

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

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

Circulo 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

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

8:00 AM (SFR) For the people of the parish

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

11:00 AM (SFR) Lydia Rivera (Blessings & Protection)

12:30PM(SFR)Jonathan & Sameera Hassan Ford (Thanksgiving)

Monday January 29th, Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

9:00 AM (SFR) Eltee F. Pierre (87th Birthday)

Tuesday January 30th, Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday January 31st, Saint John Bosco , Priest

Readings: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

9:00 AM (SFR) Earnell A. Johnson (+)

Thursday February 1st, Weekday

Readings:1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord

Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Saturday February 3rd, Weekday

Readings:1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

9:00 AM (SFR) Deceased Family Members of Joseph AF Pereira

5:00 PM (SFR) Nicola Lombardo (+)

Sunday February 4th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19; Mk 1:29-39

8:00 AM (SFR) Nicola Lombardi (+)

9:30 AM (SFR) For the people of the parish

11:00AM(SFR) Jacinta Salazar de Jaen (+) (Anniversary)

12:30 PM (SFR) Hillary Iwuoha (Birthday)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carrie McGee, Daniella Zemker, Kameron James Sneed, Sameera Murillo, Carl Finnegan, David Marrero, Gale Shuereb Lugo, 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.



TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

PROFETAS VERDADEROS

Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso si estos van en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca.

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

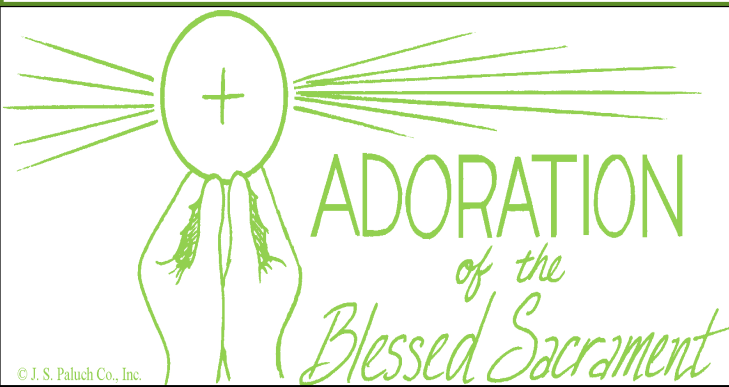
To request a mass, you may go to the rectory; send an email to stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com; call the parish office at 718-324-5340; or drop your mass request in the collection basket. Please include your contact number.

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.



*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.
- To add someone's name to the parish prayer list, please contact the rectory at (718)324-5340...
- Ash Wednesday Mass schedule is as follows February 14th -SFR 9:00 AM, SFA 10:00 AM , St. Mary's School Mass 11:15 AM & SFR at 7:00 PM.
- 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 of Black Ministry at (646) 794-2681. Transportation is provided from St. Philip & James Church departure time is at 12:00 PM. Please reserve your seat in advance by calling The Office of Black Ministry.
- 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.
- Get your raffle tickets from the Women's Club members. A book of 6 chances to win is \$5.00 1st prize is \$300, 2nd prize is \$200 & 3rd prize is \$100.
- 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 21, 2018 \$8,410.59
God bless you