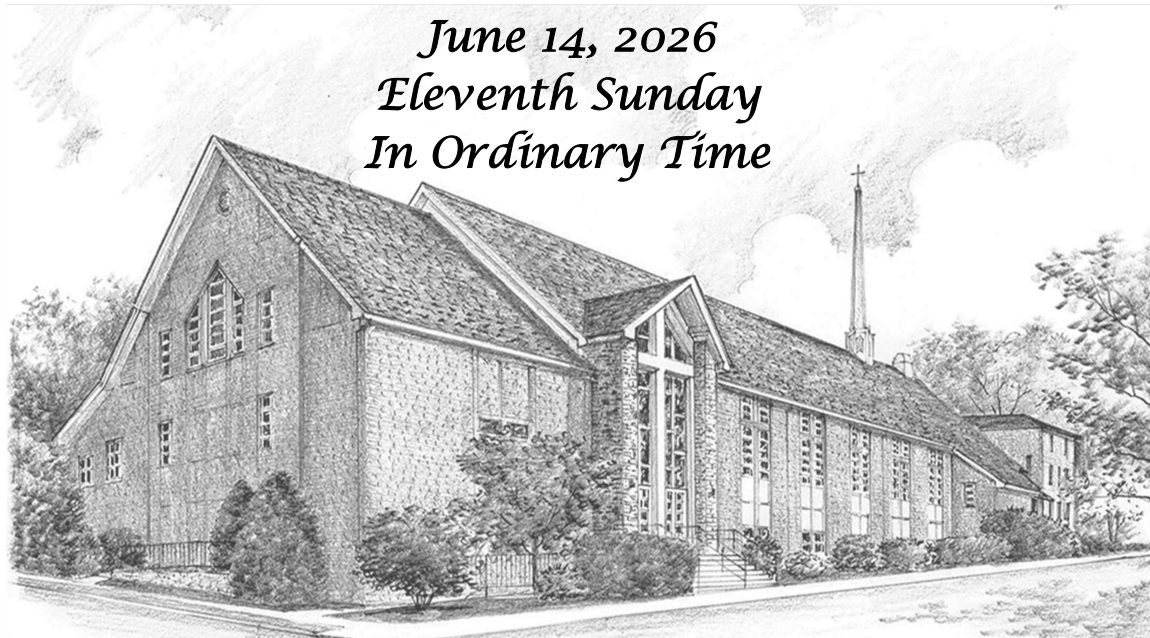


# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ***PASTOR***

REVEREND RICHARD C. BRENSINGER, M. DIV.

## ***MASS SCHEDULE***

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
DAILY: SEE MASS SCHEDULE  
HOLY DAY: (VIGIL 7:00 PM) 8:00 AM

## ***SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION***

SATURDAY: 3:15-4:00 PM  
MONDAY: 6:15 PM - 6:45 PM  
(BEFORE 7:00 PM MASS)  
ANYTIME BY APPOINTMENT

## ***ADORATION CHAPEL***

PLEASE CONSIDER SPENDING SOME TIME WITH  
OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.  
OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS LOCATED  
BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE SCHOOL  
BUILDING.

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 7:00 AM-7:00 PM  
SATURDAY FROM 7:00 AM-3:00 PM  
SUNDAY 12:00 NOON TO 7:00 PM  
*CLOSED HOLYDAYS & HOLIDAYS*

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of  
Saint Francis of Assisi,  
aim to inspire hearts of

compassion, kindness,  
and love through  
our worship of the  
Holy Eucharist.



## SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION

### **New Members**

Welcome to Saint Francis Parish. Please call the Parish Center Office in order to register in our parish, or stop in during office hours or on the weekend after all Masses. One needs to be a member of our parish three months in order to receive a certificate of eligibility. Please notify the office if you change your address or move away.

### **Religious Education (PREP)**

All children of the parish should be receiving religious instruction through our parish school or through our Parish Religious Education Program which has been combined with the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena. Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education, Donna Sciacca at 610-432-7655 or by email at [prep@cathedral-church.org](mailto:prep@cathedral-church.org)

### **Marriage**

We look forward to celebrating God's gift of love in the sacrament of marriage for any registered and practicing parishioner. Diocesan policy states that contact should be made one year, but no later than six months, prior to the proposed date of marriage in order to begin pre-nuptial instructions. Call the Parish Center Office for further information.

### **Baptisms**

Baptisms are held for our registered (at least three months) and practicing parishioners normally the first Sunday of the month immediately after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are to register for a Baptismal Preparation Class held normally on the Wednesday before each baptism in the Parish Center. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic for the valid reception of baptism. That person must also be able to receive a certificate of eligibility from their Catholic parish. A Non-Catholic Christian is permitted to act as a witness. Parents should begin to make arrangements for a baptism during pregnancy.

