

**Roman Catholic Church Of St Frances Of Rome,
St Francis Of Assisi, St Anthony & Our Lady Of Grace**

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday : 9:00AM—6:00PM

Our Office is closed for Lunch from 1:00PM until 2:00PM

MASS TIMES

Church of St. Frances of Rome

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM (Spanish); 12:30 PM

Mass Center: Saint Francis of Assisi (SFA) School

4330 Baychester Ave, Bronx NY 10466

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM Mon—Sat (St Frances of Rome)

8:00 AM on Saturday (St Francis of Assisi Mass Center):

Confessions: Saturdays: 4:15PM—4:45PM—in the Upper church

Pastor : Fr Georginus Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP
Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Oroffa, MSP
Sunday Associate: Fr Peter R. Pilsner
Baptismal Instructions- Dcn. John Maulucci /Dcn. Jose Ojeda
Parish Sisters- Sr. Karina Hernandez Gomez, HMSP
 & Sr. Araceli Munoz HMSP
Community Outreach/Food Pantry—Lorin Johnson
Assistant DRE-Sr. Karina Hernandez Gomez, HMSP
English Choir – Jose Cabada
Liturgy committee—Lorin Johnson
Marriage Prep— Fr. Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP
Nursing Home Ministry Coordinator—Dcn Jose Ojeda
Organist - Eugene Klymyshyn, Carmine Abate
Parish Music Director - Carmine R. Abate (SFR)
Parish Secretary—Melissa Leal
RCIA—Dcn. John Maulucci & Dcn. Jose Ojeda
Religious Education Office: 718-324.5340 ext.4
Religious Education Secretary: Michelle Roman

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Catholic Men's Association: 4th Sunday at 2:00PM

Catholic Women's Association: 2nd Sunday at 2:00PM

Youth Ministries: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00PM

PARISH PROGRAMS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays: 9:00AM—12 Noon

Religious Education Program

Sundays 10:45AM—12:30 PM (Ends with Mass)

Choir Practice

Praise & Worship Choir—Saturday—1:30 PM

Parish Main Choir—Saturday—6:00 PM

Spanish Choir—Saturday—1:00 PM

MINISTRIES & SOCIETIES

All Meetings are in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated

Altagracia: 3rd Sunday after 11:00 AM Mass

Baptismal Instruction Class Second Tuesday 7:00 PM

Bereavement Support: 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM

Charismatic Prayer Ministry: Every other Sunday 5:00PM—7:00PM

Círculo de Oración: Monday 7:00PM

Food Pantry Ministry: Posted Schedule, bi-weekly

Holy Name Society: 2nd Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

Hospitality Committee: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

House of Gold Praesidium Legion of Mary: Every Sunday at 2:00PM

Liturgy Committee: 1st Tuesday in the parish center at 7PM

Marriage Preparation Class by appointment

Pastoral Council Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 2nd and 4th Sunday 9:00 AM- 12:00 Noon"

RCIA: Sunday 11:00 A.M

Sagrado Corazón: 2nd Sunday after 11:00AM Mass

St. Martin de Porres : 1st Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

St. Monica Society: 3rd Sunday after 9:30AM Mass

Sunday Coffee Hour: Sundays. After each Mass

Marriage

Couples who intend to marry in the Church should speak with one of the parish priests at least six months in advance. Wedding date, time and venue should not be scheduled without first meeting with the pastor.

Infant Baptism

To register a child for baptism, parents must complete the necessary registration form and provide the parish office with the child's birth certificate.

Infant Baptism in Spanish is celebrated at 2:00 P.M on the 3rd Sunday of the month, while Infant Baptism in English is celebrated at 2:00PM on the 4th Sunday of the month

5:00 PM (SFR) Ugonna Anthony Igweatu (+)

Sunday December 2nd, First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

8:00 AM (SFR) Dolores Neri (+)

9:30 AM (SFR) Rose Amadasu (Thanksgiving & Protections); Susan Dujon (+)

10:00 AM (SFA) Christopher J. Pisano

11:00AM (SFR) Celedonia Estrada (+)

12:30 PM (SFR) Patricia Nnaetuk & Family (Thanksgiving & Protection); Maria Baez (+)

Monday December 3rd, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

9:00 AM (SFR) Adriano C. Rodrigues (+)

Tuesday, December 4th, Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13; Lk 10:21-24

9:00 AM (SFR) Maria Baez (+)

Wednesday December 5th, Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

9:00 AM (SFR) Ms. Edwidge Emmanuel (+)

Thursday, December 6th, Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00 AM (SFR) Hilda Arocho Franco (+)

Friday, December 7th, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Director of the Church

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

9:00 AM (SFR)

Saturday December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26

8:00 AM (SFA)

9:00 AM (SFR)

5:00 PM (SFR) Deceased members of the Ray's Family

Sunday December 9th, Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

8:00 AM (SFR) Dolores Neri (+)

9:30 AM (SFR) Thompson Akpata (+); Rose Amadasu (Thanksgiving & Protection)

10:00 AM (SFA) Bill Byrne (+)

11:00AM (SFR) Lydia Rivera (Health & Healing)

12:30 PM (SFR) Patricia Nnaetuk & Family (Thanksgiving & Protection)



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THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

LA PROMESA DE JUSTICIA

Estamos en buena compañía cuando clamamos a Dios por justicia. Con frecuencia escuchamos y estamos de acuerdo con el pueblo de Israel que pregunta a Dios por qué el malo prospera. Sin embargo, cuando clamamos por justicia usualmente queremos que alguien reciba el castigo que se merece. Obviamente la justicia de Dios es más que eso. La justicia de Dios abarca una maravillosa rectitud entre Dios y la humanidad.

