

OCTOBER 5, 2025 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Top part of the oldest portrait of St. Francis, a mural painting in the sacred grotto "St. Benedict's Cave" in Subiaco. Subiaco, Italy.
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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, October 4, 2025 | Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 AM Frank Cavalluzzi (D); St. Andrew

4:00 PM Thanksgiving To St. Francis; St. Anthony

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
The Earth, and for All of Us, That We May Become Better
Stewards of God's Creation

10:00 Carolyn Priore

11:00 Thomas & Edith Castellana; Artemas Beattie (D)

12:30 PM Intention of Marie Francois Altenor;
Giovannie & Leonardo Mamaril (D)

5:00 Rose Deanna Figueroa (D); Maria Vega (D)

Monday, October 6, 2025

12:00 PM Elizabeth Brennan

5:30 Rev. James R. Sidoti O. Carm. (D)

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

7:30 AM Mary McGovern (D); St. Anthony

12:00 PM St. Jude; Intention of Ederlinda Austrial

5:30 Jane R. Janiak (D)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:30 AM Arlene Descovich (D)

12:00 PM Blessed Mother

Thursday, October 9, 2025

12:00 PM Nora Gallazzini (D); Mercedes Munoz De Agudo (D)

5:30 Birthday Lolita Lopez

Friday, October 3, 2025

7:30 AM Steven Mersc (D)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This weekend marks the end of "The Season of Creation" September 1 till October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. All this season was filled with lively celebrations of the Franciscan charism.

However, the Franciscan charism is not restricted to one month rather it is a timeless celebration of God's Gift of Creation.

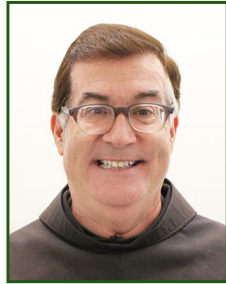
T.S. Eliot once criticized certain poets by noting how they seem to think, "but they do not feel their thought." This is where Francis excelled: he felt his thoughts, and those thoughts were easily recognized in the poetry of his life as evidenced in his writing of the classic poem "The Canticle of the Creatures." This echoes the last verse of today's first reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk "but the just one, because of his faith, shall live."

Francis was one of those rare people in the history of the world who do that most incredibly basic thing that we are asked to do: love. He looked at people in the eye and saw God in them. He saw God in the contorted face of the leper. He was so converted by this ability to love and care in the specific that he was able to come up the feeling with actions that were also extraordinary. Francis developed a reverence for every creature and thing he encountered, figuring that each had a mystery that could not possibly know but highly respected.

Francis treated his followers, the Poor Clare sisters and even the forerunners of the Secular Franciscan Order with love and respect. Francis often referred to the beginning of the Gospel passage this weekend from St. Luke when the apostles asked Jesus "Increase our faith." Jesus responded, "If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed." This meant that any expression of faith is multiplied through words and actions for apostolic work and advancing the Franciscan charism.

Blessings upon you always!

Father Brian Jordan, OFM, Pastor



ALL SOULS DAY APPEAL

For the upcoming All Souls Day on November 2, we ask for your exceptional support so that we can continue offering **Masses, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pastoral Care, and Bereavement Programs**. With a heart-felt plea, I ask you to consider making a gift in honor of your departed loved ones. Your contribution, whatever the amount, makes a difference in bringing comfort, faith, and hope to those who need it most.



Scan the QR code to read Father Brian's letter for All Souls Day.

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 800th 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.

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!



Upcoming October Events



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INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

WHEN: MONTHLY, EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY
COMMENCING OCTOBER 8, 2025
TIME: 6:30 PM LOCATION: CLARE ROOM, CONFERENCE ROOM
DURATION: 45 TO 60 MINUTES IS TYPICAL

WE WILL PRAY A DECADE INCLUDING THE PRAYER TO OUR
LADY OF THE ROSARY, LITANY OF LORETTA AND
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.



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join us for our
**fall
BOOK CLUB**

Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23
at 6:30 PM
CLARE ROOM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

featuring:

*How We
Learn To
Be Brave*
Frances McDormand in Life and Film
Natalie Edgar Butler
Foreword by Peter of Washington



JOIN US IN PRAYER

**HOLY
HOUR**

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTING OCTOBER 16, 2025
AFTER THE 5:30 PM MASS

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Join us for these three upcoming events in October:

- **Rosary Group** - starts October 8 at 6:30 pm;
- **Fall Book Club** - starts October 9 at 6:30 pm; and
- **Holy Hour** - starts October 16 after the 5:30 pm Mass.

Please visit our website at www.stfrancisnyc.org for more information for each event and to RSVP for the Rosary Group and the Fall Book Club. We look forward to seeing you at these events. Also stay tuned for information for our screening of "Cabrini" on October 30.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, September 28 \$4,290.00

Sunday Second Collection for St. Joseph's
Seminary - September 28 \$753.00

September 22-26 \$1,969.00

Online Collections

September 22-28 \$2,179.50

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We thank you for your continued support and generosity!