

JULY 6, 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.



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, July 5, 2025

11:00 AM Ralph Maccio (D); Healing Nicholas Nurse 4:00 PM Healing Maria Flaviana S. Lee; Heung Joong Kim (D)

Sunday, July 6, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;

Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)

10:00 Healing Myrta Vargas; Rosa & Jose Echeverry (D)11:00 Thomas & Edith Castellana; Audrey Murawski (D)

12:30 PM The Earth, and for All of Us, that We May Become Better Stewards of God's Creation;

Borislav Vucanovic (D)

5:00 Ysidro Pastorpide (D);

Magdalena Sanjongco & Ambrocio Wingco (D)

Monday, July 7, 2025

7:30 AM Eileen Brennan; Thanksgiving Mesissa Lherisson

12:00 PM Jessie Sotto (D); Maureen A. Boyle (D)

5:30 Dulce Gabbard; Paul Chery

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

7:30 AM Alexiz Morales; Monsignor Oscar Aguino 12:00 PM Eric Castellana; Hugh A. Canavan

5:30 John Battaglia; Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:30 AM Healing Marie Carmelle; Thanksgiving Benita & All Saints

12:00 PM Mariam Tahil (D); Roland Yong (D)5:30 Birthday/Thanksgiving Alexander Kwan;

Thanks To St Antony & All Saints

Thursday, July 10, 2025

7:30 AM Thank You to St Anthony; Isaias Gumboc Himbing (D)

12:00 PM Healing Providencia Gilbride;

Healing William Hilaire & Erzuta Duprat

5:30 St Jude; Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Friday, July 11, 2025

7:30 AM Healing Providencia Gilbride; Intention of Kumar Family

12:00 PM Hugh A. Canavan; Giuseppe D'alessandro (D)

5:30 Cora A. Frattali; Michael C. Pick

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco;

21 Wedding Anniversary Michael & Providencia Gilbride

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Next year our country will be observing its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026--when America declared its independence from England. It is not only a civic holiday but also a reminder that our sovereign nation was founded on religious liberty in which all types of religion can be practiced and respected.

Our parish staff and Synod Committee will be meeting soon to plan and prepare for the 2025-2026 year for all liturgical celebrations; holidays; evangelization and religious education programs and social concerns. Among those important events will be our nation's 250th anniversary celebration on the weekend of July 4, 2026. We will observe this grand event not only for its historical importance but also discuss what democracy, good government and civic responsibility means as American Catholics.

Once again, our Synod Committee will be responsible for the three hallmarks of a good, effective parish: liturgy; evangelization/education and social concerns. Other parishioners will be asked to join these three integral committees. Why? Our nation celebrates its independence each year. We are also reminded that we as the People of God are DEPENDENT on God and we are INTERDEPENDENT upon one another. We truly need God in our lives as believers and worshipers. We really need one another for mutual support and reassurance as sisters and brothers of the same God. No man or woman is an "island" by themselves. We meaningfully need one another for social interaction.

Our nation began with the title "Lady Liberty" with a feminine identification of strength and caring concern. That is nothing new. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the writer describes the personified Jerusalem as a mother who cares for her infant child has a rich context. A verse reads "as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort." Our nation's forefathers and foremothers believed that God was always directing us when we make wise and just decisions for freedom, democracy, and care for the needs of the marginalized. This is evidenced in the end of today's Gospel passage from Luke, "Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

On behalf of the Franciscan friars and the parish staff, God Bless America and God bless our cherished parish!

Father Brian



JULY 12: SUMMER PARISH PICNIC

Final call to RSVP for our upcoming Summer Parish Picnic hosted by the Converge Ministry! The picnic will take place on Saturday, July 12 starting at 12:30 pm at Riverbank State Park - enter at 145th Street and Riverside Drive.



Please bring your own delicious food, snacks, cold drinks and sweet treats for yourself or to share. Scan the QR code for more information and to RSVP.



JULY 13: SUNDAE SUNDAY

Sundae Sunday is back! Join us in the Clare Room after the 5 pm Mass on Sunday, July 13 for a sweet treat at Sundae Sunday to connect with fellow parishioners and commemorate the United Nations' International Day of Hope.



PARISH BOOK SALE

Attention Shoppers! It's time to expand your library of spiritual reading! The Church's gift shop is having a summer sale on a large selection of its inventory of books. Books included in this sale are only \$1 each and there is no limit on how many can be purchased at this price. This summer grow deeper in love of God and the Church. Pick up some books today!

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

We will provide updated in-pew and online collections in the next bulletin dated Sunday, July 13, 2025.

JULY 15: BROADWAY BELIEVES IN PRIDE MONTH

Following up to our wonderful Pride Mass and reception last Saturday, we invite you to a new event. Patrick Pacheco, an Emmy Award winning writer, author, journalist and film producer will deliver an inspirational talk entitled



"Broadway Believes in Pride Month." The focus of this talk will celebrate Pride Month with references and images from poignant Broadway plays that sensitively and insightfully treats the LGBTQ+ community in New York City.

Mr. Pacheco is a gifted speaker who will follow up his talk with a question and answer period. Afterwards, there will be an informal reception. This event will take place on Tuesday evening, July 15 at 6:30 pm in San Damiano Hall. For more information, please contact Father Brian at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org or call him at 212-736-8500 extension 232. All are invited! Scan QR code to RSVP.

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