### **Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info**

You must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must be known to attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the Parish Office.

### **Ministry to the Sick**

Please notify the Parish Center Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or the anointing of the sick. Visits can also be made to those parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive confession and communion.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

We welcome and support all whose faith journey brings them to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Center Office for further information.

### **Saint John Vianney Regional School**

We encourage all our parents to consider sending their children to our parish school, Saint John Vianney Regional School. Our school is located at 210 North 18th Street in Allentown. Please contact our school principal at 610-435-8981 to register your child for a faith based, middle-states accredited, Catholic education.

### **Allentown Central Catholic High School**

We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local Catholic high school - Allentown Central Catholic. Please contact the Director of Admissions, at (610) 437-4601 for more information.

### **Wills and Memorials**

As a lasting remembrance or final gift to your parish, all parishioners are encouraged to include St. Francis of Assisi in their wills or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Sanctuary Memorial Fund. Memorials are available in the Parish Center Office and are often used in lieu of flowers.

### **Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

### **Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
Direct Telephone Number (800)791-9209

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.



### Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

If you would like to memorialize the red sanctuary lamp for the Tabernacle for a week, the cost is \$10 for the seven day candle. Please contact Stephanie Epler at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102, for information.

**The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week June 14, 2026 is  
In Memory of Mary Romanic  
By Steiner Family**



### Floral Intentions

If you would like to offer Floral Intentions in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Live flowers can be placed in front of The Holy Family or The Sacred Heart for \$30 each, or \$60 for both sides.

**The flowers in front of The Sacred Heart for the week of June 14, 2026 are  
In Memory of Rosa Marrero  
By Daughter, Dalia Ruiz  
and son-in-law Richard Ruiz**

### Choir Schedule

The choir will sing the National Anthem at Saint Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park on Friday, June 19th. After that, it's time for Summer Break!



### Recently Deceased



Please pray for the souls of parishioner Anna M. DiGiacomo, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:  
**Colleen O'Hare**  
by: Maryann and Frank Reisinger  
*Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord*

### St. Francis of Assisi's Outreach Food Pantry

Our numbers of clients served each month is rising. We are serving over 50 people per month. Every donation you give matters. We thank you so much for your incredible generosity. Thanks to Outreach for working the pantry—organizing the donations received, collecting food items we need, shopping for groceries with donated gift cards, stocking the shelves, greeting our clients and making sure they feel welcome and cared for when they arrive.

**In June, to keep our shelves stocked, we will be collecting for the food pantry every weekend.** Do not feel obligated to give each week, but anything you are able to give would be appreciated.



## Mass Schedule

### Monday, June 15, 2026

*1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42*

**7:00 PM** Heather Lynn Zysk

### Tuesday, June 16th

*1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48*

**8:00 AM** Marie Lathrop

### Wednesday, June 17th

*2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

**8:00 AM** Perry Realo

### Thursday, June 18th

*Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15*

**8:00 AM** People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### Friday, June 19th

Saint Romuald

*2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23*

**8:00 AM** Kyle Joseph Heidenwolf

### Saturday and Sunday, June 20th and 21st

#### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33*

**4:30 PM** Living and Deceased Fathers

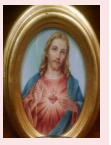
**8:30 AM** Living and Deceased Fathers

**10:30 AM** Living and Deceased Fathers

### Sacred Heart and Miraculous Medal Novenas



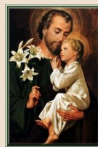
The Miraculous Medal Novena is recited every Monday after the 7:00 PM evening Mass. The Novena to the Sacred Heart is recited on the First Friday each month at the 8:00 AM daily



Mass. Each novena comes with special benefits. All are invited. Father Rich will hear confessions prior to the Monday 7:00 PM Mass, in addition to the Saturday confessions at 3:15 PM.

John Patrick Publishing Company prints our weekly bulletin. To place ads on the back of our bulletin, contact Michele Barron at 484-300-2062.

### Father's Day Cards



Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st. Father's Day Mass Remembrance cards are available in the Parish Office. Remember your father at Mass on Father's Day, it's a beautiful way to express your loving thoughts. Cards are available for living fathers, however, both living and deceased fathers may be remembered at the Masses on Father's Day.

### Movie Club

Our June Film will be shown on June 14, 2026 following 10:30 AM Mass. Film begins at Noon, running time 90 minutes – Heritage Hall.

We will serve baked ziti, drinks, popcorn, candy – ALL FREE - donations welcome!

The film explores the life of Saint Carlo Acutis and his approach to the modern digital world. It also follows high school students on a pilgrimage to Italy, encouraging them to disconnect from technology and reflect on Carlo's impact.





