

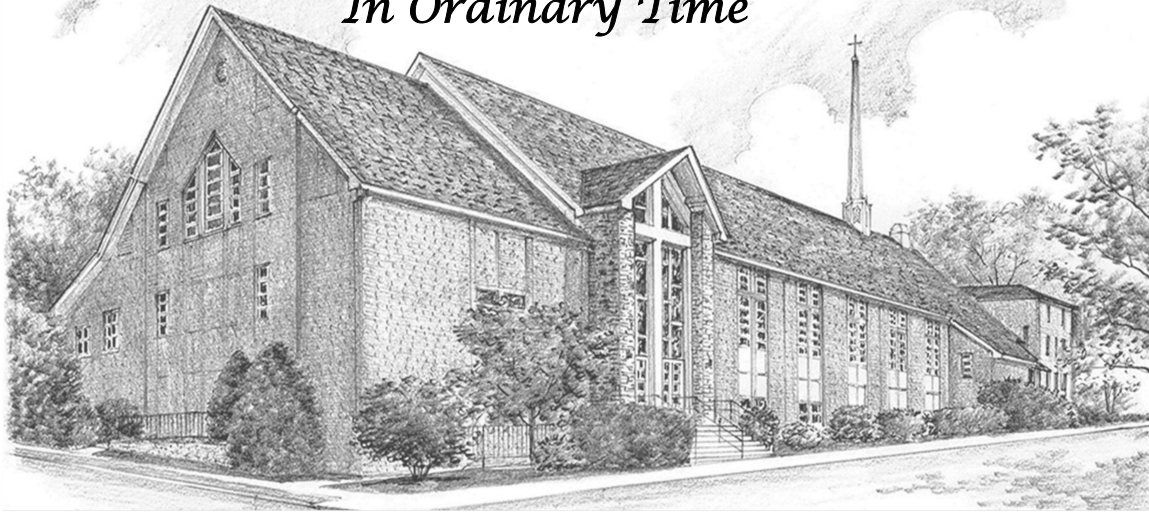
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*July 5, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time*



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

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
July 5, 2026 is**

***In Memory of Jeanette Cawley
By Jim & Fran Lenahan***



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 July 5, 2026 are**

***In Memory of Roger and Beatrice Tracey
By The Colom Family***

**The flowers in front of The Holy Family are
*In Memory of David Colom
By The Colom Family***

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, July 6th at **5:30 PM** in Heritage Hall. Enter through the Cedar Street ramp. For more info., call Kate at 610-737-7232.



Food Pantry

The Outreach Committee's Food Pantry will be open to the public on Wednesday, July 8th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in the Franciscan Center (former Convent.)

Attention All Women! "Women Walking in Faith"

Our group of faith-filled women will meet on Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. All women 18 and over are invited to participate. Guests are welcome so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors. Call Michelle Evans 610-737-9469 with questions.



Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to create a prayer shawl for parish friends in need of prayer. The ministry, here at St. Francis of Assisi Church, combines knitting/crocheting and praying as you make prayer shawls. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be blessed, then given as a token of love, comfort and prayer to those in need. Our supply of the shawls is getting low, and we invite you to pick up a sheet of instructions at the Parish Office if you are able to help us to replenish our supply.

Mass Schedule

Monday, July 6, 2026

Saints Maria Goretti

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26

7:00 PM Theresa Pinter

Tuesday, July 7th

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

8:00 AM John E. Ott

Wednesday, July 8th

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7

8:00 AM Catherine Zenz

Thursday, July 9th

**Saint Augustine Zhao Rong
and companions**

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15

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

Friday, July 10th

Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

8:00 AM Joseph Marzili & Marshall & Nina Silverstein

Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and 12th

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Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

4:30 PM Dorothy A. Holveck

8:30 AM Eleanor Burnatowski

10:30 AM Mooney & Maley Families

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.



Feed Your Faith Monthly Order

There are over 30 different stores in stock every day, and once a month, hundreds of different stores and denominations are available through our monthly order program. To see the entire list of retailers, go to RaiseRight.com/shop and click home page. The next monthly order will be placed on this **Monday, July 6th.** To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

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.



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.



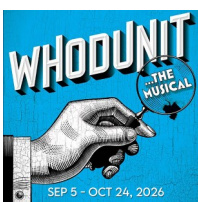
St. John Vianney Regional School
210 N. 18th St., Allentown, PA 18104

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 - Kindergarten through 8th Grade
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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.

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.



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Vocations Ministry

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Christ invites each of us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, we are called to follow Him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen us and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen to His call and rest in His loving presence. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-437-0755 or via email: jmaria@allentowndiocese.org



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of June 27 & 28, 2026

Sunday in Pew	\$ 3,339.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,346.84
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 596.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 105.00

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.

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.



The following are new policies regarding the Adoration Chapel.

ATTENTION!

THIS CHAPEL IS FOR THE PRIVATE DEVOTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. DUE RESPECT IS REQUIRED FROM EVERYONE IN THIS SACRED SPACE.

