

## 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—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) Patrick McCaffrey (healing).  
**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) Nneka Ojukwu (Birthday) & Sai Elise Batiz  
 (Blessings & Thanksgiving); Ubouh Raymond (Birthday)  
 10:00 AM (SFA) Maria Vazquez (healing).  
 11:00 AM (SFR) Maria Rosario & Jose Chauca (1st Wed-  
 ding Anniversary); Maria Perez (+)  
 12:30 PM (SFR) Vicente Dominguez (Birthday); Jonathan  
 Ford (Birthday) Jonathan & Sameera Ford (Anniversary)  
**Monday January 21st, Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**  
 Readings: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

9:00 AM (SFR) For the sick  
**Tuesday, January 22nd, Weekday**  
 Readings: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9; Mk 2:23-28  
 9:00 AM (SFR) For the sick  
**Wednesday January 23rd, Weekday**  
 Readings: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday, January 24th, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop  
 and Doctor of the Church**  
 Readings: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday, January 25th, The Conversion of Saint Paul,  
 the Apostle Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops**  
 Readings: Acts 22:3-16 ; Ps 117:1bc; Mk 16:15-18  
**Saturday January 26th, Weekday**  
 Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9, Mk 3:20  
 8:00 AM (SFA) For the homeless  
 9:00 AM (SFR) For the distressed  
 5:00 PM (SFR) Vinicio Ramirez (+)  
**Sunday January 27th, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8; Ps 19:8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30  
 8:00 AM (SFR) Alicia Hart (+)  
 9:30 AM (SFR) Sergio Andres Montoya (+)  
 10:00 AM (SFA)  
 11:00 AM (SFR) Florentino Gavarrete (+) & Lorenzo  
 Guardado (+)  
 12:30 PM (SFR) Nora Onovo (Birthday); George Ortiz Jr.  
 (+); Shadrack Robison (+)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mina Blesos, Maria Vasquez, Bernie Sammon, Miracle Boston, Patrick McCaffrey, Henry Amadasu, 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 McGee, Catherine Girardi & Nancy Medina. Let us also remember to pray for all caregivers.



### A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

### UN DIOS VISIBLE

Nos resulta difícil transmitir ideas a la gente a menos que le mostremos algo, que le ilustremos lo que queremos decir. Dios, que es invisible y verdaderamente más allá del entendimiento humano, aparentemente tiene la misma dificultad. La gente quiere ver, no solamente quiere escuchar una idea. Por eso Dios nos dio a Jesucristo, Dios hecho visible en el mundo.

En las semanas recientes hemos visto cómo al nacer Jesús es mostrado a los pastores y a los Reyes Magos, y luego empezó su “vida pública” en su bautismo con Juan. El Evangelio de hoy nos habla de su “primer signo”, que es proveer vino para los invitados a la boda en Caná.

Por supuesto, hasta a Jesús, que es Dios hecho visible, no siempre se le entendía en su tiempo y ni siquiera ahora. Por lo tanto, tenemos que considerar lo que vemos: la pobreza y simplicidad de su nacimiento, su humildad y franqueza ante Juan Bautista, su amabilidad y compasión hacia las personas en sus problemas ordinarios, como la falta de vino en una boda. Pero al conocer a Jesús conocemos a 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](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**

- We thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the donation of \$500. toward the renew and rebuild campaign.
- 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.
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry thanks everyone who supported them by purchasing an item.
- The Catholic Men's Association will meet next Sunday, January 27th at 2:00 PM in the SFR parish center. All men are welcome.
- 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, 2019 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](mailto: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](http://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.orgMarriageEnrichment/](http://www.nyfamilylife.orgMarriageEnrichment/). 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, January 13, 2018 \$5,726.80  
God Bless You