

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 church

Pastor : Fr Georginus Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP
Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Oroffa, MSP
Sunday Assoc: Frs Peter Pilsner & Charles Udokang
Parish Deacons: Dcns John Maulucci & Jose Ojeda
Parish Secretary: Michelle Roman
Parish Bookkeeper: Melissa Leal
Parish DRE: Sr. Karina Hernandez Gomez HMSP & Sr. Araceli Munoz HMSP

Baptismal Instructions: Dcns. John Maulucci & Jose Ojeda
Community Outreach (Food Pantry): Lorrin Johnson
English Choir master: Jose Cabada
Liturgy committee Chair: Lorrin Johnson
Marriage Prep: Fr. Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP
Nursing Home Ministry Coordinator: Dcn Jose Ojeda
Organist: Eugene Klymyshyn
Parish Music Director: Carmine R. Abate (SFR)
RCIA: Dcn. John Maulucci & Dcn. Jose Ojeda

Religious Education Secretary: Michelle Roman
Religious Education Office: 718-324.5340 ext.4

MINISTRIES' SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

St Monica - Fr Ejiofor
St Martin de Porres - Fr Francis
Sagrado Corazon - Deacon Jose
Altigracia - Deacon Jose
Holy Name - Fr Francis
Youth Ministry - Deacon John and Sr Araceli
Catholic Women Assoc - Fr Ejiofor
Catholic Men Assoc - Fr Ejiofor
Charismatic Prayer Group - Deacon Jose
Circulo de Oracion - Srs Karina and Araceli
The Legion of Mary - Fr Francis
Prayer Shawl - Fr Francis
Hispanic Min. Committee - Fr Ejiofor
Comunidades de Evangelizacion - Sr. Karina and Sr. Araceli

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR PARISH MINISTRIES

(All meetings are in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated)

Altigracia: 3rd Sunday after 11:00 AM Mass
Bereavement Support: 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer: Sunday 4:00PM. Bi-weekly
Círculo de Oración: Monday 7:00PM
Comunidades de Fe: Thursday 7:00 PM
Food Pantry Ministry: Friday (Bi-weekly). See schedule
Holy Name Society: 2nd Sunday after 9:30AM Mass
Hospitality Committee: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Legion of Mary: Every Sunday at 2:00PM
Marriage Preparation Class: By appointment
Prayer Shawl: 2nd & 4th Sunday after 8:00AM Mass
Sagrado Corazon: 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: Sunday after each Mass
Spanish Choir: Saturday 2:00 PM
Praise & Worship Choir: Saturday at 2:30 PM
Parish Main Choir: Saturday at 6:00 PM
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

OTHER PARISH PROGRAMS

Weekly Adoration: Saturdays: 9:00AM—12PM
Religious Ed: Sunday: 10:45AM—12:30PM (Ends with Mass)
RCIA: Sunday 11:00 A.M
Pastoral Council: 2nd Wednesday of the Month
Liturgy Committee: 1st Tuesday Feb, May, Sept & Nov 7PM
Baptismal Instruction Class: 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM

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.

Saturday, August 24th,
5:00 PM (SFR) Patrick McCaffrey (+)

Sunday, August 25th, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
8:00 AM(SFR) Martha & Filomena Lombardi (+)
9:30AM (SFR) Al Farry (+)
10:00AM (SFA) Janice Bigica
11:00AM (SFR) Emilio Mendez(+); Angel Fernandez (+) & Ancelmo Flores (+)
12:30AM(SFR) Michael Anigekwu(+)

Monday, August 26th, Weekday
Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
9:00 AM (SFR) Claudine Boyd (+); Victoria Muonagolu (+)

Tuesday, August 27th, Saint Monica
Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
9:00 AM (SFR) Omeke Ifeoma (Thanksgiving) ; Victoria Muonagolu (+); St. Monica Feast Day

Wednesday, August 28th, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
9:00AM (SFR) Claudine Boyd (+)

Thursday, August 29th, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Readings:1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
9:00 AM (SFR) Vittorio Iodice (+)

Friday, August 30th, Weekday
Readings:1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
9:00 AM (SFR) Lydia Rivera (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, August 31st, Weekday
Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
8:00 AM (SFA) Nancy Medina (Healing)
9:00AM (SFR) Rose Pirro (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eltee Pierre, Tonnie Rivera, James Coles, Phred Madsen, Carmen Perez, Michael A. Laster Sr., Mina Blesos, Donna Daniels, Maria Vasquez, Caroline Carol, Bernie Sammon, Carrie McGee, Theresa Murphy, Rosa Maria Gomez, Nancy Medina, Miracle Boston, William Bryne, Estephane Elizabeth, Henry Amadasu, Maria & Rafael Medina, Patricia Bent, Luz Helena Johnson, Doreen Peters, Timothy Sonowell, Mrs. Lowery, Francis Wynter, Lucille Thomas, Edward Lowe, Anna Coles, Deacon Joe Mulryan, Rosemary Oshansky, Thomas Robertson, Ann Taylor, Dorothy Goshine, Dionne Spence, Bryan Ritchie, Hason Castell, 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.