En la lectura de hoy Jeremías avizora un tiempo en el que un justo brotará del tronco de Jesé, de la casa y la familia de David. La vida no era justa en el tiempo de Jeremías. Los reyes de Israel mantenían viva la promesa de la fidelidad de Dios, pero era difícil ver cómo la promesa de Dios se podía cumplir por medio de ellos.

No obstante, Jeremías levanta la voz y anuncia que ya viene el Salvador prometido. El Evangelio de Lucas hace eco de ese anuncio, y Pablo se llena de un gran ánimo. De esta manera el Adviento comienza con una promesa.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mina Blesoss, Miracle Boston, William Bryne, Waly Abdela, Estephane Elizabeth, Kenneth Mitchell, Maria & Rafael Medina, Lloyd Dennis, Timothy Sonowell, Rosalie Ellis, Kenneth Mitchel, Mrs. Lowery, Francis Wynter, Lucille Thomas, Lloyd Dennis, Regina Abraham, Edward Lowe, Daphne & Angelo Abdela, Anna Coles, Deacon Joe Mulryan, Rosemary Oshansky, Thomas Robertson, Ann Taylor, Sonia Tong, Pearl Richardson, Patricia Barakat, Bernice Coles, Ekaterina, Natalie Migliaccio, Gale Lugo, Isabel Valdejulli, Ismael Rodriguez, Abel J. Santiago, Mildred Ramirez, Carrie McGee, Catherine Girardi & Nancy Medina. Let us also remember to pray for all caregivers.

Request a Mass for your intentions

The custom of offering the Holy Mass for specific intentions is rooted in Catholic tradition. The Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the fount and apex of our life in Christ. It is the greatest possible prayer of intercession for our own needs and those of others. This is because it is the perfect reenactment of the Passion, death and resurrection of the Father's Only Son (Lumen Gentium 2:11). In the Mass, we the faithful offer up our own selves in union with Christ and also, in a special way, offer up Christ to his Father as our Supreme Intercessor. The catholic faithful request to have a mass celebrated for their specific intentions by making an offering—a parting with something which unites their prayers with those of Christ who offered his life for them. The sacrifice of Mass is infinitely valuable and can be requested as many times as possible by the faithful. Importantly, the offering of a stipend for the Mass is a holy practice of supporting the church and our priests' ministry.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy by Making a Gift of Life Insurance to our Church

You can make a gift of life insurance by naming St. Frances of Rome Church as a beneficiary of all or part of the death benefit of the policy or you can assign a paid-up policy by changing the current owner and beneficiary to the parish. The charitable deduction would be an amount equal to the approximate cash surrender value of the policy. To learn more, please call a gift planning specialist at (646) 794-3317 or email plannedgiving@archny.org

Food Pantry

Saint Frances of Rome Food Pantry is available to all parishioners who need food assistance. For further information please contact the rectory at (718) 324-5340.

Mass Book is Open

To request a mass, you may go to the rectory; send an email to stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com; call the parish office at 718-324-5340; or drop your mass request in the collection basket. Please include your contact number.

Communion of the Sick

For communion and anointing of the sick and the homebound, please call the rectory at (718)324-5340. When a parishioner is hospitalized, a family member should call the rectory as soon as possible.

HALL RENTAL

The School auditorium & SFR parish center are available for rent between the hours of 6:00PM and 2:00AM during the weekend. Parking is available. For reservations, please contact the Rectory Office at (718) 324-5340 or stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com at least 30 days before the event.

Parish Announcement

- Saint Frances of Rome Parish Ministries Christmas party will be next Friday, December 7th at 7:00 PM in the church hall.
- The Hospitality Committee Christmas Around the World annual potluck dinner will be on Saturday, December 15th after the 5:00 PM Mass. If you plan on providing a dish for the celebration please pickup a flyer located at the entrance of the church or contact Ms. Anne Taylor at (718)652-0199 for further information.
- **Save the Date** – Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 16th at 3:30 PM .
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry will have handmade items for sale during the coffee hour until Christmas.
- Are you or anyone you know attending Mass and church activities and have the desire to become Roman Catholic or have been baptized in the Roman Catholic church and haven't received any other sacraments? The RCIA is what you need. Please pick up the registration form at the church entrance. Or contact the rectory at 718-324-5340.
- Become a Catechist– Please join our Religious Education program. For further information stop by the CCD office in the SFR parish center or contact the rectory at (718) 324-5340.
- St. Frances of Rome T-shirts are still available. T-shirts are \$10.00 each and the Polo shirts are \$15.00 each. Get yours at the rectory.
- Sunday, November 25, 2018 \$5,439.79
God Bless You
- **Congratulation 50/50 Winner:**
Marie Montaruli

Renew & Rebuild Capital Campaign

Overall Goal : \$1,000,000.00 ; Collected: \$81,660.90

Expenses Administrative: \$2,083.27

We are reminded to please start making our monthly Renew & Rebuild contributions. This is important because our 2018 Cardinal's Appeal payment to the Archdiocese will be due very soon. The parish needs your monthly contribution to meet this obligation. If you did not receive the parish Renew & Rebuild letter, please contact the Parish Office at 718-324-5340 or stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com. We need everyone to support this Campaign. Special thanks to those who have already started their monthly installment. God bless you for your generosity.