

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 (SFR) Vinicio Ramirez (+) ; Alicia Hart (+)
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) Patrick McCaffrey (Healing)
 9:30 AM (SFR) Sergio Andres Montoya (+)
 10:00 AM (SFA) Rosa Maria Gomez (Healing)
 11:00 AM (SFR) Florentino Gavarrete (+); Lorenzo Guardado (+)
 12:30 PM (SFR) Alicia Hart (+); Nora Onovo (Birthday)
 George Ortiz Jr. (+); Shadrack Robinson (+)
Monday January 28th, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Readings: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
 9:00 AM (SFR) Patrick McCaffrey (Healing)
Tuesday, January 29th, Weekday
 Readings: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
 9:00 AM (SFR) Rosa Maria Gomez (Healing)
Wednesday January 30th, Weekday
 Readings: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 9:00AM (SFR) Patrick McCaffrey (Healing)
Thursday, January 31st, Saint John Bosco, Priest
 Readings: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 9:00 AM (SFR) Rosa Maria Gomez (Healing)
Friday, February 1st, Weekday
 Readings: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23; 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
 9:00 AM (SFR) Patrick McCaffrey (Healing)
Saturday, February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord
 Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 8:00 AM (SFA) All the Sick
 9:00 AM (SFR) Rosa Maria Gomez (Healing)
 5:00 PM (SFR) MaryAnn Perillo (+)
Sunday, February 3rd, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30
 8:00 AM (SFR) Nicola Lombardi(+)
 9:30 AM (SFR) Rosa Maria Gomez (Healing)
 10:00 AM (SFA) Patrick McCaffrey (Healing)
 11:00 AM (SFR) Jacinta Salazar (+)
 12:30 PM (SFR) Alicia Hart (+); Shadrack Robinson (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mina Blesos, Maria Vasquez, Delia Gomez, Bernie Sammon, Carrie McGee, Rosa Maria Gomez, Nancy Medina, Miracle Boston, Patrick McCaffrey, William Bryne, Estephane Elizabeth, Henry Amadasu, 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 & Catherine Girardi. Let us also remember to pray for all caregivers.



TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

EL TIEMPO

Los días de fiesta ya pasaron, el año se nos viene encima. ¿Y qué clase de año será? De acuerdo con las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, será "el año de la gracia del Señor". Y Jesús con seguridad no se refería solamente a los próximos trescientos sesenta y cinco días cuando hablaba a la gente en ese tiempo.

El anuncio de la "llegada" de la gracia de Dios lo hizo Jesús para todos los tiempos, para cada año. De manera similar, leemos hoy en Nehemías cómo la gente se reunía con solemnidad a escuchar la Palabra de Dios como si fuera la primera vez. Escuchaban y luego se postraban con el rostro en la tierra y lloraban. Pero el profeta decía: "Este día está dedicado al Señor... no estén tristes".

El "año de la gracia del Señor" es este año. El día "dedicado al Señor" es hoy. El tiempo de escuchar es ahora. ¿Qué clase de año tendrás? ¿Qué clase de día? La ayuda de Dios siempre está aquí. Lo que haces cada día será santo y aceptable al Señor solamente si escuchas y practicas 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

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

- This year's Catholic Schools week is celebrated the week of January 27th. This year's theme is "Learn, Serve Lead, Succeed". We welcome the students, parents, administration and teachers from Our Lady of Grace, Saint Francis of Assisi & Nativity schools at our 12:30PM Mass this Sunday.
- 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.
- 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.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 20, 2018 \$4,195.80
God Bless You