



## SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, September 27, 2025

11:00 AM Hugh A. Canavan; Annabelle Skoglund

4:00 PM Birthday Antonio Dela Rosa; Healing Myrta Vargas

### Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Rosa Lee De Lum (D)

10:00 Filomena Paz (D);

Gregory Jose Ortiz Lopez Por La Liberacion

11:00 Hugh A. Canavan; Natasha Taylor (D)

12:30 PM D'Allesandro Family; Amparo Obsequio (D)

5:00 Michael O'Sullivan (D); Gloria Ocampo Reyes

### Monday, September 29, 2025

7:30 AM Remigio (D) & Romel Cabazor (L)

12:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory; Carmen Erandio (D)

5:30 Kevin Noaski; Turingan Siblings

### Tuesday, September 30, 2025

7:30 AM Jerry & Rosalia D'Argenio; Helen Conde

12:00 PM Alexis Morales; Thanksgiving Lucy McManus

5:30 Armando Morales

### Wednesday, October 1, 2025

7:30 AM Camelia Daconta & Joseph Daconta, Sr.; Kuantai Yeh

12:00 PM Priscilla Manalili (D); Alicia Abat (D)

5:30 Turingan Siblings

### Thursday, October 2, 2025

12:00 PM Mary Ann Burbage & Dorothy Yost;

Healing William Hilaire & Erzuta Duprat

5:30 Tri Nguyen (D)

### Friday, October 3, 2025—Transitus of St. Francis

7:30 AM Natalie Yeh

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

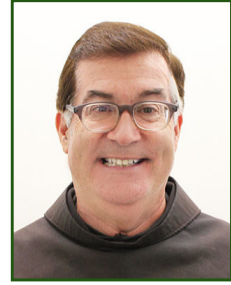
### This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

# The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

This weekend, the Catholic Church in America celebrates the 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Day of Immigrants and Refugees. Immigrants and refugees are an integral part of our nation's history. Unfortunately, recent events indicate that a shroud of xenophobia has struck our cherished nation's tradition of "Welcoming the Stranger." The welcome mat has been pulled out beneath the feet of immigrants, refugees and asylees and are mercilessly scorned for their presence by the present Federal administration. Has the government forgotten their ancestral roots?



Years ago, the U.S. Bishops wrote an insightful pastoral letter about immigrants and refugees. This letter looks at all sides of this grappling issue in the United States. May I offer a gentle reminder of its current importance. The pastoral letter is "Justice for Immigrants: A Journey for Hope." I encourage parishioners and friends to read the entire letter before engaging in arguments with loved ones and neighbors. The letter states five primary points:

## **1. Persons Have the Right to Find Opportunities in Their Homeland.**

This principle states that a person has a right not to migrate. Economic, social, and political conditions in their homeland should provide an opportunity for a person to work and support his or her family in dignity and safety.

## **2. Persons Have a Right to Migrate to Support Themselves and Their Families.**

When persons are unable to find work and support themselves and their families, they have a right to migrate to other countries and work. No person ever enjoys leaving their homeland. However, they need to find ways for gainful employment and to support their families.

## **3. Sovereign Nations Have Right to Control Their Borders.**

The Church recognizes the right of the sovereign nation to protect and control its borders in the common good of its citizens. Nations have an obligation to the universal common good. Ideally, America should establish an immigration system that provides legal avenues for persons to enter the nation legally in a safe, orderly and dignified manner to obtain jobs and reunite with family members.

## **4. Refugees and Asylum Seekers Should Be Afforded Protection.**

Persons who flee their home countries because they fear persecution should be afforded safe haven and protection in another country, including the United States. The US government should employ a refugee and asylum system that protects asylees, refugees and other forced migrants and offers them a haven from persecution.

## **5. The Human Rights and Human Dignity of Undocumented Migrants.**

Persons who enter a nation without proper authorization or who over-stay their visas should be respected with respect and dignity. They should be afforded due process of the law and, if applicable, allowed to articulate a fear of return to their homeland before a qualified adjudicator. Due process has been a mainstay of our judicial system of fairness and understanding.

Yes, our Migrant Center is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call for an appointment. We also partner with an excellent immigration attorney, Ginny Nunez, Esq. Her office is in the parish neighborhood.

Please pray for all immigrants, refugees and asylees in our nation during these stressful times!

Blessings to all!

Father Brian Jordan, OFM  
Pastor

## CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

- Friday, October 3 at 7 PM: Transitus of St. Francis
- Saturday, October 4:
  - 11 AM: Mass followed by the Blessing of the Animals at 12 Noon
  - 4 PM: Liturgy

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI APPEAL 2025

Please read Father Brian Jordan, OFM's letter in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day. In May 2015, Pope Francis issued his most significant papal encyclical, **Laudato Si'** (In Praise of), which in May of this year marked its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, emphasizing the importance of God's gift of Creation. In honor of this milestone, we are launching our **St. Francis of Assisi Appeal**. This year's focus is the **refurbishment and restoration of the church's statues and Crosses**—sacred images that inspire prayer, reflection, and devotion.



Our church, now over 180 years old, is a **landmark of faith and beauty**. The craftsmanship of its architecture, the brilliance of its mosaics, and the presence of these sacred images make it a true House of Prayer. However, time and use have taken their toll, and some statues require detailed restoration, while others need careful touch-ups and aesthetic renewal.

Scan QR code to read Father Brian's letter and support the appeal.  
Visit: <https://stfrancisnyc.org/stfrancisappeal2025/>

Thank you.

### WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

#### In-Pew Collections

Sunday, September 21	\$4,471.00
September 15-19	\$1,986.00

#### Online Collections

September 8-14	\$2,200.00
September 15-21	\$3,201.40

## OCT 2: LAUDATO SI AND THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES: THE POEM, THE POET, AND THE POPE

This year marks the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Canticle of the Creatures*, one of the earliest works of literature in the Italian language and a spiritual masterpiece composed by St. Francis of Assisi. Join us for a thought-provoking talk with Father Xavier Seubert, OFM that explores the historical, theological, and ecological dimensions of this beloved hymn to creation.



## OCTOBER IS FRANCISCAN MONTH

Message from Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity, Secular Franciscans.

**October is Franciscan Month** - Murray Bodo, OFM, a Franciscan scholar, said St. Francis praised God the artist in every one of His works, referring to everything in God's creation as "brother" or "sister". The mission of Franciscan Month is to celebrate the 800-year Franciscan movement and to demonstrate St. Francis' continued relevance. The virtues in his Peace Prayer - love, faith, hope, and giving - are desperately needed in our polarized world. This year, Franciscans around the world - Friars, Poor Clares, and Secular Franciscans - are celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canticle of Creation Prayer, in which we praise Brother Sun and Sister Moon, Brother Wind and Sister Water, and Brother Fire and Sister Earth. To learn more about Franciscan Month, please see the website [www.franciscanmonth.org](http://www.franciscanmonth.org).

## 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. Thank you!

