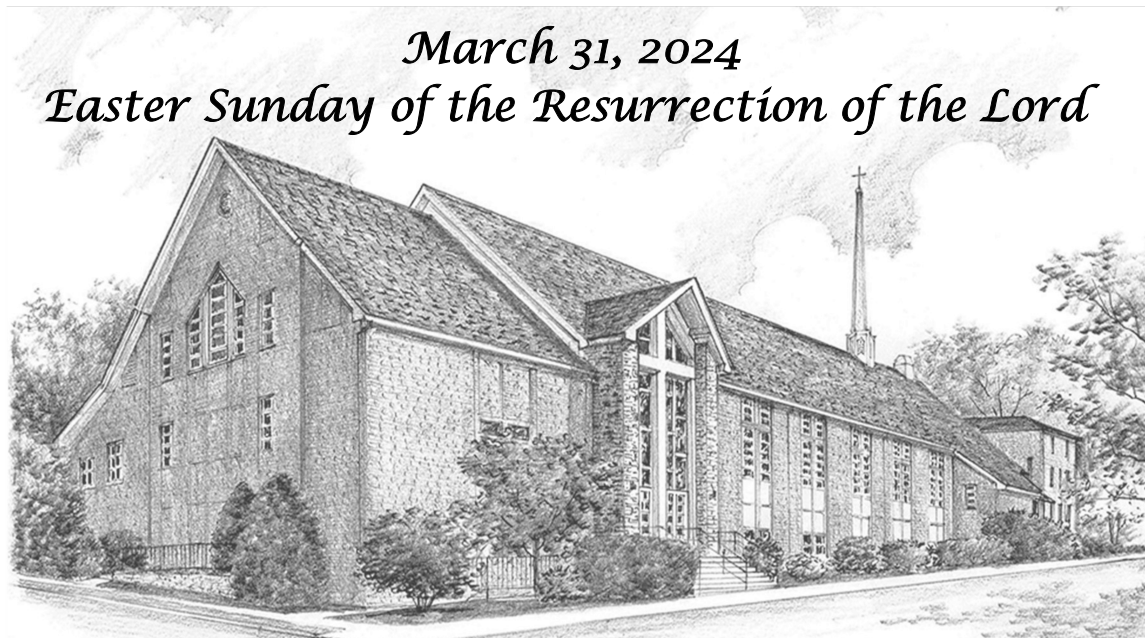


# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *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  
March 31, 2024 is  
*In Memory of Mary & Michael Romanic*  
By Jim & Susan Steiner

### Parish Office Closing

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on  
Easter Sunday, March 31st,  
and Easter Monday, April 1st.





## Disciple Maker Index

[portal.catholicleaders.org/1/aa3kaa](http://portal.catholicleaders.org/1/aa3kaa)

**Step 1: Follow the link or scan the QR code**

**Step 2: Find your parish and click on the survey link for your individual parish**




### Please Note:

We are excited to share that the Disciple Maker Index Survey will now be open through April 2, 2024. This will allow all parishes to reach out to all the parishioners who generally attend Easter services.

### Men of St. Francis Parish Breakfast

Will take place next Sunday, April 7th. Breakfast is served at your table by our volunteer waitresses from 9:30 AM to Noon. Menu selections include: Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Toast, Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. Cost: Adults \$8.00, Children (age 6-12) \$5.00, Age 5 and Under Free.



### Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be on April 6th & 7th. This month, we particularly need Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spam, Canned Meat, Chef Boyardee, Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, 4 packs of toilet paper, tissues, Beans, Vegetables, Snacks, Condiments, and Personal Care Products. We do not need Pasta or Macaroni and cheese. No glass jars, please. Also, please, no XL containers or outdated foods. Collection carts will be available in the vestibule of the church for your donations. *Help is needed on collection weekends to help move the food donations from the vestibule area to the pantry after each Mass.*

### 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.



# Mass Schedule

## Monday, April 1, 2024

*Acts 2:14, 22-23; Mt 28:8-15*

**7:00 PM** Kyle Joseph Heidenwolf

## Tuesday, April 2nd

*Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18*

**8:00 AM** Mary Jane Bernhard

## Wednesday, April 3rd

*Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35*

**8:00 AM** Dawn Lynn Howe

## Thursday, April 4th

*Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48*

**8:00 AM** Maria Vui Tran

## Friday, April 5th

*Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14*

**8:00 AM** John Polzer

## Saturday and Sunday, April 6th & 7th

### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

*Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31*

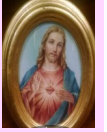
**4:30 PM** Nancy Lewullis & son Joseph  
People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**8:30 AM** Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

**10:30 AM** Leslie Talago

### 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.



### Thanks to Our Fundraiser Volunteers

We wish to say thank you to Paula Rollins and all those volunteers who helped to make our Easter Egg fundraiser a success. We also wish to thank all Paula, her husband Roy, and all those involved in our Fish Dinner fundraiser.



