

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*April 21, 2024*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

## *Priests*

Reverend Richard C. Brensinger, Pastor  
Reverend Kevin M. Gualano, In Residence

## *Permanent Deacon*

Deacon Robert Young

## *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 & 12:15 PM

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

Monday: 6:15 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 daily from 7:00 AM—9:00 PM.**

## 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

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week April 21, 2024 is  
*In Memory of Paulita Ilagan  
By Larry & Conchita Moser*

### Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM in the choir loft.



### Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

The 2024 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!



### Recently Deceased



Please pray for the souls of parishioner Dolores Anthony and Mitzi Heidenwolf, mother of parishioner Joseph Heidenwolf, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

### St. Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park



**WHEN:** FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, 2024  
**GAME TIME:** 7:05 PM NORFOLK TIDES (Baltimore Orioles) vs. LEHIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS (Philadelphia Phillies)

**COST:** \$30.00 PER PERSON. Children 2 and under are Free.

**INCLUDES:** Game Ticket and Picnic Buffet and Post Game Fireworks

**PICNIC BUFFET:** in the FIRST COMMONWEALTH PICNIC PATIO (6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM RAIN or SHINE)

**Menu:** Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Jaindl BBQ Pulled Turkey, Pasta with Homemade Marinara, Homestyle Potato Salad, BBQ Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips

**Dessert:** Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Assorted Cookies

**Soft Drinks:** Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr Pepper, Minute Maid Lemonade, Fuze Iced Tea (cold beverages available through the event)

### TICKET RESERVATIONS:

- Can be made for family and friends of St Francis of Assisi Parish
- Payment must be received at the Parish Center Office by Sunday May 19th to reserve your tickets.
- Make checks payable to "ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH".
- A limited number of tickets are available - on a first come first serve basis.
- Information and Reservations: call Tom Fallon at 610-821-4947.

# Mass Schedule

## Monday, April 22, 2024

*Acts 11:1-8; Jn 10:1-10*

7:00 PM Lucille Kopack

Saints George and Adalbert

## Tuesday, April 23rd

*Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30*

8:00 AM Terese Heidenwolf

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

## Wednesday, April 24th

*Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50*

8:00 AM Joanne Mackenzie

Saint Mark, Evangelist

## Thursday, April 25th

*1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20*

8:00 AM Yvon Alexis

## Friday, April 26th

*Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6*

8:00 AM James P. Haughney

## Saturday and Sunday, April 27th & 28th

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8*

4:30 PM Frances & Gabriel Horkowitz  
People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

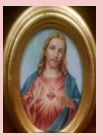
8:30 AM Alexander Mazziotta

10:30 AM Sister Marie Juliana Damhosl

### 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.

### Hearing Devices Are Now Available



We are pleased to announce that our new *Listen Hearing Devices* are available to sign out while you are attending Mass. They will be kept at the Parish Office and can be signed out and borrowed on your way into Mass. They must be returned immediately after Mass.



## Thank You!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated gifts or attended our April Showers Baby Shower to benefit the Cay Galgon Life House. The response was AMAZING and is a true testament to the faith and compassion of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many mothers and babies throughout the Lehigh Valley! Thank you!!



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  - Kindergarten through 8th Grade
  - Safe Environment, Faith-Filled Curriculum
  - Outstanding Academics
  - Free Tour and Shadow Days
- SJVRs: Educating a child's character, mind, and spirit!  
Phone: 610-435-8981

Email: [principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org](mailto:principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org)  
*Call us today to schedule a tour at your convenience!*  
*SJVRs: Educating a child's character, mind and spirit!*

**We're Hiring! Join our Team!**

St. John Vianney Regional School is looking to fill the following positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

- STEM Teacher
- Daily Substitute Teachers
- Extended Care Assistants

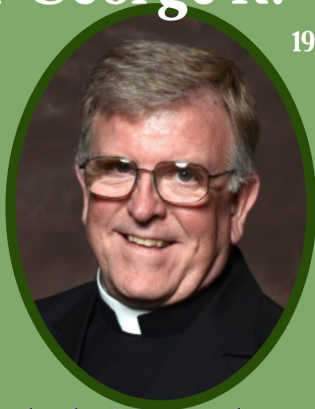
If you are interested in joining our dedicated and talented team, please contact Mrs. Beth Serrano, St. John Vianney Regional School Principal at [mrserrano@stjohnvianney-school.org](mailto:mrserrano@stjohnvianney-school.org) or 610-435-8981.

