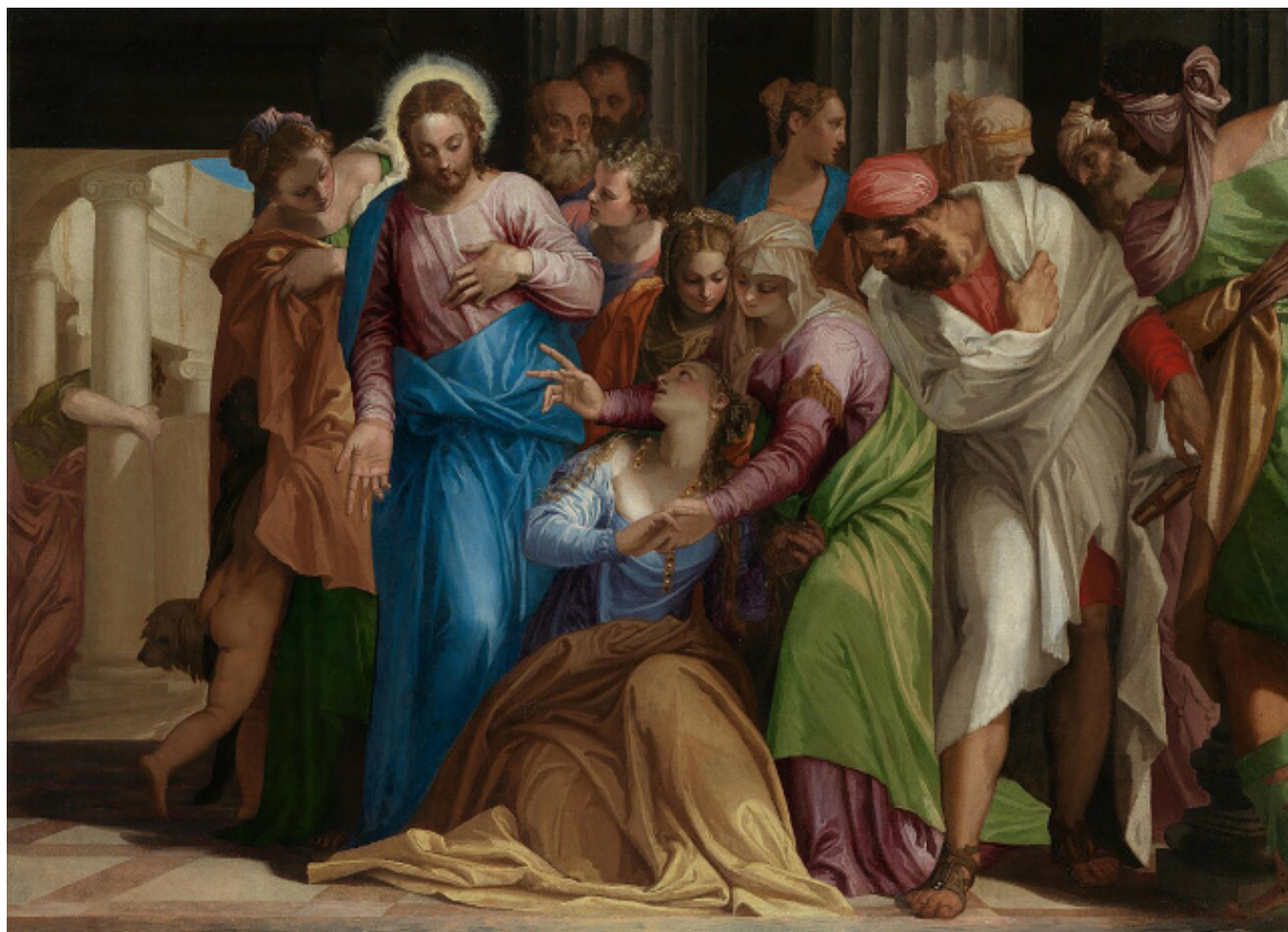




JULY 19, 2026 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, July 18, 2026

11:00 AM Susan Ledwith (D); Alan & Joan Ceniza (D)

4:00 PM Benito & Angelita Luranillo (D);
John Joseph & Grace P. Magovern (D)

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Poor Souls

10:00 Birthday Alex Malan

11:00 Alice Saldanha (D); Maria Buono (D)

12:30 PM Fr. John Bowe (D)

5:00 John Coleman Magovern (D); Jose Rosel (D)

Monday, July 20, 2026

7:30 AM Alice Saldanha (D); Maria Ramirez (D)

12:00 PM Joseph D'Alessandro (D)

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

7:30 AM (Ma) Rosario Palomeno (D)

