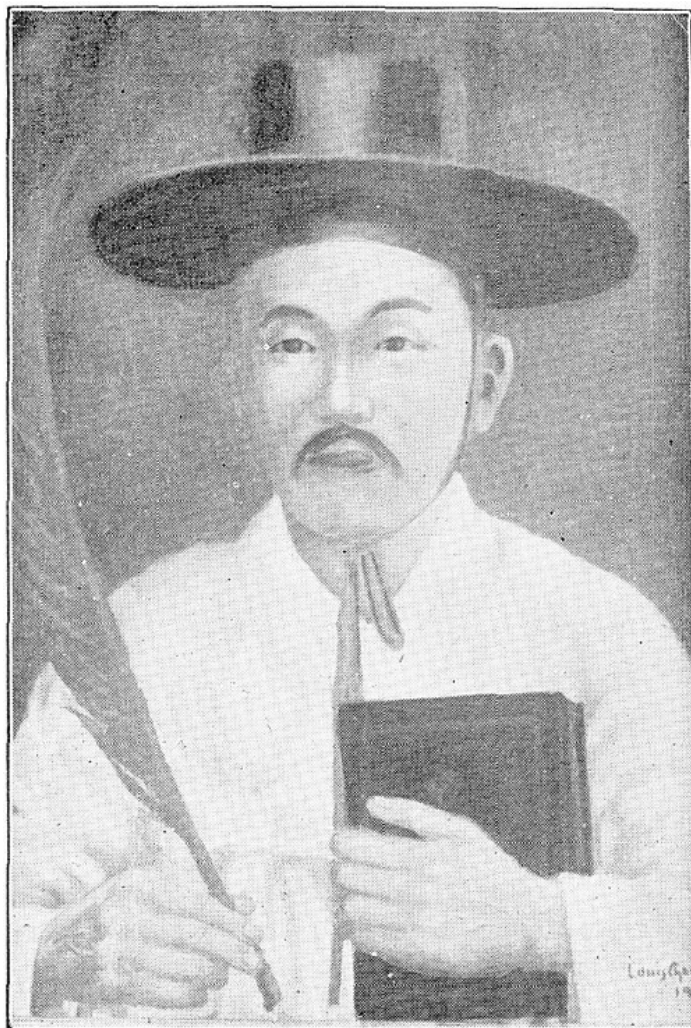




SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Vénérable André Kim, photographie d'une peinture à l'huile de Tjyang Louis (circa 1920-1924?). Tjyang Louis (dates?). Photograph of image from "Le catholicisme en Corée, son origine et ses progrès" (1924) from Paris Foreign Missions Society.

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 19, 2026

11:00 AM St. Anthony; Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

4:00 PM Rose Mona Duverne & Gaston Duverne (D)

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
Jerry & Rosalia D'Argenio

11:00 Jose & Felicidad De-Guzman (D);
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

12:30 PM Joseph D'Allesandro (D)

Monday, September 21, 2026

7:30 AM Phi Gamma Delta at NYU (L)

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

5:30 Diane Houlihan (L)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

7:30 AM Christina An (L); Phi Gamma Delta at NYU (L)

12:00 PM Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:30 AM Hyon Yu (L); Phi Gamma Delta at NYU (L)

12:00 PM Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Thursday, September 24, 2026

12:00 PM Healing Myrta Vargas; Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Carmelite Maynard (D)

Friday, September 25, 2026

7:30 AM Franciscan Friars

12:00 PM Soul of Salvatore & Verna Bronzo (D);
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Antonio de la Rosa (L); Richard Strife (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:

Gregory Ortiz (L) & Rosa Lee Delum (D)

Anniv. Pablo Bernardo (D)

Armando Ruffin (D)