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WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

DA LA BIENVENIDA AL EXTRANJERO

Ya casi nos hemos acostumbrado a ver fotografías en las redes sociales e historias en los periódicos de inmigrantes latinoamericanos y refugiados sirios escapando de la violencia y la destrucción de sus propios países, intentando hacer una vida mejor en un lugar más seguro. También nos ha tocado ver las reacciones de las personas que intentan mantenerlas lejos de sus países, que se oponen a ayudar a los extranjeros y a los niños indefensos. ¿Se nos ha olvidado la enseñanza de Jesús de ayudar a los desamparados y a los extranjeros? "Traerán todos a sus hermanos y hermanas de todas las naciones . . . a Jerusalén, a mi monte santo, dice el Señor".

En las tres lecturas de hoy, se nos dice que debemos ser hospitalarios con los extranjeros, dar la bienvenida a los discípulos del Señor, lo cual nos lleva a la paz, y a "entrar por la puerta que es angosta" a la gloria del reino 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.

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 6:00 PM 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.

Food Pantry Schedule

**Food is distributed on the following Fridays
9:00 AM– 12:00 PM
Please bring your ID**

September 5 or 21

November 1 or 15

October 4 or 18

December 6 or 20

Parish Announcement

- The Hospitality Committee's annual flea market will take place on Sundays after each mass in the church hall.
- We thank the Hospitality Committee for the \$500.00 donation.
- The Charismatic Prayer group is on break and so will not meet for the month of August.
- Saint France of Rome choirs will begin rehearsals on Saturday, September 7th Spanish Choir at 12:00 PM; Praise and Worship at 3:00PM and Main Choir at 6:00PM. If anyone is interested in joining the choir please see our organist after any of the weekend masses.
- Altigracia Society invites everyone to the Shrine of San Jose on Saturday, September 7th. The bus departure time is 8:00AM by the church entrance. The cost is \$40.00 per person. For further information please contact Brigida at (929)461-3980 or Miledys (917)705-1544.
- Sociedad Altigraciana invita a nuestro viaje anual de peregrinacion al Santuario de San Jose en NJ .Sabado 7 de sept. Saliendo del frente de la iglesia a las 8 am y regresamos a las 5pm. Costo 40.00 p/p . Para informes Brigida: 929-461-3980 or Miledys:917-705-1544.
- The Legion of Mary's 1st year anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, September 8th beginning with Mass at 12:30PM followed by a reception in the church hall. Everyone is invited.
- CCD registration forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please complete the form and return it to the rectory office.
- The Catholic Men's Association is sponsoring a Parish Dinner Dance which will take place on Sunday, October 6th at Maestro's Caterers beginning at 4:00PM. Tickets are \$100.00 per person, and include a cocktail reception, full dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets are available in the rectory or from one of the members of the Catholic Men's Association or the Parish Council.
- Are you an adult, who has been attending St. Frances of Rome Church or another Catholic Church? Do you know a family member, neighbor or friend who has expressed a desire to become Roman Catholic but does not know how to go about it? Are you a person Baptized in the Roman Catholic Church but never received any other Sacraments? THEN, the RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is what you have been looking for. *What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?* It is a series of instruction that begins in September and ends with the reception of the Sacrament(s) at the Easter Vigil. *What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?* Any person, over seventeen year of age, who has not been Baptized, anyone Baptized a Catholic but never received any other sacrament, or anyone who was baptized into another religion but now has the desire to be Roman Catholic. *When are the sessions held?* On Sunday morning English session beginning at 11:00 am and concluding with the 12:30 pm Mass. Spanish session begin at 9 am ending with the 11 am Mass. Sessions begin September 15 in the Parish Center. *What do you need to do in order to become part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?* Complete an RCIA application or contact Deacon John Maulucci or Jose Ojeda: leave your application or contact information at the rectory during regular office hours.
- All announced mass intentions should be submitted to the rectory. Please do not hand your intentions to the clergy in the church.
- Please do not block parking spaces or the entrance during weekend masses. Any car blocking any entrance will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Sunday, August 18, 2019 \$5,310.66
God Bless You