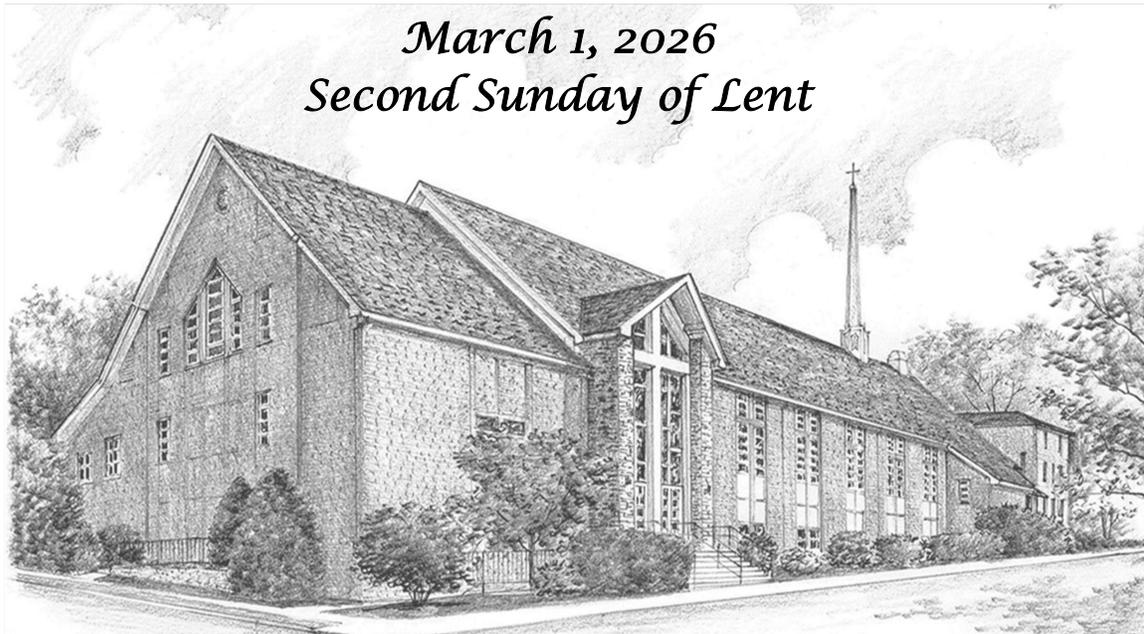


SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

1046 WEST CEDAR STREET - ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18102
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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 - 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 March 1, 2026 is For a Special Intention By The Steiner Family



The Outreach Committee is currently accepting cash and gift card donations (\$50 value) for the 2nd Annual Lucky Bingo. Contributions may be dropped off to the Parish Office during regular business hours. Thank you!!

Men of St. Francis Breakfast



Will be held this Sunday, March 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.

Outreach Committee

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

Choir Schedule

The choir will practice on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Daily Mass Chapel, and they will sing on Sunday, March 8th at 10:30 AM Mass.



Movie Club

What a perfect film for Lent—THE SHROUD ENCOUNTER. We are scheduled for SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, AFTER 10:30 AM MASS.

We will have our normal popcorn, sodas, candy FOR FREE - AND offer pizza to purchase to enjoy as your lunch - OR you can bring your own bagged lunch with you. MOVIE WILL START SHOWING AT NOON. All are welcome!!!! We can seat up to 50 in Heritage Hall so we have not publicized it much outside of the parish family - BUT feel free to invite your friends.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of: **Barry G. Koebler** by: Larry & Conchita Moser
Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 2, 2026

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

7:00 PM Maria Compagnone

Tuesday, March 3rd

Saint Katharine Drexel

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Michael Brogan

Wednesday, March 4th

Saint Casimir

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

8:00 AM Fran Kryzan

Thursday, March 5th

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

8:00 AM People of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Friday, March 6th

World Day of Prayer

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 AM Mary Ann Koefer

Saturday and Sunday, March 7th & 8th

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

4:30 PM Lillian McGorry

8:30 AM Jim and Jack Schuster

10:30 AM Msgr. Dennis A. Rigner

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.

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.



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, March 2nd**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be offered each Friday beginning February 20th through Good Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00 PM. In addition, Confessions will be heard on Friday nights from 6:00 - 6:45 PM.





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.

Mass of Thanksgiving for 65th Anniversary

You're invited to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown. This special liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, April 11th at 4:15 PM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, located at 1825 W. Turner Street, Allentown. All are welcome to come and give thanks for 65 years of faith, service, and hope.



Do You Like to Sing?

We could use some additional cantors for our weekend Masses. If you would like to become a cantor, please contact Rosanne Venditto, our Choir Director/Organist at 484-225-2080.

VOCATION MINISTRY March 1, 2026
 Vocations Ministry

"This is my beloved Son... listen to him." Matthew 17:5)

God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-437-0755 or via email: jmaria@allentowndiocese.org

We Are Remembered Mass
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, PA

As we prepare to mark the 35th Year of the "We Are Remembered Ministry", we invite you to gather and celebrate our Annual Easter Mass. The Ministry has returned to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Whitehall and the parish family is delighted to welcome our guests to remember and celebrate the lives of so many of our loved ones who have passed on. Please indicate on the enrollment form if you plan on joining us for this very special Liturgy.

