



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (Between 1620-1645). Georgios Korteas (fl. 1620–1645). Theotokos Antivouniotissa Monastery, Corfu, Greece.

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 26, 2026

11:00 AM Antonio De La Rosa (L); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
Hugh A. Canavan (D)

10:00 Birthday Antonio De La Rosa (L); Maria Juarez (D)

11:00 Elena & Nicolas Daconta; Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

12:30 PM Xena Yu (L)

5:00 Agapito Beltran David (D)

Monday, September 28, 2026

7:30 AM Martha Fernandez (D); Filomena Paz (D)

12:00 PM Giuseppe D'Alessandro (D); Amparo Obsequio (D)

5:30 Zenaida Fombuena (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:30 AM Poor Souls

12:00 PM Birthday Elsie Roger (L); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Zenaida Fombuena (D)

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

12:00 PM Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Andrew Hanna (L); Zenaida Fombuena (D)

Thursday, October 1, 2026

7:30 AM Priscila Manalili (D)

12:00 PM Alicia Abat (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Friday, October 2, 2026

7:30 AM KT Yeh & Family; Rosario Palomero (D)

12:00 PM Pol Lee & Mary Yost (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 All Souls in Purgatory; Brianna Siclari (L)

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Bonifacio Carlos, Jr.

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

Phero Phaolo Hung Ng
St. Anthony & Gregoria Antonia Arias (L)
The Nguyen Family (L)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings! From Sunday, September 27 until October 4, our parish will observe St. Francis Week. We will celebrate Francis of Assisi as the patron saint of ecology and a role model for interfaith dialogue. We begin with our FrancisFest which is our version of Oktoberfest but with a Franciscan theme of hospitality, food, fellowship and community-building. This is on Sunday, 9/27 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm in San Damiano Hall. All are welcome. Please register on our website.



From Monday 9/28 till Thursday 10/1, we invite you for prayerful meditation in our lower church which includes going to confession and participating in the daily Eucharist. On Friday 10/2, the Filipino Community invites us to participate in their monthly Mass and reception. Mass begins at 6:30 pm in the lower church followed by a reception in the St. Francis Room. On Saturday 10/3, the Annual Blessing of the Animals will take place in our Upper Church at 12 noon. Parishioners and our friends are most welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing. Participants can also bring pictures of their pets whether living or deceased which will also get a special blessing.

On that same evening, 10/3, we invite Franciscans from all walks of life to join us for the Annual Transitus Prayer Service which will be held in the Upper Church at 6:30 pm. All parishioners and friends are also invited to pray with us as we observe the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi (October 3, 1226–October 4, 2026.) All are invited to join us for a reception afterwards in San Damiano Hall.

On Sunday, October 4 we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at all our weekend Masses, there will be two festive Liturgies. The first at the 11 am Mass to be celebrated by Father James Bernard, OFM. The second festive Liturgy will be at the 5 pm Mass which will be presided by our Provincial Minister of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Father Michael Perry, OFM. Father Michael is an international expert on the Care of Creation. Joining us for this special festive Mass will be the Most Reverend Edmund Whalen, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York. He will offer his remarks at the end of Mass.

As we observe St. Francis Week, let us focus on the words of the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians which is our second reading this weekend. St. Francis of Assisi often quoted from the writings of St.

St. Paul in his reflections and sermons “Brothers and sisters, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.” Let us continue to be united as one parish!

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

PASTORAL NOTES

1. After a careful period of reflection, the Migrant Center has been repurposed and renamed to the Immigrant and Social Services Center. The primary focus of the Center is to offer sound advice to the immigrant community and their various needs. We have an excellent and qualified immigration attorney who offer free consultation. In addition, we are partnering with Catholic Charities who can help us for referrals for housing, rental assistance, medical care and other social needs. We have two new competent and caring person who will operate the Center from Tuesdays to Thursdays. They are Maria Clara Delgado and Titus James. Please call them to make an appointment.
2. As promised from an earlier bulletin, our faith formation program is getting a new jumpstart under the auspices of our Education and Evangelization Committee along with Father Louis Iasiello, OFM. More information will be in the bulletin within a few weeks. Thank you for your patience.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND VOTING

We as Catholics have the Responsibility to seek Social Justice via the Ballot Box. Key Dates for Voting in the **2026 Midterm Elections in New York State:**

- Deadline to **Register** to Vote: October 24, 2026.
- In-Person **Early Voting**: October 24- November 1, 2026
- In-Person **Election Day** Voting: November 3, 2026
- **Mail-In Voting**: Postmarked or hand-delivered no later than November 3, 2026

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

FALL ADULT EDUCATION COURSES STARTING IN OCTOBER

Oct. 5-Nov. 30: Telling Times: The Poetry of W.S. Merwin (1927-2019)

In the introduction to our course text, Merwin's longtime editor Michael Wieggers notes: Merwin's poems have illuminated their tumultuous times, global and domestic, and all the while he has, through his poetry, consistently discovered and created grace." For the first hour and a half, we will discuss the poet's work.



Oct. 8-Dec. 3: Making Connections: The Novels of James Baldwin (1924-1987)

James Baldwin described his life's mission as bearing witness to the truth. An essayist and novelist, Baldwin was a civil rights leader and peace activist. We will track Baldwin's development of themes and style by reading his novels in chronological order: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *Giovanni's Room*, *Another Country*, and *If Beale Street Could Talk*.



OCTOBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

"Turn Words into Action" - Pope Leo

LAUDATO SI ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, OCT. 5 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | CLARE ROOM

Thanks to all who joined us in celebrating the Mass for the Season of Creation and Care for Our Common Home. You can get more involved with the Laudato Si Environmental Ministry - join the ministry's monthly meeting on Oct. 5. For more information, email laudatosi@stfrancisnyc.org.

FALL BOOK CLUB FEATURING *BEAUTIFUL OUTLAW* BY JOHN ELDRIDGE

Thursdays in October | Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29

This fall, journey with us as we discover Jesus in a fresh and deeply personal way through John Eldredge's *Beautiful Outlaw*. Many of us know Jesus through familiar images and stories, but *Beautiful Outlaw* invites us to encounter Him beyond the stereotypes. With warmth, insight, and engaging storytelling, Eldredge paints a vivid portrait of the real Jesus—one whose compassion, joy, humor, strength, tenderness, and passion come alive in the pages of Scripture.



FRANCISCAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE AT GRAYMOOR RETREAT CENTER

Saturday, Oct. 17 | Bus departs at 8:00 AM | Graymoor Retreat Center in Garrison, NY

On the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis Of Assisi, the Church of St. Francis Of Assisi invites you to participate in a day of pilgrimage retreat. "Saint Francis's influence on INTERFAITH Relationships" — Two talks by Fr. James Gardiner, S.A., an international expert on interfaith relationships. Cost of \$75.00 per person includes round trip bus transportation, lunch, two talks, and an opportunity to pray in various chapels, the native walk, and visit the bookstore.



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, September 20 \$6,536.00

August 31-September 4 \$2,116.00

Sunday, September 13 \$4,993.00

September 7-11 \$3,481.00

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