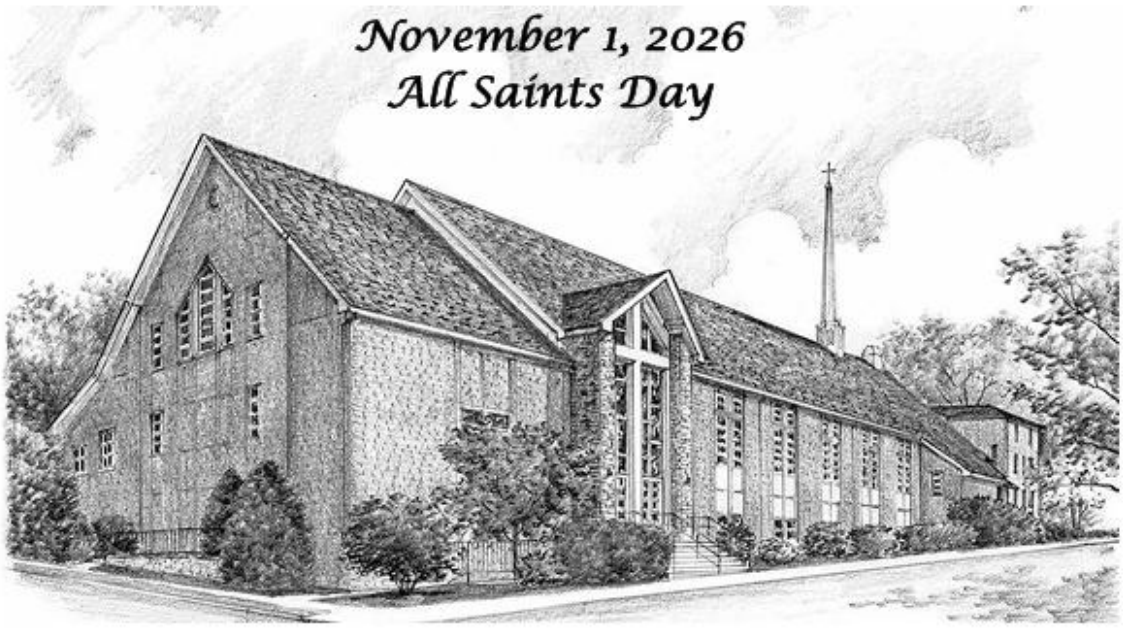
Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

1046 West Cedar Street - Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102
(610) 433-6102

www.stfrancisallentown.org Facebook and Instagram: @stfrancisallentown



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 November 1, 2026
In memory of MaryAnn Koefer
Offered by the Colom Family

Floral Intentions

Floral intentions for in front of the Holy Family and the Sacred Heart can be offered in memory of a loved one or in honor of a living person(s), or an anniversary of marriage. It is our wish to beautify the altar with your spiritual intention(s).

A donation can be made for live flowers to be placed in front of one statue for $30 or $60 for both places of honor. Please call the church office with your intention, date requested and name of donor, 610-433-6102.

The flowers in front of the Holy Family for the week of November 1, 2026, are In Memory of Bernard Duddy By Joan Webre

Welcome to our new Ministry Scheduler Software! Beginning with the November 6th schedule there will be a new way to schedule for the following ministries: lectors, EMs, altar servers, cantors, sacristans, the rosary team, and even the stream team. It is called Parish Solutions, which is very easy to use, and requires very little effort on your part. For the ministry schedule beginning November 6 and ending January 31, you will receive a predetermined schedule. If you have any conflicts or need a sub, you will be able to use the app to use the sub request feature in the event you are scheduled during a date you cannot attend. Below are tutorials to help you manage your account. Any questions about this exciting new app, please call the parish office.

Tutorials

You can also find tutorials on how to interact with Ministry Scheduler here:
https://www.parishsolutionsco.com/ms-ministers.html

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2nd **All Souls Day**
Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; MT 11:25-30
7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance
Tuesday, November 3rd **St. Martin de Porres**
Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
8:00 AM People of St. Francis of Assisi
Wednesday, November 4th **St. Charles Borromeo**
Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
8:00 AM Brian Lewis
Thursday, November 5th
Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
8:00 AM Bill Hourigan
Friday, November 6th **First Friday**
Phil 3:17, 4:1; Lk 16:1-8
8:00 AM Intentions of Christine Angeles

Saturday and Sunday, November 7th & 8th
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
4:30 PM Ernest Schwab
8:30 AM Allen Eck
10:30 AM Mary Ann Koefer

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 Monday 7:00 PM Mass, in addition to the Saturday confessions at 3:15 PM.



Men of St. Francis Breakfast

Our parish Breakfast will be held this S**unday, November 1, 2026, from 9:30 AM to Noon.** Our volunteer waitresses will serve you. Menu selections include Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Toast, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. Cost: $10.00 for Adults, Ages 6 – 12 $6.00, Ages 5 and under free.

HOLIDAY CASH BINGO!



Sunday, November 15, 2026

DOORS OPEN	BINGO STARTS
12:00 PM	1:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
1046 W. Cedar Street • Allentown, PA

$25 IN ADVANCE	$30 AT THE DOOR

Advance tickets are available in the parish office.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase!

MORE CHANCES TO WIN!
50/50 Raffle • Basket of Holiday Cheer Raffle

PLEASE NOTE: No outside food or drinks are allowed.

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, festive fun and chances to win CASH!

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
12:00 - 4:30 PM

All are welcome!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
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4:30 PM
MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT



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Christmas Bus Trip

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. ***We have 1 opening remaining.***

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Email:principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org
Call us today to schedule a tour at your convenience! SJVRS: Educating a child's character, mind and spirit!

Weekend of October 24-25, 2026

Sunday in Pew	$ 4,234.00
Sunday Online	$ 2,212.84
Second Collection (Utility)	$ 1,161.00

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.

WEE WORSHIP Bags

Wee Worship Committee has supplied quiet Activity bags for toddlers and preschool children during liturgy. You can sign out a bag before Mass in the parish office before Mass begins. We kindly ask you to return the bags after Mass So that other children can use them.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Saturday and Sunday, November 7-8, 2026

	4:30 PM	*8:30AM*	*10:30 AM*
Lector	L. Bauer	K. McFadden	J. Carrasquillo
Eucharistic Ministers	F & S Koerbler, E. Wascavage	A. Drovich, T. Racek P. Baker	B. Ocasio, L. Moser, D. Ruiz
Cantor	M. Maramag	P. Rollins	G. Rodriquez
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	J. Fittipaldi	R. Rollins	S. Issermoyer
Sacristan	J. DeLeo	P. McFadden	P. McFadden

Join us!

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 / 2-4PM

We invite you and your family to experience all that Allentown Central Catholic High School has to offer!

- TOUR OUR HISTORIC CAMPUS
- MEET OUR PRINCIPAL & FACULTY
- TALK WITH CURRENT STUDENTS
- EXPLORE OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
- LEARN ABOUT OUR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
- BE A PART OF THE VIKING FAMILY!



PRE-REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE AND ENTER A CHANCE TO WIN A

$500 TUITION CREDIT

FOR THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR!*

*Pre-register by November 5, 2026. Winner to be announced at Open House on November 8, 2026.

CALL TODAY TO ENROLL FOR THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR!

Please contact Admissions Director Mrs. Schultz at lschultz@acchs.info with any questions. Last tour will begin at 3:15pm.

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