

NEW YORK CITY—GRAND DEMONSTRATION OF WORKINGMEN, SEPTEMBER 5TH—THE PROCESSION PASSING THE REVIEWING-STAND AT UNION SQUARE.—FROM A SKETCH BY A STAFF ARTIST.—SEE PAGE 55.

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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 30, 2025

11:00 AM Josephine Layon; Thanksgiving & Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM Albert & Venera Costabile (D); Rosalina S. Bobiles (D)

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

10:00 Sara Vasquez Marin (D)

11:00 Diana Livoti (D); Spc. Int. Celestin Lawson (L)

12:30 PM Thanksgiving & Souls in Purgatory

5:00 Bernadette Payon Nkamsi (D)

Monday, September 1, 2025 | Labor Day

12:00 PM Kuantai Yeh; Ramon T. Carreon

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

7:30 AM Fabiola Suwanto; Julian Carlos Perez Martinez (D)

12:00 PM Eleanor's Children & Grandchildren; Christine Carapucci (D)

5:00 Thanksgiving To St. Andrew; Marisa J. Sobremisana (D)

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

7:30 AM Natalie Yeh

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales Rosado &
Deceased Family Members;

Aurea Mason Rodriguez (D) & Healing Carmen Andino

5:30 Fe Tumlos; Eufemia Ondevilla (D)

Thursday, September 4, 2025

12:00 PM Pol Lee & Charlie Cihanek;

Healing William Hilaire & Erzuta Duprat

Friday, September 5, 2025

12:00 PM Pol Lee & Charlie Cihanek; Esther To Tui (D)

5:30 Birthday Maria Encarnacion Oris

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

JOIN US FOR OUR SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

- **Sept. 1-Oct. 4:** Season of Creation
- **Sept. 7:** Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM 9/11 Walk of Remembrance
- **Sept. 13:** Dr. Lewis Ziska on Climate Change
- **Sept 21:** Ministry Fair
- **September 28:** Francis Fest

The Pastor's Corner

Once a month, a staff member or parishioner will share a reflection about an important pastoral topic. This Bulletin is dedicated to Labor Day and the reflection is from Brother Domingo Martinez, OFM.

Dear sisters and brothers,

During this Labor Day weekend, our nation honors the dignity of human labor—whether they be white collar worker, blue collar worker, citizen, undocumented, urban, suburban, or rural workers.

It is long standing teaching to support working people, based on the innate dignity of the human person. Pope St. John Paul II frequently wrote about the dignity of the human worker. In 1986, he addressed a large crowd of people in Sydney, Australia: "It must be said over and over again that work is for people, not people for work. Every consideration of the value of work must begin with the worker, and every solution proposed to the problems of the social order must recognize the primacy of the human person over things...The worker is always more important than profits and machines."

The primacy of the human person stems from our God-given dignity. God created each of us in the image of the Triune God. Our dignity grants us not only rights for ourselves, but also responsibilities to others, without distinction based on age, race, gender, immigration status or other aspects of our identity. Our right to life includes a responsibility to ensure everyone has what it takes to live, including meaningful work, a just wage and the freedom to join a union. Unions are the surest way to protect our rights at work.

Pope Leo XIII enshrined the Church's support for workers' rights in the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" in 1891. He was responding to economic changes brought about by the industrial revolution of the late 1890's. In our current time of great socio-economic change, Cardinal Robert Prevost selected the papal name of Leo XIV in respect to Pope Leo XIII. In his first meeting with the College of Cardinals, Pope Leo XIV offered the Church's social teaching to the world. "In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that poses new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor."

Sisters and brothers, in the greater New York City area, we have workers from all walks of life. What do we have in common? God has called each of us to respect the dignity of work and of working people. As we celebrate Labor Day, we must remember it is more than a day off or a picnic. Rather it is a sacred day to honor the human dignity of working people!

Blessed Labor Day to all,
Brother Domingo Martinez, OFM

Brother Domingo is currently assigned to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi from July 2025 to July 2026 for his pastoral year of formation. He is studying at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois to be a Franciscan priest. Before joining the Franciscans, Brother Domingo worked for the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) for fifteen years at its headquarters in Washington D.C. Once ordained, Brother Domingo hopes to be a labor priest.



**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.

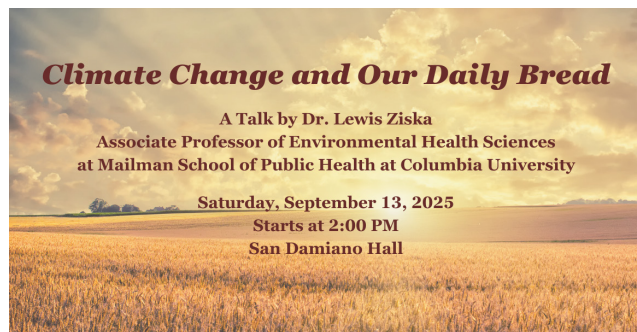
The interest form can be found on our website

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For questions contact us:
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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 24:	
First Collection - <i>Parish</i>	\$4,211.00
Second Collection - <i>Propagation of the Faith</i>	\$1,614.00
August 18-22	\$2,319.00
Online Collections	
August 18-24	\$2,747.00

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