

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 (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
February 1, 2026 is
*In Memory of
William Todora, Sr.
By Judith Knoll***

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 Holy Family
for the week of February 1, 2026 are
*In Memory of Teresa Fronheiser
By Larry and Conchita Moser
And***

**The flowers in front of The Sacred Heart are
*In Memory of Karin Wahlstrom
By Simon and Sonia Moser Porras***

Choir Schedule

The choir will practice on Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 PM in the Daily Mass Chapel.



Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all Masses the weekend of February 7 and 8, 2026. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioners Helen Celli and Francis Castellucci, and Bonnie Weller, sister of parishioner Donna Gerancher, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:
Joanne L. Camp
by: Shirley M. O'Donnell
Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord



SAVE THE DATE!! The Outreach Committee will be having their 2nd Annual Lucky Bingo on Sunday, March 15, 2026, in the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. Doors open at 12:00 PM, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. More details in February bulletins.

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 2, 2026 The Presentation of The Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

7:00 PM Edouard Wenzl

Tuesday, February 3rd Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

8:00 AM Gary Gilbert

Wednesday, February 4th

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

8:00 AM Nancy Lewullis & son Joseph

Thursday, February 5th

Saint Agatha

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

8:00 AM People of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Friday, February 6th Saint Paul Miki and Companions
Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

8:00 AM Karin Wahlstrom

Saturday and Sunday, February 7th & 8th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

4:30 PM Joanne L. Camp

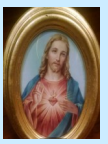
8:30 AM Eleanor & Jeffrey Burnatowski

10:30 AM Mary Ann Englert

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.

BREAKFAST



Men of St. Francis Breakfast

Will be held this **Sunday, February 1st**. 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. An Eagles basket will be raffled at each seating (after 8:30 Mass and after 10:30 Mass)!

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, February 2nd at **5:30 PM** in Heritage Hall. Enter through the Cedar Street ramp. For more info., call Michelle at 610-737-9469.

Snow Closings

Please note that our usual policy will be in place this winter for snow closings. If the Allentown School District is closed for snow or on virtual, the Parish Office will also be closed for snow. If there is an hour or two hour delay for the school district, the Parish Office will also open an hour or two late. If the school district closes schools early due to snow, the Parish Office will also close early due to snow.



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
 - Outstanding Academics
 - Free Tour and Shadow Days
- SJVRs: Educating a child's character, mind, and spirit!
 Phone: 610-435-8981

Email: 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.

Winter Weekend Raffle

There is still time to get in on our Winter Weekend Raffle. Tickets were mailed to parishioners last month, but are available to anyone. Tickets are \$10 each, but if you buy the book of 5, it costs only \$40. There are over \$3,000 in prizes and 26 chances to win! If you need additional tickets, they are available in the Parish Office. Thank you for participating!

VOCATION MINISTRY February 1, 2026 **Vocations Ministry**

In his Letter, the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, Bishop Schlert, announced the 65th Jubilee Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Allentown as a Eucharistic and Marian Year of Grace. He is asking every parish to promote the Holy Rosary, Marian devotions, and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, since Mary shows us the way to peace, humility, and trust in God's providence.

In a special way, he is asking all the faithful to join him in praying for two great intentions during this Jubilee Year: An abundance of holy vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Religious Life and the return of those who have drifted from the practice of the faith, that they may rediscover the salvation, mercy, and joy of Christ in His Church.

With that in mind St. Francis of Assisi Parish will celebrate two very important events.

World Day for Consecrated Life (First Weekend of February) Recognizes those who are from your parish/diocese who are in a religious order, bringing awareness to consecrated life. Please pray for seminarians and future seminarians to discern this vocation.

National Marriage Week- February 7-14 each year
 Purpose: To affirm those who have said yes to the vocation of marriage, so that they recognize the joys of this vocation as they did on their wedding day.

We invite you to register for the celebration of the World Marriage Day Mass at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 9 AM. A light continental breakfast will follow Mass. Please join us to help us celebrate this most important sacrament. We look forward to seeing you and your spouse! There are a few things we want to prepare, so fill out the form by **February 7th** and we'll see you there.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule **Saturday and Sunday, February 7th & 8th**

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	B. Beck	R. Jacob	L. Bauer
Eucharistic Ministers	J. DeLeo, M. Evans, E. Wascavage	A. Drovich, P. Baker, T. Racek	B. Ocasio, D. Ruiz, E. Frankenfield
Cantor	A. Eaves	P. Rollins	G. Rodriguez
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	F. & S. Koerbler	R. Rollins	T. Bauer
Sacristan	J. Johnson	T. Jacob	T. Jacob
Rosary	M. Florentino	F. Lenahan	M. Shelley



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS REGISTRATION FORM

For Married Couples

Saturday, February 14, 2026

(Snow Date February 15, 2026 at 8:30 am.)

