



AUGUST 16, 2026 | TWENTIETH 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, August 15, 2026

11:00 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

4:00 PM Harry Cafetz (D); JB (L)

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Mia Cho (L)

10:00 Patricia Ann Rivera (D)

11:00 Jose & Esther Medina (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

12:30 PM Fr. John Bowe (D); Helen & Harry Downes (D)

5:00 Librada Dollosa (D); Mary & Tommy (L)

Monday, August 17, 2026

7:30 AM Thomas & Edith Castellana; Joe & Brian (L)

12:00 PM Yvonne Detoro (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Joanna Farmanfarmanian (D); Agustina Dominguez (D)

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

7:30 AM Bday/Healing Elvira Galang; Mary Martir (L)

12:00 PM John & Helen Crowley (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 John Gerard Sullivan (D); Helen Hanlon (D)

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

7:30 AM St. Jude; Elena Winzel (D)

12:00 PM Opela Perez Torres (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Thomas Annunziato (L); Fiji at NYU (L)

Thursday, August 20, 2026

7:30 AM 95th Bday Marylou Hughes (L)

12:00 PM Joseph D'alessandro (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Fortuna Fuentes (D); Rogelio Ibarreta Sr.

Friday, August 21, 2026

7:30 AM Carmela & Gene Souza (D)

12:00 PM Gilberte Joseph (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Rommel Dabu (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Intentions of Lawrence & Cheryl Carlos

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

Asteria Fernandez (D); Irma Ferraro (D); Patricia Ann Rivera (D); Maria Bernal (D); Birthday Elizabeth Alfonso (L); Mora Flores (D); Rommel Samson (D); Thanksgiving For Janneil (L)

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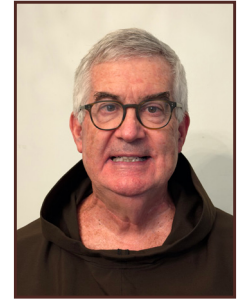
In Memory of Procesa & Buenaventura Carlos

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Over a month ago, the Franciscan province of Our Lady of Guadalupe which covers the entire United States had its triennial meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. This meeting called a “chapter” elected new Provincial leadership through our new Provincial, Michael Perry, the Vicar Provincial, Erick Lopez and seven elected councilors’ who serve as an advisory board to the Provincial. These are all fine Franciscan friars and they will do a very good job of leadership.



Our local Friary leadership is also changing. Father Jim Gannon, OFM who served in our parish and was the local superior of our Friary has been transferred to a parish in New Jersey effective after Labor Day weekend. Thank you very much Father Gannon and blessings on your new assignment. He will be replaced by Father Louis Iasiello, OFM who has a fascinating resume. He is a former chief of chaplains for the US Navy and retired as an admiral. He was a president of religious order seminary in Washington DC. He was an academic dean at a pontifical university in Columbus, Ohio. He was an adjunct professor at Siena University, Loudonville, New York. His recent assignment before coming here was as a seminary professor at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Ohio. I have asked Father Louis to help me with adult education in our parish.

I have been reappointed as pastor for the next three years and Father Jim Bernard, OFM has been reassigned as business manager. Unfortunately, I will NOT be getting another full-time parochial vicar who can speak Spanish and work with adult education as requested. There is a great shortage of bilingual priests in our Province and throughout the United States. Therefore, I will adapt to the matter by getting other bilingual priests in New York City to say Mass and help me with Spanish speaking adult education classes. I will be relying on Father Louis with his rich academic background to help develop an adult education program in English that will stimulate interest from our parishioners and friends.

This is the new reality in our US church—there are less priests (especially Spanish speaking) in our country and we need to promote lay leadership programs to meet the needs of parishioners and friends of our community. At the next Synod Council and finance council meetings—I will ask for their input on how we adapt to this new reality. Our readings today call us to adapting to new reality. A verse from the Book of the prophet Isaiah reads “Observe what is right, do what is just.” A verse from today's Gospel of Matthew savors the words of Jesus “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

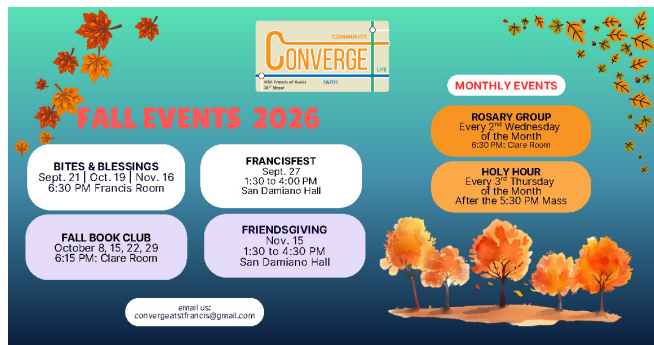
Let us be people of faith as we improvise and adapt to the signs of the times and encounter Jesus and St. Francis along our mutual pathways.

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

OCIA STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

A graphic with a light blue background and clouds. At the top are three icons: a blue triangle with a white dove (BLESSED WITH BAPTISM), a red triangle with a white flame (CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT), and a yellow triangle with a white chalice (NOURISHED BY THE EUCHARIST). Below these is the text "SHARE YOUR JOURNEY WITH US!" in red. The main text reads "CURIOUS ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?" in large red letters, with "START HERE!" below it. In the bottom left is the logo for the Order of Saint Francis of Assisi (135 W 31st St, New York, NY 10001, STFRANCISNYC.ORG). In the bottom right is the OCIA logo (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults).

A graphic with a light blue background. At the top left is the logo for the Order of Saint Francis of Assisi (135 W 31st St, New York, NY 10001, STFRANCISNYC.ORG). The main heading is "Register for the OCIA PROGRAM" in large red letters. Below this is a paragraph: "The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a Fall to Spring program of prayer, learning and reflection designed for those seeking baptism, confirmation or full communion in the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+." Below this is a red line: "If you are interested please contact us or fill out the interest form." Below that is a smaller line: "The interest form can be found on our website." In the center is a QR code with the text "SCAN HERE" below it. Below the QR code is the text "For questions contact us: ocia.stfrancisnyc@gmail.com". On the left and right sides are two small photos: one of a priest and a woman, and another of a group of people in white robes.



NOTE FROM LAUDATO SI COMMITTEE

Do you live in a co-op building? Join the Green Co-op Council

The Green Co-op Council brings co-op shareholders together to advocate for policies to green our homes, protect our environment and save money. They are advancing several city and state-level campaigns such as extending J-51, passing the SUNNY Act (for plug-in solar), and expanding resources for co-op shareholders to make green capital improvements, including energy efficiency upgrades and electrification projects to comply with Local Law 97, while also preserving the affordability of our homes. Interested? Contact Julia@greencoopcouncil.org.



STARTING SEPT. 21 - BITES & BLESSINGS

Join us for Bites and Blessings, a new monthly gathering where faith and fellowship come together around the table. We invite you to share a simple meal, reflect on Scripture, and enjoy meaningful conversation in a welcoming and relaxed setting. Whether you're new to our parish or have been a member for years, this is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, build friendships, and experience the joy of Christian community. Each gathering includes a light meal followed by prayer, Scripture reflection, and faith sharing. No prior Bible study experience is necessary—just bring an open heart and a willingness to journey with others.

When: Third Monday of each month
Time: 6:30 PM
Where: Francis Room



Please RSVP via the QR code

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 9	
<i>First Collection</i>	\$6,191.00
<i>Second Collection:</i>	
<i>For Missions in Africa</i>	\$1,149.00
August 3-7	\$2,210.00

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!