



DECEMBER 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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The Holy Family with Saints Francis and Anne and the Infant Saint John the Baptist (early or mid-1630s). Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640).
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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

Rosary Group: Every second Wednesday, 6:30 pm Clare Room

Holy Hour: Every third Thursday, after 5:30 pm Mass

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, December 27, 2025

11:00 AM Fr. Andrew Reitz; Fr. Tom Gallagher

4:00 PM Laurence Clarke (D); Carole & James Emsworth

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Nana & Frank Aiena (D)
10:00 Deceased Members Llamas Family; Bdays Nati & Leonard Manuel
11:00 Jean & John Boyle; Thanksgiving Baltazar Miranda Family
12:30 PM Hank & Marta; Claudia Amoslino (D)
5:00 Lily M. Kwan Anniversary (D); Marie & Tom Finnerty

Monday, December 29, 2025

7:30 AM Mary Flynn & Frank Flynn (D); Birthday Noel Flynn
12:30 PM Mary Martir; Mary Martir
5:30 Esmeralda & Fran Cantanhede (D); Mona Libreton

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

7:30 AM Poor Souls; Glenn Evans (D)
12:00 PM Thomas Annunziato; Thomas Annunziato
5:30 St. Francis; Matthew Thottam

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 | New Year's Eve

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Chris McHugh (D)
12:00 PM Elvira & May Miranda; Birthday Jorge R. Sievert (D)
5:30 John Caulfield (D); Joseph & Mr X (L)

Thursday, January 1, 2025 | New Year's Day

12:30 PM Gotaco-Lee Families; Edina & Maria Jose Cantanhede (D)

Friday, January 2, 2025

7:30 AM Charlie McHugh; Michael McHugh (D)
12:00 PM Emiliana & Erivaldo Cantanhede (D); St. Francis
5:30 Tympha Flynn; Anna Matthew Thottam

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

A special note of gratitude to Cassandra Smith who donated the Advent wreath candles for Advent in 2025 in honor of her two sons, Jay D. Smith and Lester B. Edwards and their families.

Due to early deadlines for our bulletin print schedule for the Christmas season, we were unable to include the following names for intentions in last week's bulletin: Michelle Kenny (D); Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; and Jose & Esther Medina (D).

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

The new year of 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Our nation began through humble beginnings and has emerged as one of the world's superpowers. Our nation has had a storied past, but what will be the future of our great country? It is difficult to predict.



The late Trappist monk and author, Thomas Merton wrote a fascinating book in the 1960's entitled "Contemplation in a World of Action." Father Merton argued that a fast-paced society such as ours requires time away to reflect upon the true importance in life. Yes, he encouraged busy people to go on retreats and reflect about real meaning in their lives. Two of our parish's wonderful groups bear witness to this hope-filled future.

From Friday evening, January 30 till Sunday afternoon, February 1, our parish is sponsoring a winter retreat in upstate New York. The theme of the retreat is "Catholic Social Teaching" which is rich in Scriptural meaning and Christian identity. This retreat is coordinated by one of our parish's group called Converge. Converge is an excellent group that promotes spiritual gatherings in addition to prayer meetings and enjoyable social events. As Catholic Christians, we are called to deepen our spiritual life through retreats, prayerful meditation, and contemplation.

To follow up on this contemplative retreat in late January, another parish group wants to promote a key aspect of Catholic Social Teaching into ministerial action. The Laudato Si Committee has been recently revitalized as a voice for environmental justice in our parish. During the season of Lent 2026, they want to encourage parishioners not only what to give up for Lent but how we can act for the common good of our society. The Laudato Si Committee will supply parishioners with ideas what to give up for Lent on a creative basis that promotes the care of Creation. It will be real, meaningful, and holy! In other words, both parish groups will epitomize the title of Thomas Merton's book "Contemplation in a World of Action." They have a vision; they have a plan—they need witnesses to share that vision and plan.

We have high hopes for our nation as it observes its 250th anniversary in 2026. But we will not be focusing on the past. The past is a guide-post not a hitching post. Our parish will not be focused on its ancestors rather on its descendants. How are we as a parish trying to make this a better place for the generations to come? Seems to be a tall order. Yes, it is. As the People of God and under the spiritual leadership of Pope Leo—yes, we will try TOGETHER to make this a better world for everyone.

Blessings to all this coming NEW YEAR 2026 !

Father Brian Jordan, OFM
Pastor

PASTORAL NOTES

1. Father Brian Jordan, our pastor, has had his email account "bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org" hacked by predatory thieves. They pose as Father Brian asking for money through gift cards in case of a fake emergency. **Please ignore for it is a vicious scam. Father Brian will only ask for money for the parish from the pulpit, the bulletin, the website or in-person.** Never by emails! Many other pastors from the Archdiocese of New York and other local dioceses are also victims of these vicious scams.

2. Our **January 1st Mass schedule** for New Year's Day is as follows: Korean Mass at 9:15 am and a 12 noon Mass in English. Both will take place in the Upper Church. All are welcome!



JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1: ANNUAL PARISH WINTER RETREAT

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi is again offering a WINTER RETREAT FOR MINISTERS, VOLUNTEERS & PARISHIONERS. Step away from the busyness of life and find renewal in God's presence. Join us for our parish retreat—a time to rest, reflect, and reconnect in faith.



This retreat is a chance for parishioners to escape the city for a couple of days to connect with one another and reconnect with God. There will be time to pray, hear talks, discuss the faith, and enjoy quiet time on the beautiful property of the Mt. Alvernia Franciscan Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. Scan QR code for more information, fees, and to register.

SPECIAL NOTE ON UPPER CHURCH (M-F)

Please note that the Upper Church will open at 11:30 am Mondays through Friday starting December 15. There will be some days during late December-early January where the Upper Church will be closed all day due to construction and maintenance work.

SPECIAL NOTE ON DATED ANNOUNCED MASS CARDS

The price of a Dated Announced Mass is now \$20. Please make a note of this.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to early deadlines for our bulletin print schedule for the Christmas season, we are unable to include up-to-date information for our collections in this bulletin. We will provide updates as they become available for each bulletin being drafted.

In-Pew Collections

First Collection:	
Sunday, December 14	\$4,720.00
Second Collection:	
Sunday, December 14	\$1,581.00
December 8-12	\$4,097.00

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!