

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 (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
January 18, 2026 is**

***In Memory of
Joanne and William Camp
By Barbara Quigney and Family***

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
And The Holy Family
for the week of January 18, 2026 are
*In Memory of James and Theresa Murphy
By Kelly Murphy***

Choir Schedule

The choir will practice on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 PM in the Daily Mass Chapel.



Men of St. Francis Meeting

The Men of St Francis will meet on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. All men of the parish age 18 and over are welcome to attend. For additional info., contact Chuck Epler at 484-809-1275.



Pasta Dinner at Saint Francis

Please join us for a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, January 24th after the 4:30 PM Mass. This is the first in a series of meals designed to raise money for the parish and encourage fellowship.



The menu includes ziti with homemade sauce, homemade meatballs, salad, rolls, soft beverages and baked goods. Gluten-free options available with advance notice. \$8-Adults, \$5-Child under 6, Children under 3 Free.

Reservations can be made by calling the Parish Office, with payment made January 24th at the door. Some takeouts will be available on the day on a first come first served basis.



SAVE THE DATE!! The Outreach Committee will be having their 2nd Annual Lucky Bingo on Sunday, March 15, 2026, in the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall. Doors open at 12:00 PM, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. More details in February bulletins.

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 19, 2026 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

7:00 PM Deacon Tom Reimer

Tuesday, January 20th

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Saint Fabian,
Saint Sebastian

8:00 AM Anthony J. Sorrentino

Wednesday, January 21st

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Saint Agnes

8:00 AM Alexander Mazziotta

Thursday, January 22nd

1 Sm 18:6-9; Mk 3:7-12

Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 AM Joanne "Pat" Rank

Friday, January 23rd

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saint Vincent,
Saint Marianne Cope

8:00 AM People of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Saturday and Sunday, January 24th & 25th

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

4:30 PM Christopher Peluso

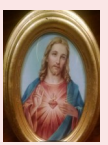
8:30 AM Aileen Thomas

10:30 AM Carmine Cerciello

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.

Winter Weekend Raffle

There is still time to get in on our Winter Weekend Raffle. Tickets were mailed to parishioners last month, but are available to anyone. Tickets are \$10 each, but if you buy the book of 5, it costs only \$40. There are over \$3,000 in prizes and 26 chances to win! If you need additional tickets, they are available in the Parish Office. Thank you for participating!

Recently Deceased



Please pray for the soul of Rudolph "Rudy" Mertens, who recently passed away. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and may his family know your peace and comfort.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

Rudolph "Rudy" Mertens

by: Madeline Klotz

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

John Patrick Publishing Company prints our weekly bulletin. To place ads on the back of our bulletin, contact Michele Barron, Account Representative, John Patrick Publishing Company, Cell 484-300-2062, www.jpccadvertising.com



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
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 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.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 10th & 11th

Sunday in Pew \$ 4,413.00
 Sunday Online \$ 3,052.00

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 will be automatically mailed to all who donated \$250 or more, or less than \$250, by request.



January 18, 2026
Vocations Ministry:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish to celebrate World Marriage Day

All married couples of the parish are invited to celebrate World Marriage Day at a special Mass honoring the Sacrament of Marriage. During Mass, married couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows and receive a special blessing. Couples of all ages and years married are welcome. Registration is required.

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: St. Francis of Assisi, A light continental breakfast will follow Mass.

Please join us as we give thanks for the gift of marriage and pray for all married couples in our parish. "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

— Matthew 19:6



Shutterbug Wanted!!!

Do you attend lots of our parish events? Do you enjoy photography? If so, we could use your help. Our social media team would love to be everywhere, all the time but sometimes we just cannot. All you have to do is take a photo or two with your phone and text them over! If you would like to help out occasionally by taking photos, contact Camille Stockdale at 484-547-6270 or stockp8792@gmail.com. No experience necessary (as evidenced by our current photos!).

