

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 October 26, 2025 is

*In Memory of
Michael Romanic
By Jim and Susan Steiner*

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 Blessed Mother for the week of October 26, 2025 are
*For a Special Intention
By Michelle Evans*

Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 PM in the choir loft. They will sing at 8:30 AM Mass on Saturday, November 2nd.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Karin Wahlstrom

by: Larry, Conchita and Sonia Moser, Stephanie Epler

Eleanor K. Mann

by: Nancy Bitto

Christopher J. Volack

by: Marie Volack

Anna Marie Torok

by: Steve and Donna Gerancher

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all Masses the weekend of November 1 and 2, 2025. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.



Outreach Collection

The Outreach Committee will be holding a "Winter Apparel" giveaway on Saturday, November 8th from 9 to 11 AM in Heritage Hall. Donations of new and gently used sweatshirts can be dropped off the weekends of October 25th & 26th and November 1st & 2nd.



Mass Schedule

Monday, October 27, 2025

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

7:00 PM Anthony Stranzl

Tuesday, October 28th

Saints Simon and Jude

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

8:00 AM Intentions of Rosanne Venditto

Wednesday, October 29th

Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30

No Mass

Thursday, October 30th

Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35

No Mass

Friday, October 31st

Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

No Mass

Saturday, November 1st (All Saints-not a Holyday this year)

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

9:00 AM James McGuire

Saturday and Sunday, November 1st & 2nd
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Any readings from No. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

4:30 PM Theresa Pinter

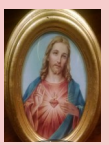
8:30 AM Fran Kryzan

10:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

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.



Holyday Mass

Although All Saints Day is not a Holyday of Obligation this year, there will be a Mass on Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 AM in the Church.



Monthly Food Drive



Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be on November 1st & 2nd. This month, we need PB and J, canned or cupped fruit, canned vegetables (corn, peas, mixed, potatoes, etc.), canned or plastic jars of pasta sauce, tomato sauce, tomatoes, snacks, beans (all types), pork and beans, tuna, spam, chicken, condiments: mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, pickles, relish. Breakfast items: pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, granola bars, snacks and crackers. . Our Outreach Team is also collecting for VALOR (Veterans Assisted Living Outreach) and we are in need of pop top easy open proteins, vegetables and fruits. No glass jars, please. Also, please, no XL containers or outdated foods. 10/26

Collection carts will be available in the vestibule of the



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

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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.

Men of St. Francis Parish Breakfast



Will be held **next Sunday, November 2nd**. Breakfast is served at your table by our volunteer waitresses from 9:30 AM to Noon. **Cost \$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. We look forward to serving you!



Feed Your Faith Holiday Orders

Stress-free Christmas shopping is here! On Monday, November 4th, gift card orders to Raise Right Scrip Center will go in for Christmas gifts and shopping every two weeks until Christmas. Orders must be prepaid and in the parish office by Monday noon on November 4th, November 18th, December 2nd and December 16th. Pick up by the following Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (Lists of available stores with order forms are in the Parish Office.)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, November 3rd
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
on the Feast of All Souls

7:00 PM

All parishioners who have died during the past year will be remembered in a special way during this Mass.

Parishioners may submit names of relatives and friends, whom they wish to have remembered at this Mass, who have died previously. Please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by **Monday, October 27th** in order for your names to be listed in the program. Unfortunately, no names can be taken after that date.

Please note: Only the names of our parishioners who have died during the past year will be read at the Mass.

All names will be listed in the program as usual.

Mass of Remembrance *Name Registration Form*

Your
 Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Names of Deceased to be remembered from my family/friends: (Please print very neatly)

Please return this completed slip to the Parish Office by Monday, October 27th.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of October 18th & 19th, 2025

Sunday in Pew \$ 4,509.00

Sunday Online \$ 2,504.00

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 information.

Fall Fest – Basket Raffle!

Sunday, October 26th, 9AM - 3PM, St. Paul Parish Center, 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown. Basket Raffles, Food, Bake Sale & More!

Cash Bingo

Walking with Moms in Need Ministry, Sunday, October 26th, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, at Brown & Lynch American Legion, Easton. 1:00, doors open 11:30, \$25 advance, \$30 at door, connie.kelton@rcn.com

Divorce Recovery Support Group

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, 9—10 AM, first Saturday of each month (November 1st). Prayers, donuts, encouraging conversation, BYOC (coffee), 505-688-8663.

