

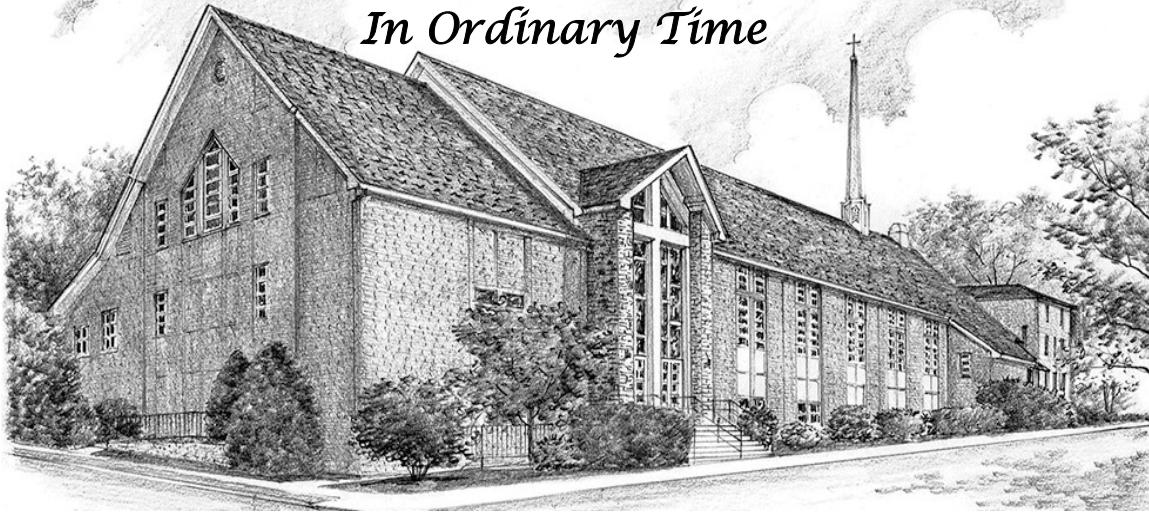
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*September 13, 2026
Twenty Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time*



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 September 13, 2026

*In Memory of The Deceased Members of the
families Steve and Donna Gerancher*



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.

Holy Family –In Memory of Emilia Ilagan

by Larry & Conchita Moser



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, July 6th. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Recently Deceased



Please pray for the soul of Richard Palermo, the brother of parishioner Dolores Marsicano who recently passed away. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and may his family know your peace and comfort.

Our Weekly Stewardship



Weekend of August 5 & 6, 2026

Sunday in Pew \$ 4,184.00

Sunday Online \$ 2993.84

Total: \$7,177.84

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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, Sept 14, 2026 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21-4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

7:00 PM Barry Koerbler

Tuesday, Sept. 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31A; Jn 19:25-27

8:00 AM Christopher Szukics

Wednesday, Sept. 16th St. Cornelious & Cyprian
1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:36-35

8:00 AM The People of Saint Francis

Thursday, Sept. 17th St. Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen
1 Cor 16:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

8:00 AM Ellen Anderson

Friday, Sept. 18th
1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

8:00 AM Louise Karoly

Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Phil 1:20-24, 27a; Phil 1:20-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

4:30 PM Iries Goveas

8:30 AM Eleanor Burnatowski

10:30 AM Angelo L. Badesso

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.



COOKS WITH COLLARS IS BACK!

Father Rich needs your help!
Father Rich will represent Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in COOKS WITH COLLARS, the online

cooking competition to raise funds for parishes in the Diocese of Allentown. Voting starts **Sept 1st thru Sept 30th**. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (deadline September 30th) for our Diocesan top chef! Remember that all voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Father Rich and Saint Francis of Assisi Parish a winner!

Outreach Committee – Note the Date Change

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, September 14th at 5:30 PM in Heritage Hall. Enter through the Cedar Street ramp. For more info call Kate at 610-737-7232.

