

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) Celia Carbonaro (+)

Sunday December 23rd, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10

8:00 AM (SFR) Nicola Lombardi (+)

9:30 AM (SFR) Veronica Aburekhanlen & Family; Amy Emwenta (Safe Delivery); Yvon Barbier (+)

10:00 AM (SFA) Maria Garcia; Joaquin Quinones (+)

11:00AM (SFR) Ana, Jose, Juan Zapata & their 5 children (+)

12:30 PM (SFR) Verna Coker (Blessings & Thanksgiving)

Anthony Ireaja (Birthday) ; Rose Amadasu (Thanksgiving)

Monday December 24th, Advent Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

9:00 AM (SFR)

Tuesday, December 25th, The Nativity of the Lord

Readings: : Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

9:00 AM (SFR) Joselino Rodrigues (+); Omeke Ifeoma & Family (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday December 26th, Saint Stephen the First Martyr

Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

9:00 AM (SFR) Vinicio Ramirez (+)

Thursday, December 27th, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

9:00 AM (SFR) Nthabiseng Hilary (+); Mokubung (+); Patrick Gumede (+)

Friday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

9:00 AM (SFR) The Sick

Saturday December 29th, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

8:00 AM (SFA) Our Youth

9:00 AM (SFR) For those who are Alone

5:00 PM (SFR) Patrick Clarke (+)

Sunday December 30th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5

8:00 AM (SFR) Kevin Somer (Thanksgiving)

9:30 AM (SFR) Omeke Ifeoma & Family (Thanksgiving) ; Rose Amadasu (Thanksgiving & Protection) Veroica Aburekhanlen

10:00 AM (SFA) William Bryne (+)

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

12:30 PM (SFR) John & Grace Anigekwu (+)



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MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and recollecting.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

RECUERDOS Y SUEÑOS

En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos.

No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados.

Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mina Blesoss, Miracle Boston, William Bryne, Waly Abdela, Estephane Elizabeth, Maria & Rafael Medina, Lloyd Dennis, Timothy Sonowell, Rosalie Ellis, Kenneth Mitchel, Mrs. Lowery, Francis Wynter, Lucille Thomas, 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.

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)

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

- We wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
- We congratulate Carmine and our choirs for their successful Lessons and Carols Christmas concert.
- We thank the Hospitality Committee & everyone who helped make Christmas Around the World a success.
- We thank the Hispanic & Guadalupe Community for the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.
- 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; or drop your request in the collection basket. Please include your name and contact information.
- 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 23, 2018 \$7,009.25
God Bless You

Renew & Rebuild Capital Campaign

Overall Goal : \$1,000,000.00 ; Collected: \$91,006.05
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.