



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Adoración de la Santa Cruz por Santa Helena y el emperador Heraclio/Adoration of the Holy Cross with St. Helena and Emperor Herclius (circa 1438-1487). Miguel Ximénez (–1505). Museo de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain.

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 12, 2026

11:00 AM Thomas & Edith Castellana (D); Christine Chen (D)

4:00 PM Bday Abigail Suwanto; Bday Emmitt Alcantara (L)

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; St. Anthony

10:00 Robert Kent Davis (D)

11:00 Jose & Esther Medina (D); Anna Corradi (D)

12:00 PM Gia Diamond Soto (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:00 Andre & Celestine Goncalves (D); Mary Shea (D)

Monday, September 14, 2026

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 AM Jenny & Louis Castellana (D);
Joseph Natoli & Robert X. (L)

12:00 PM Phi Gamma Delta at NYU (L); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Bday Doreen Pastrana (L);
Phi Gamma Delta At NYU (L)

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 | Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 AM Chloe Willert (L)

12:00 PM Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:30 AM St. Jude

12:00 PM Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Thursday, September 17, 2026

12:00 PM Danny Quimlat (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Friday, September 18, 2026

7:30 AM Sunghee Sophia Kim (D)

12:00 PM Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Birthday Kenneth G. Lee Jr. (L)

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

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This weekend the world and especially our parish observes the 25th anniversary of that fateful day of September 11, 2001. We lost both Father Mychal Judge, OFM and Carolyn LaPlante, SFO, a Secular Franciscan who was both a parishioner and an arts appreciation volunteer.



This day is now known as National Day of Public Service. The purpose of this day is to come together in fellowship. The first reading from the Book of Sirach provides guidelines for this fellowship "Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay and cease from sin! Think of the Commandments and hate not your neighbor" As Catholic Christians we are called not to participate in antisemitism and Islamophobia. We are called to treat all the People of God as our neighbor.

This weekend, we remember those who were killed on the day of 9/11 and all those who died of toxins as a result of exposure to infectious at Ground Zero. We also pray for consolation to all family members and friends of the deceased. A verse from the letter to the Romans reads: "For this is why Christ died and came to life that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living."

Our country and over eighty other nations lost loved ones on 9/11. This is not just a national tragedy but an international tragedy. A great sign of both emotional and spiritual maturity is forgiveness. Forgiveness is easier said than done--but it can be done. When Jesus was asked in today's Gospel passage from Matthew about how many times we are called to forgive, he responded: "I say to you, not seven times but seventy seven times."

This weekend, when we recite the Our Father, please not only pray those words but please practice those words.

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

OCIA STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 15:

SEPTEMBER 16: MASS FOR CARE OF CREATION

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026

5:30 pm

Church of St. Francis of Assisi

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

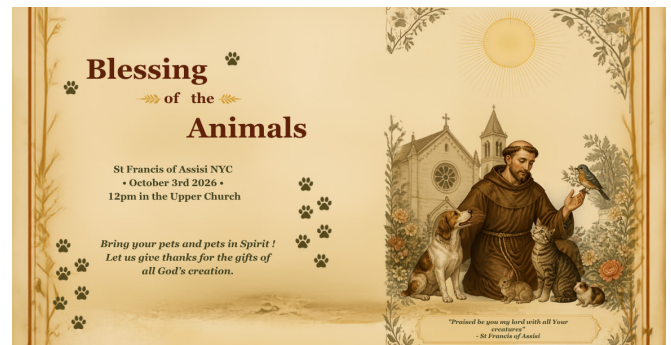




STARTING SEPT. 21 - BITES & BLESSINGS

Join us for Bites and Blessings, a new monthly gathering, where faith and fellowship come together around the table, and share a simple meal, reflect on Scripture, and enjoy meaningful conversation. 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



SCAN QR code for information and to purchase tickets.



ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Two Adult Education Courses :
 - *Telling Times: The Poetry of W.S. Merwin (1927-2019)* (Starting October 5)
 - *Making the Connections: The Novels of James Baldwin (1924-1987)* (Starting October 8)
- Fall Book Club featuring "Beautiful Outlaw" by John Eldredge (Starting October 8)
- Franciscan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Graymoor Retreat Center (October 17)

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to the early print schedule for this issue, we will share updates on collections in the following bulletin.

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