Bus to PA March for Life

A bus is scheduled for the Pennsylvania March for Life taking place at Harrisburg State Capitol Building on Monday, September 21. Before departure, there will be an optional Mass at 7:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church located 1817 1st Street, Bethlehem PA 1020. Bus Departure is at 8:00 a.m. from Sacred Heart Church. Email andrewazan3rd@gmail.com to reserve a seat. Please bring \$5.00 for bus driver tip, which we will collect on the way home.

Third Annual Saint Januarius Blood Drive

For the third consecutive year, Bishop Schlert is pleased to invite the faithful throughout the Diocese of Allentown to participate in the Saint Januarius Blood Drive in partnership with Miller-Keystone Blood Center, the only community blood center serving our region. The campaign will once again begin on the Feast of Saint Januarius, September 19, and continue through December 16. To schedule an appointment, go to www.giveapint.org or call 800-223-6667 ext. 2.

Summer Spectacular Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2026 Summer Spectacular Drawing! Names of winners are listed below!

August 1st, \$50 – No Winner
August 2nd, \$75 - Joanne Bailer
August 3rd, \$25 – Emily Fortney & Mary Jane Motolese
August 4th, \$25 – Thomas McGinley & Thomas Hilton
August 5th, \$25 – No Winner
August 6th, \$25 – Luis Rodriguez
August 7th, \$25 – Caitlin Lenahan, Joanne Bailer
Rosanne Venditto
August 8th, \$50 – Janis Geist, Juliana Riccobono
August 9th, \$75 – Millie Dietrick, Stephanie Epler
August 10th, \$25 – Gerald Badesso, Philip Lathrop
August 11th, \$25 - No Winner
August 12th, \$25 – Sue Knappenberger, Kay Kohler Miller
August 13th, \$25 – Erica Bortz, Bob Trinkle
August 14th, \$25 – Anne Palmisano
August 15th, \$100 – Helen Moyer
August 16th, \$75 – Pete Cassium
August 17th, \$25 – Helen Moyer, Rosanne Venditto
August 18th, \$25 – Steve Gerancher, Philip Lathrop
Colleen Zajack
August 19th, \$25 – Marie Volack
August 20th, \$25 – No Winner
August 21st, \$25 – Jeanne Fignar



August 22nd, \$50 – Jeanne Plante
August 23rd, \$75 – Pete Cassium
August 24th, \$25 – Robert Dietrick
August 25th, \$25 – Regina McDonald
August 26th, \$25 – Kathy Cole, Maryann Nicol,
Jill Porotsky
August 27th, \$25 – Jilliana Montoya
August 28th thru August 31st – No Winner

*To inquire about Christian Burial, contact
Resurrection Cemetery at (610) 395-3819 X 1
or Holy Savior Cemetery at (610) 866-2372 X 1*

*Please...No gum in church!
Please be respectful of the Holy Eucharist.*



Brunch and Learn

Diocesan Catholic Women's Society of Giving, Saturday, September 26th at St. Mary Parish in Kutztown, 9:00 AM The Women's Society of Giving is expanding its community of women who want to give back, connect with like-minded women, and support Catholic ministries throughout the Diocese. Learn more and get involved at allentowndiocese.org/womensgiving



Called to Serve: Pray and Encourage Vocations!

Our Vocations Ministry is growing, and we'd love for you to be part of It! Join us for an upcoming meeting on **September 15th at 6:30 pm** in Heritage Hall, as we continue our parish efforts to pray for, encourage and support vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage and consecrated life. As St. John Paul II reminds us: "The future of humanity passes by way of the family." Come and see what the Lord may be calling you to do! Contact Heidi Beck or Diane Colom through the parish office, or sign-up using Flocknote to the Vocations Ministry. There you will receive notices of upcoming meetings and events.

