

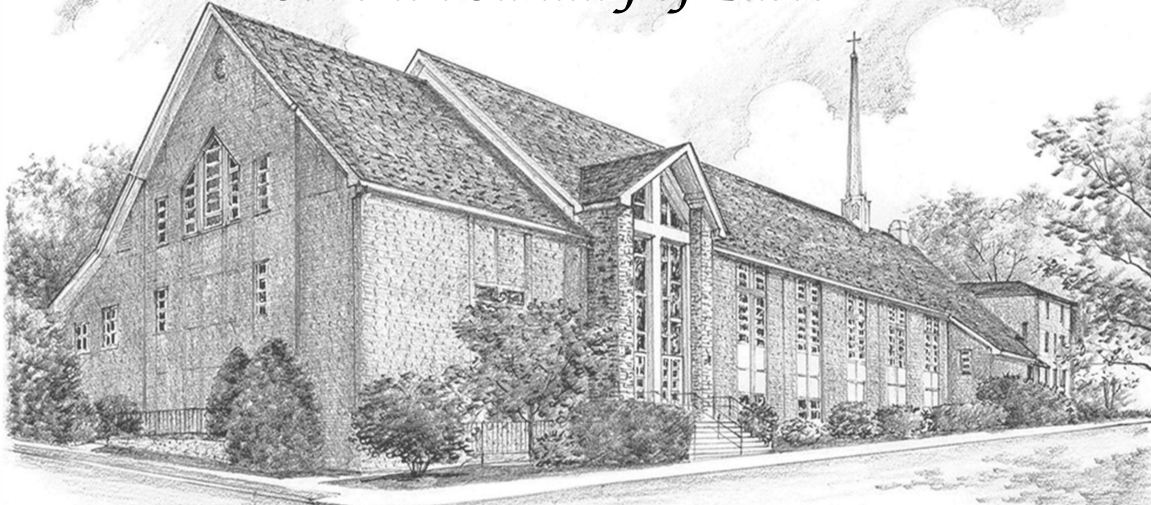
# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*May 17, 2026  
Seventh Sunday of Easter*



## ***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](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

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 May 17, 2026 is  
In Memory of Deacon Al & Mary Chesnavage  
By Jane Seng and Family**

### Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 PM in the choir loft, and they will sing at 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 24th (Pentecost Sunday).



### Men of St. Francis Meeting

The Men of St Francis will meet on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM in The Franciscan Center (former convent). *Please note change of location.* Men of the parish age 18 and over are welcome to attend. For additional info., contact Chuck Epler at 484-809-1275.

### Parish Office Hours

As a reminder, the Parish Office is open 9 AM to 3 PM on weekdays except for Wednesdays (closed on Wednesdays.) In addition, there is someone in the office on Saturdays from 3 to 6 PM and on Sundays from 8 AM to 12 Noon for your convenience.



### Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert will celebrate Mass on the grounds at RESURRECTION CEMETERY on Saturday, May 23rd, beginning at 10:00 AM in commemoration of Memorial Day. In the event of inclement weather, please contact the Office at Resurrection Cemetery at 610-396-3819 x3 or x4 for the Superintendent.

### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

**Barbara A. Quigley**

by: Stanley & Carol Rinkunas, Daniel & Sharon Fenstermacher, Theresa A. Nemeth and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kincaid

*Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord*



### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioners John Torok III and Dorothy Zakrewski, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, May 18, 2026**

Saint John I, Pope

*Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33*

**7:00 PM** Joseph & Eleanor Bonkiewicz

**Tuesday, May 19th**

*Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a*

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

**Wednesday, May 20th**

Saint Bernardine of Siena

*Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19*

**8:00 AM** Frank Castellucci

**Thursday, May 21st**

Saint Christopher Magallanes  
and Companions

*Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26*

**8:00 AM** Intentions of Kyra & Vinnie Fragnito

**Friday, May 22nd**

Saint Rita of Cascia

*Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19*

**8:00 AM** Intentions of Rita Jacob

**Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd & 24th  
Pentecost Sunday**

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

**4:30 PM** Gerald & Patricia Quigley

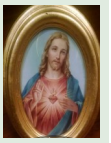
**8:30 AM** Rudy Gyory

**10:30 AM** Helen Illyes

### Sacred Heart and Miraculous Medal Novenas



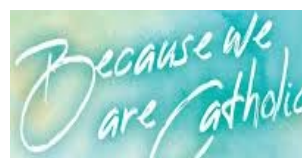
The Miraculous Medal Novena is recited every Monday after the 7:00 PM evening Mass. The Novena to the Sacred Heart is recited on the First Friday each month at the 8:00 AM daily



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.



Next weekend, May 23rd & 24th is Pentecost, when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus's apostles and followers in Jerusalem. If possible, we ask you to wear something red to Mass, the color associated with the Holy Spirit.



### BWAC Annual Appeal

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity supports children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift online at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org)





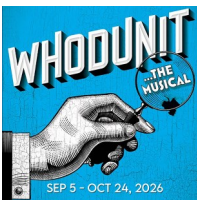
**St. John Vianney Regional School**  
210 N. 18th St., Allentown, PA 18104

- 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](mailto:principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org)  
**Call us today to schedule a tour at your convenience!**  
**SJVRs: Educating a child's character, mind and spirit!**

### 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.

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



### New Parishioners

As a parish community, we always welcome new members with open arms and hearts. At this time we would like to welcome Peter Sitigliano and Lauren Parisi.



