



## MAY 17, 2026 | SEVENTH 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 8:00-9:00am; 11:00am-12:00pm; 4:30-5:30pm

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)

### Parish Staff

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 16, 2026

11:00 AM Thanksgiving Elvira Miranda (L);  
Jesu V. Loanzon (D)

4:00 PM Bday Christopher Temple (D);  
Marie Carole Espert (D)

### Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;  
Thanksgiving Elvira Miranda (L)

11:00 Jose & Esther Medina (D)

12:30 PM Benjamin Ronald Angerosa Angers (D)

### Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:30 AM Poor Souls

12:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

5:30 Rosario Frayna (D)

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

12:00 PM Joseph D'Alessandro (D)

### 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:

Ndille Nsom Patrice (D);

Leonore O'Brien & Marjorie Klein (D); Mary O'Brien (D);

Diana Vidaic (D); Mario Jelencovic (D);

Leonardo Jelencovic (D); Johanna Lynch (D);

Paule Albina Vidaic (D); Paule Albina Vidaic (D);

Jelencovic Ante & Mario (D); Jerolim Vukic (D);

Ruzika Blazevic (D); Marie Sanders (D); End of Abortion;

Souls In Purgatory; David Gemmill (D);

Healing Prayers for Eugene Ceniza

## The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This past Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension where Jesus ascended into Heaven body and soul. The Archdiocese of New York and many other dioceses celebrate this feast on Thursday. Other dioceses such as the Archdiocese of Washington celebrate it on the Sunday closest to that Thursday.



This Feast witnesses the rising of Christ to Heaven after his resurrection. The apostles witnessed the Ascension, and they were formally entrusted with the mission of the Church. Jesus' return marked the exaltation of Christ to the right hand of God where Jesus' supremacy over Creation was revealed. The Feast of the Ascension is a holyday of obligation for all Catholics.

The readings this weekend pertain to the mission of the Apostles directly after the actual Ascension of Jesus. The eleven gathered in the Upper Room for the most aspect of Christian community: communal prayer. The last verse from the Acts of the Apostles says: "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary, mother of Jesus and his brothers."

The passage from the Gospel of John reveals the words Jesus prays before his actual Ascension "Father, I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

May we as a parish and as part of the wider church continue to accomplish the work that Jesus entrusted to his apostles and now is entrusted to us as a Franciscan community.

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

## Pastoral Notes

1. This weekend—May 16 and 17, after all the Masses, members of our finance council will give an update of the financial health of our beloved parish.
2. If there are any parishioners who have experience with development work for a nonprofit organization, please ask them to contact Father Brian Jordan, OFM, our pastor at [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org).

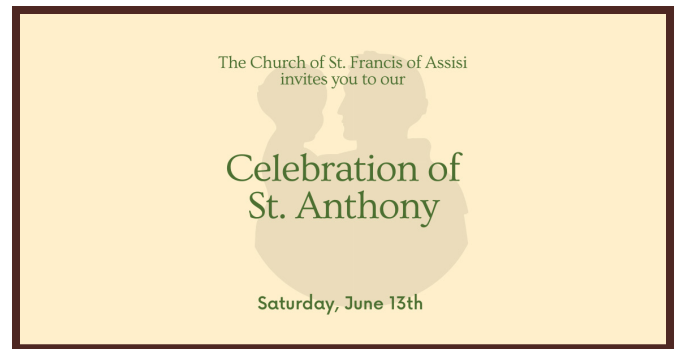
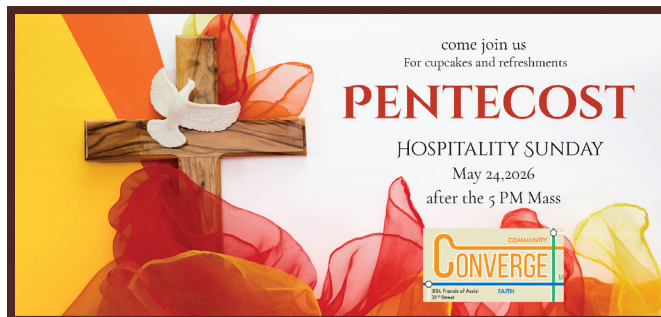
## DENIM COLLECTION

The **Laudato Si Environmental Committee** is collecting used denim clothing to be used to create sensory boards for autistic students at a local school, as well as for other uses. **Parishioners and friends can drop off freshly cleaned denim on two consecutive weekends.** A large bin is available in the front lobby of the parish house.

- Saturday afternoon 2 pm till 5 pm May 9 and Sunday after all Masses May 10.
- Saturday afternoon 2 pm till 5 pm May 16 and Sunday after all Masses May 17.

**No weekday drop offs and no dirty denim will be accepted.** According to the UN, producing one pair of jeans requires around 3,781 litres of water. Our reuse of materials is one way to protect the planet and its people.

Thank you for helping us with this worthy cause.



Join us on Saturday, June 13 to celebrate the feast of St. Anthony.

### MASSES

8:30am • 9:30am • 11:00am  
12:30pm (Kreyol)  
2:00pm (Español)

### CONFESSIONS

8:00am - 9:00am  
10:00am - 11:00am  
1:00pm - 2:00pm

### BREAD DISTRIBUTION

Bread will be distributed from 8am-5pm on both the 31st and 32nd street entrances.

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

### In-Pew Collections

Sunday, May 10	\$4,653.00
May 4-8	\$2,348.00

## 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!