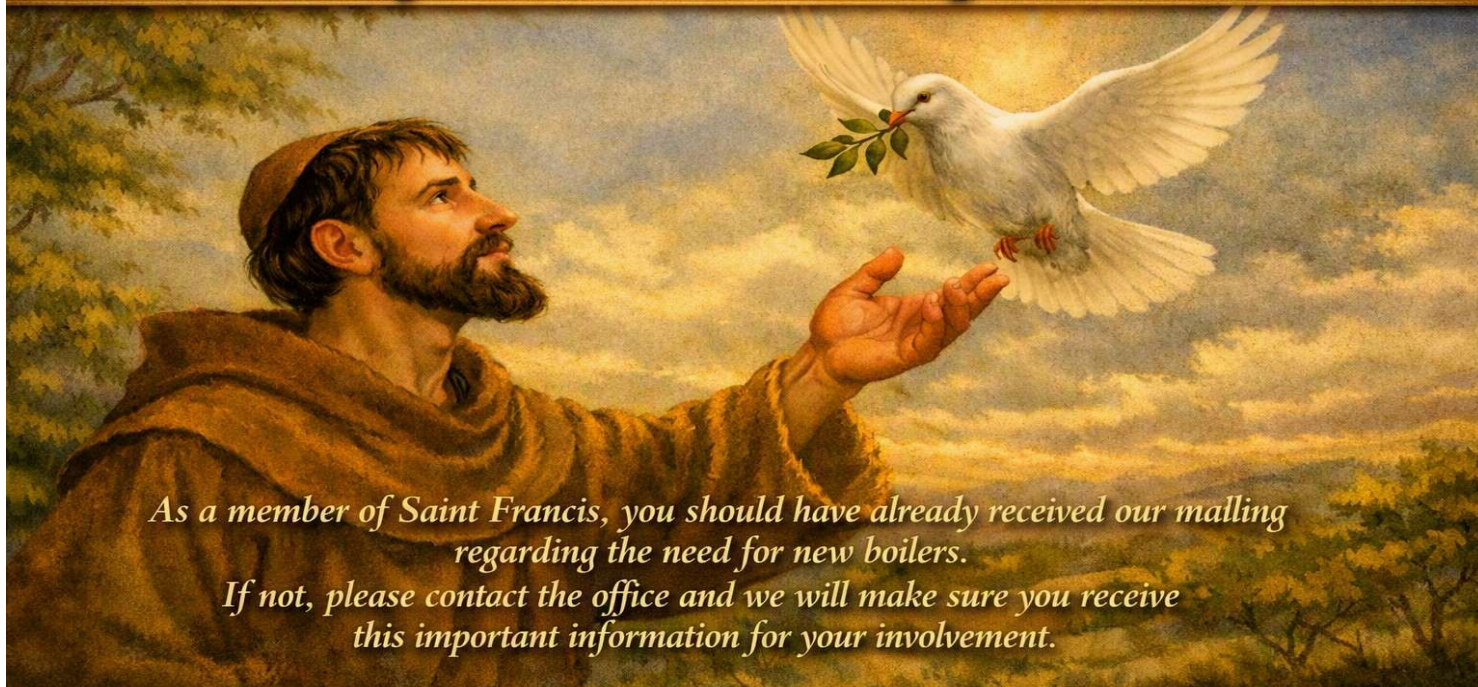


Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day

On Wednesday, October 21st from 8 AM to 11 PM, Boscov's Department Store will again host their popular FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS event, a special day filled with fun and fundraising. Shopping passes for this special event are available at the Parish Office for only \$5 each. Each pass includes a 25% discount shopping pass* for purchases made only on October 21, 2026. St. Francis of Assisi will keep the entire \$5 made on each pass. Help us to earn even more by purchasing your Boscov's gift cards at the Parish Office! *Some exclusions apply*

Adoration Chapel Hours:
Monday through Friday: 7 AM—7 PM
Saturday: 7 AM—3 PM
Sunday: 12 PM—7 PM
Closed Holidays and Holy Days

Warming our Church – Nourishing our Faith



*As a member of Saint Francis, you should have already received our mailing regarding the need for new boilers.
If not, please contact the office and we will make sure you receive this important information for your involvement.*

Christmas Bus Trip

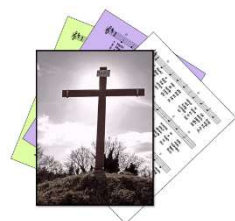
St. Francis of Assisi will run a Bus Trip to The American Music Theatre's 2026 Christmas Show, "Winter Wonderland" on Wednesday, December 2nd, with a stop at Shady Maple for their lunch buffet prior to the show. \$145 per person covers bus and driver tip, meal and show.



