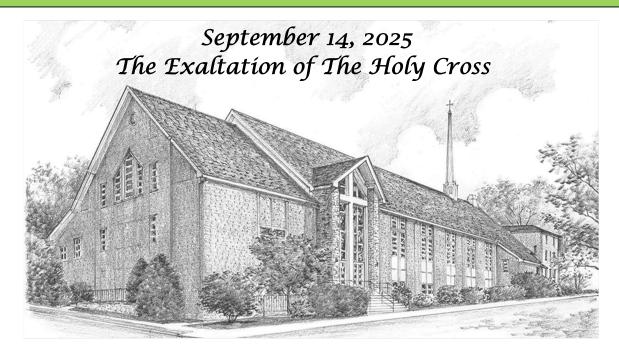
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PastorReverend 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 daily from 7:00 AM—9:00 PM.

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 <u>well</u> 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 14, 2025 is In Memory of Stanley Hughes By Doris P. Marsicano

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 for the week of September 14, 2025 are In Memory of Felix Marrero and Juan Ruiz By Dalia & Richard Ruiz

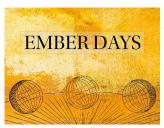
Choir Schedule

The choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 16th, at 6:30 PM in the choir loft, and they will sing at 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, September 20th.

Men of St. Francis Meeting

The Men of St Francis will meet on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. All men of the parish age 18 and over are welcome to attend. For additional info., contact Bob Webre at 484-225-0984.





September Ember Days

The "Ember Days" are three days of fasting and abstinence observed four times a year—i.e., on a Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday in each of the four seasons. The Holy Cross Ember Days for 2025 are

Wednesday, September 17th, Friday, September 19th and Saturday, September 20th. The Holy Cross Ember Days are a special time to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men and women to make use of them in moderation and to assist the needy. Fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with the allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals.

Adoration Chapel Closed

Our Adoration Chapel, which is closed for cleaning and minor repairs, will reopen on Monday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM. Thank you for your patience.



Mass Schedule

Monday, September 15, 2025

1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27

7:00 PM Brian Roman

Tuesday, September 16th

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

8:00 AM Marie Vui Tran

Wednesday, September 17th

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

8:00 AM Robert Webb

Thursday, September 18th

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

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

Friday, September 19th

Saint Januarius

Our Lady of Sorrows

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

Saint Robert Bellarmine,

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

8:00 AM Lucille E. Kopack

Saturday and Sunday, September 20th & 21st Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

4:30 PM Beverly Maurer

8:30 AM Louis "Skip" Giannelli

10:30 AM Angelo 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 novenal



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.

Recently Deceased



Please pray for the soul of parishioners Anthony J. Sorrentino and Karl Schuster, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

Serve, Connect, Grow – Parish Involvement Sign-Up Your gifts and talents are needed!

Our parish thrives when we work together, and there's a place for everyone to serve. Whether you enjoy hospitality, prayer, outreach, or planning events, we have a committee where you can make a difference (a complete list will be heading your way via snail mail). Sign up today on Flocknote.com or contact the parish office for assistance and be part of building our parish family!



COOKS WITH COLLARS

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.

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!



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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.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of: Timothy A. Volack

by: Marie Volack

Beatrice M. Holaska

by: Jeff and Diane Kelly

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Summer Spectacular Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 Summer Spectacular Drawing! Names of winners are listed below!

August 1st, \$25 - Ernest Schwab

August 2nd, \$50 - Bess Estrella-Aquino, Joanne Bailer

August 3rd, \$75 - No Winner

August 4th, \$25 - No Winner

August 5th, \$25 - Jeanne Plante

August 6th, \$25 - Donna Kindt

August 7th, \$25 - Dennis Reichard

August 8th, \$25 - Louise Karoly, Robert Young

August 9th, \$50 - Robert Young, Sandy Conway, Jean Porotsky

August 10th, \$75 - No Winner

August 11th, \$25 - No Winner

August 12th, \$25 - No Winner

August 13th, \$25 - No Winner

August 14th, \$25 - Mary Ann Pitcher

August 15th, \$100 - No Winner

August 16th, \$50 - No Winner

August 17th, \$75 - No Winner

August 18th, \$25 - No Winner

August 19th, \$25 - Dee Slonaker, Erin Alulis, Matthew Carver, Dennis Reichard

August 20th, \$25 - Barbara Hall

August 21st, \$25 - No Winner

August 22nd, \$25 - No Winner

August 23rd, \$50 - John Levkulic, Robert Schmidt

August 24th, \$75 - Jill Porotsky, Mary McMahon

August 25th, \$25 - No Winner

August 26th, \$25 - Kathy Zmijewski

August 27th, \$25 - Dolores Horvath

August 28th, \$25 - Anne Palmisano, Rob Laurenza

August 29th, \$25 - No Winner

August 30th, \$50 - Dolores Ramsey, Dan O'Donnell, Dennis Mankos

August 31st, \$75 - No Winner

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day



On Wednesday, October 22nd 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 22, 2025, and enters you to win a \$100 gift card at each store. 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

Outreach Fund Collection

Our Second Collection next weekend will be taken up to support Saint Francis's Outreach Committee, which provides assistance to our local community through Food, Clothing and Financial Aid.