ALL VISITORS MUST ABIDE BY:

- NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE CHAPEL
- NO FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL
- NO CANDLES IN THE CHAPEL
- NO TALKING IN THE CHAPEL
- NO SINGING OR PRAYING OUT LOUD IN THE CHAPEL
- NO CELL PHONE USE IN THE CHAPEL
- NO COMMUNITY PRAYERS IN THE CHAPEL (EXCEPT THOSE APPROVED BY PASTORAL STAFF)
- NO LITERATURE OR BROCHURES TO BE LEFT IN THE CHAPEL

TAKE EVERYTHING YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CHAPEL. INDIVIDUALS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE RULES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CHAPEL.

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.

2026 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Picnic

The annual Sacred Heart of Jesus Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held on July 10th and 11th. Come enjoy great food and entertainment, Friday & Saturday from 5-10 PM! Clams are back! Entertainment provided by: Friday, July 10th, Still Kickin', Classic Rock Band, from 6-9 PM; Saturday, July 11th, Flirtin' With the Mob from 7-10 PM. Inflatable fun for the children each night along with a variety of games and a wide variety of foods including homemade pierogies, turkey and pork barbeque, waffles and ice cream, food trucks and more. Tricky Tray and Yard Sale all weekend including Sunday morning, July 12th.

Holy Trinity Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, July 12th, at Egypt Memorial Park, 4548 Main St., Whitehall, off Rt. 329 West. Outdoor Mass on Sunday, July 12th, starts at 11:00 AM and festivities will follow Mass until 6:00 PM. Festivities include children's games, adult games, traditional and ethnic foods. Entertainment by Josef Kroboth from 12:00-3:00 PM and The Large Flowerheads from 3:30-6:00 PM. Admission and parking are free. The public is invited. Event held rain or shine.

Diocese of Allentown Catholic Funeral and Burial Pre-Planning

As Catholics, we are blessed with the promise of life everlasting. Death is not the end but rather the next step. At death, we present our bodies for a sacred Catholic funeral and burial to be prepared for the Resurrection. Choosing a final resting place on consecrated grounds is your choice, your privilege and the right of every Catholic, as well as a confirmation of faith in our everlasting union with our Lord. For information visit: allentowndiocesecemeteries.org or call Holy Savior Cemetery 610-866-2372, or Resurrection Cemetery 610-395-3819.

Did You Know. . .

Adult children who move out of their family home are no longer considered to be registered in the Parish. If they wish to remain as members, they should register under their own name. If they live out of the area, they should register at their local Parish.

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. Students register, Newman Connection notifies the appropriate campus minister, and then the campus minister will reach out to the student.

Book of Petitions

In the Narthex, you will find a book for writing your prayer intentions, petitions and requests. These intentions will be mentioned in the Universal Prayer at all weekend Masses. We ask that only first names be listed (if at all) as to keep people's privacy.



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

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.

Thank you!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and 12th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	G. Rodriguez	H. Moyer	C. Stockdale
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Eberly, J. Fittipaldi	A. Drovich, T. Racek,	B. Ocasio, C. Wargo,
Cantor	V. Herman	P. Philapavage	M. Dietrick
Organist	A. Eaves	P. Rollins	J. Fignar
Altar Servers	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Sacristan	F. & S. Koerbler	R. Rollins	J. & J. Burgos
	J. DeLeo	P. McFadden	P. McFadden

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"Feed Your Faith" Gift Card Program

"Feed Your Faith" is the Parish's easiest fund-raising program. It costs you nothing extra, but it benefits the Parish immensely! Each gift card you buy has a return of 1% to 14% profit to the parish. **The number in parenthesis represents the percentage of profit the Parish makes.** Please consider buying the gift cards to do your grocery shopping, give as gifts, or just to purchase instead of using cash at the retailers. Please see the list below for our participating retailers. *These gift cards are usually available every day in the Parish Office!*



Amazon.com (2%): \$25, \$50, \$100

Applebees (8%): \$10, \$25

Banana Republic (14%): \$25

Barnes and Nobles (8%): \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works (12%): \$10, \$25

Bonefish Grill (10%): \$25

Boscov's (8%): \$25

Carrabbas (10%): \$25

Cheesecake Factory (5%): \$25

Dunkin Donuts (3%): \$10, \$25

Gap (14%): \$25

Giant (10%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot (4%): \$25, \$100

Kohl's (4%): \$10, \$25

Longhorn Steakhouse (8%): \$25

Lowe's (4%): \$25, \$100

Macy's (10%): \$25

McDonald's (2%): \$25, \$10

Old Navy (14%): \$25

Olive Garden (8%): \$25

Outback Steakhouse (10%): \$25

Panera Bread (8%): \$10

Red Robin (8%): \$25

Red Lobster (8%): \$25

Redner's Warehouse (5%): \$25, \$50, \$100

Sam's Club (2.5%): \$25, \$100

Starbucks (4.5%): \$10, \$25

Target (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse (8%): \$25

Visa (1.25%): \$25, \$50, \$100 (no activation fee!)

Wal-Mart (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wawa (1%): \$25

Wegman's (5%): \$25, \$50, \$100

Weis (5%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100



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.**

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

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.

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.