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Saint Martha's Ministry

Saint Martha's Ministry will clean the church on Saturday, September 12th from 10 AM to 12 PM. Every one is welcome. Going forward, the Ministry will meet on the second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM to clean the church. Questions? Call Tara at 607-760-8743.



Choir Practice Returns September 15th!

Do you enjoy singing?? Do you enjoy meeting, working with, and laughing with your fellow parishioners?? Then, please join our parish choir!!

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM and sing 2-3

times per month...not at the same Mass. Our schedule varies each month. You do not need to be able to read music...you just need to love spreading God's joy through music. Remember...those who sing pray twice!! Please contact Rosanne at rosiemusic4@gmail.com or call 484-225-2080 for more details. Thank you!



Pray For Our Seminarians

Father, in Your plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill Your church in the Diocese of Allentown with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for Your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assumption BVM Basket Social

Assumption BVM Parish, 22nd St. & Washington Ave., Northampton, Basket Social on Saturday, September 12th (12-7 PM) and Sunday, September 13 (8AM-1 PM). Drawings held on Sunday starting at 1:30 PM, need not be present to win. Homemade foods and baked goods for sale. Tickets are 25 for \$5 on sale at the door.



The Men of St Francis will be meeting in Heritage Hall on Wednesday September 16 at 7pm. All men over 18 are invited as we discuss our plans for the upcoming year. For more info contact Chuck Epler 484-809-1275.

St. Mary's Oktober Fest Saturday, Sept. 26th 5:00 to 9:00 121 Union St. Catasauqua. Homemade German Favorites and Beer. German Mass @ 4:00 pm

Baked Goods Needed for Attic Treasures

Please consider donating your marvelous baked goods for the Parish to sell at Attic Treasures! Goodies can be dropped off Friday, October 9th (9 AM to 2:30 PM), Saturday, October 10th or Sunday, October 11th. Thank you so much for donating to our big Parish Event!

AbbeyFest 2026

Join thousands of Catholics for AbbeyFest 2026 on Saturday, September 19, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. This celebration of faith, family and music brings youth, young adults and families together for a day of Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Holy Mass and live Christian music. Learn more and register at THEABBEYFEST.COM.



IT IS FOR: Adults (18 years or Older) who are:

- Not Baptized or
- Baptized in another Christian Church and interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or
- Baptized into the Catholic Faith but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation.

Curious About the Catholic Faith? Join Us!

Is your spouse, fiancé, or a friend not Catholic, or do they want to learn more about the Church? We warmly invite spouses and loved ones to attend our OCIA sessions. You do not have to commit to joining the Church. This is a safe space to ask questions, share faith, and learn together.

When & Where: September 27th after the 10:30 mass in the Weekend Sacristy

Contact: To learn more or sign up, reach out to Helen Moyer at 610-730-8263 or the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.



September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Vocations

Ministry

"Be Merciful, just as your Father is merciful"
(Matthew 18:35)

Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could he be inviting you to serve His people as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 610-437-0755 or via email: jmaria@allentowndiocese.org



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.



St. Francis Senior Citizens Meeting

On Tuesday, September 15th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for their monthly meeting. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.



RETROUVAILLE:
REDISCOVER THE LOVE

IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). 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 October 2 - 4 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit MarriageHelpDelVal.org or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20, 2026

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	M. Florentino	M. Issermoyer	R. Granitz- Jacob
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Wascavage, J. Fittipaldi	D. Issermoyer, P. Baker	B. Ocasio, D. Ruiz
Cantor	R. Herman	A. Rutz-Drovich	E. Frankenfield
Organist	G. Rodriquez	P. Rollins	A. Huynh
Altar Servers	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Sacristan	F. & S. Koerbler	R. Rollins	V. M. Huynh
	J. DeLeo	P. McFadden	P. McFadden

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, highchairs.) No Electronics (computers and accessories.) No Kerosene Heaters or Gas Grills. ***NO VCR's, VHS TAPES, 8 TRACKS, CASSETTES, CD's or BOOKS.***

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

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.

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.