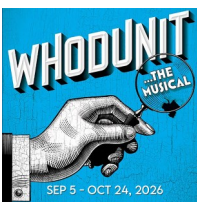
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Phone: 610-435-8981

Email: [principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org](mailto:principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org)  
**Call us today to schedule a tour at your convenience!**  
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### School Mission Statement

St. John Vianney Regional School is a Catholic community dedicated to living our faith in Jesus Christ from Preschool through 8th Grade. Our school and families partner together to encourage an appreciation for our diverse world. In a caring and respectful environment, we develop independent thinkers through spiritual values and strong academics. St. John Vianney students celebrate each day through prayer, education, and service; and embrace tomorrow committed to faith, leadership, and community.



### Pines Dinner Theatre Show

We will be attending a show as a group at Pines Dinner Theatre, 315 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, on Thursday, October 1, 2026. No bus required; you will drive there yourself or carpool with friends. Your group ticket includes your reserved seat for the show, along with a meal of garden salad, entree, dessert, iced tea, coffee and fountain sodas, and covers gratuity for your server. Meal is served at noon and show begins at 1:30 PM. The all-inclusive price is \$75.00. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office to reserve your seat, 610-433-6102.

### Mark Your Calendar:

St. Francis of Assisi will run a Bus Trip to The American Music Theatre's 2026 Christmas Show, "Winter Wonderland" on Wednesday, December 2nd, with a stop at Shady Maple for their lunch buffet prior to the show. \$145 per person covers bus and driver tip, meal and show.



June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vocations Ministry

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37)*

Jesus calls laborers to work in His abundant vineyard. Priests and religious men and women are called to serve God's people with dedication and joy. As members of the Church, we are invited to pray for an increase in holy vocations so that more may answer this call. Could God be calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-437-0755 or via email: [jmaria@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jmaria@allentowndiocese.org)

### Support College Students in Their Faith



**NEWMAN MINISTRY**

Studies show that over 80% of Catholic students disengage from their faith during

these years. To address this, the Diocese has partnered with Newman Connection, a national nonprofit that connects graduating seniors with Catholic campus ministries—even at non-Catholic colleges and military bases. This ensures students have immediate access to the Sacraments and a Catholic community upon arrival. Participation is free and easy. Families, visit: [Newman Connection High School Outreach](http://Newman Connection High School Outreach). Students register, Newman Connection notifies the appropriate campus minister, and then the campus minister will reach out to the student.

### Summer Bash Block Party for Young Adults

The Commission for Young Adults invites all young adults to gather for a block party at St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield from 6 - 11 PM on Friday, July 10th. Bring your own instruments, snacks, games, crafts...everything! Come to make new friends and enjoy the summer weather together. There will also be some surprises! Sign up at [allentowndiocese.flock-note.com/signup/257682](http://allentowndiocese.flock-note.com/signup/257682).



### Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of June 6 & 7, 2026

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,212.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,581.84

Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our website for more info.

## Ordination Celebration Dinner

The Diocese of Allentown invites you to attend the Ordination Celebration Dinner on Thursday, June 18, 2026, honoring our newly ordained priests. The evening will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish in Allentown. A reception will follow from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Lehigh Country Club. All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration of the Priesthood and to support these men in their vocation.

The cost is \$65 per person. Register at [www.allentowndioocese.org/newly-ordained-dinner-2026](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/newly-ordained-dinner-2026). For more information, please contact Michele Mullikin at [mmullikin@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:mmullikin@allentowndioocese.org).

### Fiat Days Discernment Retreat for High School Women

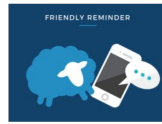
Fiat Days 2026 will be held June 28th-July 1st at Kutztown University! All high-school aged young women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend this joyful and prayerful discernment retreat to explore to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Schlert, inspiring presentations, fun and fellowship with new friends – all rooted in prayer for the discernment of vocations.

### Quo Vadis Discernment Retreat for High School Men

Quo Vadis 2026 will be held June 28-July 1 at Kutztown University! All high-school aged young men (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) are invited to attend this discernment retreat to explore to what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Schlert, inspiring presentations, fun and fellowship with new friends – all rooted in prayer for the discernment of vocations. For more information and details on registration and cost, go to <https://www.allentowndioocese.org/events/quo-vadis-2026>.

### Saint Joseph's International Food Festival

Friday, June 19th-Sunday June 21st- International Food Festival, St. Joseph the Worker Church, Ore-field, Friday 6-10 PM Saturday 5-10 PM Sunday 4-8 PM. Petting Zoo, Flea Market, Bands, Beer, and BINGO; [www.stjwchurch.org/festival](http://www.stjwchurch.org/festival)



## Flocknote

**Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576 on your smartphone to get signed up with Flocknote!**

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.) Text messages and emails can be easily sent to members during lock-downs, closures, and emergencies, as well as updates, event notifications, check-ins, prayer requests, and more.