St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

November Simply Prayer: A Harvest of Saints in North America, Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 10 AM to 12 PM. Presenter: Sister Barbara Brown. Please direct questions to Lauren Martin at 610-867-8990 or lmartin@school sistersosf.org.

First Fridays at Padre Pio Centre, Barto

Mass at 10:30 AM, Exposition, Novena to the Sacred Heart, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction 3:00 PM. First Fridays (November 7th) every month except July. www.padrepio.org



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

OLHC Cash/Gift Card Bingo

Our Lady Help of Christians parish invites you to attend their Cash/Gift Card Bingo and Basket Raffle on Saturday, November 8. Doors open at 4 p.m. and bingo begins at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 in advance (\$35 at the door) for 25 games and 1 special. Additional specials will be available for purchase and food items will be sold. Come join us for a fun evening and win some prizes!! Call Rosanne at 484/225-2080 to purchase tickets or for additional information.

Rachel's Vineyard: Healing Retreat from Abortion

Are you struggling from an abortion? Whether you were pressured into an abortion, were unable to prevent a family member from having one, or you were a part of the abortion decision, this retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame, or anger you have. Our weekend retreats are uniquely designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment. This weekend will help you find a new voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Discover peace and healing. When: November 21-23, 2025 in Washington, NJ. To register, or for more information, please contact Leah by email at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co. site or text / call (609)709-3479 Ana at ana@soul-filledbygrace.co. site or text/call (908)319-2950. Website is rachelvineyard.org.

Married Couples:

When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA on November 14-16, 2025. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.



New Parishioners

As a parish community, we always welcome new members with open arms and hearts. At this time we would like to welcome Arnaud Armstrong, Wannel Lebron and Yesenia Nunez and Analiz, Derek and Erick and Leo and Alice Werkheiser.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, November 1st & 2nd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	R. Jacob	M. Seltzer
Eucharistic Ministers	P. Stiles, F. & S. Koerbler	J. & P. Philapavage, A. Drovich, M. Issermoyer	C. Wargo, M. Dietrick, D. Ruiz
Cantor	A. Eaves	Choir	M. Maramag
Organist	R. Venditto	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	J. Fittipaldi	C. Piersza	T. Bauer
Sacristan	J. Johnson	T. Jacob	T. Jacob
Rosary	P. Rollins	F. Lenahan	L.A. Kocon

The following are new policies regarding the Adoration Chapel.

ATTENTION!

**THIS CHAPEL IS FOR THE PRIVATE DEVOTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
DUE RESPECT IS REQUIRED FROM EVERYONE IN THIS SACRED SPACE.**

ALL VISITORS MUST ABIDE BY:

- ◆ **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE CHAPEL**
- ◆ **NO FLOWERS IN THE CHAPEL**
- ◆ **NO CANDLES IN THE CHAPEL**
- ◆ **NO TALKING IN THE CHAPEL**
- ◆ **NO SINGING OR PRAYING OUT LOUD IN THE CHAPEL**
- ◆ **NO CELL PHONE USE IN THE CHAPEL**
- ◆ **NO COMMUNITY PRAYERS IN THE CHAPEL**
(EXCEPT THOSE APPROVED BY PASTORAL STAFF)
- ◆ **NO LITERATURE OR BROCHURES TO BE LEFT IN THE CHAPEL**

**TAKE EVERYTHING YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CHAPEL.
INDIVIDUALS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE RULES
WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CHAPEL.**



Text: STFRAN

To: 84576

Have you signed up for Flocknote yet? Flocknote is a free communication system that sends emails or text messages to notify you of special or important messages from our Parish. You can join different groups at the Parish and stay connected with up-to-date communications and reminders.

To join, use your cell phone and simply text the word STFRAN to the number 84576.

Your information is completely private. No one sees your contact information. The emails and text messages are generated through the system by the group leader or the Administrator (Father Rich). It is completely FREE. There is an App that you can download, but you do not need the app in order to receive or send messages. You can unsubscribe at any time!

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**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.



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

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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

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

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