Birthday Zenaida Fuentes (L)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This weekend, I will be speaking at all the Masses regarding the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund. The purpose of this fund is to raise money for the various construction projects we have for our three parish buildings. I affectionately call these buildings the Holy Trinity. The church is God the Father. The parish house is God, the Son. The school building is God the Holy Spirit. These construction projects include \$9 million dollars worth of deferred maintenance on our buildings which include massive repairs; intense retrofitting; significant rebuilding; major renovations and greatly needed replacements for electrical work; repointing of bricks; plumbing; water damage; carpentry overhaul and other key construction work. I repeat \$9 million dollars of deferred maintenance. I have been advised by both the Archdiocese of New York and the Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe that we as a parish are on our own. It is a formidable challenge but a challenge that we can meet together. Yes, we can do this together as an iconic parish!



Proof of my claim. We began the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund last September 11, 2025. I am proud to report that within one year until September 11, 2026, we have raised over \$1.3 million dollars! \$660,000.00 is already in the bank. Another \$700,000.00 has been pledged and should be paid up within three months. This is an extraordinary amount of money raised within one year just from our own parish and friends. I have also visited other parts of the state of New York and other parts of the country seeking contributions for the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund. I hope to hear their responses very soon. Many people worldwide have inspired memories of Father Mychal Judge, OFM for his selfless ministry and heroic death.

The school building, God the Holy Spirit, has already started its building project with a new roof; masonry repair on the outside building; installation of a fire alarm and new painting in the inside classrooms. New electrical work will also be needed in the future. The church and the parish house requires intense repointing of bricks; retrofitting of electrical wiring; masonry work and massive replacement of plumbing pipe systems. We intend to do one building at a time. However, some projects require an immediate response in both the church and the parish house. Please be patient with the warning signs and yellow cones citing a building project.

The word church derives from the Greek word "ekklesia." The church is more than a building of bricks, mortar, electrical light and stained glass windows. The church is a community of believers and worshipers. WE are the Church. Our first reading this weekend from Isaiah begins with the verse "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call to him while he is near." AS seekers of our common faith, we need a place to be CHURCH and that is why we have this beautiful church of St. Francis of Assisi. As St. Francis physically and spiritually rebuilt a church in need of repair — so are we coming together to rebuild our local church building.

When you give money to your local parish such as ours, it is sign of charitable giving. Charity is derived from the Latin word "charis" which means love—love of your parish. The second reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians ends with this verse "Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Thank you for your "worthy" contribution to the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund. You are really expressing your love for our beloved parish.

Blessings upon you always!
Father Brian



STARTING SEPT. 21 | 6:30 PM: 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.



CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI!



SEPT. 27 | 1:30 PM: 5TH ANNUAL FRANCISFEST

Our annual FrancisFest will kick-off Francis Week and our celebration of the feast of our patron saint. Gather and connect with fellow parishioners over an Oktoberfest-inspired meal.



Advance Tickets:

\$30 for Admission Ticket (No Collectible Beer Glass)

\$38 for Admission Ticket with Collectible Beer Glass (Limited Availability!)

SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS:

Saturday, October 3

12:00 pm: The Blessing of the Animals

4:00 pm : Vigil Mass

6:30 pm: The Transitus

Sunday, October 4 | The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Masses: 8:00am · 9:15am (Korean)

10:00am (Español) · 12:30pm · 5:00pm

11:00 am | Festive Mass

Our principal celebration of the Feast of St. Francis

Upcoming October Activities:

Starting Oct. 5: Telling Times: The Poetry of W.S. Merwin

Starting Oct. 8: Making Connections: The Novels of James Baldwin

Starting Oct. 8: Fall Book Club - *Beautiful Outlaw*

Oct. 14: Monthly Holy Hour

Oct. 17: Franciscan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Graymoor Retreat Center

Oct. 19: Monthly Bites & Blessings: Nourishing the Body and Soul

Oct. 22: Monthly Rosary

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 6 \$5,927.00

August 31-September 4 \$ 2,150.00

Collection amounts for September 7 thru September 13 will be available in following bulletin.

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.

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We thank you for your continued support and generosity!