



AUGUST 23, 2026 | TWENTY-FIRST 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.



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 22, 2026

11:00 AM Julio Cesar Gonzalez Murillo (D);
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

4:00 PM Aura Amarilys & Eduard Belardo Tawil Barrios (D);
Thanksgiving Mendoca Family

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
Felixberta Hallazgo Gabriel (D)

10:00 Luz Luna (D)

11:00 Linda Ocampo (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

12:30 PM Birthday Brenda Williams (L);
Intercession of Infant of Prague

5:00 Matthew Dempsey (D);
Rommel & Dean Noah Dabu (D)

Monday, August 24, 2026

7:30 AM John James Spears (D); Douglas Ebright (D)

12:00 PM Thanksgiving Rose Fourreau (L);
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Bartolome Frayna (D);
Wed. Anniv. Joseph & Salve Trballo (L)

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

7:30 AM Sung Cho (L); James Houlihan, Jr. (L)

12:00 PM Salvatore & Verna Bronzo (D); Luis A. Carreon Sr. (D)

5:30 Mary Zaccagnino (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

12:00 PM Don K. Reed

5:30 Florencio Jacela (L)

Thursday, August 27, 2026

7:30 AM Birthday Stephen Piccone (L); Robert Rossi (L)

12:00 PM Albert & Venera Costabile (D); Norma Colucci (D)

5:30 Bday Love Maelle Hooper Cambbell (L);
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Friday, August 28, 2026

7:30 AM Franciscan Friars

12:00 PM Salvatore T. Dionisio (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:

Healing For Vina Rizvi

For the People of Colombia

Sylvia Son Mendoza (D)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

In preparation for the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, a committee was formed to redesign our 9/11 Memorial in our Upper Church. Our 9/11 Memorial was installed in March, 2002 and was the first house of worship to have a 9/11 Memorial. On August 11, 2026 the Feast of St. Clare, a beautiful unveiling ceremony took place in our Upper Church. Besides our wonderful parishioners, some elected officials, representatives from the Fire Department of New York, The New York City Police Department, the Port Authority Police Department, and the New York City union construction workers all participated in this moving ceremony.

The redesign for the 9/11 Memorial was led by Paul Beelitz, the former Director of Collections and Archives of the Division of Anthropology of the American Museum of Natural History. Paul did an extraordinary job of redesigning this 9/11 Memorial with the assistance of Local 137 sheet metal workers; Local 40 ironworkers; a Franciscan artist from Ohio, and a sculptor from Arizona. News coverage came to cover this wonderful event. Many people who are not regulars in our parish have flocked to see this awe-inspiring 9/11 Memorial.

The ancient Roman poet, Cicero once said "Memory is the treasurer and guardian of all things." Although tragedy occurred on that fateful day of 9/11, our memory will always remember and regale of those who died on that day or died as a result of ingesting toxins from the site.

The readings this week mention the importance of memory and the proper use of authority. A verse from the prophet Isaiah says "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder." This key represents compassionate control and the ability to provide access for people to remember. We have lots of memories to remember on September 11.

In today's Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus appoints the apostle Peter to be the first Pope "And I so say to you Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven."

The clear majority of the 2,800 plus people who died at the World Trade Center that day were Roman Catholic. As the rocks of the Twin Towers came crashing down that day, "the rock of the church" of God



strengthened people to come together and understand that even though they saw evil at its worst on September 11, 2001—people around our city, our state, our nation, and our world came together because we also saw goodness at its best.

Please invite your family, friends and acquaintances for a visit to our 9/11 Memorial—we will never forget!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Remembers September 11, 2001

IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE



Commemorative Event

An Evening with Michael Daly, Author

The Book of Mychal: The Surprising Life and Heroic Death of Fr. Mychal Judge
Thursday, September 10 • 6:00 PM • Clare Room

9/11 Mass Schedule

7:30 AM - Lower Church

10:30 AM - Upper Church
with the local FDNY Battalion

12:00 Noon - Lower Church

12:30 PM - Upper Church

with NYC Building Trades Unions

5:30 PM - Upper Church

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OCIA STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 15:



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. 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 16	\$6,278.00
August 10-14	\$2,338.00

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