



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-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
Sunday October 11, 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.

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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; Lower Church)

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-Friday: 8:00 am–9:00 am
11:00 am–12:00 pm
4:30 pm–5:30 pm

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

Will of Vernas Rodriguez' Family (L);
Will Of Amber & Darryl (L); Rev. Richard Conlon (L);
William Brennan (L); John Brennan (L);
Alexis Morales (L); Ester Green (L); William Liu (L);
Bday Brendan G. Smith (L); Luca Fusi (D)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10, 2026

11:00 am William Liu (L); Cecilia Ness (D)

4:00 pm Billy Cipriani (D); Judah Ness (D)

Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:00 am Members Franciscan Mass League;
All Souls In Purgatory

10:00 am Healing For Brenda Castillo (L);
Thanksgiving Guillermo F. Lazo Jr. & Family (L)

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

12:30 pm Birthday Ederlinda Austrial (L); Pilar Miraflores (D)

5:00 pm William Liu (L); Mollie Ness (D)

Monday, October 12, 2026

12:00 pm All Souls In Purgatory;
For Peaceful Election of Our Country

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

7:30 am All Souls In Purgatory; Mangroo Family (D)

12:00 pm Renzo Ventrella (D);
Thanksgiving Teresa Mulrennan (L)

5:30 pm Avelina De La Pena (D);
Thanksgiving Pan Jin Jiao (L)

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

7:30 am Victoria D. & Enrico Bazzurro;
Elvira (L) & Modesto Miranda (D)

12:00 pm All Souls In Purgatory;
Thanksgiving Marjorie Ann Lazo (L)

5:30 pm Dominador S. Lee (D);
Healing Revely Saint-Eustache (L)

Thursday, October 15, 2026

7:30 am All Souls In Purgatory

12:00 pm Niles Perlas (D);
Birthday Of Kendrice Roc (L)

5:30 pm Ross Falzone (D)

Friday, October 16, 2026

7:30 am All Souls in Purgatory; Juliet B. Cabutin (D)

12:00 pm Patrick Sullivan (D); Anniv. Jusel Moralde (D)

5:30 pm Bday Clara Giovanniello (D)

This Week's Bread and Wine

Catherine Puangco; Birthday Francisco Carlos (L)

This Week's Sanctuary Lights

Catherine Puangco; Birthday Francisco Carlos (L);
Jesusa Catahan (D)



The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings! Mountains have a profound effect on the physical and symbolic beauty for all humanity. Proof of my claim is the reverence shown to mountains in today's first reading from Isaiah.

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, we recognize the importance of God within the Bible. There are ten references to the "mountains" on the Bible. Six in the Old Testament and four from the New Testament. The mountains have been interpreted by scholars and Bible study groups for centuries as places of refuge and safety.



There are six Biblical references in the Old Testament. They are:

1. **Mount Ararat. Genesis 5:14:** The site of Noah where he built the Ark.
2. **Mount Sinai. Exodus 19-20:** Sacred site of the burning bush and where Moses received the Ten Commandments.
3. **Mount Moriah. 2 Chronicles 3:17:** Site where Abraham was tested by God about the possible sacrifice of his son Issac.
4. **Mount Nebo. Deuteronomy 34:15:** Sacred site where Moses saw the Promised Land before he died.
5. **Mount Carmel. 1 Kings 18: 20-40:** The site where the prophet Elijah challenged the false prophets of Baal.
6. **Mount Gerizim. Deuteronomy 27:12:** The mount of blessings in Samaria where the Israelites are protected.

Four New Testament References:

7. **Mount Tabor. Matthew 17:1-2:** Site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.
8. **Mount of the Beatitudes. Matthew 5:1-2:** Moral and ethical teaching by Jesus.
9. **Mount Calvary. John 19:17:** Site where Jesus was crucified.
10. **Mount of Olives. Acts 1: 9-12:** Place of the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus Ascension into Heaven

Today, mountains are places for meditation and relaxation. I hope you try to go on a retreat soon and benefit from God.

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!



Parish News & Announcements

Join us for our upcoming programs and events. For more information, check out 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

Oct. 15, and 29 at 6:00 pm | Clare Room: **Young Adult Ministry meeting**
Email: yaministry@stfrancisnyc.org

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** (RSVP online encouraged for headcount)

Oct. 31 at 4:00 pm & 5:15 pm: **Marathon Masses**

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

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 4: \$8,406

Sept. 28-Oct 2: \$2,380

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.