**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.

**Father George R. Winne**

1957-2023



**The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena  
Wednesday, April 24th at 9 am**

All are invited to the celebration of Mass to commemorate the first anniversary of Father George Winne's passing and unveil the special tribute dedicated to him at our school.

*Come Join Us!*

**St. John Vianney Regional School  
Golf Outing**

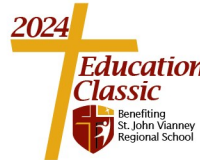
**Monday, May 6, 2024**

The Club at Twin Lakes

**9:00 am Shotgun Start - Four Person Scramble**

- Breakfast, Lunch, Awards, and Raffle Prizes
- Men's and Women's Long Drive Contest
- \$500 Putting Contest, 50/50 & Pot of Gold

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 2024**



**Contact info:**

Pat Witmer: 484-460-9051  
Lee Solt: 610-509-5757  
[educationclassic@gmail.com](mailto:educationclassic@gmail.com)

**Thank you for supporting St. John Vianney!!!!**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

• **Vianney Voices Director 2022-25**

We are currently looking for a Vianney Voices musical director. Vianney Voices is our school choir! Students are able to sign at our weekly Mass. Please contact us at 610-435-8981 or email [Marketing@stjohnvianneyschool.org](mailto:Marketing@stjohnvianneyschool.org) for more information.



**A reminder, for your safety and well-being, please lock your car doors and keep any valuables out of sight before coming into Mass.**

**Attention All Parish Organizations**

Please call Donna Gerancher at 610-433-6102, x15 to schedule all of your organization's activities to ensure the availability of the room or hall of your choice.



**New Parishioners**

As a parish community, we always welcome new members with open arms and hearts. At this time we would like to welcome Anne Marie Nijimbere & Christen Jordan, Carmen Sanabria, Ernest & Robert & Debra Schmidt, Ernest & Judy Schwab, Arthur & Priscilla Tatara, and Gayla Guempel.

# SJV UPDATE

*The official newsletter of your parish school*



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

On Sunday, March 17th, our group took to the streets to show our school spirit at the St. Patrick's Parade! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and were instrumental in the FIRST-PLACE WIN! Way to go, Bulldogs!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

During the month of March, we had our Scholastic Book fair. Our students were able to purchase books to help our students become bolder and stronger readers.

## LENT AND EASTER

Throughout the Lenten season, our students not only attended our weekly school Mass but also participated in the Stations of the Cross every week. Each class marked the resurrection with celebratory parties!

St. John Vianney Regional School's  
production of

Disney  
**Aladdin**  
JR.

Saturday, May 11th  
At St. John Vianney Regional School  
Doors Open at 2:00 pm  
\$5 per person

## St. John Vianney Regional School

We wanted to say a  
special thank you to all  
those who donated  
rosaries and religious  
items to our school!  
We truly appreciate  
the support you have  
given your parish  
school!



**THANK YOU**

# St. Francis of Assisi Basket Raffle

## Basket "Ideas"

(Each basket should be worth \$50 or MORE!)

Family Game Night Basket Tool Basket Curl Up with a Good Book Basket  
 Electronics Basket (charging stations, or different electronic items) Gym Basket  
 Backpack with School Items Alcohol Basket Sports Theme Basket (i.e. Phillies, Eagles)  
 Kids Arts & Crafts Basket Taco Night Basket New Mommy Basket  
 Coffee Basket Movie Night Basket Pokémon Cards Basket  
 Baking Basket Houseguest Welcome Basket Plant/Gardening Basket  
 Dinner for a Week Basket Spa Basket Minibar in a Jar Basket  
 Kids Sports Basket (balls, gloves, other equipment) Tea Basket Crockpot with Utensils  
 Lego Basket Charcuterie Board Basket

BUT ALSO FEEL FREE TO COME UP WITH YOUR OWN FUN IDEA FOR BASKETS!!!!