Meetings are the First Monday of the Month, come check out what we are doing this FALL! Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's Oktoberfest

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua, will hold their Ninth Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 20th from 5:00 to 9:00 PM in their Parish Center. Outdoor seating will be available weather permitting.

Come for dinner and enjoy your homemade German Favorites: Pulled Pork, Chicken Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Brats and more. Our Biergarten will be stocked with your favorite German (and domestic) favorite beers. Live music all night long by Robbie Lawrence and the Steelworkers band. Wear your dancing shoes!

We will have a fall themed basket raffle and homemade desserts for sale. This event is free to attend, therefore no outside food or drinks are permitted. Any questions: kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or 610-264-0332.

Red Cross Classes

Be Prepared to Save a Life by Investing an evening - American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Classes taking place on Friday, Sept 19th and Friday, Nov. 7th at Bethlehem Township Community Center. Lifeguard Classes also scheduled. Contact Andrew / Instructor at (484) 259-7740 for more information.

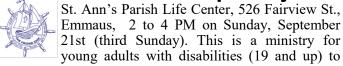
St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor September Programs 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

September 20th | 1:00-4:00 PM| On the grounds of Monocacy Manor, Various Presenters | All ages are welcome. *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, 6 Week, Book Series, Presenter: Sister Marie Therese Sherwood, OSF Wednesdays, October 1st- November 5th, 10 AM-12:00 PM, \$40 | Deadline to register Sept. 20th

Upon registering, your book will be purchased through the Center and available for pick up prior to the start of the series.

The Friend Ship Ministry



foster friendships and sense of belonging through fun, service, and spiritual activities. One caregiver must attend with the participant; register, https://forms.gle/uformXcchgB-

PA March for Life - Bus From Bethlehem

Attend Pennsylvania Right for Life March at Harrisburg State Capitol on Monday, September 22rd. A bus will depart Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem at 8:00 am and return around 4:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person. For more information, contact Andrew – (484) 259-7740 / andrewazan3rd@rcn.com.

Pickleball

Monday, September 22nd, St. Luke's Sportsplex, 5:30-7:30 PM, \$10, diocesan event, all ages and skill levels. zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org, https://bit.ly/45t016a.

Incarnation of Our Lord's Fall Bazaar

Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, 617 Pierce St., Bethlehem, PA. LaBuda Hall (Church Basement), September 27, 2025. Bazaar runs 12 – 7 PM. Polka Mass at 4:15 PM, led by The Changing Times & Tatra Slovak Folk Group. Tricky Tray, Fantastic Foods, Bake Sale, 50/50 Drawing. Information: 610-866-3391 (Parking: Laufer Street Lot, Jackson & Buchanan Lot, on-street).

Young Adult Book Club

Saturdays, September 27th, October 11th & 25th, November 8th & 22nd, December 6th, sponsored by the Commission for Young Adults, at the Parkland Community Library, 10 AM—Noon. "The Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ" by Luisa Piccarreta; lunch included. First 10 to register will receive a free book. To register, https://bit.ly/3UmKxeX.

Charity Cornhole Tournament

Benefits Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus PA Northeast Region, Alburtis Community Center, registration 10:00 AM, Saturday, September 17th. Teams of 2 \$50, cash prizes. https://share.scorholio.com/16eAh8r2Ub

Health and Safety Fair

Sunday, September 28th, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, Community Center, 1-4:30 PM. Lectures, displays, local professionals, free, rain or shine, duome.inc@gmail.com

Shower of Roses

Ceremony to honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Carmelite Monastery, 3551 Lanark Road, Coopersburg. Sunday, September 28th, Mass 2:30 PM, blessing and distribution of roses, blessing with relic, refreshments in basement cafeteria, no morning Mass.

Diocese of Allentown Golf Tournament Assists Seminarians and Catholic School Students

The mission of this tournament includes providing scholarships for seminarians considering a life of ordained ministry to the Diocese, and assisting children and families hoping to enroll in one of our Catholic schools, high schools and centers for special learning.

This year the Diocese is hosting the annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 29th at the Lehigh Country Club. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM with a shotgun start at 10:00 AM, scramble format. Golf foursome registration is \$2,400 and will open Tuesday, July 15th. To register please visit www.allentowndiocese.org/golf. For questions, contact Michele Mullikin at mmulli-kin@allentowndiocese.org or 610-871-5200, ext. 2282.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of September 6 & 7, 2025

 Sunday in Pew
 \$ 5,312.00

 Sunday Online
 \$ 2,619.00

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.



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, Oct 10th (9 AM to 2:30 PM), Saturday, Oct 11th or Sunday, Oct 12th. We thank you so much for donating to our big Parish Event!