My dear parishioners,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Our journey of Lent is now complete. We saw the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior. And now we witness the glorious and triumphant resurrection! As Peter said to Christ on Mount Tabor at the transfiguration, "How good is it to be here!" It is truly good. Hopefully, we will take what we have carried through this past Lenten season and share the news of our salvation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your constant dedication to our parish. In particular, I want to thank all of our parish staff and liturgical ministers who make your priests and deacon pleased to be here. May God bless you and your families with Easter joy!

In His Name, with Saint Francis, I am

*John Rich*



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**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.

**Save the Date - June 2nd at 10:30 AM Mass**

We will celebrate our parish children who received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at this Mass. We hope we can all attend to support our children on their journey to get to know Jesus better!!!



**Please follow St. Francis of Assisi Parish on public media Facebook or Instagram**



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Diocesan  
**ALTAR SERVER**

*Mass*

APRIL

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SATURDAY **13** 11AM

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2024

*The Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena  
Allentown, Pennsylvania*

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All youth altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for youth altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass. Saturday, April 13th 2024, 11:00 AM at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

**Healing Retreat**

Join us for a healing retreat, Monday, April 8th from 1 to 4 PM. There will be an afternoon of healing prayer, testimony, music and anointing with oil from the Holy Land. Please register by Monday, April 1st by calling St. Francis Retreat House at 610-258-3053 ext. 0. All are welcome!

**Mini-Retreat Presented by Bishop Schlert**

Bishop Alfred Schlert will present "Restlessness and Distraction in Our Lives: Can the Synod Process Help Me?" at the Monday Mini-Retreat on April 15th at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. Dinner at 6:00 PM precedes the presentation from 7:00 - 9:00. Donation is \$40 for in-person or \$25 for virtual participation. Register by April 5th at [www.stfrancisretreathouse.org](http://www.stfrancisretreathouse.org).

**Retreat on Eucharistic Revival Program in the US**

Learn about the National Eucharistic Revival and St. Francis of Assisi's devotion to the Eucharist. Take time for Eucharistic devotion and grow in love of the Eucharist. "Retreat on Eucharistic Revival Program in the US" is a weekend retreat at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton presented by Fathers Charlie Smiech and Pat McCloskey OFM on April 19th to 21st. Donation for single on-site participant is \$295; \$495 per couple; \$140 for commuter; \$95 for virtual participant. Register by April 9th at [www.stfrancisretreathouse.org](http://www.stfrancisretreathouse.org).



**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



### Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of March 16th & 17th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,246.74
Sunday Online	\$ 2,383.90
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 949.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 45.00

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.



If you are NOT YET SIGNED UP -Flocknote is a free communication system that sends emails or text messages to notify you of special or important messages from our Parish. You can join different groups at the Parish and stay connected with up-to-date communications and reminders.

To join, use your cell phone and simply text the word STFRAN to the number 84576.

We hope you join this GREAT WAY of receiving all the parish news - keeping you close to your spiritual family here at St. Francis!!!



### Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist

(OLME) invites you to join us for Divine Mercy Weekend with Bishop Alfred A. Schlert (Bishop of Allentown) and the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

Doors open at 6:15 PM on Saturday, April 6th, and at 9:15 AM on Sunday, April 7th. Registration is required. Visit our website: [www.olme.org](http://www.olme.org)



**VALOR**  
A HAND UP ON THE HOME FRONT

### Outreach Committee News

Dear Saint Francis of Assisi Parish: Thank you for the generous donations to Valor Clinic Foundation, because of you we can serve our local veterans. Your contributions this past Christmas ensures that our

Veterans have the support they need. We appreciate everything you do for us.

The Vets Salute you!

### Weekend Sacristans

We are in need of a couple more weekend sacristans. If you are interested in training, please contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102.



### Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, April 6th & 7th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Lector</b>	G. Rodriguez	T. McGinley	C. Stockdale
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	F. & S. Koerbler	L. Unger, A. Drovich	M. Dietrick, J. Young
<b>Cantor</b>	A. Eaves	P. Rollins	A. Huynh
<b>Organist</b>	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
<b>Altar Servers</b>	V. Herman & M. Joliffe		C. & E. Stano
<b>Sacristan</b>	T. Jacob		
<b>Rosary</b>	H. Moyer	M. Issermoyer	C. Stockdale

**mother-daughter**  
**TEA**

Lillian Fallon  
AUTHOR OF "THEOLOGY OF STYLE:  
EXPRESSING THE UNIQUE &  
UNREPEATABLE YOU"

Kathleen Chovanes  
FERTILITY AWARENESS EDUCATOR

**MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS  
(AGE 9-13) ARE INVITED TO SPEND  
AN AFTERNOON CELEBRATING THE  
GIFT OF FEMININITY!**

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1046 W. Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18102, Sunday, April 28, 2024, 1-4 PM, Doors open at 12:30 PM.

