

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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 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 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 April 12, 2026 is
In Memory of The Romanic Family
By Jim and Susan Steiner**

Choir Schedule

The choir will practice on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 PM in the choir loft, and they will sing at 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 19th.



St. Francis Senior Citizens Meeting

On Tuesday, April 14th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for their monthly meeting, weather permitting. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.

BREAKFAST

Men of St. Francis Breakfast

Will be held this Sunday, April 12th. Breakfast is served at your table by our volunteer waitresses from 9:30 AM to Noon. Cost is \$10.00 for Adults, Ages 6 to 12 \$6.00, ages 5 and under Free. Menu selections include: Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Toast, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate.



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Barbara Quigney, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.



Congratulations to Juan "Augustine" Rivera who was fully initiated into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil.

Juan was baptized, confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time. Juan and his wife, Mary Joy, are so happy to be parishioners at St. Francis.



Mass Schedule

Monday, April 13, 2026

Saint Martin I, Pope

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

7:00 PM People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Tuesday, April 14th

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

8:00 AM Joseph Marzili & Marshall & Nina Silverstein

Wednesday, April 15th

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

8:00 AM Lucia Realo

Thursday, April 16th

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

8:00 AM Stuart Lathrop

Friday, April 17th

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

8:00 AM Linda Maniscalco

Saturday and Sunday, April 18th & 19th

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:7-21; Lk 24:13-35

4:30 PM Roos & Quigney Families

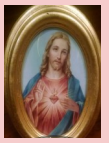
8:30 AM Sally Zajac

10:30 AM Romanic Family

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.

Thank You From Roy and Paula Rollins

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to the following people whose efforts made our Easter Egg Candy fundraiser a huge success:

Fran Lenahan

Maybelle Mandalay

Diane and Jose Colom

Alice Doran

Pete and Kate McFadden

Theresa Racek

Rosanne Venditto

Father Rich

Sue Knappenberger

Jeanie Plante

Cindy Mitchell

Maria Nagle

Joan Nagle

Tom and Kathy McGinley

Joanne Quinn

Kathleen Kennedy

Elizabeth Glassic

Jana Hayes



Thank you, we couldn't have done it without you!





St. John Vianney Regional School
 210 N. 18th St., Allentown, PA 18104

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

Email: principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org

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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.



Wee Worship Bags Now Available for Our Parish Children

Our Wee Worship Ministry has quiet activity bags for toddlers and preschool aged children to borrow and use during Masses. These bags are designed to serve as tools to help them learn about their faith while keeping them occupied

as your family participates in the liturgy. We kindly ask that you return the bag and it's contents to the designated space after Mass so others can enjoy for the next Mass.



April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter
Vocations Ministry

"Peace be with you. (John 20:19)

As we begin the annual Uplift Your Priest, we pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-437-0755 or via email: jmaria@allentowndiocese.org

Save The Date!!!

Our St Francis Basket Raffle is BACK!!! Join us the weekend of May 30th and 31st. Times –



TBD. There will be numerous baskets to bid on – SOMETHING for everyone in your family! Raffle Tickets will be on Sale in April in the Parish Office. Food available for purchase - dine in or take out! A ST FRANCIS EVENT IS ALWAYS A WIN !!!

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

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.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Saturday and Sunday, April 18th & 19th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	P. Stiles	K. McFadden	L. Bauer
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Rodriguez, H. Moyer, M. Evans	T. Fallon, A. Drovich, L. Unger	D. Ruiz, M.P. Tran, C. Wargo
Cantor	J. Fignar	M. Maramag	A. Eaves
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	J. Fittipaldi	C. Peischl	T. Bauer
Sacristan	J. DeLeo	D. Wascavage	D. Wascavage



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of February March 28th & 29th

Sunday in Pew \$ 5,748.00
Sunday Online \$ 2,359.00

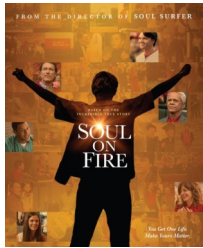
Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our website for more info.



Choir Members Needed

Do you enjoy singing?? Do you enjoy meeting, working with, and laughing with your fellow parishioners?? Then, please join our parish choir!!

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM and sing 2-3 times per month...not at the same Mass. Our schedule varies each month. You do not need to be able to read music...you just need to love spreading God's joy through music. Remember...those who sing pray twice!! Please contact Rosanne at rosiemusic4@gmail.com or call 484-225-2080 for more details. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW April 26th after 10:30 AM Mass SOUL ON FIRE

This film is an emotional and faith-filled portrait of resilience as O'Leary not only battles to survive but ultimately discovers what it means to truly live. From frontline workers to family members and the support of the wider community, this film is a celebration of heroes.

We will once again bring in lunch. Stay tuned for the menu. All are welcome to join us—Friends, Family, All.

Movie Club—Always Faithful, Always Fun, Always FREE!!!! Trailer - <https://youtu.be/CsIVGLETWps>.



Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:00 AM Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026 at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

Mental Health Awareness Mass

The Diocese of Allentown will host a Mental Health Awareness Mass on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem. Celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert, this Mass will offer an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and support for those experiencing mental health challenges, as well as for their families, caregivers, and all who work in mental health ministry. All are invited to gather in faith and solidarity as we pray for healing, hope, and greater awareness of mental health in our communities.

First Fridays at Padre Pio Centre, Barto

Mass at 10:30 AM, Exposition, Novena to the Sacred Heart, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction 3:00 PM. First Fridays (May 1st) every month except July. www.padrepio.org

Young Adult Holy Hours

Friday, May 1st (First Fridays of the month), Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM, Confessions available. Social hour 8:30-9:30 PM. Sign up, <https://bit.ly/4watB3>.

Bringing Up The Gifts

If you will be attending a weekend Mass for one of your loved ones, and would like to carry the Offertory Gifts, please call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102 and ask that a note be left for the ushers to let them know, so they do not ask someone else.



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.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Karin U. Wahlstrom

by: Hildegard Janssen

Barbara A. Quigney

by: Cecilia Kocon, St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Committee

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Proper Church Etiquette

We ask you to kindly refrain from eating candy, chewing gum or eating other food while in church unless medically necessary. As the Blessed Sacrament is present, eating other foods or drinking drinks is disrespectful to our Lord.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Join us for an intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment, you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, OSF at 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll free) or 610-435-1541ext 5341. You may also email Carol at cswavely@allentowndiocese.org. The retreat will be held April 24-26, 2026. Deadline for registration is April 17, 2026.

Disability Ministry Training Days

All persons—of any age and with any disability—have a home in the Church. The Diocese of Allentown will be hosting the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) to provide a free two-day disability ministry training on April 21st and April 22, 2026 at St. Joseph the Worker, 1879 Applewood Dr, Orefield, PA 18069. Clergy, parish employees, diocesan staff, volunteers from any ministry, and the families of persons with disabilities are all welcomed and encouraged to register.

Day 1: Tuesday, April 21st: Mental Health. Topics will include accompaniment, stigma, trauma-informed care, and suicide.

Day 2: Wednesday, April 22nd: Disability Ministry and Universal Design. Learn how removing barriers—including non-physical barriers—opens the doors of the Church to all. Topics will include parish assessment tools, adaptive catechesis, guidance around language, and other resources.

Both days begin with Mass at 8:30 AM and conclude by 5 PM. Lunch will be provided. Register no later than April 17th for one or both days using the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQXFqXa4S11h0Qp_4lg_IR5IAEGFPGewhgyvpcfKGwThdGGQ/viewform.

The Friend Ship Ministry

St. Ann's Parish Life Center, 526 Fairview St., Emmaus, 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, April 19th (third Sunday); ministry for young adults with disabilities (19 and up) to foster friendships and sense of belonging through fun, service, and spiritual activities. One caregiver must attend with the participant; register, <https://forms.gle/uformX-XcchgBNapWC7>, or email mciofallo@comcast.net.



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

St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Scattering Seeds of Peace (2 Part Series) -

Facilitator: Sister Barbara Brown, OSF. April 23rd & 30th, 6:30-8:00 PM, first-floor conference room. Cost: \$15.00 per session or \$25.00 for both sessions. Register online at www.SchoolSistersOsf.org or by phone 610-867-8890.

An Emmaus Walk- Recognizing Jesus Walking with You -

Facilitator: Robert Olney. May 7th, 6:00-8:00PM, First-floor conference room and the grounds of Monocacy Manor. Register online at www.SchoolSistersOsf.org or by phone 610-867-8890, Cost \$35.00.



Podcast for Catholic Parents

Ready, Willing, & Able Podcast:

In this month's episode of "Ready, Willing, & Able," host Genevieve Anatalio dives into the topic of parenting children with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The principals of the Diocese of Allentown's three special learning centers join her on the show, each offering unique insights into this beloved population.

Her first guest, Kaylee Simcik from John Paul II Center for Special Learning in Shillington, speaks about seeing children with special needs through a Catholic lens and encourages parents to advocate for their children's participation in the Sacraments. Her second guest, Beth Grys from Mercy School for Special Learning in Allentown, highlights the deep faith present in people with disabilities and how it is both possible—and essential—to nurture that faith. Finally, Bob Giba from St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Schuylkill Haven shares how his own journey of faith has been closely connected to his work with the special needs community.

Anatalio and her guests agree that while disabilities can present challenges for both children and parents, they need not be limitations in the faith. Rather, they can be extraordinary opportunities for grace. Listeners will also hear about the many offerings of the Diocese's special learning centers, as each principal highlights what makes them most proud of their school.

April Showers

Bring Many Blessings!

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

This 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 participate in the baby shower after each mass on April 25th & 26th. The shower will be held in the Narthex. We kindly ask that you bring along an unwrapped gift for either baby or mother. Below is a list of needed items. If you are unable to attend the shower in person but want to donate, please leave your gift at the parish office before April 26th.

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

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