

***No matter how big the call.
No matter how small.
You have no idea what God
is calling you to.
But he needs you.
He needs me.
He needs all of us.***

Father Mychal F. Judge, OFM
From his last homily, September 10, 2001
Given at the quarters of
Engine 73 and Ladder 42.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Father Mychal Judge, OFM (1933-2001).

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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.



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, September 6, 2025

11:00 AM Dayouse Suphris Midy (D); John McKeon (D)

4:00 PM Karen McKeon (D); Michael O'Driscoll, Jr. (D)

Sunday, September 7, 2025

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

10:00 Miguel Gabriel (D); Michael O'Driscoll, Sr. (D)

11:00 Norma & Victor Colucci, Sr. (D);
Intention of Marie Francois Altenor

12:30 PM Adam Martinez & Valentine Quin; Luis Naranjo (D)

5:00 The Earth, and for All of Us, that We May Become Better
Stewards of God's Creation;
Renato & Wilfredo Wingco (D)

Monday, September 8, 2025 | Labor Day

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Thanksgiving Jeanie De Jesus

12:00 PM Beauty Zollikaffer & Children; Thanksgiving Naty Sievert

5:30 Margot Claus (D);
Florentino Mabasa, Sr. & Zaldy Tampus

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

7:30 AM Arnold Porcena (D)

12:00 PM Polonne & Luc Francois (D); Thanksgiving Monica Adhikari

5:30 Michael O'Driscoll (D)

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

7:30 AM Robert Petersen (D)

12:00 PM Siobhan McKeon (D)

5:30 Carlos Perez (D)

Thursday, September 11, 2025

7:30 AM Elizabeth Suwanto; Gerry Tengco (D)

12:00 PM Edward Flynn (D); Zoila De Juana

5:30 Aurora Miller; Death Anniversary Lourdes L. Sievert

Friday, September 12, 2025

7:30 AM Abigail Suwanto;
Fr. Evaristo & Francis Xavier Chisanga Mukolwe (D)

12:00 PM 20th Birthday Emmitt Alcantara;
Thanksgiving Maria Francois Altenor

5:30 Anna Corradi (D); Birthday of Shania Decarmo (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

The readings this weekend stress the importance of humility in public service. The first reading from the Book of Sirach emphasizes the importance of humility pursuing wisdom in the public arena "Humble yourself the more." This message is echoed in today's Gospel passage from St. Luke "but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



With all humility, I would like to share with you two necessary financial points of information. First, we are introducing "The Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund" at all the Masses this weekend. The purpose of this special fund is to raise funds for renovations, repairs, and replacements of our three buildings: our Church; our parish house and our school building. These funds are restricted and are for the exclusive use to take care of our three buildings. More information will be provided in a special insert that will be inside the bulletins and adorned on the walls of the church and the rest of our property this weekend.

Second, the Archdiocese of New York has asked us to promote an Increased Offertory Campaign at all weekend and possibly weekday Masses. Our collections are slowly rising back to our pre-Covid 19 status of February 2020. The Archdiocese believes this campaign led by the pastor will increase the offertory collection by at least 15%. I will refer to this effort at weekend Masses in late September and early October of this year.

Humility in service is always welcome in any day. In fact, it leads to kindness. The famous French Catholic writer Blaise Pascal once wrote "Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much."

Blessings to all,

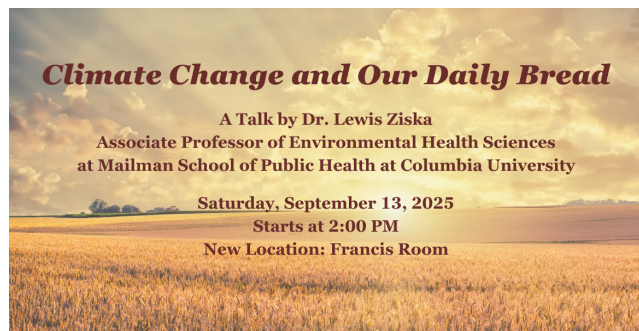
Father Brian Jordan, OFM
Pastor

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

Please note the additional names for intentions between August 30 and September 5 that were not available at the time of the printing of the August 30th Bulletin.

- **August 31:** Froilan Valino (D); Angelita Pama (D); Idaminford Porcena (D)
- **September 3:** Roberto Camacho (D)
- **September 4:** Nora Smith (D); Rev. Richard Conlon; Dieula Jean Louis (D); Alexis Morales
- **September 5:** Eileen & Sean Kerwick; Kelly Ann Gorham; John Gorham



SEPT. 13: TALK ON CLIMATE CHANGE WITH DR. LEWIS ZISKA

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.



**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 SEPT. 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.

CONVERGE

JOIN US ON OUR 4TH ANNUAL
FRANCISFEST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
AT 1:00 PM
SAN DAMIANO HALL

JOIN THE COMMUNITY
TO CELEBRATE FRANCIS WEEK



SEPT. 28: 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

We will include updated collections information in the September 14 Bulletin.

**The Spiritual Dynamics of
Martin Scorsese's Films**

ST. FRANCIS ADULT EDUCATION CENTER



STARTING SEPT. 17: THE SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS OF MARTIN SCORSESE'S FILMS

Our fall Adult Education Course "The Spiritual Dynamics of Martin Scorsese's Films" will start on September 17 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.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SOCIAL CONCERNS SURVEY

Our parish Synod Social Concerns Committee is conducting research on social concerns that are important to parish members. The survey will help the committee inform how we will deploy our scarce resources most effectively. We invite you to participate in the committee's survey. Please scan the QR code for the survey.



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!