



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | TWENTY-THIRD 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, September 5, 2026

11:00 AM Birthday Teresita Jacela (L); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

4:00 PM Bday Ma. Encarnacion Oris (L)

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
Jay Shaughnessy (D)

10:00 Rev. Dario Betancourt (D)

11:00 Healing Ireneo Galicia & Mr. & Mrs. Marcial;
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:00 Healing Anibal Guerrero;
Thanksgiving Rego Fernandez & Lobo Families

Monday, September 7, 2026 | Labor Day

12:00 PM Miguel Gabriel (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D);
Thanksgiving Jenevy de Jesus (L)

12:00 PM Victor Sr. & Norma Colucci (D); St. Anthony

5:30 Florentino Mabasa (D)

Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:30 AM Bday Byong Sook Theresa Chung (L)

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

5:30 Bday Blessings for Danny Le Blanc (L)

Friday, September 11, 2026

7:30 AM Aurora Miller (L); Shania Degarmo (D)

12:00 PM Alex & Joseph (L); Phi Gamma Delta at NYU

5:30 Marylou Ripiedad (D); Luisa G. Dabao (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:

Tom & Marie Finnerty (L); James K. Joseph (D) & Eappen Joseph & Thakamma Eapen (L); Josephine Felix (D) & Antonius Felix (L); Eliseo & Gloria Gastador (D); Intention of Tristan Mercado (L); Melika, Louis & Genesis Simpson (L)

The Pastor's Corner

Our guest writer this Labor Day weekend is Brendan Griffith, President of the New York City Central Labor Council. He is a Catholic who attends some of our weekday Masses.

On Labor Day, Honoring the Workers Who Carry New York

Labor Day is our opportunity as New Yorkers to celebrate the people who built this City and continue to keep it running each and every day. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the values that have always guided our Labor Movement, including solidarity, dignity, and the belief that every worker deserves to be respected.

Many of the rights working people now take for granted were once considered impossible. Shorter hours, safer workplaces, fair wages, and a voice on the job were achieved because workers stood together and demanded better, but on Labor Day it is important to remember that the work of building a better world for working people is not yet finished.

That belief is at the heart of the partnership between the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO ("NYC CLC") and the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. In 2024, the NYC CLC was proud to be part of the dedication of New York City's only Workers' Chapel alongside the Building and Construction Trades Council and members and leaders of many other unions from across the city's Labor Movement.

That relationship continues on the third Wednesday of every month at the Workers' Mass, where the NYC CLC joins St. Francis' congregation in remembering New Yorkers who lost their lives on the job during the previous month. We read the name of each person out loud because every loss is personal. Each loss represents a family and a community that will never be the same. The idea behind the tradition is simple: all work has dignity, and all workplaces should be safe.

The Labor Movement has fought for generations to make that idea a reality. Workers have organized for safety laws and protections that have saved countless lives, and continue to insist on the right of every worker to return home safely at the end of a shift.

This Labor Day carries special meaning as we approach the 25th anniversary of September 11th. We remember those who were lost in New York City, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon, most

of whom were at work that morning, from those in public safety, to aviation, maintenance, construction, utilities and many more. We honor the first responders who ran towards danger, not away from it, and the trades' members who cleared 16 acres of debris working around the clock with emergency lighting by motion picture and television technicians and Teamsters. We honor transit workers who kept the city moving; nurses, healthcare workers, and mental health professionals who staffed the hospitals, morgues, and call centers; educators who provided stability to New York City's children; and we honor all of the working people whose stories remind us that when New York faces its hardest moments, working people show up.

We also remember and honor the responders and recovery workers who have become sick (and continue to get sick) in the years following, and the families who continue to bear those losses. Today, more than 150,000 responders and survivors are enrolled in the WTC Health Program, and the number of first responders to die from exposure-related illness now exceeds those lost on 9/11. Honoring them also reminds us what we owe to one another: to protect working people, to value their lives, and to keep fighting for better.

As we celebrate Labor Day, we honor generations of workers who came before us, remember those who did not make it home from work, and recommit ourselves to a future in which every worker is treated with dignity, has a voice on the job, and can return home safely to the people they love.

Brendan Griffith is President of the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.



AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL DALY, AUTHOR *The Book of Mychal: The Suprising Life and Heroic Death of Fr. Mychal Judge*

Join us on September 10 for an event with author Michael Daly in remembrance of September 11, 2001 and Fr. Mychal Judge.



Thursday, September 10, 2026
Event starts at 6:00 pm

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our website for additional upcoming events, including the following:

- Bites & Blessings starting Monday, September 21
- 5th Annual FrancisFest on Sunday, September 27
- Annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3
- Two Adult Education Courses - *Making the Connections: The Novels of James Baldwin (1924-1987) & Telling Times: The Poetry of W.S. Merwin (1927-2019)*

SEPTEMBER 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

SEPTEMBER 12: LABOR MASS & BANNER PROCESSION

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi is hosting this year's Labor Mass & Banner Procession honoring the workers of September 11. Please arrive by 10:30 AM for a banner procession prior to the Mass starting at 11:00 AM.

OCIA STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 15:



Register for the
OCIA PROGRAM

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+.

If you are interested please contact us or fill out the interest form.

The interest form can be found on our website



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SEPTEMBER 16: MASS FOR CARE OF CREATION

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026

5:30 pm

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In the Jubilee Year of the 800th Anniversary of the Death of St. Francis of Assisi

Special guest: Christina Leño,

Associate Director of the Laudato Si' Movement

Reception to follow



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 30 \$4,382.00

August 24-28 \$1,746.00

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