

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

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**Office & Rectory: 4307 Barnes Avenue, Bronx New York 10466**

**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) Deceased members of 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 & Amy Amadasu (Thanksgiving & Protection)  
 10:00 AM (SFA) Bill Byrne (+)  
 11:00AM (SFR) Jose Perez Jr.; Jose Perez Sr. (+); Monica Perez (+) & Members of the Cisneros Family  
 12:30 PM (SFR) Patricia Nnaetuk & Family (Thanksgiving & Protection)  
**Monday December 10th, Advent Weekday**  
 Readings: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 9:00 AM (SFR) Ralph Gentile (+)  
**Tuesday, December 11th, Advent Weekday**  
 Readings: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 9:00 AM (SFR)  
**Wednesday December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38  
 9:00 AM (SFR)  
**Thursday, December 13th, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
 Readings: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 9:00 AM (SFR) Betty Mejias (+)  
**Friday, December 14th, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
 Readings: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 9:00 AM (SFR)  
**Saturday December 15th, Advent Weekday**  
 Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 8:00 AM (SFA)  
 9:00 AM (SFR) Brenda Bartholomew (Healing & Blessing)  
 5:00 PM (SFR) Alexi James (Blessings)  
**Sunday December 16th, Third Sunday of Advent**  
 Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18  
 8:00 AM (SFR) James Coker (+) & Doris Berkeley (+)  
 9:30 AM (SFR) Rose Amadasu (Thanksgiving & Protection)  
 10:00 AM (SFA) Heriberto Ivan Dyer  
 11:00AM (SFR) Angel & Pedro Fernandez (+); Norma Paredes (+)  
 12:30 PM (SFR) Patricia Nnaetuk & Family (Thanksgiving & Protection)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mina Blesoss, Henry Amadasu, Miracle Boston, William Bryne, Estephane Elizabeth, Maria & Rafael Medina, Timothy Sonowell, Rosalie Ellis, Kenneth Mitchel, Mrs. Lowery, Francis Wynter, Lucille Thomas, Lloyd Dennis, Edward Lowe, Daphne & Angelo Abdela, Anna Coles, Deacon Joe Mulryan, Rosemary Oshansky, Thomas Robertson, Ann Taylor, Sonia Tong, Pearl Richardson, Patricia Barakat, Bernice Coles, 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.



### AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

### A LA ESPERA DE LA SALVACIÓN DE DIOS

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios.

**Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Vigil**

Monday: December 24, 2018

8:30 PM (SFR)

**Christmas Day Mass**

Tuesday: December 25, 2018

9:00 AM (SFR)

10:00 AM (SFA)

11:00 AM (SFR) (Spanish)

**New Year's Vigil**

Monday: December 31, 2018

10:30 PM (SFR)

**New Year's Day**

Tuesday: January 1, 2019

9:00 AM (SFR)

10:00 AM (SFA)

11:00 AM (SFR) (Spanish)

**Leave 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com) at least 30 days before the event.

**Parish Announcement**

- The 2019 Mass Book is open. To request a mass you may go to the rectory; call the rectory at (718) 324-5340; send an email to [Stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com](mailto:Stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com); or drop your request in the collection basket. Please include your name and contact information.
- The Hospitality Committee Christmas Around the World annual dinner will be next Saturday, December 15th after the 5:00 PM Mass. Please take a Christmas Around the World flyer at the back of the church to let Ms. Anne Taylor know what kind of dish you will be able to bring.
- The Hispanic and Guadalupe Community invite everyone to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with Spanish Mass at 11:00 AM followed by brunch at 1:30 PM in the church hall.
- Lessons & Carols will be next Sunday, December 16th at 3:30 PM . Please show your support to our choir.
- 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.
- 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, December 2, 2018 \$6,531.40  
God Bless You

**Renew & Rebuild Capital Campaign**

**Overall Goal : \$1,000,000.00 ; Collected: \$84,448.90**

**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](mailto: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.