For questions - contact the Parish Office 610-433-6102 or Heidi Beck



### Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of April 13th & 14th

Sunday in Pew \$ 5,111.00  
 Sunday Online \$ 2,871.31  
 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 information.



JOHN PATRICK publishing company, inc.

John Patrick Publishing Company prints our weekly bulletin. To place advertisements on the

back of our bulletin, contact Karen Donehower at 484-363-9475.

### Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to feel the power of prayer through one of our prayer shawls, please contact the Parish Office.

The Liturgical Ministers availability sheet is due to Donna Gerancher by Sunday, April 21, 2024.

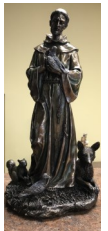
### Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday



Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 AM Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact the parish office to discuss registration details.

### Traveling Statue of Saint Francis of Assisi

Our blessed statue of Saint Francis can come and spend some time in your home. Each parish household can sign up for a week to "house" Saint Francis. Please call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102 to schedule your week.



### Pilgrimage to Rome

Our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 2024 has been changed to Rome, and there are a few seats open. The dates are November 18 through 25, 2024. Contact Deacon Ricardo Reyes at 347-851-9815 for more information.

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, April 27th & 28th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Lector</b>	L. Bauer	N. Lamparella	D. Colom
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A. & H. Moyer	M. Issermoyer, T. Fallon	J. Colom, B. Ocasio
<b>Cantor</b>	M. Maramag	D. Lamparella	A. Eaves
<b>Organist</b>	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
<b>Altar Servers</b>	T. Bauer		J. & J. Burgos
<b>Sacristan</b>	J. DeLeo	P. McFadden	P. McFadden



Tickets – one sheet for \$10 -  
3 sheets for \$20

Baskets are all valued at \$50  
or more

There will be baskets for  
every member of your  
family – the littles, men,  
women, your pets –  
everyone!!!

As always – there will also  
be gift cards and adult  
beverage “baskets” to bid  
on!

Food will be available for  
purchase – dine in or take  
home

## St Francis of Assisi Basket Raffle

May 18 - 11 am to 6 pm and May 19 - 9 am to 2 pm

### An Urgent Plea For Our Times

"Til now, nothing could blind Satan as much. And it is up to you not to reject my flame of Love, for this rejection would simply spell disaster."

We pray the Flame of Love Rosary in the Adoration Chapel every Saturday at noon. You are invited to pray with us and help Our Lady blind Satan in these evil times. God bless you for your efforts.

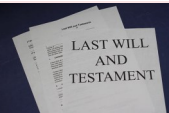


### Spring Cleanup



Have you lost anything in the past year? Our “Lost and Found” box is nearly full, and there will be a table in the narthex displaying items that were found in and around church on the weekend of May 4th & 5th. Unclaimed articles will be discarded or donated to the Flea Market.

### FreeWill



If there's a will...There's definitely a way. Your will is your way to protect your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and even make an impact with your legacy. FreeWill's free estate planning tool, available to all parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, is a simple and cost-free way for you to chart your own way. Visit [FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese](http://FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese) to get started on your will. We hope you will consider remembering your Parish in your will.



Helping Mothers in Need

### Strides For Moms

5k Walk/Run June 8, 2024  
Notre Dame High School, Easton, PA  
To Support  
Walking With Moms in Need  
& Our Lady's Helpers

Any questions: [stridesformoms@gmail.com](mailto:stridesformoms@gmail.com)  
To register online: <https://runsignup.com/stridesformoms> or use QR code to register.



### Christmas Show Bus Trip



On Thursday, December 12th, we will travel to the American Music Theatre's Christmas Show, “Joy To The World” with a stop at Shady Maple for the lunch buffet. We will leave the church at 10:00 AM, stop for lunch at 11:30, travel on to the 3:00 PM show and we'll leave for

home immediately after the show, arriving home at approximately 7:30 PM. Cost for this trip is \$125 which includes tickets, transportation, meal and driver tip. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102 for more information or to sign up.

### Pilgrimage To Italy with Bishop Schlerf

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlerf & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will “Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul” through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at [ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

