

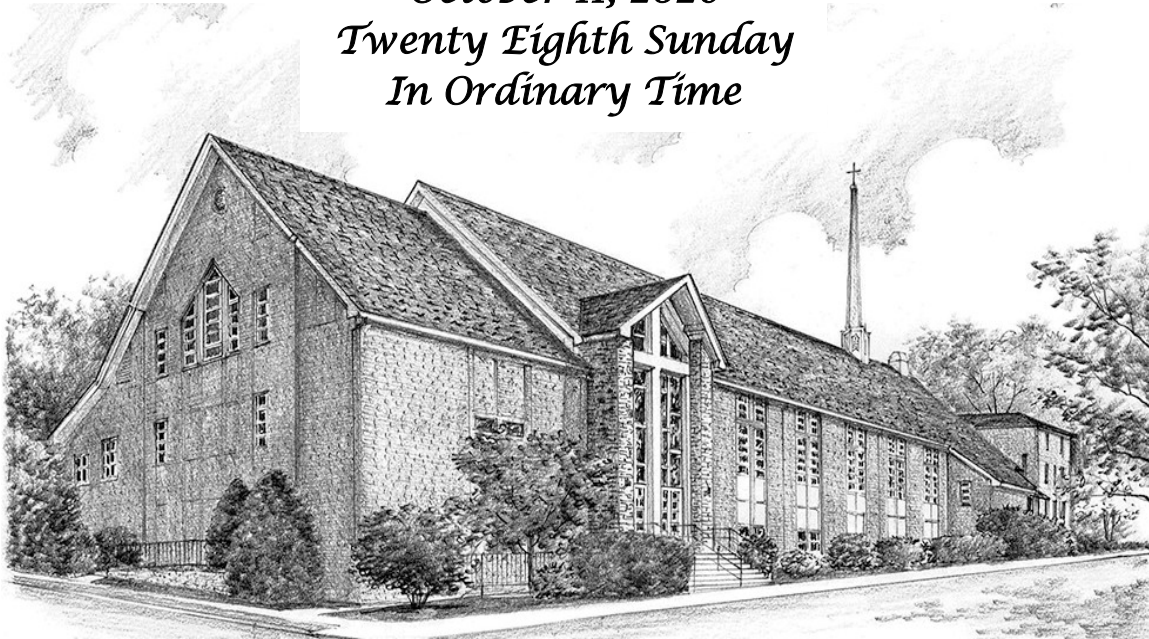
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*October 11, 2026
Twenty Eighth 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 AM, 12:15 PM

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 Sicca 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 11, 2026**

***In Memory of McGuire & McNamara Families
Offered by: Stephanie Epler***



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 Holy Family
And The Sacred Heart
for the week of October 11, 2026 are
*In Memory of Harry and Ceil Torrey
By daughter, Pam Stiles***

Parish Office Closed



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day. Please note that the Adoration Chapel will also be closed that day.

St. Francis Senior Citizens Meeting

On Tuesday, October 13th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for a short monthly meeting and bingo. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.

Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 PM in the choir loft.

Food Pantry

The Outreach Committee's Food Pantry will be open to the public on Wednesday, October 14th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in the Franciscan Center (former Convent.)



"Women Walking in Faith"

Our group of faith-filled women will meet on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. All women 18 and over are invited to participate. Guests are welcome so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors.

Mass Schedule

Monday, October 12, 2026

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32

7:00 PM Skip Giannelli & MaryAnn

Tuesday, October 13th

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

8:00 AM Jeff Bilheimer

Wednesday, October 14th

Saint Callistus

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

8:00 AM The People of Saint Francis of Assisi

Thursday, October 15th

Saint Teresa of Jesus

Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

8:00 AM Patty Miller

Friday, October 16th

Saint Hedwig,

Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 AM Stuart Lathrop

Saturday and Sunday, October 17th & 18th

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

4:30 PM Charles Brensinger

8:30 AM Bonnie Weller

10:30 AM Joseph & Marie Thang Nguyen

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.



THIS WEEKEND! ATTIC TREASURES

Saturday, October 10th until 6:30 PM

Kitchen Open - Come down and eat supper!

Bake Sale

Sunday, October 11th - 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM

Kitchen Open - Come down and eat lunch!

Bake Sale

Monday, October 12th - 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

BAG DAY!





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Traveling Saint Francis of Assisi Statue

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 at 484-300-2062.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

Colleen O'Hare

by: David and Alicia Sefcik and family

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord



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*



October 11, 2026
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vocations Ministry

Deacon Sunday

"Many are invited, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14)

On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's call to the diaconate.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of October 3 & 4, 2026

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,032.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,777.84

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 information.

