

**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) Patrick McCaffrey (Healing)
Sunday January 6th, The Epiphany of the Lord
 Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8; Eph 3:2-3a, Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM (SFR) People of the parish
 9:30 AM (SFR) Antonine Barbier (Thanksgiving)
 12:30 PM (SFR) Ireaja Family (Blessings); Virginia & Emeka Okoye (Grateful)

Monday January 7th, Christmas Weekday
 Readings: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17

Tuesday, January 8th, Christmas Weekday
 Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday January 9th, Christmas Weekday
 Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

9:00 AM (SFR) Ms. Edwidge Emmanuel (+)
Thursday, January 10th, Christmas Weekday
 Readings: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

9:00 AM (SFR) Jose Perez Jr. & Senior; Julissa Eddie Medina Nunez (+)

Friday, January 11th, Christmas Weekday
 Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

9:00 AM (SFR) Maria Baez (+)
Saturday January 12th, Christmas Weekday
 Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
 9:00 AM (SFR) Nelson Berrido (+)

Sunday January 13th, The Baptism of the Lord
 Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 ; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 9:30 AM (SFR) Frances Agostino (+)
 12:30 PM (SFR) Okoye & Akogu Family
 (Praise ;Thanksgiving & Protection)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mina Blesos, Miracle Boston, Patrick McCaffrey, 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.



FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

ENCUENTRO CON DIOS

Los espléndidos Reyes Magos –destellantes, majestuosos y solemnes–, salen hoy de las páginas de Mateo y van rumbo a nuestra iglesia. Solamente Mateo nos habla de esta grande e interesante historia para que podamos ver la luz y saber que el niño que visitaron los Reyes Magos era el cumplimiento de la profecía, el rey cuyo mensaje llega hasta la tierra natal de estos magos y mucho más allá, hasta nuestra época.

Nosotros también nuevamente podemos ver y entender. Al igual que estos magos, nuestros santos patronos en este día, vemos en el niño recién nacido al rey del universo y la luz del mundo. Como los Reyes Magos, encontramos dentro de nosotros una nueva fe y una nueva vida. Como ellos, regresamos a casa por una nueva ruta.

Se nos pide terminemos esta temporada festiva renovados y consientes de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Se nos pide encontrar a Dios donde se le puede encontrar, que estemos atentos y listos para, con asombro, inclinarnos en adoración y ofrecer nuestras ofrendas.

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.

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

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

- Martin Luther King Mass will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019 beginning with mass at 12:30 PM followed by the reception in the church hall. Everyone is invited.
- Altar server training will be on Saturday, January 26th at 11:00 AM. All altar servers must attend and anyone interested in being an altar server please join us.
- **Save the Date-** Sunday, February 3, 2019 Super bowl party.
- The Catholic Women's Association annual Valentine's Day Dance will be on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the SFR parish hall. Tickets are \$40.00 for adults & \$20.00 for children 16 and under. Get your tickets after mass, at the coffee hour or at the rectory from one of the Women's club members. Raffle tickets are also available.
- 2019 Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Scholarship Application to obtain an application and/or for more information please contact Pierre Toussaint Scholarship fund office at (646)794-2681 or visit the website at www.obmny.org to download the application form. Applications due Friday, February 15, 2019.
- The Catholic Couple checkup online "checkup is designed to identify the relationship strengths and growth areas of couple's relationship, increase their relationship strengths, and spark meaningful conversation between them. Register at www.nyfamilylife.org/MarriageEnrichment/. The Family Life office will be offering 100 free codes for Catholic Couple Checkup to the first 100 married couples who register through the month of February 2019.
- 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.
- 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 30, 2018 \$6,556.34
God Bless You