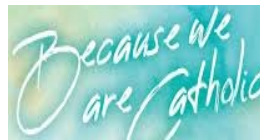
## Parish Organizations

Do not forget to Advertise via Facebook, Instagram and Flock Note. Contact Camille Stockdale 484-547-6270 to share your group's news so it can be publicized parish wide – Everyone wants to hear about everything exciting going on at Saint Francis!

## Saint Mary's Block Party

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua will hold their Annual Block Party on June 25th-June 27th, Thursday & Friday 6-9 PM and Saturday 5-9 PM. Children's Games, Bingo, Basket Raffles, and Bake Sale. Steak/Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ, Cabbage & Noodles, Potato Pancakes, Funnel-Cake, and more. (No coolers or outside beverages permitted). D.H. Productions, DJ's for All Occasions on Thursday and Friday. Sons of Izzy on Saturday. This event is rain or shine. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 .

## BWAC Annual Appeal



The 2026 *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal* is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide

effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

Thank you!




## Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, June 20th and 21st

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Lector</b>	M. Florentino	K. McFadden	M. K. McMahon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	F. & S. Koerbler, G. Rodriguez	T. Racek, L. Unger, A. Drovich	D. Ruiz, M. P. Tran, C. Wargo
<b>Cantor</b>	J. Fignar	M. Issermoyer	A. Huynh
<b>Organist</b>	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
<b>Altar Servers</b>	V. Herman, M. Joliffe	C. Peischl, D. Issermoyer	V. Huynh
<b>Sacristan</b>	D. Wascavage	P. McFadden	P. McFadden

### Host Family Needed

Nacel Open Door is looking for a family that is able to open their caring home to a student from Spain. She will be attending Allentown Central Catholic for only one year, as a Junior in the fall. She holds an F1 visa and travel health insurance. She is 16 years old and speaks Spanish, German, Basque and English. Her interests are: Horseback riding, skiing and golf. She would like to Pursue a degree in International Relations. The host family receives a monthly stipend to help offset expenses. The student has her own spending money for her every day essentials. It is truly a wonderful experience for the whole family and can create lifetime friendships from across the globe. If you are willing to open your heart and your home to this student, or would like more information about hosting, please reach out to me. Thank you!! Hope Houston Hhouston@team.nacel-opendoor.org or call 610-850-1398

### Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

  
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriage through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org) or call 215-766-3944 . All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### NY Yankees Bus Trip

KOC 14464 of Sacred Heart Church, Bath is sponsoring a Bus trip to the Yankees game on Aug. 13, 2026. This is an afternoon game, leaving the Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$146.00 per person. Seats are under cover. Includes bus, ticket and non-alcoholic refreshments. Contact Brother Bud Schuster at [bud328@msn.com](mailto:bud328@msn.com) or 610-390-8429.

### Shutterbug Wanted!!!

Do you attend lots of our parish events? Do you enjoy photography? If so, we could use your help. Our social media team would love to be everywhere, all the time but sometimes we just cannot. All you have to do is take a photo or two with your phone and text them over! If you would like to help out occasionally by taking photos, contact Camille Stockdale at 484-547-6270 or [stockp8792@gmail.com](mailto:stockp8792@gmail.com). No experience necessary (as evidenced by our current photos!).



### PARISH PHONE DIRECTORY

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# *St. Francis Attic Treasures*

*Attic Treasures  
Bake Sale  
Food to Eat in or Take out*

*Saturday, October 10th —10:00 AM-6:30 PM*

*Sunday, October 11th —12:00 Noon-5:00 PM*

*Monday, October 12th—10:00 AM-2:00 PM - BAG DAY*

## **WE CANNOT ACCEPT:**

**Tires, Major Appliances (Stoves, Washers, Dryers, etc. No Upholstered or Large Furniture (sofas, dining tables, etc.) No Encyclopedias, Magazines, Baby Furniture (cribs, walkers, play pens, car seats, high chairs.) No Electronics (computers and accessories.) No Kerosene Heaters or Gas Grills. No VCR's, VHS tapes, 8 tracks, cassettes, CD's or Books.**

## **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

**Items can be delivered to Heritage Hall Cedar Street ramp door. Please have items clean and small appliances working. There will be helpers at the ramp for your donations.**

**Newspapers and plastic bags  
are always appreciated.**

*2026 Donation Drop-off:*

*Saturdays:*

*September 26th*

*October 3rd*

*9:00 AM—12:00 PM*

*Help is needed on Donation Days*



*We will be working in the Church Hall every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM beginning September 8th (day after Labor Day) until the event.*

*All help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do for our parish!*

*If you have any questions, please call Phyllis, 484-522-9619.*