit with heart-filled inspiration to continue our personal and collective faith practice. We thank the Shrine's Executive Director Julia Attaway and the Shrine's staff for hosting us.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, June 15 \$4,139 June 9-13 \$2,020

Online Collections

June 9-15 \$2,736

NOTES

We apologize that in last week's bulletin we did not include the following intentions.

Bread & Wine:

Happy Fathers Day Buenventura & Francisco Carlos Intention of Adelaida Carlos

Sanctuary Lights:

Buenaventura & Francisco Carlos