9:00 AM

A light celebratory continental breakfast will follow the Mass.

_____ Yes, we will attend the continental breakfast

_____ Unable to attend the continental breakfast

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE INFORMATION

HUSBAND'S FULL NAME _____

(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

WIFE'S FULL NAME _____

(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

DATE OF SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE _____

(MM/DD/YYYY)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE _____

(CHURCH & CITY)

NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED: _____

Contact Information

Preferred Contact Person:

☐ Husband ☐ Wife

Phone Number:

Email Address:

PLEASE RETURN BY FEB 7TH




2026 NICHÉ BEST SCHOOLS

Central Catholic High School
OPEN HOUSE
 SUNDAY, FEB. 1, 2026, 2-4PM

PRE-REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE AND ENTER A CHANCE TO WIN A \$500 TUITION CREDIT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

Meet our Principal and Administrators, tour the campus with our Student Ambassadors, and learn about our clubs and activities.
 Contact our Admissions Director Lisa Schultz at lschultz@acchs.info with questions.
Academic Success. Catholic Values.
 301 N Fourth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 | (610) 437-4601 | www.acchs.info

ENROLL TODAY FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!



Monthly Food Drive
 Sponsored by the Outreach Committee


Our monthly food drive will be on February 7th & 8th. This month, we need PB and J, canned or cupped fruit, canned vegetables (corn, peas, mixed, potatoes, etc.), canned or plastic jars of pasta sauce, tomato sauce, tomatoes, snacks, beans (all types), pork and beans, tuna, spam, chicken, condiments: mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, pickles, relish. Breakfast items: pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, granola bars, snacks and crackers. Our Outreach Team is also collecting for VALOR (Veterans Assisted Living Out Reach) and we are in need of pop top easy open proteins, vegetables and fruits. **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.



THE HAIL MARY - Red Carpet Premiere
 Saturday, February 21, 2026

"The Hail Mary" Movie Premiere

"The Hail Mary" is a heartwarming and funny movie about a religious sister who convinces a handyman in need of redemption to coach her hapless football team at a fictional all-boys Catholic school. The movie is written and directed by Daniel Roebuck, a Bethlehem Catholic High School graduate and Hollywood film and TV actor. On Feb. 21st, the public can see the movie for the first time and meet Roebuck and other cast members at 11 AM. at the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem; at Bethlehem Catholic at 3 PM and at the historic Roxy Theatre in Northampton at 7 PM. View the trailer and purchase tickets for the premieres at <https://www.ticketsignup.io/thehailmarypremiere>.




Saint Francis of Assisi Church
VALENTINE'S DAY
sweet fudge
INDULGENCE SALE

ITEM	PRICE	x	QTY	=	COST
CHOCOLATE FUDGE (11 OZ.)	\$ 12.00	x		=	
CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRY FUDGE (11 OZ.)	13.00	x		=	
PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE (11 OZ.)	12.00	x		=	
CHOCOLATE LOLLIPOPS (3 PACK)	5.00	x		=	
			TOTAL	=	

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

RETURN ENTIRE COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "FUDGE" VIA COLLECTION BASKET, OFFICE MAIL SLOT OR PARISH OFFICE. CASH OR CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2026. PICKUP AT THE PARISH CENTER BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7, 2026.



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SOUPER BOWL & SANDWICH TAKE OUT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026
PICK-UP 9AM - 12 NOON

SOUPS: BROCCOLI CHEDDAR, CHICKEN NOODLE, VEGETABLE

SUBS: AMERICAN — HAM, AMERICAN CHEESE

ITALIAN — SALAMI, CAPICOLA, PROVOLONE

TURKEY — TURKEY, AMERICAN CHEESE

TUNA SALAD — TUNA, AMERICAN CHEESE

LETTUCE, TOMATO & ONIONS ON THE SIDE. BANANS PEPPERS AVAILABLE. 1 DRESSING & 1 MAYO PACKET PER SUB

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2026.



ITEM	PRICE	x	QTY	=	COST
BROCCOLI CHEDDAR (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
CHICKEN NOODLE (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
VEGETABLE (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
AMERICAN SUB	10.00	x		=	
ITALIAN SUB	10.00	x		=	
TURKEY SUB	10.00	x		=	
TUNA SALAD SUB	10.00	x		=	
			TOTAL	=	

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

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SANDWICHES AND SOUP ARE MADE IN-HOUSE.