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Ary Scheffer (1795-1858). *Saints Augustine and Monica* (1854). National Gallery, London, England.

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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 Franciscan Friars of 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, August 23, 2025

11:00 AM Msgr. Joe Finnerty (D); Fredeswinda A. Himbing (D)

4:00 PM Birthday Brian Caulfield; John Salanga (D)

Sunday, August 24, 2025

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

10:00 Thanksgiving Gerard Louisias, Jr.;
Blessed Mother & Fernandez Tijeros Families

11:00 Pour Souls; Norma Colucci (D)

12:30 PM Wedding Anniversary Tressa and Anthony;
Healing Mary Finuala Beale

5:00 Mrs. Terry Grilmaldi (D); Angelica Unteregelsbacher (D)

Monday, August 25, 2025

7:30 AM Agustina & Aproniano Liwanag & Family (D);
Thanksgiving Kendrice Roc

12:00 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo & Family Living & Deceased;
Luis A. Carreon Sr. (D)

5:30 Velibor Pavlovic (D); Daniel Hon Ho Lim (D)

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

7:30 AM Clarisa Lagat (D); Apolonia Alday Maputi (D)

12:00 PM Birthday Priscilla Ann & Aiden Reese Odayat;
Anniversary Maximiano Sumaway (D)

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

7:30 AM Olysar Mark Garces Birthday

5:30 PM Virginia Luongo (D); Hyun Ju Lim

Thursday, August 28, 2025

7:30 AM Birthday Stephen Piccone

12:00 PM Speedy Recovery Yanyun Tian

Friday, August 22, 2025

5:30 PM Josephine Layon

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

NOTE

We apologize that we did not include the following name for Sanctuary Lights for the bulletin dated August 10, 2025:
Healing for Jason Morgan

The Pastor's Corner

Once a month, a staff member or parishioner will share a reflection about an important pastoral topic. This month will be about parent-child relations. - Father Brian Jordan, OFM

Greetings sisters and brothers!

May we introduce ourselves: My name is Anna and my name is Isabela. I, Anna, am a grandmother and I, Isabela, am a godmother. We both know first-hand of the joys and sorrows of parent- (god-parent) child relationships. We both have plenty of joys to share with you. However, let us be honest with the difficulties of parent-, grandparent-, and godparent-child relationships.

I, Anna, have encountered with a rebellious son who at times has problems with God. Therefore, I can easily relate to the conflict of St. Monica (patron saint of mothers) and St. Augustine—a sinner who converted into being a saint due to the prayers of his mother. I, Isabela, have the responsibility of spiritual support for my godchildren who do not always goes to church and have difficulties with some Church teaching. We are not giving up on our children, grandchildren, and godchildren!

It is only fitting that we honor St. Monica on August 27 and her son St. Augustine the following day on August 28. Why? Without Monica's incredible love, patience, tenacity, and trust in God, Augustine would never have found his way from a wayward youth to be a Doctor of the Church and an inspirational saint!

Monica was a Christian who married at a young age to Patricius, a pagan known for a violent temper and dissolute habits. But Monica was a strong woman whose focus was on prayer, almsgiving, and ensuring her three children were baptized into the faith.

Augustine proved to be her most difficult child and greatest challenge. He was bright but lazy and indifferent to his Christian faith. Monica persisted with her prayers, tears, and grief over his capricious inclinations. Augustine had a mistress and even fathered a child with her. What a great scandal in the family! But Monica was relentless in her pursuit of Augustine's redemption following him from her home to Rome, from Rome to Milan—always intent on Augustine's conversion and baptism.

God bless you, Monica! It took 17 years for Augustine to surrender to the grace of God and finally be baptized and receive the other sacraments.

In these difficult times in our world, we mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers take solace and comfort in the story between

St. Monica and St. Augustine. She never gave up on her son until her goal was reached—the full conversion of Augustine! There are many of us who are missing our sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, godsons, and goddaughters. They have lost their way and sadly are no longer part of our lives by their choice not ours! We like many mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers are truly grieving by this overwhelming sense of loss, but we will never give up on them! Let us look to St. Monica and trust in her memory. Our God, through the intercession of St. Monica, will hear our prayers and bring our children, grandchildren and godchildren home to us! We pray this for the greater glory of God and for the good of their souls and ours! Love transcends all—even difficult relationships with our children, grandchildren, and godchildren!

Through the example of St. Monica, let us pray and persevere for our loved ones!!!

Anna and Isabela
Parishioners of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

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**Register for the
OCIA PROGRAM**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a Fall to Spring program of prayer, learning and reflection designed for those seeking baptism, confirmation or full communion in the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+.

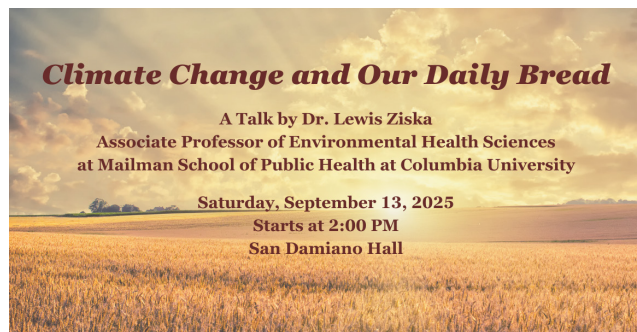
If you are interested please contact us or fill out the interest form.
The interest form can be found on our website

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STARTING SEPTEMBER 16 OCIA AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) at St. Francis of Assisi for 2025-2026 will host its first meeting on Tuesday, September 16. If you're curious about becoming Catholic or looking to go through the OCIA process, scan the QR code for more information and to sign-up for additional information.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND OUR DAILY BREAD

To kick off the Season of Creation 2025 at St. Francis NYC, our Laudato Si' environmental ministry invites you to a special event. Dr. Lewis Ziska, a renowned scientist and author, will deliver a motivating talk entitled "Climate Change and Our Daily Bread". Scan the QR code for event details and to register.



THE SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS OF MARTIN SCORSESE'S FILMS

On Wednesday, September 17, our fall Adult Education Course "The Spiritual Dynamics of Martin Scorsese's Films" will start and continue on Wednesdays through Wednesday, October 15. This course will take place in-person in the Clare Room at the Parish Office. Scan QR code for course details, course fee, and to register.



FRANCISFEST 2025

Prost! Grab your lederhosen and raise your steins—FrancisFest is back and better than ever! Join us for an unforgettable day of Bavarian cheer, featuring traditional German fare, craft beers, German Cocktails, live music, games, and festive fun for all. Scan QR code for more information and tickets.



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
In-Pew Collections	
Sunday, August 17	\$4,239.00
August 11-15	\$4,508.00
Online Collections	
August 11-17	\$3,162.00

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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.



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