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Saints Anna and Joachim (circa 1460). Francesco Botticini (1446-1498). Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York.

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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, July 26, 2025 | Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim

11:00 AM Aurora V. Panahon (D); Fr. Michael Carnevale

4:00 PM Mary & Thomas Desmond; Mary Flynn (D)

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;

Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)

10:00 Ana Fernanda Ariza De Moreno (D);

Fr. Don Matteo Balzono (D)

11:00 James Burtula (D);

Healing Antonio Spadavecchia & Family

12:30 PM Franco Anna Corradi (D)

5:00 Orly Gregorio (D); Elisea Tanega (D)

Monday, July 28, 2025

7:30 AM Larry O'Brien (L) & Marie O'Brien (D); Matthew Thottam (D)

12:00 PM Mathew Varkey (D); Hugh A. Canavan

5:30 John Steve Zila (D); Mary, Mike & Chris Flynn

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; Lorraine Escarcha

12:00 PM Thava Ratrasingam (D); Lorna Bautista (D)

5:30 Mr. Napoleon & Mrs. Pacita Velasco (D);

Healing Myrta Vargas

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

7:30 AM Brian Fitzgerald Lally (D); Scott Wallner

12:00 PM Gillermina Leon & Eugenio Salazar (D); Amina Shaikh

5:30 Benjamin Garcia. Sr. (D); Barbara & Bash Master

Thursday, July 31, 2025

7:30 AM Family of Lorraine Escarcha; Eileen Brennan (D)

12:00 PM Healing Cruz Armijos De Lata; Healing Sor Rosario Lata

5:30 Rn Express; Sr. Ignace Huang

Friday, August 1, 2025

7:30 AM Alexis Morales; Annabelle Skoglund

12:00 PM Rosario Eguia (D); Kevin Noaski

5:30 Gertrude Munro (D); Curtis C. Munro (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This week, I will introduce Brother Domingo Martinez, OFM to our parishioners for his pastoral year in priestly formation. This means that besides studying for a master's degree in theology, each formation student like Br. Domingo, must engage in a pastoral year of ministry in preparation for priestly ordination. Besides working with lectors and Eucharistic ministers, Br. Domingo will have a part-time internship with the New York City Central Labor Council which is the umbrella group for all private sector and public sector unions in New York City. He will also coordinate our Workers' Chapel program with Memorial Masses for workers killed on the job in NYC; bi-monthly lectures on topics related to labor and try to rebuild the former Labor and Religion Coalition. Br. Domingo previously worked for the national office of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (the AFL-CIO) for over 15 years before he joined the Franciscans a few years ago. He will help build the bridge between workers and our beloved parish. Please welcome Brother Domingo Martinez, OFM!



Labor unions are well known for their negotiation skills to help their workers to attain better pay, better benefits, working conditions, and prayerful support through solidarity. Our readings this weekend concentrate on negotiations and prayerful support. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis, Abraham was negotiating directly with God to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah from total destruction due to their collective, wide-scale sinfulness. Abraham takes up the prophetic role by interceding for the innocent inhabitants of those twin cities. For Abraham, the Lord's justice calls for extending mercy to the innocent. Abraham's persistent negotiation with God helps to reduce the number of innocent people down to ten innocent people. Abraham emphasizes that the principle of divine justice that mercy outweighs retribution. Abraham negotiates with God with these words "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?". The Lord shows mercy to both Sodom and Gomorrah due to Abraham's persistent negotiation and prayerful support.

In today's Gospel passage from St. Luke, Luke's version is shorter than St. Matthew's version of the Lord's Prayer. This version offers insights into the importance of prayer in the life of the disciples. This special prayer came from Jesus' disciples asking him for a lesson on prayer. Jesus obliges. In addition to being succinct, the prayer emphasizes that the disciples should call God "Father" and recognize God's name as holy. The prayer also prioritizes God's kingdom in the minds of the disciples and encourages them to make three requests in prayer. They should ask for sustenance (daily bread), forgiveness and deliverance (from the final test). Jesus demands persistence in prayer. To pray with persistence and in pursuit of the Holy Spirit provides prayerful support for the community of faith.

It is interesting to note that Abraham was very persistent in today's first reading from Genesis and Jesus was quite persistent to his disciples about the importance of prayerful support in today's Gospel. Persistence pays off if one acts by principle and mercy!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

Stewardship at Our Parish

1. We respectfully request that all parishioners and friends who are planning their will and/or estate AND intend to include the Church of St. Francis of Assisi to please include the following language in the beginning of your will, "Please state that the funds of this gift to the Church as residuary beneficiary is a restricted gift for the exclusive use of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.". This sentence ensures that the intention of the donor is respected. Thank you very much for including this sentence in your will or bequest.
2. Increased Offertory Campaign. The Archdiocese of New York has provided a financial analysis of how our weekly offertory collections were at a high peak before the pandemic and went down drastically due to the pandemic for a number of years. Recent reports indicate that there has been a steady rise in our offertory collections the last few years including this current fiscal year 9/1/2024 to this present month. Our Finance Council would like to take a survey among parishioners about their stewardship to the parish come September. Also, the Archdiocese has asked our parish to participate in an increased offertory collection campaign to increase our giving in this important source of parish stewardship. Father Brian will be speaking from the pulpit on this topic beginning in early September.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
In-Pew Collections	
Sunday, July 20	\$5,119.00
July 14-18	\$2,160.00
Online Collections	
July 14-20	\$3,568.00
July 7-13	\$2,057.00

MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE PARISH

Our parish relies on the support of our parishioners and community members to sustain and grow our programs, ministries, and community. You can make a one-time donation or set-up a recurring donation by scanning the QR code to the donation page.



We thank you for your continued support and generosity!