



The Church of
St. Francis
of Assisi



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.

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Sunday October 4 , 2026

Parish Hospitality Desk Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Saturday: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Pastor:

Fr. Brian Jordan, O.F.M.

Parochial Vicars:

Fr. James Bernard, O.F.M.

Fr. Luke Lee, O.F.M.

Director of Music Ministries:

Meredith Augustin

Director of Counselling Center:

Julie Berwick

Director of Volunteer Ministry:

Edward A. Trochimczuk

Director of Church Development Office:

Rebeca Peraza

Welcome, Worship, Witness

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, 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.

Weekly Schedule

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday Mass:

7:30 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm

Saturday Mass:

11:00 am, 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Mass:

8:00 am

9:15 (Korean)

10:00 am (en español)

11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday: 8:15 am–5:15 pm

Lower Church

Rosary Group

2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm | Clare Room

Holy Hour

3rd Thursday, after the 5:30 pm Mass

Devotions

Monday: Blessed Mother, after all Masses

Tuesday: St. Anthony, after all Masses

Wednesday: St. Jude, after all Masses

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes after the 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses, Anointing of the sick after the 12:00 pm Mass

Friday: Honor of the Holy Cross, after all Masses

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday: 10:00 am–11:00 am

Monday - 8:00 am–9:00 am

Friday: 11:00 am–12:00 pm
4:30 pm–5:30 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

11:00 am Thomas & Edith Castellana (D);
Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased

4:00 pm Antonio Vanegas (D);
Julio Cesar Gonzalez Murillo (D)

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am Members Franciscan Mass League;
Bday Freud Henry Jean Jacques (L)

10:00 am Spc Int for Emmett Alcantara (L);
1st Wed. Anniv. Antonio & Anette Barajas

11:00 am Josephine Severino (D);
Luis & Calista Rego (D)

12:30 pm Andrew Garguilo (D); All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 pm Healing Anibal Guerrero

Monday, October 5

7:30 am All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 pm Joseph & JD (L)

5:30 pm Artemas Beattie (D)

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 am All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 pm Aurea, Carmen & Guillermina (D);
Joseph & Natoli (L)

5:30 pm Rev. James R. Sidoti O. Carm. (D);
Healing Maria Charisse Gastador

Wednesday, October 7

7:30 am St. Jude; Mary McGovern (D)

12:00 pm Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D);
Phi Gamma Delta at NYU (L)

5:30 pm Jane R. Janiak (D)

Thursday, October 8

7:30 am Blessed Mother; Juan Pichie Moreno (L)

12:00 pm Healing Myrta Vargas;
Phi Gamma Delta at NYU (L)

5:30 pm Marisa Pezzulich (D)

Friday, October 9

7:30 am Zoe Yu (L)

12:00 pm Phi Gamma Delta at NYU (L)

5:30 pm Bday Lolita Lopez (L); Luca Fusi (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:

Thanksgiving Uchenna Egbsi & Family (L); Good Health for Augustine Chukwujekwu Family (L);
Thanksgiving For N. Mbamelu & Family (L); Chalissery Anthony Maney (D); Anniv. Carol McAloney (D);
54th Wedding Anniv. Antonio & Concepcion Yulo (L); Tri Nguyen (D)



The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings! This weekend, we celebrate the death and the birth of St. Francis of Assisi on consecutive days. All the readings will come from our Franciscan lectionary for these liturgical celebrations. Our parish has been blessed with the Franciscan charism since 1844. In eighteen years, we will be celebrating our 200th anniversary—the bicentennial of our iconic parish.

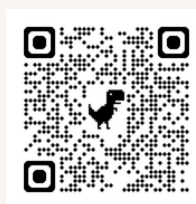


The Franciscan charism demands that we abide as a community of faith. The Greek word for community is "koinonia" where people come together in a purposeful manner. A true community is a unified group of individuals who share common beliefs, values, and tasks and responsibilities. They practice Jesus' basic teachings, his values and his command to help all persons who are part hear the good news of salvation that guide Catholics in their day to day activities. We think of ourselves as community persons who are part of the Mystical Body of Christ. Vatican II stated very clearly that all persons are meant to live, and have a strong desire to live, with others. Through the Franciscan charism—we are the new People of God and a community that loves God and our neighbor in thought, word and action.

On a canonical level, we are a parish which a local community of Catholic Christians who share a common faith and participate in common worship and service. The term also refers to that geographical area of a diocese that is administered by the pastor and his staff—under the jurisdiction of the bishop. In a spirit of collegiality and collaboration, parochial vicars and laypersons are given more active roles in leading the parish and sharing in the work of the community. The word parish stems from the Greek "paroikos" which means "dwelling near." In the spirit of synodality, clergy, religious and laity share in leading and serving the faithful as they hand on the teachings of the faith, participate in worship, represent Christ especially in works of justice and charity. St. Francis of Assisi stressed the renewed effort must be made to encourage a living sense of community gathering especially through the celebration of the Eucharist. As Jesus said this at the Last Supper "Do this in memory of me!"

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

PASTORAL NOTE: Please join us for the Franciscan Jubilee Retreat in the Graymoor Retreat Center, Garrison, New York on Saturday, October 17. For \$75 for each person, the retreat includes roundtrip bus transportation from the W. 32nd street side of the church leaving at 8 am and returning before 5 pm. The retreat includes two spiritual talks, lunch, access to beautiful grounds and a wonderful book shop. Please register and pay by going to the website; visiting the Hospitality Desk in the parish house; or scanning the QR code. The bus is nearly full and please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you!



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



Parish News & Announcements

Join us for our upcoming programs and events. For more information visit our website at www.stfrancisnyc.org, visit our front desk in the parish house, or reach out to our ministries through the listed email addresses.

FALL ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

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

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

Oct. 9: **An Afternoon at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Oct. 1, 15, and 29 at 6:00 pm | Clare Room: **Young Adult Ministry meeting**

Email: yaministry@stfrancisnyc.org

Oct. 5 | 5:30 pm | Clare Room: **Laudato Si Environmental Ministry meeting**

Email: laudatosi@stfrancisnyc.org

Oct. 14 at 6:30 pm: **Rosary Group**

Oct. 15 after 5:30 pm Mass: **Holy Hour**

Oct. 17: **Franciscan Jubilee Pilgrimage** to Graymoor Retreat Center (see Pastoral Note on the previous page for more information).

Oct. 19 at 6:30 pm: **Bites & Blessings**

For questions about Rosary Group, Holy Hour, and Bites & Blessings, email the Converge ministry at convergeatstfrancis@gmail.com.

Open House at St. Edmund Preparatory High School (2474 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn)

Saturday, October 24, 2026 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday, November 5, 2026 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Pre-registration is required. Visit www.stedmundprep.org/openhouse/ or contact the admissions office at admission@stedmundprep.org, or 718-743-6100 x5043.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 27:

1st collection: \$3,847

2nd collection: \$989

Sept. 21 - 25: \$2,779

MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE, OFM BUILDING FUND

In honor of Father Mychal Judge's legacy of service and ministry, the Church of St. Francis of Assisi Parish launched the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund on September 7, 2025. This building fund is for the restricted and exclusive use of defraying expenses for renovation and repairs within our three buildings.

