

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ***PASTOR***

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## ***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 June 21, 2026 is  
In Memory of Stephen Karoly  
By Louise Karoly**



### 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.



### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioner Myra M. Schuster and Jeanette A. Cawley, mother of parishioner Ellen Fritz, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

**Colleen O'Hare**

by: Beth Paul, John & Peg Philapavage, Phillip & Camille Stockdale

**Marie Concannon**

by: John & Peg Philapavage

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*

### St. Francis of Assisi's Outreach Food Pantry



Our numbers of clients served each month is rising. We are serving over 50 people per month. Every donation you give matters. We thank you so much for your incredible generosity. Thanks to Outreach for working the pantry—organizing the donations received, collecting food items we need, shopping for groceries with donated gift cards, stocking the shelves, greeting our clients and making sure they feel welcome and cared for when they arrive.

**In June, to keep our shelves stocked, we will be collecting for the food pantry every weekend. Do not feel obligated to give each week, but anything you are able to give would be appreciated.**

# Mass Schedule

**Monday, June 22, 2026**

*2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5*

**7:00 PM** Verna Signarovitz

St. Paulinus of Nola,

St. John Fisher,

St. Thomas More

**Tuesday, June 23rd**

*2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14*

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

**Wednesday, June 24th**

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

*Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80*

**8:00 AM** Colleen O'Hare

**Thursday, June 25th**

*2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29*

**8:00 AM** James Beani

**Friday, June 26th**

*2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4*

**8:00 AM** Kyle Victoria Abesamis

**Saturday and Sunday, June 27th and 28th**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42*

**4:30 PM** Barry G. Koerbler

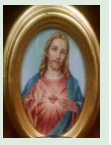
**8:30 AM** Ed Granitz

**10:30 AM** Karl & Phyllis Dunst

### 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.

### Movie Club – That's a Wrap

Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy Carlo Acutis – Roadmap to Reality. What a great film! Our Movie Club is taking a

### Faith-Based Movies

short break this summer! We plan to return in the Fall with The Miracle of Marcelino and Solo Mio. We will continue to meet after 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays with lunch being provided – thanks to donations.

Movie Club is always FREE – everything is donation based!!!!

Movie Club – always faithful, always fun, always free!



### New Parishioners

As a parish community, we always welcome new members with open arms and hearts. At this time we would like to welcome David P. Cooke, Jr. and Latisha, Aaliyah, David III and Malachi, Frank and Adrienne LeCause and Maddon and Madyson, Colten W. Peischl, Curt N. Sannie, Thomas Seibert and Helene and Robert Swoyer.



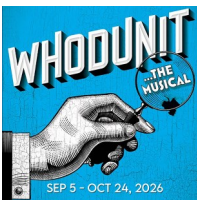
**St. John Vianney Regional School**  
210 N. 18th St., Allentown, PA 18104

- 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.

### 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.



**June 21, 2026**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Vocations Ministry**

*"Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:31)*

Holy matrimony calls spouses to place Christ at the center of their lives and to reflect His love by cherishing and serving one another. Could God be inviting you to this vocation of faithful love and self-sacrifice? If so, seek guidance from a married couple you admire and ask how they live out their commitment to each other and to Christ.

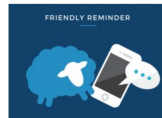


### Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of June 13 & 14, 2026

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,371.00
Sunday Online	\$ 3,101.84
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 1,330.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 80.00

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.



### Flocknote

**Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576 on your smartphone to get signed up with Flocknote!**

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.) Text messages and emails can be easily sent to members during lock-downs, closures, and emergencies, as well as updates, event notifications, check-ins, prayer requests, and more.

### Diocesan Cemetery Mausoleum

The new Diocesan Cemetery Mausoleum, Tongues as of Fire-Assumption of Mary Mausoleum is now available at Holy Savior Cemetery for the purchase of entombment rights in a single or companion crypt or interment in side by side niches for cremated remains. The Resurrection-Ascension Mausoleum is available at both Resurrection (610-395-3819 x1) and Holy Savior (610-866-2372 x1) Cemeteries.

### 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.



### **Saint Mary's Block Party**

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua will hold their Annual Block Party on June 25th-June 27th, Thursday & Friday 6-9 PM and Saturday 5-9 PM. Children's Games, Bingo, Basket Raffles, and Bake Sale. Steak/Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ, Cabbage & Noodles, Potato Pancakes, Funnel-Cake, and more. (No coolers or outside beverages permitted). D.H. Productions, DJ's for All Occasions on Thursday and Friday. Sons of Izzy on Saturday. This event is rain or shine. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 .

### **Host Family Needed**

Nacel Open Door is looking for a family that is able to open their caring home to a student from Spain. She will be attending Allentown Central Catholic for only one year, as a Junior in the fall. She holds an F1 visa and travel health insurance. She is 16 years old and speaks Spanish, German, Basque and English. Her interests are: Horseback riding, skiing and golf. She would like to Pursue a degree in International Relations. The host family receives a monthly stipend to help offset expenses. The student has her own spending money for her every day essentials. It is truly a wonderful experience for the whole family and can create lifetime friendships from across the globe. If you are willing to open your heart and your home to this student, or would like more information about hosting, please reach out to me. Thank you!! Hope Houston Hhouston@team.nacel-opendoor.org or call 610-850-1398

### **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.

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

### **Holy Trinity Annual Parish Picnic**

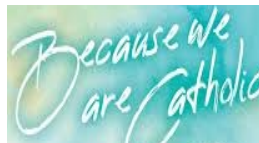
Sunday, July 12th, at Egypt Memorial Park, 4548 Main St., Whitehall, off Rt. 329 West. Outdoor Mass on Sunday, July 12th, starts at 11:00 AM and festivities will follow Mass until 6:00 PM. Festivities include children's games, adult games, traditional and ethnic foods. Entertainment by Josef Kroboth 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.

### **NY Yankees Bus Trip**

KOC 14464 of Sacred Heart Church, Bath is sponsoring a Bus trip to the Yankees game on Aug. 13, 2026. This is an afternoon game, leaving the Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$146.00 per person. Seats are under cover. Includes bus, ticket and non-alcoholic refreshments. Contact Brother Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or 610-390-8429.

### **Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriage through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org) or call 215-766-3944 . All inquiries are strictly confidential.



### **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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). Thank you!



### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, June 27th and 28th**

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Lector</b>	P. Stiles	M. Issermoyer	C. Stockdale
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. Evans, V. Herman, E. Wascavage	H. Moyer, T. Racek P. Baker	J. Young, B. Ocasio, M. Dietrick
<b>Cantor</b>	G. Rodriguez	A. Huynh	J. Fignar
<b>Organist</b>	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
<b>Altar Servers</b>	F. & S. Koerbler	V. Huynh	J. Martinez, N. Schwenk
<b>Sacristan</b>	J. DeLeo	T. Jacob	T. Jacob

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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.**

## **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.

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

*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.*