

**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

HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY TO ALL

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—Lorrin Johnson
Assistant DRE-Sr. Karina Hernandez Gomez, HMSP
English Choir – Jose Cabada
Liturgy committee—Lorrin 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 —2:30 PM
Parish Main Choir—Saturday—6:00 PM
Spanish Choir—Saturday—12:00 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 (SFA) For Peace

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

8:00 AM (SFR) Akemese Nnaetuk (Birthday)

9:30 AM (SFR) Frances Agostino (+) & For Peace around the world

10:00 AM (SFA) Bernie Sammon (Health)

11:00 AM (SFR) Emilio Anibal Mendez (+) & Argentina Fernandez (+)

12:30 PM (SFR) Okoye & Akogu Family (Thanksgiving & Protection)

Monday January 14th, Weekday

Readings: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-

9:00 AM (SFR) For Unity

Tuesday, January 15th, Weekday

Readings: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

9:00 AM (SFR) Fr. George Velassary (+)

Wednesday January 16th, Weekday

Readings: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17th, Saint Anthony, Abbot

Readings: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 18th, Weekday

Readings: Heb 4:1-5; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday January 19th, Weekday

Readings: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday January 20th, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11

8:00 AM (SFR) Glynis Bruce (+)

9:30 AM (SFR) Sai Elise Batiz (Blessings & Thanksgiving)

10:00 AM (SFA) The Elderly

11:00 AM (SFR) Maria Rosario & Jose Chauca (1st Wedding Anniversary)

12:30 PM (SFR) Our Youth

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mina Blesos, Bernie Sammon, Miracle Boston, Patrick McCaffrey, William Bryne, 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



CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

LLAMADOS A SERVIR

Por muchas semanas hemos celebrado la aparición de la presencia divina en su forma humana. Cuando era niño, Jesús vivió con María y José, al nacer lo visitaron unos pastores y luego algunos errantes magos de Oriente. Hoy celebramos otra situación, ocurrida un tiempo después, a un grupo reunido en el río Jordán.

Juan vaciló cuando le tocó bautizar a Jesús, a quien reconocía como “uno más poderoso que yo”. Pero hizo como Jesús se lo pidió, “descendió el Espíritu Santo” y una voz celestial habló a Jesús: “Tú eres mi hijo, el predilecto”. Jesús estaba empujando su vida pública de enseñanza y de servicio. Pronto comenzaría a llamar a otros a seguirlo.

Pedro fue el primero que Jesús llamó. En la segunda lectura de hoy anuncia el centro del mensaje: “la paz que traería Jesucristo, el Señor de todos”. Pedro fue llamado, y tú y yo somos llamados a llevar el mensaje y cumplir la palabra de Dios.

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

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 information

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.

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.

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 Jr celebration is this Sunday. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the 12:30PM mass.
- We thank the Spanish Prayer Group for a the Renew & Rebuild donation of \$500.
- Altagracia Society invites everyone to the celebration of the Virgin of Altagracia next weekend, beginning with Spanish Mass at 11:00AM followed by lunch at 2:00 PM in the church hall.
- La sociedad Altagraciona les invita a la celebración de la Altagracia el día 20 de enero empezando con la misa de 11:00 y luego con su celebración a las 2:00 en el salón de eventos .
- Altar server training will be on Saturday, January 26th at 11:00 AM. All altar servers are expected to attend. Anyone interested in being an altar server is welcome to join us.
- Catholic Men's Association will host a Super Bowl party in the parish hall on Sunday, February 3, 2019 beginning at 5:00 PM. Tickets are on sale after mass or at the rectory. Come and enjoy with us!
- The annual Valentine's Day Dance of the Catholic Women's Association will be held on Saturday, February 16, in the parish hall. Tickets are on sale for \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. Get your ticket at the coffee hour or call the rectory for reservation. Raffle tickets are also available.
- The Longest Married Couple search is already underway— Remember the deadline is January 24th. Please contact Ms. Joan Bisson in the Family Life Office at: Joan.Brisson@archny.org or at (646)794-3190 for further details.
- 2019 Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund application is due on Friday, February 15, 2019. Please go to www.obmny.org to download the application form or call (646)794-2681)
- The Catholic Couple checkup online is designed to identify the relationship strengths and growth areas, 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.
- 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 \$6,827.61
God Bless You
- Congratulation 50/50 Winner: **Belvisa Iodice**