



JANUARY 11, 2026 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Battesimo di Cristo (Baptism of Christ) (from 1470 until 1475). Andrea del Verrocchio (1435–1488) and Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519). Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy. Andrea del Verrocchio, CC BY-SA 4.0 <<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>>, via Wikimedia Commons.

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, January 10, 2026

11:00 AM Estervina Green (L); Annabelle Skoglind (D)

4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Luis Rosa (L); Jay Martinello (L)

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Poor Souls

10:00 Belinda Domingo (D); Daniel Edward Sesma (D)

11:00 Widna Samuel (D); Erskine Belgrave (D)

12:30 PM Remedios & Ferry Mercado (D); Dear Okoti (D)

5:00 Thanksgiving Louella Nurse;
Rolando Sinco & Myrna Floresca (D)

Monday, January 12, 2026

7:30 AM Dear Julie (D); Mrs. Heidle Gerhard (D)

12:30 PM Family & Friends of Eleanor; Gia Diamond Soto (D)

5:30 Healing Matthew Chacko; Denise Sweeney (L)

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

7:30 AM Healing Manu Chacko; Eugenio Ceniza (D)

12:00 PM Colette Brennan (D); Paul Hunt (D)

5:30 Healing Neil Chacko; Thomas E. Gibson (D)

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

7:30 AM Felicitas Ceniza (D); Thanksgiving Manuelita Nieves (L)

12:00 PM Mila Faina (L); Marciana Villa Bday Blessings (L)

5:30 Thanksgivings For The Graces & Blessing - Gloria Vday (L);
Concepcion Mallonga (L)

Thursday, January 15, 2026

7:30 AM Concepcion Coliflores Butal (D)

12:00 PM Elizabeth Brennan (L); Mr. X And Ms. Y (L)

5:30 To St Jude for Myrna Pinchinat (L)

Friday, January 16, 2026

7:30 AM Jessica Leah Richard (D)

12:00 PM Nancy Centeno Reyes (D)

5:30 Amani Stroude & Jemina Stroude (L)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

SPECIAL NOTE ON DATED ANNOUNCED MASS CARDS

The price of a Dated Announced Mass is now \$20.

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Blessings upon you for the new year of 2026!

This Sunday's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the official end of the Christmas season. Jesus Christ is baptized into the River Jordan by John the Baptist—the last of the Old Testament prophets. The last verse of the Gospel passage from Matthew reads "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased." This baptism formally begins the public ministry of Jesus our Redeemer.



Speaking of ministry, the three subcommittees of our Synod Committee have formally begun their mission. On January 4, the **Education and Evangelization Committee** met and planned events for the 2026. On January 11, the **Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee** met to discuss a theme for Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. This same committee is planning a liturgical training day workshop to train new lectors, new Eucharistic ministers, hospitality ministers and adult altar servers. The **Social Concerns Committee** has already contributed ideas for the Lenten theme and has planned a Catholic Social Teaching workshop for all parishioners and friends on Saturday afternoon, January 24 from 2:00 pm till 3:30 pm. The workshop asks for a free will offering and light refreshments will be served.

The Synod Committee will gradually become our first parish council. This parish council will be composed of these three subcommittees and will issue monthly reports from October till June of each year. Please excuse our slow evolution but we prefer to be careful that this parish council will actually work out for the benefit of our parish and the local community.

Our parish council is formed by God in the words of today's first reading from Isaiah "I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations." Let us enlighten each other during the year 2026.

Blessings to all,

Father Brian Jordan, OFM
Pastor

JANUARY 24: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Please join us for an adult education seminar entitled "Catholic Social Teaching." This seminar will focus on the seven primary points of Catholic Social Teaching. The presenters for this seminar are Father Brian Jordan, OFM, our pastor and Professor Ronald Schramm of Columbia University and also the chairperson of the Social Concerns Committee of the parish. The seminar will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 24 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the St. Francis Room. The seminar is free and all parishioners and friends are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP for this workshop via the QR code.

UPPER CHURCH CLOSURE DURING WEEKDAYS

The Upper Church is now closed on weekdays (Monday through Friday) until further notice due to important renovations.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

January 15: Holy Hour at 6:00 pm

We invite you to step away from the pace of daily life and enter an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Hour is a time to sit in God's presence, listen in silence, and offer what you carry. Come for the whole hour or for as long as you are able.

January 21: Worker's Mass at 12 noon, Upper Church

On the third Wednesday of each month, we gather to remember workers who lost their lives on the job in the past month and to hold their families in prayer. This January, during the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Mass invites reflection on the dignity of work and the ongoing call to justice. A guest speaker will join us.

January 30: February 1: Annual Parish Winter Retreat

Step away from the busy-ness 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. Join us to spend time with other parishioners to pray, reflect, and reconnect with God and each other. Scan the QR code for more information, registration fee, and to register.



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

Sunday, December 28	\$3,580.00
December 22-26	\$1,245.00
Sunday, January 4	\$6,328.00
December 29-January 2	\$2,224.00

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!

