



APRIL 19, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 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 18, 2026

4:00 PM Thanksgiving Jean Lionel Mesidor (L);
Thanksgiving Assunta Nieddu (L)

7:00 Cipriana Alvarez Recovery/Cure (L);
Lori Hann Recovery/Cure

Sunday, April 19, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
Elena & Nicholas Daconta

10:00 Jessica Gonzalez De Jesus (D)

11:00 Young Yu (L); Leticia Gbeasor - Healing (L)

12:30 PM Spc. Int. For Niña & Lucho Palabrica (L)

5:00 Enrique De Dios (D); Birthday Joseph Roldan (L)

Monday, April 20, 2026

12:00 PM Joseph D'Alessandro (D)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony;
Thanksgiving Assunta Nieddu (L)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

7:30 AM Elena & Nicholas Daconta (D)

12:00 PM Clementine Vaccariello (D)

5:30 Ira V. Mckenzie (D)

Thursday, April 23, 2026

12:00 PM Nerio Plondaya Jr. (D)

5:30 Georgia Lawson Birthday (L);
86th Bday Luz G. Lee (D)

Friday, April 24, 2026

7:30 AM Franciscan Friars

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: Thanksgiving Assunta Nieddu (L); Wilma & Margarita Rey (D); Blessings for Zheng Family; Sr. Gertrude O'Brien (D); Joseph O'Brien (D); Larry O'Brien (L); Jimmy Anthony Pacheco (L); Jeong Bo Hyeon (D); Eileen Hanlon (L) & Helen Hanlon (D)

The Pastor's Corner

Once a month, a parishioner or a staff member offers a reflection about a relevant issue for our parishioners and friends. This week, Liam Mulligan, a longtime cantor at our parish and an instructor at Manhattan University shares a reflection about a pilgrimage he took along with his college students to Nicea. Nicea is observing the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea where we began our church's Nicene creed that we pray every Sunday. The Council of Nicea issued this Creed in 325 AD.

Councils, Communion, and the Courage to Remain Together

This winter, I traveled to Turkey with Manhattan University students to walk the ground where the early Church first found its voice. We didn't just study history; we saw where personality, politics, and prayer collided to forge our faith.

At Nicaea and Constantinople, our students reenacted the fierce debates that produced the Creed. They discovered that these definitions weren't born of serene agreement, but of hard-won persuasion and a commitment to stay together despite deep conflict. At Ephesus, we saw that doctrine and devotion are inseparable: affirming Mary as Theotokos was a defense of the Incarnation itself. How we believe directly shapes how we pray.

The spiritual anchor of the trip was a private audience with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Istanbul. His humility and clarity reminded us that true authority comes from faithfulness, not power. It turned ancient history into a living question: How do we guard the faith without hardening our hearts?

As a musician and minister at St. Francis, this journey changed how I hear the Creed. It isn't just a text; it's an inheritance forged in struggle and entrusted to us. The early councils prove that disagreement isn't failure and unity isn't uniformity. Communion requires the courage to listen and discern—a challenge that remains for us today.

Photo: Liam Mulligan and Manhattan University students with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.



NOTE FROM FATHER BRIAN: EASTER TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am delighted to inform you that we have had our best collections for the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday collections since 2019.

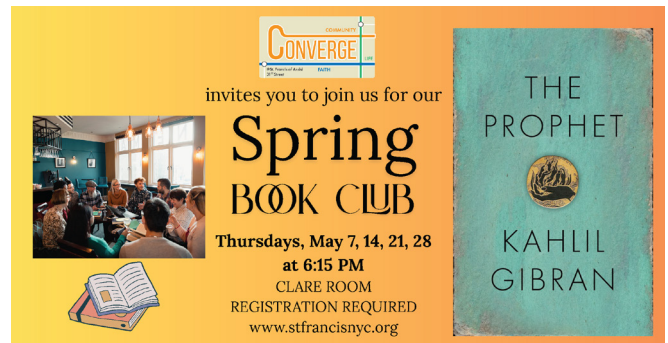
Holy Thursday: \$1,569.00
Good Friday: \$5,003.00 (Holy Land)
Easter Vigils (2): \$4,370.00
Easter Sunday: \$8,111.00 (Six Masses)
Online-Easter: \$4,750.71

The total Easter collection for both cash and online was: \$17,231.00—the best since 2019. On behalf of the friars, the parish staff and our lay leaders, I am so grateful for your outstanding generosity. It appears that our parish is making a strong financial and liturgical comeback since 2019. God bless you all!

Blessings,
Father Brian

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.



CONVERGE
invites you to join us for our

Spring BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28
at 6:15 PM
CLARE ROOM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
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THE PROPHET
KAHLIL GIBRAN

Join us this spring for a thoughtful and inspiring book club as we read *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran. This timeless classic is a collection of poetic reflections on life's most meaningful experiences—love, friendship, work, joy, sorrow, and faith. Through beautiful and simple prose, Gibran invites readers to pause, reflect, and discover deeper wisdom for everyday living.

WHEN: Thursdays – May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6:15 PM

WHERE: CLARE ROOM

Scan QR code to register.



Join the Franciscans as we walk the
Camino de Compostela
(July 24 - Aug 2, 2026)
in Northern Spain, or enjoy the beauty of Italy on our
Tourgrimage to Florence, Assisi and Rome
(Oct. 16 - 25, 2026)
For more information, go to



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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, April 12	\$5,229.00
April 6-10	\$1,920.00

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