12:00 PM Alice Saldanha (D)

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 | Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

7:30 AM Rosario Palomeno (D)

12:00 PM Esther Medina (D)

5:30 Dolores Arias (D)

Thursday, July 23, 2026

7:30 AM Alice Saldanha (D)

5:30 Mauricio Lane (D)

Friday, July 24, 2026

7:30 AM Alice Saldanha (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Due to the print schedule for last week's issue of the bulletin, we were unable to provide the following names for the Intentions:

Elena Diaz Ynoa & Albanelys Dela Cruz (D)

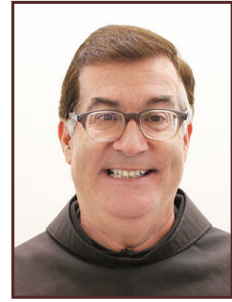
Mary & Frank Flynn (D)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

The World Cup 2026 in New York/New Jersey has been a total joy and blessings! Strangers are talking to each other all over the metropolitan area. Members of the international community have voiced their gratitude to the friendliness of New Yorkers and New Jerseyites. Hospitality is greatly appreciated and hostility barely exists. The good seed has definitely outweighed the bad seed this past month.



The readings this weekend promote growth through maturity and increase in our faith. Jesus lived and ministered in an agrarian economy and his teaching method--the parables often applied agrarian images. Today's Gospel passage from Matthew talks of the sower and the seed. If cultivated properly, there is good seed which will produce good crops. If there is bad seed, bad crops will occur. We as a community of faith are called to "cultivate" good relations among our members and invite new people to become part of this "good harvest." Jesus said "The reign of God may be likened to man who sowed good seed in the field."

The French writer, Jean Vanier, who was a proponent of worldwide soccer once wrote, "Growth begins when we start to accept our own weakness." St. Francis de Sales also incorporated agrarian images to teach that harmony can grow from bitterness "Remember that bees make the sweetest honey from the flowers of the thyme--a small and bitter herb."

This past month, our parish church offered hospitality to all those who attended the World Cup Games in nearby New Jersey. Many had to go through security on W. 32nd by our church in order to travel by the New Jersey Transit trains. There was joy, a friendly spirit and a message of "good seed of harmony" among tourists, visitors, local businesses, local residents and local law enforcement. This pleasant scene reminded me of a verse from today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom. "For your might is a source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient over all."

This year's World Cup proves that God is love and he or she who abides in God has love abiding in them.

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

AUGUST 2: BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Sunday, August 2 from 9 am to 3 pm, our parish will partner with the New York Blood Center for a major blood donor drive in San Damiano Hall. There is a critical blood shortage in New York City and many patients awaiting surgeries or transplants are in dire need of blood donor donations.

Advance registration is required and please scan the QR code to register or contact Father Brian at 212-736-8500 ext. 232 or email him at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org. Please note that each donor will be required to fill out a questionnaire before donating blood. Some of the questions are personal but need to be asked in order to have healthy blood donations..



We thank you in advance for your patience with the registration process to participate in the blood drive.

JULY 25: CHURCH COMMUNITY SUMMER PICNIC

Join us for a joyful afternoon of fellowship and community at our Church Community Summer Picnic in beautiful Central Park! This relaxed BYO (bring your own) picnic is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the summer weather, share conversation, and strengthen the bonds of our parish family.

WHEN: Saturday, July 25, 2026 meeting at 11:30 am to 3:30 pm

WHERE: The Great Lawn at Central Park

Everyone is welcome—families, friends, and newcomers alike.

Come as you are and enjoy a simple afternoon of community, laughter, and sunshine.



JULY 26: SUNDAE SUNDAY

Enjoy ice cream in fellowship with fellow parishioners. It's a wonderful opportunity to build community and connect with each other.

We hope you'll make it a part of your summer and invite family and friends to join us!

DATE: Sunday, July 26

TIME: After 5 pm Mass

WHERE: Clare Room

FROM LAUDATO SI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

LIMITING PLASTIC DURING SUMMER OUTINGS

Only around 5% of plastic is actually recycled. The rest ends up being burned, buried or broken down into **microplastics**, which invade the human body and causes a risk to health. Single-use items often end up as **trash** in the streets.

- **Carry a reusable container** rather than buying water in a plastic bottle.
- **Cut up fruits and vegetables.** Avoid buying them in plastic clamshells.
- **Pack lunch in reusable containers** including reusable utensils.
- **Bring your own reusable shopping bags.**

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 12:

First Collection \$4,165.00

Second Collection -

Missions for Black and Indian people in America
\$1,122.00

July 6-10 \$1,685.00

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!