May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Vocations Ministry

*"All things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. (John 17:10)*

Jesus invites us into a profound sharing of His life and mission. Those called to the priesthood and consecrated life participate in this intimate union, offering their lives so that Christ may be glorified in the world. Pray for openness and discern God's invitation in your life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-437-0755 or via email: [jmaria@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jmaria@allentowndiocese.org)

### 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Began May 5th



In honor of the Diocese's 65th Jubilee Year, Bishop Schlert invites all parishioners to join a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Consecration.

On Tuesday, May 5th, we began praying together through 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly. If you miss a day, or two days, or even five days, do not give up due to discouragement. Keep moving forward; do not be tempted to abandon this journey leading to our Consecration on Sunday, June 7th—the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Free copies of the book, generously provided by Dynamic Catholic, are still available at the Parish.

### 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.



### Please Support Our Basket Raffle!

Our Basket Raffle Committee is now welcoming donations of cash, gift cards, basket items, empty baskets; fully complete baskets to be raffled; bows; basket wrappings, etc. We will also ask for help to prepare for the event and the weekend of!!!

Lastly - we ask you to invite all of your friends and family to come on out, try to win a basket or two, purchase and enjoy our St. Francis kitchen delights - and just spend time together in our beautiful Parish Hall!!!

We appreciate any donations you are able to offer!!! Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Questions - contact Heidi Beck.





ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

# BASKET RAFFLE



May 30 11 am to 6 pm  
May 31 9 am to 2 pm

## WHAT TO EXPECT



Baskets for  
**EVERYONE** in your  
family



**GIFT CARDS** and  
**ADULT BEVERAGE**  
**BASKETS**



**FOOD TO PURCHASE AND**  
**ENJOY; FELLOWSHIP AND**  
**FUN**

**TICKET SALES -**  
**PARISH OFFICE IN APRIL**

**Tickets -**  
**1 sheet for \$10**  
**3 sheets for \$20**  
25 chances per  
sheet



Contact Us  
**610-433-6102**

**St. Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park**



**WHEN:** FRIDAY, JUNE 19th, 2026  
**GAME TIME:** 6:45 PM Worcester Red Sox (Boston) vs. LEHIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS (Philadelphia Phillies)  
**GATES OPEN:** 5:30 PM

**NATIONAL ANTHEM:** Performed by St. Francis of Assisi Church Choir

**COST:** \$30.00 PER PERSON. Children 2 and under are Free.

**INCLUDES:** Game Ticket and Picnic Buffet and Post Game Fireworks

**PICNIC BUFFET:** in the FIRST COMMONWEALTH FCU PICNIC PATIO (5:45 TO 8:15 PM RAIN or SHINE)

**Menu:** Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Jaindl BBQ Pulled Turkey, Pasta with Homemade Marinara Sauce, BBQ Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips

**Dessert:** Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Assorted Cookies

**Soft Drinks:** Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr Pepper, Minute Maid Lemonade, Fuze Iced Tea

**TICKET RESERVATIONS:**

- Can be made for family and friends of St Francis of Assisi Parish
- Ticket orders and payment must be received at the Parish Center Office by Sunday May 17th to reserve your tickets.
- Make checks payable to “ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH”.
- A limited number of tickets are available - on a first come first serve basis.
- Information and Reservations: call Tom Fallon at 610-821-4947.



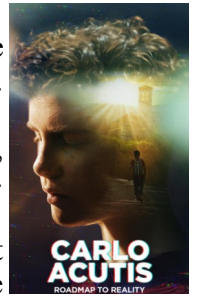
**Let Freedom Sing**

Individual tickets are now on sale for 'Let Freedom Sing'...a first-of-its-kind musical extravaganza celebrating America's 250th birthday at Coca-Cola Park on Wednesday, May 27, at 7 PM. The Bach Choir will join with 30+ combined choirs in singing patriotic music honoring our nation's history. St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady Help of Christians choirs will combine voices for this event. The event will include the usual on-field Iron Pigs entertainment and will end with fireworks. The cost for individual tickets is \$14.50 and parking is free. Please join us in this fun event. You can purchase tickets directly from the Iron Pigs website. If you have any questions, please contact Rosanne Venditto at rosiemusic4@gmail.com or at 484/225-2080.

**MOVIE CLUB**

Our June Film will be shown on June 14, 2026 following 10:30 AM Mass. Film begins at Noon – Heritage Hall. We will serve baked ziti, drinks, popcorn, candy – ALL FREE - donations welcome!

The film explores the life of Saint Carlo Acutis and his approach to the modern digital world. It also follows high school students on a pilgrimage to Italy, encouraging them to disconnect from technology and reflect on Carlo's impact.



**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 \$30.00 or \$60.00 for both places of honor. Names of those whom flowers are for and who they are from will be announced in the bulletin. Please call the church office with your intention, date requested and name of donor (610)-433-6102.



*Our Weekly Stewardship*

Weekend of May 9 & 10, 2026

Sunday in Pew \$ 5,948.00  
 Sunday Online \$ 3,080.00

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.

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule  
 Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24, 2026**

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Lector</b>	B. Beck	M. Issermoyer	C. Stockdale
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	F. & S. Koerbler, E. Wascavage	A. Drovich, H. Moyer, P. Philapavage	M. Dietrick, C. Wargo, E. Frankenfield
<b>Cantor</b>	M. Maramag	Choir	G. Rodriguez
<b>Organist</b>	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. Fittipaldi	R. Rollins	J. Martinez
<b>Sacristan</b>	J. DeLeo	T. Jacob	T. Jacob
<b>Rosary</b>	M. Florentino	H. Moyer	C. Stockdale

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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**