We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one. As a sponsor, it is important that you enroll the name of your loved one (s) each year. This will ensure their inclusion in the enrollment list appearing in the AD Today after the Anniversary Mass. As always, "The Book of Remembered" will be available for your remembrances from 6 - 6:50 PM and again after the Mass.

Friends of the "We are Remembered" Ministry will provide a lovely social & spring flower gifts after Mass in the parish hall. If you'd like to help, please contact us at email: dirreled@sercc.org (include your phone #). We ask a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Saturday and Sunday, March 7th & 8th

| | <u>4:30 PM</u> | <u>8:30AM</u> | <u>10:30 AM</u> |
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| Lector | J. Fittipaldi | M. Issermoyer | M. Seltzer |
| Eucharistic Ministers | J. DeLeo, V. Herman, | A. Drovich, H. Moyer, | B. Ocasio, M. Dietrick, |
| Cantor | P. Stiles | L. Unger | J. Colom, L. Unger (C) |
| Organist | G. Rodriguez | P. Rollins | Choir |
| Altar Servers | D. Badesso | D. Badesso | R. Venditto |
| Sacristan | F. & S. Koerbler | R. Rollins | J. Martinez |
| Rosary | J. Johnson | P. McFadden | P. McFadden |
| | L-A. Kocon | K. McFadden | J. Quinn |



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of February 21st & 22nd

Sunday in Pew \$ 5,528.00

Sunday Online \$ 2,509.00

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.

2025 Contribution Statements

2025 Contribution Statements were automatically mailed to all who donated \$250 or more. If you need a contribution statement mailed to you for a total less than \$250, please call the Parish Office to request.

Women's Lenten Conference

In a world of division and strained relationships, the Women's Lenten Conference offers hope and practical tools for unity. Join the Bishop's Commission for Women on Saturday, March 7th from 8 AM to 3 PM for Mass with Bishop Schlert, lunch, Confessions, Adoration, and keynote talks. Hear from Noelle Mering, an author and cultural commentator known for *Awake, Not Woke* and her writing on faith, culture, and public life, as well as Dr. Ray Guarendi, a Catholic clinical psychologist, author, and national radio and television host known for practical, faith-based advice on parenting, family life, and relationships. Register at <https://www.allentowndioocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/love-hope-holiness-womens-lenten-conference-2026>.

Men's Morning of Reflection: Authentic Masculinity

Men of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a Men's Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua. Centered on Theology of the Body, this free event will explore authentic masculinity through the teachings of St. John Paul II. The morning includes Mass, coffee, and donuts, along with presentations by Hannah Shafer, Assistant Director of Programs at the Theology of the Body Institute, and Fr. Nikolai Breilinsky, Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield. All men are encouraged to attend for a morning of prayer, fellowship, and reflection. Registration is free and required. Register at <https://allentowndioocese.flocknote.com/signup/241012>.

Theology on Tap

"Reflections on G. K. Chesterton" Theology on Tap for young adults ages 21-39, St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield, social hall, Thursday, March 19th, 7-9:00 PM, with Joseph Grabowski from Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton, food and drink offered, zhodgskin@allentowndioocese.org

Women's Discernment Group

Women of the Diocese of Allentown, ages 18–40, are invited to a Women's Discernment Group to pray, be in community, and learn more about the Vocations of marriage and religious life. Includes Adoration, a talk on vocations, pizza, and fellowship. Held every 4th Friday of the month. Next date: Friday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m. Location is St. Theresa Convent, 1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown, PA 18055 (Park in school parking lot, Entrance on Wilson Ave).

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.

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@allentowndioocese.org. The retreat will be held April 24-26, 2026. Deadline for registration is April 17, 2026.

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St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Committee Presents

LUCKY

Cash and Gift Card



Sunday, March 15, 2026
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall
Doors Open at 12:00pm – Bingo starts at 1:00pm
Ticket Price: \$25 In Advance, \$30 At the Door
Tickets available in the Parish office starting February 14, 2026



20 Games, plus Specials
Cash & Gift Card Prizes range from \$25-\$100

**Food, soda &
water available
for purchase**

**50/50
drawing**

**Irish “Basket
of Cheer”
Raffle**

No Outside Food or Drinks

Bingo proceeds to benefit the St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Committee to continue our efforts of assisting those in need in the Lehigh Valley

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG SALE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026
Pick-up 9am - 12 NOON

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026**
NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER MARCH 15, 2026.



| ITEM | SIZE | PRICE | X | QTY | = | COST |
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| PEANUT BUTTER EGGS — MILK CHOCOLATE | 1 lb | \$ 20.00 | X | | = | |
| PEANUT BUTTER EGGS — MILK CHOCOLATE | 1/2 lb | 12.00 | X | | = | |
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| <i>NOTE: ALL PEANUT ITEMS WILL BE PREPARED SEPARATELY, SO THERE WILL BE NO CROSS-CONTAMINATION.</i> | | | | | TL | |
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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

RETURN ENTIRE COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "EASTER EGGS" VIA
FATHER RICH OR MAIL TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 1046 W CEDAR STREET, ALLENTOWN, PA 18102.