



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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Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 25, 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

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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 24, 2026

11:00 am Henry Piezko (D); Zoila Sofia Guaman Inga (D)

4:00 pm Francis Vincent Almeda (D); Gregoria Ortiz (D)

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:00 am Members Franciscan Mass League; Poor Souls

10:00 am Maria Rivera (D); Gregoria Ortiz (D)

11:00 am Jane Hall (D);
Birthday Carla Ann Roudette Brown

12:30 pm Soul of Salvatore & Verna Bronzo (D);
Birthday Stefan Coty (L)

5:00 pm Orlando & Cresing Gregorio (D);
Healing Sylvia Ortiz (L)

Monday, October 26, 2026

7:30 am Katherine Gabriel (D); Gregoria Ortiz (D)

12:00 pm Rose M. Livingstone (D);
Thanksgiving to St. Jude

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

12:00 pm Gregoria Ortiz (D)

5:30 pm Healing Albert Ambroise Jr.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

12:00 pm Carol Barbaro (D); Gregoria Ortiz (D)

Thursday, October 29, 2026

12:00 pm Gregoria Ortiz (D)

Friday, October 30, 2026

7:30 am Franciscan Friars

12:00 pm Thomas Leftwich (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:

Jo Anne Conroy (D); Casey Wauhup (D);
Gerrie McGowan (D); Manu Chacko (L);
Babu Thomas & Family (L); Vicky del Valle (D);
Healing Hans C. de Salas del Valle (D);
Steve Francis Jules (D); Gregoria Ortiz (D);
Mr. & Mrs. James Saporito (D);
Enrique Calisin Castillo (D);
Antonio Turbi & Juana Disla (D)

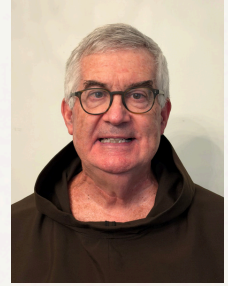


The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Last Saturday, October 17, 81 parishioners and friends participated in a day long retreat at the Graymoor Retreat Center in Garrison, N.Y. It was a spirit-filled day in which we discussed St. Francis of Assisi and his participation in interfaith dialogue during medieval Europe. Among the topics discussed were the treatment of immigrants in the United States. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops assert their moral support of welcoming the stranger in our nation. One of the Sacred Scriptures that supports their argument comes from today's first reading from the Book of Exodus which God proclaims "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt." God shows empathy when he says at the end of this same reading "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." God is the compassionate giver of these laws. Exodus calls its audience to recognize itself in the vulnerable persons of which it speaks. Immigrants feel vulnerable in our nation at the present time. God calls all of us to show compassion to immigrants, refugees and asylees. Our parish now has a fresh approach to do so.



Within the last month, our parish has revised the Migrant Center from the past into the Migrant and Social Services Center. Besides offering immigration counseling to those in need—the center also offers referral services to those in need of housing, clothing, medical care and spiritual care. We are partnering with Catholic Charities in the New York area as well as city agencies and nonprofit organizations for these greatly needed referrals. If any parishioner or friend of the parish would like to volunteer at the newly-revised Migrant and Social Services Center, please contact Maria Clara Delgado and Titus James who are now offering these services. The Migrant and Social Services Center is open Tuesday and Wednesdays from 10 am to 5 pm and Thursdays from 12 noon to 7 pm.

Catholic Social Teaching supports assistance for immigrants since all persons born in the image of God have dignity and should be respected. In today's Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus explains the two most important commandments "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Jesus cites a passage that follows and extensive list of laws aimed at fostering a just and equitable society. The focus is on interpersonal justice between care and regard for humanity on the one hand, and honor and love of God on the other. To love one's neighbor such as the immigrant expresses one's love of God, and to love God calls for loving one's neighbor. Please support our newly-revitalized Migrant and Social Services Center whether as a volunteer or your prayers by welcoming the stranger who is also our neighbor.

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:

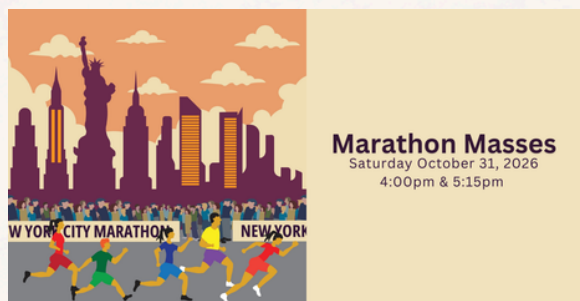
- Deadline to Register to Vote: October 24, 2026.
- In-Person Early Voting: October 24-November 1, 2026
- In-Person Election Day Voting: November 3, 2026
- Mail-In Voting: Postmarked or hand-delivered no later than November 3, 2026



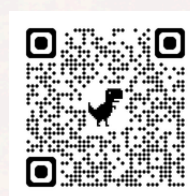
Parish News & Announcements

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 CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS



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



Join us for Friendsgiving for an afternoon of celebration, community, food, and gratitude. Scan QR code for more information



Help keep our neighbors warm and provide a holiday feast. Scan QR code to support the hoodie drive and holiday feast.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 18: \$5,808.00

Oct. 12-16 \$1,869.00

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.