Mothers, together with their daughters ages 9 to 13, are invited to spend a memorable afternoon exploring God's gift of human fertility. The event will feature presentations on the physical and emotional changes girls experience, the sacredness of life, and empowering tips about modesty, virtue, and personal style. Your daughter is welcome to invite another special woman in her life to attend. A light lunch, door prizes, and games will be included. \$25 per family. Registration required by April 7th.

Sponsored by the NFP Task Force in partnership with the Bishop's Commission for Women, Office of Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of Allentown. Questions? Call Kristin Osenbach at kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org



### Movie Club

April 7th-3:30 PM Doors Open and 4:00 PM Movie, "Jules". Jules is perfectly sentimental and punctuated with a sci-fi twist that makes it engaging and unique but still poignant. Brought to life by an outstanding ensemble cast, Jules uses its cute concept to grapple with poignant, universally relatable themes. Sweet and thoughtful, Jules deals with serious things like aging and loneliness, but does so in a funny and heartwarming way.  
Heritage Hall - use Cedar Street lot and ramp.

*Come Join Us!*

## St. John Vianney Regional School Golf Outing

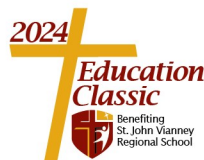
**Monday, May 6, 2024**

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

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



Our church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission, ministries and programs.

**Your generosity and support make our church's work possible!**

Make donations, payments and pledges to our church via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.

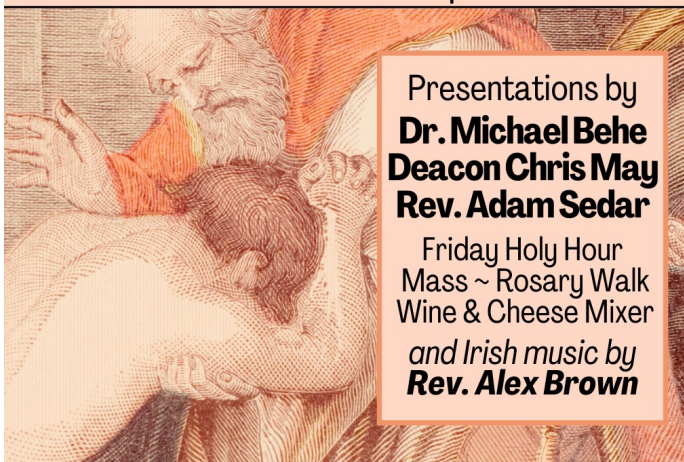
Go to our parish website at [www.stfrancisallentown.org](http://www.stfrancisallentown.org) for information to sign up.

### Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, April 1st at **6:00 PM** in Heritage Hall. Enter through the Cedar Street ramp.

## St. Monica Ministry Retreat

for families and friends of lapsed Catholics



Presentations by  
**Dr. Michael Behe**  
**Deacon Chris May**  
**Rev. Adam Sedar**

Friday Holy Hour  
Mass ~ Rosary Walk  
Wine & Cheese Mixer

and Irish music by  
**Rev. Alex Brown**

**Friday, April 19 - Sunday, April 21**  
Peace Retreat House, Weatherly, PA  
Email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com) before April 7

# April Showers

## Bring Many Blessings!

The Saint Francis of Assisi Outreach Committee will be hosting a baby shower to benefit **Cay Galgon Life House**.

The organization is a non-profit in Bethlehem that assists pregnant women and mothers of infants through a residential program and a community outreach program throughout the Lehigh Valley.

We invite all parishioners to attend the baby shower after each mass on April 13th & 14th in Heritage Hall.

We kindly ask that you bring along an unwrapped gift for either baby or mother. Below is a list of needed items.

In addition to the list, the Life House needs small collapsible umbrellas. If you are unable to attend the shower in person but want to donate, please leave your gift at the parish office before April 13th.

Please stop by the shower to learn more about Cay Galgon Life House and enjoy a cupcake, coffee or tea!!

Thank You  
for your  
support!

### INFANTS NEEDS LIST

Diaper Cream  
Baby Wash/Shampoo  
4oz/8oz Bottles  
Bibs  
Preemie to 3t Clothing  
Pacifiers  
Bath Towels  
Wash Cloths  
Receiving Blankets

### MOTHERS NEEDS LIST

2-in-1 Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Body Wash  
Toothpaste  
Tampons  
Body Lotion  
Shaving Cream  
Razors

CAY GALGON  
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HOUSE**