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath, Pa. and the Knights of Columbus 14464, 117 Washington St, Bath, Pa. will be sponsoring a Community Breakfast in the auditorium on Sunday January 18th, 2025. All of your favorites will be offered along with the monthly special of Potato Pancakes. Adults \$12.00, children \$5.00, under 6 free. 7 to 11 AM.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule **Saturday and Sunday, January 24th & 25th**

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	T. McGinley	C. Stockdale
Eucharistic Ministers	F. & S. Koerbler, H. Moyer	P. Philapavage, F. Lenahan, P. Baker	J. Young, C. Wargo, D. Ruiz
Cantor	G. Rodriguez	P. Rollins	A. Eaves
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers		R. Rollins	J. Martinez, N. Schwenk
Sacristan	J. DeLeo	P. McFadden	P. McFadden



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS REGISTRATION FORM

For Married Couples

Saturday, February 14, 2026

(Snow Date February 15, 2026 at 8:30 am.)

9:00 AM

A light celebratory continental breakfast will follow the Mass.

_____ Yes, we will attend the continental breakfast

_____ Unable to attend the continental breakfast

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE INFORMATION

HUSBAND'S FULL NAME _____

(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

WIFE'S FULL NAME _____

(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

DATE OF SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE _____

(MM/DD/YYYY)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE _____

(CHURCH & CITY)

NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED: _____

Contact Information

Preferred Contact Person:

☐ Husband ☐ Wife

Phone Number:

Email Address:



St. John Vianney Regional School OPEN HOUSE

Come and see the Vianney Way! Join us for our Open House (Grades PK-8) and experience what makes St. John Vianney Regional School so special. Tour our classrooms, meet our dedicated teachers and Admissions Team, and discover how faith, learning, and community come together each day.

Sunday, January 25th at 1:00 PM

210 North 18th Street, Allentown, PA 18104

www.stjohnvianneyschool.org

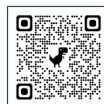


Snow Closings

Please note that our usual policy will be in place this winter for snow closings. If the Allentown School District is closed for snow, the Parish Office will also be closed for snow. If there is an hour or two hour delay for the school district, the Parish Office will also open an hour or two late. If the school district closes schools early due to snow, the Parish Office will also close early due to snow.



Allentown Central Catholic OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, FEB. 1, 2026, 2-4PM



**PRE-REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE AND
ENTER A CHANCE TO WIN A \$500 TUITION CREDIT
FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Meet our Principal and Administrators, tour the campus with our Student Ambassadors, and learn about our clubs and activities.

Contact our Admissions Director Lisa Schultz at lschultz@acchs.info with questions.

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ENROLL TODAY FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!

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 Francis of Assisi Church VALENTINE'S DAY sweet fudge INDULGENCE SALE

ITEM	PRICE	x	QTY	=	COST
CHOCOLATE FUDGE (11 OZ.)	\$ 12.00	x		=	
CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRY FUDGE (11 OZ.)	13.00	x		=	
PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE (11 OZ.)	12.00	x		=	
CHOCOLATE LOLLIPOPS (3 PACK)	5.00	x		=	
			TOTAL	=	

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

RETURN ENTIRE COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "FUDGE" VIA COLLECTION BASKET, OFFICE MAIL SLOT OR PARISH OFFICE. CASH OR CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2026. PICKUP AT
THE PARISH CENTER BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7, 2026.**



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SOUPER BOWL & SANDWICH TAKE OUT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026
PICK-UP 9AM - 12 NOON

SOUPS: BROCCOLI CHEDDAR, CHICKEN NOODLE, VEGETABLE

SUBS: AMERICAN — HAM, AMERICAN CHEESE

ITALIAN — SALAMI, CAPICOLA, PROVOLONE

TURKEY — TURKEY, AMERICAN CHEESE

TUNA SALAD — TUNA, AMERICAN CHEESE

LETTUCE, TOMATO & ONIONS ON THE SIDE. BANANS PEPPERS AVAILABLE. 1 DRESSING & 1 MAYO PACKET PER SUB

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2026.



ITEM	PRICE	x	QTY	=	COST
BROCCOLI CHEDDAR (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
CHICKEN NOODLE (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
VEGETABLE (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
AMERICAN SUB	10.00	x		=	
ITALIAN SUB	10.00	x		=	
TURKEY SUB	10.00	x		=	
TUNA SALAD SUB	10.00	x		=	
			TOTAL	=	

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

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SANDWICHES AND SOUP ARE MADE IN-HOUSE.