



APRIL 12, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Cross and baptismal font at St. Francis of Assisi for Easter 2026. Photo credit: Saki Mori.

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 Holy 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, April 11, 2026

4:00 PM Birthday Kathleen P. Forrest (L)

7:00 Birthday Denise Thorne (L);

Cipriana Alvarez Recovery/Cure (L)

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;

Healing Anne Mellier Luguya

10:00 Anna Corradi (D); Gia Diamond Soto (D)

11:00 Thomas & Edith Castellana (D); Johanna Cho (D)

12:30 PM Soul of Ann & William George (D);

Salvatore & Verna Bronzo Family Members (D)

5:00 Salvatore & Verna Bronzo Family Members (L);

Healing Anne Mellier Luguya

Monday, April 13, 2026

7:30 AM Victor Rita Recovery (L)

12:00 PM Choi J-Hyun (L)

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:30 AM Thanksgiving To St. Anthony

12:00 PM Sook Ja Kim (L)

5:30 Parishioners of Pius 10th, San Antonio, Tx

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

7:30 AM Edith Castellana (D); Catherine & Joseph Kim (L)

12:00 PM Jimmy Anthony Pacheco (L);

40th Day Edmundo Soriano (D)

5:30 Yang Dong-Heo (L)

Thursday, April 16, 2026

12:00 PM Birthday Axyl Garcia (L); Jung J-Eun (L)

5:30 St. Jude

Friday, April 17, 2026

12:00 PM Jin Elena Nurse (L)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

The following names were not included in previous bulletins at time of printing submission: Marie Therese Seus (D); Edward Falicco (L); Mike Flynn & Chris McHugh (D); Birthday Nathalie Kakra (D); Mary & Frank Flynn (D); Carlos De Celis (D); Birthday Edwin M. Kwan (L); Kyle Recovery (L); Dorothy & James Yost (D); Judith A. Wieman (D); Elena Diaz & Albanelys De La Cruz (D)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Easter Greetings!

Our iconic parish was blessed with many beautiful Liturgies from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday during Holy Week. From what I am told, this has been the largest attendance of worshipers since before the pandemic in 2019. Great news for our church!



Among the highlights of Holy Week were three liturgies:

Holy Thursday: This was the first ever Intercultural Holy Thursday Celebration of the Last Supper. It was celebrated in Korean, Spanish, and English. The Mass was presided by Father Larry Hayes, OFM, Provincial Minister of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. Father Larry's spirit-filled style greatly enhance the solemnity of this sacred Mass. The Intercultural Music was outstanding. All participating parishioners truly enjoyed this moving Liturgy.

Good Friday: The 3 pm Ceremony of the Passion of Jesus Christ was solemn and heartfelt. Father Jim Bernard, OFM presided and preached with eloquence and holiness. The adoration of the Cross was sacred and thought-provoking

The Easter Vigils: Yes, we had two Easter Vigils—one in English and the next in Korean. Overall, 18 were baptized into the Church; 28 were confirmed and many received Holy Communion for the first time. All the choir music was inspiring and sacred. Many parishioners shared that they participated in two beautiful and awe-inspiring Liturgies.

Nearly all the Easter Sunday liturgies were packed with parishioners looking for spiritual meaning in their lives. For the first time in many years, we celebrated the 5 pm Mass on Easter Sunday and over 250 people joined us for this joyful Liturgy.

We are now in Easter season and this is a joyful time. There is a Gaelic saying that encourages us about "joyful time":

Take time to work—it is the price of success.
Take time to think—it is the source of power.
Take time to play—it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read—it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to be friendly—it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream—it is hitching your wagon to a star.
Take time to love and be loved—it is the privilege of God.
Take time to look around—the day is too short to be selfish.
Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul!

May you all have a Blessed Easter season and joyful time!

Father Brian

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCIA CLASS OF 2025-2026

We congratulate our OCIA Class of 2025-2026! Eighteen of our sisters and brothers received their Sacraments of Initiation on Easter. A heartfelt thank you to their sponsors and our OCIA committee for their support and work.



OCIA 2025-2026. From the top left: (Confirmation or Confirmation/Full Communion): Clara Garcia, Nini Lam, Euni Kwon, Clay Wilson, Scott Holman, Angelina Maes, Diana Abarca, Alexis Ponce Rudy Garcia, and Jerilan Greene. From the bottom left (Baptism): Violet O'Leary, Clemence Perez, Julie Jimenez, Madelyn Leon, Gabrielle Estrella, and Molly Morgan.

We also have Christopher Simon (Confirmation and Full Communion) who was not present for the group photo. And Kevin Aarons who participated in the OCIA at St. Francis but was baptized at St. Francis of Assisi in Long Beach Island, NJ.

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OCIA 2025-2026 committee. From the top left: Fr. Brian Jordan, Donovan Haigler, Richard Buckley, Jonathan Mendez.

Seated: Mary Tarud, Carmen Haigler, Samantha Romero Garcia, Tamara Oyola-Santiago, Dario Corradini, and Jennifer Lee.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 28: 2026 GALA TO END HUNGER

The 2026 Gala to End Hunger will take place in St. Ignatius Loyola's Wallace House on Park Avenue in Manhattan on Tuesday, April 28 at 6 pm. Tickets are available by visiting bread.org/gala for more information. The program will feature Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Capuchin, Archbishop Emeritus of Boston. To become a member of Bread for the World and supporter of ending hunger, visit www.bread.org.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to the advance print schedule for this Easter issue of our bulletin, we are unable to provide an update on our collections. We expect to provide an update in our next Bulletin issue.

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