

Roman Catholic Church Of St Frances Of Rome, St Francis Of Assisi, St Anthony & Our Lady Of Grace

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**Office & Rectory: 4307 Barnes Avenue, Bronx New York 10466****Office Hours: Monday to Friday : 9:00AM—6:00PM****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 /Jose Ojeda
Community Outreach/Food Pantry—Lorrin Johnson
DRE—Brother Lucian Knaap., CFC
English Choir – Jose Cabada
Liturgy committee—Lorrin Johnson
Marriage Prep— Fr. Ejiofor Ugwu
Nursing Home Ministry Coordinator—Jose Ojeda
Organist - Eugene Klymyshyn, Carmine Abate
Parish Music Director - Carmine R. Abate (SFR)
Parish Secretary—Melissa Leal
RCIA—Dcn John Maulucci & Jose Ojeda
Religious Education Office: 718-324.5340 ext.4
Religious Education Secretary: Michelle Roman

CLUB MEETINGS:

Adult Club Every Tuesday at 12:00 Noon
Men's Club 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00PM
Women's Club 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00PM

MINISTRIES & SOCIETIES**All Meetings are in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated****Altigracia:** 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 7PM—Lower Church**Food Pantry Ministry:** Posted Schedule, bi-weekly**Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group:** Tuesday 6:30PM –9:00PM**Holy Name Society:** 2nd Sunday after 9:30AM Mass**Hospitality Committee:** 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** 1st Tuesday of the month in the convent at 7PM**Marriage Preparation Class** by appointment**Men's Association:****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**Women's Club:** 2nd Sunday 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—1:30 PM**Parish Main Choir—Saturday—6:00 PM**Spanish Choir—Saturday—1:00 PM: Lower Church***Marriage**

Couples who intend in to marry 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

Sunday January 21st, Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings: Jon 3:1-5; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

9:30 AM (SFR) Rose Amadasu & Family (God's Protection)

11:00 AM (SFR) Leonar Hernandez Acevero (+) ; Elvia Hernandez (+) & Maria Seundina Velez (+)

12:30PM (SFR) For the people of the parish

Monday January 22nd, Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday January 23rd, Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday January 24th, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday January 25th, The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Readings: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday January 26th, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday January 27th, Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

9:00 AM (SFR) Souls in Purgatory and those who have no one to pray for them

5:00 PM (SFR) Carmela Sacco (+); Millie Mastrandrea (+)

Sunday January 28th, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

9:30AM (SFR) Sai Elise & Christionne Thompson (Birthday Blessings; Protection & Thanksgiving)

**THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

LAS EXIGENCIAS DE SER DISCÍPULO

Hoy ya encontramos lecturas con el tono penitencia de Cuaresma. Nínive ayuna durante cuarenta días, el salmista nos recuerda que sólo Dios puede indicarles el camino a los pecadores, san Pablo nos muestra que todas las cosas y los acontecimientos de este mundo son transitorios y Jesús nos dice: "Arrepiéntanse" antes de llamar a sus nuevos seguidores. "Sígueme", dice Jesús, pero si realmente vivimos los mandamientos y las exigencias de ser discípulos por el Bautismo, nos daremos cuenta de nuestra necesidad de conversión, de nuestro arrepentimiento, nuestra necesidad de creer plenamente en el Evangelio. El Evangelio de hoy comienza recordándonos lo que le sucedió a Juan Bautista por vivir plenamente su vocación como heraldo de Cristo y del Evangelio: fue arrestado, encarcelado y martirizado. Si bien pocos de nosotros sufriremos consecuencias tan extremas, todos debemos estar preparados para enfrentar algún tipo de rechazo por hacerle caso al llamado de Jesús, vivir el Reino de Dios que está próximo, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y creer en la buena nueva de salvación.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carrie McGee, Daniella Zemker, Kameron James Sneed, Sameera Murillo, Carl Finnegan, David Marrero, Stephen Reynolds, Geraldine Darnley, Wanda Moore, Alicia Singh, Dionne Spence, Natalie Migliaccio, Angel Acosta, Daphne Abdela, Stefano Angel and Nancy Medina. 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.

2018 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.

Food Pantry

Saint France of Rome food pantry is available to all parishioners who need food assistance. For further information please contact the rectory at (718) 324-5340.



ADORATION
of the
Blessed Sacrament

*In St. Frances of Rome's Lower Church
Saturdays 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

- The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring an annual retreat day for catholic teachers in public schools on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. Donation is \$25 per person. Please call 914-965-0490 or email Zelide.ceccagno@archny.org for further information.
- The Food Pantry is closed for the month of January if any parishioner needs emergency assistance please contact the rectory at (718) 324-5340 and Ms. Lorraine will get back to you.
- The Men's Association meeting is on Sunday, January 28th at 2:00 PM in the SFR Parish Center.
- To add someone's name to the parish prayer list, please contact the rectory at (718)324-5340...
- The Black History month mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral is on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 PM. For further information please contact The Office for Black Ministry at (646) 794-2681.
- Women's Club will host it's annual Valentine's Day Dance Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium. Tickets cost \$40.00 per adult & \$20.00 per child. Get your tickets during the coffee hour from one of the women's club members.
- If you would like to serve at mass please fill out the volunteer sheet located at the back of the church, bring it to the rectory and someone will contact you.
- Our church is a tithing church. We thank all those who support our church with their weekly tithes and donations. We encourage everyone to please remember this church in their budget and in prayers.
- Sunday, January 14, 2018 \$6,686.08
God bless you