New and Used Book Sale

Assumption B.V.M. of Northampton invites you to join them for their sale in the church social hall, 2181 Washington Avenue, Northampton on Saturday, October 4th from 1 to 7 PM and Sunday, October 5th from 8 AM to 1 PM.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Spectacular 16th Annual Basket Social!

Parish Social Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall Friday, October 10th, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 PM, Saturday, October 11th, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Sunday, October 12th, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. All baskets & prizes are valued at or over \$35.00! A "Big Ticket" raffle is available for prizes worth over \$75.00! Four prizes will have a \$50 cash bonus tucked away inside! Drawing starts on Sunday at 2:30 PM. Winners will be called either Sunday or Monday morning. Food will be available for purchase all weekend. See parish website at: www.sercc.org (church)

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

Open to all levels, this year-round, volunteer-led program supports Spanish speakers and individuals from other communities in learning or improving their English. In addition to language skills, participants are introduced to the Catholic faith, the lives of the Saints, and Church traditions. Classes are held at the Diocesan Hispanic Center: 219 W Susquehanna St, Allentown. For registration, please contact the Office of Hispanic Affairs at 610-866-0581 ext. 2032 or email arodriguez@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Join your fellow faithful of the Diocese of Allentown on a Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary!

All are invited to enjoy a beautiful day celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope as a Diocese! The Pilgrimage begins at 10:00 AM with arrivals and guided tours, followed by time to visit the over 80 chapels and oratories that make up "Mary's House." There will also be a youth holy hour in the Crypt Church, keynote speakers (English and Spanish), a Rosary Pilgrimage in five languages with beautiful music by our Diocesan Choir. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the day. The day will end with Mass in the Great Upper Church at 3:00 PM celebrated by Bishop Schlert.

There is no need to sign up for the Pilgrimage (unless your parish is hosting a chartered bus that requires registration). There is plenty of free parking available. Pilgrims are invited to pack a lunch, visit nearby restaurants within walking distance of the Basilica, or visit the cafeteria within the Basilica.

The Pilgrimage Program runs from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM – but the Basilica is open to the public from 6 AM to 6 PM so feel free come early or stay late! Each pilgrim will receive an official booklet for the day as well as a complimentary copy of the October edition of the Magnificat.

"Visiting the Basilica is a powerful way to take advantage of the grace of the Jubilee and to be filled with the hope that flows from the embrace of our Mother." The Most Reverand Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for Military Services & President of the USSCB.

Visit the Diocese of Allentown Pilgrimage Committee webpage for updates and information or email pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org.

"A Visit From Padre Pio's Friary"

National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto, Saturday, October 11th-Tuesday, October 14th. Rare relics of St. Pio on display, Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert Tuesday, 10:30 AM, schedule at https://bit.ly/41CuvSa

Men's Annual Conference

"Pilgrims Anchored in the Hope of Christ," Commission for Men annual conference, Delta Marriott, Breinigsville, Saturday, October 11th, 8 AM to 5 PM; with Fr. Bill Casey, Fr. Chris Alar, M.I.C., Jeff Schiefelbein, Bishop Alfred Schlert; markmcd@outlook.com, 610-334-0330, www.menaliveinchrist.org/events.

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, September 20th & 21st			
	4:30 PM	<u>8:30AM</u>	10:30 AM
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	K. McFadden	C. Stockdale
Eucharistic Ministers	J. DeLeo, M. Evans, E. Wascavag		M.P. Tran, C. Wargo, J. Young
Cantor	Choir	M. Issermoyer	G. Rodriguez
Organist	R. Venditto	R. Venditto	J.A. Schneider
Altar Servers		C. Peischl	J. & J. Burgos
Sacristan	D. Wascavage	P. McFadden	P. McFadden

St. Francis Attic Treasures

Attic Treasures

Bake Sale

Food to Eat in or Take out

Saturday, October 11th —10:00 AM-6:30 PM
Sunday, October 12th —12:00 Noon-5:00 PM
Monday, October 13th—10:00 AM-2:00 PM - BAG DAY

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

Tires, Major Appliances (Stoves, Washers, Dryers, etc., Electronics (TVs, Computers, VCRs, 8 Track Tapes, VHS Tapes, Cassettes, etc.), Baby Furniture (Cribs, Car Seats, Play Pens, Walkers, High Chairs), Encyclopedias, Magazines, etc., Kerosene Heaters, Gas Grills, Large and Upholstered Furniture, (Dining tables, Sofas, etc.), Christmas lights, Clothing, Shoes, etc.

We Will Accept:
Religious Books, Children's
Books and Current Fiction

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Items can be delivered to Heritage Hall, using the Cedar Street ramp door. Items MUST BE CLEAN; small appliances MUST WORK.

2025 Donation Drop-off: Saturdays:

September 27th
October 4th

9:00 AM—12:00 PM in Heritage Hall Help is needed on Donation Days

Newspapers and plastic bags are always appreciated.















We will be working in the Church Hall every Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM beginning September 8th until the event. Any time you can give would be a great help, even an hour is a big help. You can set your own time and day. Thank you for all you do for our parish!