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 minstry.


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# ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 1, 2026

## 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

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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

### 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

### 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

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| **Saturday:** | 10:00 am–11:00 am |
| **Monday-Friday:** | 8:00 am–9:00 am<br>11:00 am–12:00 pm<br>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:

Luca Fusi (D); William Liu School Acceptance; Thanksgiving Petra Silva (L);
St Francis & Maria Vida Bastien Family;
Noemi Mascarenas (D); Pedro B. Roa, Jr. (D);
For Those Needing Financial Help and Compassion;
Carlota Digon (D); Healing For Lula King

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 31, 2026**

4:00 pm Joseph Votto (L);
40th Death Annv. Of Jun Sison (D)

**Sunday, November 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS DAY**

8:00 am Members Franciscan Mass League;
Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)

10:00 am Maria Rivera (D);
Healing for Heygood & Peaceful Country & Election

11:00 am Bday Yong Yeob Victor Yang (L);
Patrick McManus (D)

12:30 pm Alfred Galizia (D); Joseph Natoli (L)

5:00 pm Healing Anibal Guerrero;
Marie Ange Joseph & Harry Desroches (D)

**Monday, November 2, 2026 | ALL SOULS DAY**

7:30 am Regacho Baltazar & Verde Miranda (D);
All Souls In Need

12:00 pm Jose & Esther Medina (D); Eusebia Obsequio (D)

5:30 pm Martha Gomez & Deceased Family;
Intention Of Maximo Contreras (L)

**Tuesday, November 3, 2026**

7:30 am Loida Maquiran (D); Joseph Natozi (L)

12:00 pm Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased;
Phi Gamma Delta @ NYU (L)

5:30 pm Jose Romeo Francisco, Jr. (D);
Healing for Zenaida Fuentes (L)

**Wednesday, November 4, 2026**

7:30 am Phi Gamma Delta @ NYU (L)

12:00 pm Birthday Ravel Charles (L)

5:30 pm Monique Simon (D); Healing for Cesar Yu (L)

**Thursday, November 5, 2026**

7:30 am Monique Martin (D)

12:00 pm Justa T. Genito (D); Cornelia Melendez (L)

5:30 pm Healing for Carmen Tan (L);
Healing for Sophia Gaboury (L)

**Friday, November 6, 2026**

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

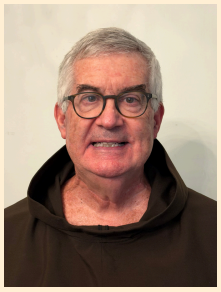
12:00 pm Mary Ann Burbage (D);
Phi Gamma Delta @ NYU (L)

5:30 pm Doris E. Landre (D);
Manette Maria Duverglass & Clausel Bauduit (D)

**This Week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights**

Catherine Puangco

# The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings! This Sunday is the 50th anniversary of the New York City Marathon where thousands of runners from all over the world will participate in this iconic marathon. Many countries, ethnic groups, linguistic groups, socio-economic groups and other diverse groups will compete from the beginning of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge in Staten Island to the finish line in Central Park, Manhattan. It is a microcosm of humanity on our precious earth. I have completed 61 marathons and 21 were in the NYC Marathon. I cannot run anymore because I have brand new knees and I am getting old. Life is like a marathon. We have a beginning and an end. And as Catholic Christians, we have a new beginning.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The word saint is derived from the Latin word "sanctus" which means holy. In a wide sense, any person is known for Christian holiness. through our baptism. In a strict sense, a person who has manifested heroic devotion during his or her life and has attained heavenly glory AND through whom God freely chooses to exhibit exceptional generosity. Images of saintliness is referred in today's first reading from Revelation "I has a great vision of a great multitude, which no could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue." (A marathon metaphor.) Today's Gospel passage from Matthew, we encounter the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes present Jesus' vision and fundamental principles for achieving sanctity—saintliness. Jesus reminds us that saintly life entails embracing attitudes and dispositions aimed at the ultimate good of humanity. It comes at no surprise that one of the favorite songs played while runners are finishing the marathon is "When the Saints Go Marching In."

On Monday, November 2, we observe the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day.) On this day, we pray for all family members, friends and neighbors who have died in Jesus Christ and need purification. According to Catholic teaching, the human soul is individually created for each person by God and infused at the time of conception and is immortal. individually created for each person by God and infused at the time of conception and is immortal. To use the marathon metaphor, human life has a starting line and a finish line. Whereas life has a new beginning through eternal life after our bodily deaths. The body may die but our souls live forever. The first verse from the Book of Wisdom reads "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them." This refining process of purgation leads to the fullness of immortal life in Heaven. Our intercession for the faithful departed on this All Souls' Day hastens their purification and fosters their total, eternal encounter with the living God.

The Gospel passage from Matthew indicates the beauty of the eternal rest of our souls. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." What does this mean? The knowledge we gain of God in Jesus is rest for our souls. As we pray for all the faithful departed, we ask that they might come to know God fully and enjoy such rest. That is why many Catholics visit cemeteries or columbariums to visit the final resting place of their loved ones and friends. We will have beautiful Masses on All Souls Day, especially the 6:30 pm Mass where we will have an altar that will allow personal photos of the faithful departed on display to be blessed by holy water and sacred incense. Please join us if you can. Yes, life is like a marathon—we have a beginning, and end and a new beginning in eternal life.

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

**NOV. 2: ALL SOULS DAY**
Masses:
7:30 am, 12 noon, 5:30 pm

Mass of Remembrance:
6:30 pm

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

# Parish News & Announcements

**NOV. 15: FRIENDSGIVING**
Join us for Friendsgiving for an afternoon of celebration, community, food, and gratitude. Scan QR code for more information.

**SUPPORT THE HOLIDAY HOODIES DRIVE!**
Help keep our neighbors warm and provide a holiday feast. Scan QR code to support the hoodie drive and holiday feast. Collection until November 21.

**FROM THE LAUDATO SI MINISTRY**

Add your voice to broaden the scope of study for the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for data centers in New York. New Yorkers have until November 4 to submit comments to Governor Hochul. Scan QR for more information.




## SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

*Send Christmas cards to family and friends as a heartfelt expression of love, kindness, and holiday blessings—while supporting the Church of St. Francis of Assisi's ministries and outreach programs and continuing our mission of faith, hope, and service.*

**Christmas cards are available at the Hospitality Desk. You may also call 212-736-8500, Ext. 307 to request your supply.**

**Offering: $7.00 per card - $5.00 per calendar**

## NOVEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**MON., NOV. 9:** Laudato Si Environmental Ministry meeting | Email: laudatosi@stfrancisnyc.org

**WED., NOV. 11:** Rosary Group at 6:30 pm

**THURS., NOV. 12:** Young Adult Ministry meeting | Email: yaministry@stfrancisnyc.org

**MON., NOV. 16:** Bites & Blessings at 6:30 pm

**THURS., NOV. 19:** Holy Hour after 5:30 pm Mass

## 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:

- 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. 25:**

1st collection: 5,294.00

2nd collection - World Mission Society: $1,189.00

**Oct. 19-23** $2,380.00

## 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.