

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHUL DEPARTED | ALL SOULS' DAY

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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-Friday: 8:15 am -5:15 pm (Lower Church)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 1, 2025

11:00 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro

Charles & Marie Hoofatt & Deceased Family

4:00 PM Kuantai Yeh; Veronica Hoofatt & Deceased Family

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | ALL SOULS' DAY

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;

Regacho Baltazar & Verde Miranda (D)

10:00 Luisa & Mariano Cimafranca;

Intention of Mari François Altenor

11:00 Poor Souls: Jose & Esther Medina (D)

12:30 PM Fabiola Suwanto;

The Earth, and for All of Us, that We May Become Better

Stewards of God's Creation

5:00 Verna & Salvatore Bronzo & Family Living & Deceased;

Eusebia Obsequio (D)

Monday, November 3, 2025

7:30 AM Natalie Yeh; Gladys Marte (D)

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales Rosado & All Deceased

Family Members; Joseph Natoli

5:30 St. Andrew; Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:30 AM St. Anthony; Marie Claire Veriguin (D)

12:00 PM Carlos Gabriel (D)

5:30 Healing Rommel Samson

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:30 AM Birthday Cathy Caulfield; Leclert Bebry (D)

12:00 PM Glenn Pennington (D)

Thursday, November 6, 2025

7:30 AM Vanina Gauchier (D)

12:00 PM Mary Ann Burbage & Dorothy Yost;

Healing William Hilaire & Erzuta Duprat

Friday, November 7, 2025

7:30 AM Faublasse Gauchier (D)

12:00 PM Elaine Yaselli Kemp (D)

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

Myrna Catherine Pinchinat-Metcalf

This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

"I heard a voice from Heaven say to me, "Write down; Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says, now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them."

- Revelation 14:13

This year the Feast of All Souls falls on Sunday, November 2. We will remember the faithful departed that day. We will also have a special **Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm** in the Upper Church. Please bring photos of your loved ones which will be placed on a special decoration table in the sanctuary.

Why do we celebrate this special feast day? The Church believes in two final destinies—one for individuals and one for humankind as a whole. What you can expect at death is expressed in a verse from the Letter to the Hebrews "It is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that judgement." Our life as an earthly pilgrim reaches its point of arrival at the moment of death. From death we await Judgement Day.

Implied in this doctrine is the bond of oneness—called the communion of saints, that exists between the People of God on earth and those who have gone before us. Vatican II focuses on this bond of union by saying it "accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our brothers who are in the glory of heaven or who are yet being purified after their death." (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, no. 51.) The communion of saints is a two-way street. Vatican II points out that just as we on earth can help those who undergo death, those in Heaven can help us on our pilgrimage by interceding with God.

These Masses of Remembrance help us as we carefully navigate this two-way street.

Blessings upon you always!

Father Brian Jordan, OFM, Pastor

NOV. 5: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM for our Mass of Remembrance as we honor the lives of loved ones who have gone before us. At St. Francis of Assisi, many of us come from other places and often grieve our loved ones from afar. This celebration allows us to come together as one community of faith and memory.

Names submitted by mail or online will be placed in the sanctuary. Our community is also invited to bring or submit a photo or memento of someone you've lost to be placed near the altar during Mass. Our Book of Names of the Dead will be available in the Pietà Chapel to inscribe the names of those you wish to remember throughout November until Advent begins.

Due to our bulletin print schedule, we were unable to include the following names for intentions in last week's bulletin:

- Isabel Ordenes (D)
- Liveo & Cecilia Baldia (D)
- Healing Mary Finuala Beale
- Alexis Morales
- Healing Maureen Ayres
- Felix Sotero (D)
- Guillermo Antonio Villeda (D)
- Salvacion & Diosdado Retiro, Sr.



NOV. 16: FRIENDSGIVING

The Converge at St. Francis Parish Life Ministry is delighted to host this year's parish Friends-giving—an afternoon of celebration, community, food, and gratitude. **All Parishioners and Friends are warmly welcome!**



Date: Sunday, November 16, Doors open at 1:00 pm and festivities will begin at 1:30 pm after the 12:30 pm Mass

Location: San Damiano Hall

We'll provide the turkey and ham, and we invite you to bring a favorite dish to share — sweet or savory, homemade or store-bought. It's all part of the feast!

Prefer not to cook or bring anything? No problem! You can contribute \$25 for each person instead, and still be a full part of the celebration.

Please visit our website for more information and scan the QR code to register.



FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE, OFM BUILDING FUND

In honor of Father Mychal Judge's legacy of service and ministry, the Church of St. Francis of Assisi Parish launched the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund on September 7, 2025.

This building fund is for the restricted and exclusive use of defraying expenses for renovation and repairs within our three buildings.

Repairs for our buildings include, but not limited to: electrical work, extensive plumbing, repointing bricks, HVAC repairs, carpentry renovations, painting, scaffolds to clean drains, and door and window replacements.

Support this fund by sending a check to:

The Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund c/o The Church of St. Francis of Assisi 135 West 31st Street New York, NY 10001



For more information and to give online, scan the QR code.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, October 26 \$ 6,091.00 October 20-24 \$11,809.00

Online Collections

We will provide an update in our next bulletin.

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!