



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-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Sunday, October 18, 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 Counseling Center:

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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

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17, 2026

11:00 am A. P. Wludyka (D); M. Kanownik (D)

4:00 pm Pedro Janita & Pedjieline Martizano (D);
Mike Lamagna (D)

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:00 am Members Franciscan Mass League;
Healing For Charlene & Anthony Trotman (L)

10:00 am Luz Luna (D); Margarita Velasquez (D)

11:00 am J. Knoczka (D)

12:30 pm Florita Obsequio (D)

5:00 pm Anniv. Cathy Le Blanc (D)

Monday, October 19, 2026

7:30 am Dimitri (D)

12:00 pm Stela Harmatiuk (D);
Alberto Lazaro & Eugenio Salazar (D)

5:30 pm J. J. Kramanz (D)

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

7:30 am Wiktor Radzieta (D)

12:00 pm Joseph D'Alessandro (D);
Bday Isaac Rodriguez (L)

5:30 pm Janinie & Stanislaw Radzieta (D)

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

7:30 am Mary & Arthur Bazzurro (D);
Leonida G Soresca (D)

Thursday, October 22, 2026

12:00 pm Healing Cathy Miller

Friday, October 23, 2026

12:00 pm Yves Meka (D)

This Week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights

Catherine Puangco

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

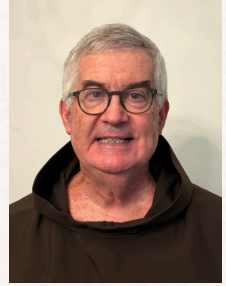
Adelaida Carlos; S. M. Kondziota (D);
Rev. Raymond Radzieta (D); Anna & Josef Radzieta (D)



The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Our country has a certain degree of the separation of church and state. This is to ensure that not one house of worship has more power and rights than other houses of worship in our nation's government. Our First amendment protects the freedom to worship. It is interesting to note that the largest social service organization in our country is not a Federal government agency but Catholic Charities USA. The overwhelming majority of those they serve are not even Catholic. Catholics seek mutuality between church and state on key important issues. That is what we call common ground between houses of worship and all branches of government.



Proof of my claim is the passage of the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Act by Governor Kathy Hochul on Friday October 9. This permits families who have children in both private and public schools to apply for tax credits up to \$1,700. All families who send their children to private schools still pay taxes to all branchers of government which includes monies for public schools. Frankly, I do not see the logic behind the arguments opposing this measure. The state government is not defunding public schools but allowing school choice through a Federal subsidy. This is a clear example of common ground between church and state. This thoughtful action by Governor Hochul serves the state of New York through wise common ground policy.

In today's first reading from Isaiah, the Lord says to King Cyrus of Persia who just liberated the Israelites from the Babylonian captivity: "I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me." The head of the state of Persia just liberated the Israelites and listens to the command of God. Whereas the Pharisees in today's Gospel passage from Matthew try to trap Jesus to see if he would his house of worship over the Roman empire of Ceasar. Jesus is fully aware of this trap and responds, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" Jesus differentiates between the image of Ceasar on the Roman coin and image of God in his heart and mind. Jesus clearly responds to this trickery, "Then repay to Ceasar what is Ceasar and to God what belongs to God." We as Catholics have an obligation to both church and state. Religious authority is the ability to inspire belief or behavior without force or threat or injury. However, the state is a terrestrial entity on earth whereas the kingdom of God is both on Heaven and earth. That is our belief and primary responsibility.

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

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, 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. 19 at 6:30 pm: **Bites & Blessings** (RSVP online encouraged for headcount)
Email: convergeatstfrancis@gmail.com

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

ALL SOULS DAY

*We remember with love those who have gone before us.
May they rest in peace
and may perpetual light shine upon them.*



Join us on November 2 for our Mass of Remembrance. We invite everyone who attends to bring a photo or memento of someone you have lost which will be placed in the sanctuary during the Mass.



Scan the QR code to read Fr. Brian's letter for All Souls Day.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 11: \$4,732.00

Oct. 5-9: \$2,846.10

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.

