

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: Dens John Maulucci & Jose Ojeda
Parish Secretary: Michelle Roman
Parish Bookkeeper: Melissa Leal
Parish DRE: Srs. Karina Hernandez Gomez HMSP
 & Araceli Munoz HMSP
Baptismal Instructions: Dens. 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
Altagracia - Deacon Jose
Holy Name - Fr Francis
Youth Ministry - Deacon John and Sr Araceli
Catholic Women Assoc - Fr Ejiofor
Catholic Men Assoc - Fr Ejiofor
Comunidades de Oracion - Srs Karina and Araceli
The Legion of Mary - Fr Francis
Prayer Shawl - Fr Francis
Hispanic Min. Committee - Fr Ejiofor

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR PARISH MINISTRIES (All meetings are in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated)

Altagracia: 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
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 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: 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, March 9th,

5:00 PM (SFR) Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 10th, First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

11:00 AM (SFR) Pedro N. Texidor (+), America Nunez (+), Carmen Delgado (+)

Monday, March 11th, Lenten Weekday

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

9:00 AM (SFR) Teresa & Fiorente Venturino (+)

Tuesday, March 12th, Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

9:00 AM (SFR) Anthony Thevaril & Family

Wednesday, March 13th, Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 14th, Lenten Weekday

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 15th, Lenten Weekday

Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

9:00 AM (SFR) John Miguel Pereira (+)

Saturday, March 16th, Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION**

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

ORACIÓN, LIMOSNA, AYUNO Y TENTACIÓN

A medida que empezamos nuestro tiempo de oración, limosna y ayuno, la lectura del libro del Deuteronomio nos recuerda nuestro deber de ofrecer: “Dejarás los frutos en la presencia del Señor tu Dios, te postrarás ante él” (Deuteronomio 26:10). La lectura de la carta a los romanos nos refiere a nuestra oración, recordándonos que “La palabra está cerca de ti, en tu boca y en tu corazón . . . todo el que invoque el nombre del Señor se salvará” (Romanos 10:8, 13). Estas palabras son reconfortantes, y nos animan a pedir a Dios aquello que necesitamos y nos ayuda en nuestra oración. Por último, el Evangelio de Lucas nos muestra a Jesús ayunando, siendo tentado así como lo somos nosotros y además él entiendo lo que significa ser humano. Alguien una vez dijo que la tentación surge cuando se está cansado y rendido; y el mal viene y hace una sugerencia perfectamente razonable. Jesús no muestra que, con su ayuda, nosotros también podemos vencer nuestras tentaciones, tan razonable como pueda sonar.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Eltee Pierre, Michael A. Laster Sr., Mina Blesos, Maria Vasquez, Caroline Carol, Bernie Sammon, Carrie McGee, Theresa Murphy, Rosa Maria Gomez, Nancy Medina, Miracle Boston, Patrick McCaffrey, William Bryne, Estephane Elizabeth, Henry Amadasu, Maria & Rafael Medina, Lloyd Dennis, Timothy Sonowell, 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.

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

March 15	August 2 or 16
April 5 or 26	September 5 or 21
May 10 or 24	October 4 or 18
June 7 or 21	November 1 or 15
July 5 or 19	December 6 or 20

Parish Announcement

- Training for Eucharistic Minister and Lectors has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 26th at 10:30 AM in the church. It is strongly recommended that everyone should attend as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter celebrations.
- Stations of the Cross in English and Spanish will be Mondays at 7:00PM and Fridays at 6:30 PM respectively. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- The Parish Lenten Retreat will take place Friday April 5th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 6th at 11:00AM. Please mark your calendar for this important Lenten event.
- Parish ministries are advised to check the first page of the bulletin for their assigned spiritual directors and meeting schedules.
- If you need your 2018 tax statement and have not yet received it please contact the Parish Office at (718) 3244-5340.
- Parish T-shirts are still available. T-shirts are \$10.00 each while Polo shirts are \$15.00 each. Get yours at the rectory.
- Sunday, March 3, 2019 \$5,537.70
God Bless You

Daily Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena

St. Frances of Rome every Monday after Mass

Rosary

St. Frances of Rome after Weekday Masses

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