Volunteers Needed!!

For Mercy School's Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, October 17, 2026. Mercy School for Special Learning is looking for clean-up help in the kitchen while the event is occurring/at the end of the event. If you are interested, we would love to have you and your friends volunteer for kitchen clean-up. We have a need for the 6:30-9:00 PM shift. There is also a 4:30 PM clean up shift. Mercy School encourages you to come enjoy the dinner prior to volunteering, the dinner starts at 4:00 PM. The food is delicious! Respond to Kiersten at 570-401-7953 or email kierstennice10@gmail.com

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. *We have 7 openings remaining.*



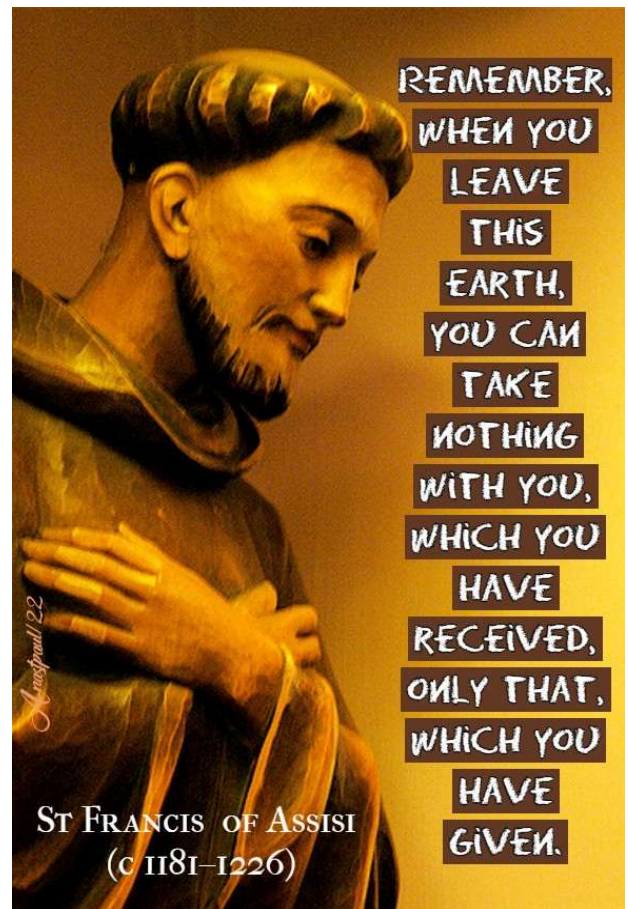
"Speak, Lord"

Women's Vocational Discernment Group

Young women ages 18–40 in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to the "Speak, Lord" Women's Vocational Discernment Group, for those discerning a vocation to marriage or religious life. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month in a hybrid format, with opportunities to attend in person or via Zoom. Each gathering includes Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, a presentation on vocational discernment, and time for fellowship. The next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Old St. Paul's School, 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown.

Men's Conference 2026

Catholic men, renew and strengthen your faith at our annual Men's Conference on Saturday, November 21st at DeSales University. The Conference will take place that day from 8 AM to 4 PM. What does it mean to "come home" to Mary? In a world that often feels chaotic and uncertain, we all long for a place of belonging, peace, and hope. As our spiritual mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary leads us to her Son and invites us to find refuge in the heart of the Church. Join us for a day of inspiring speakers, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal as we discover what it means to come home to Mary. Learn more and sign up at www.menaliveinchrist.org/events.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, October 17 & 18, 2026

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	G. Rodriguez	M. Issermoyer	L. Bauer
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Wascavage, V. Herman	D. & S. Gerancher,	C. Wargo, J. Young, T. Racek
	P. Stiles	L. Unger	
Cantor	J. Fignar	M. Maramag	A. Huynh
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	F. & S. Koerbler	D. Issermoyer	V. Huynh
Sacristan	D. Wascavage	P. McFadden	P. McFadden
Rosary	P. Rollins	R. Reichenbach	F. Lenahan

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, November 2nd
*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 26th** 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)*

Welcome To Our New Ministry Scheduler Software!

Beginning with the November 6th schedule there will be a new way to schedule for the following ministries: lectors, EMs, altar servers, cantors, sacristans, the rosary team, and even the stream team. It is called Parish Solutions which is very easy to use, and requires very little effort on your part. For the ministry schedule beginning November 6 and ending January 31 you will receive a predetermined schedule. If you have any conflicts or need a sub, you will be able to use the app to use the sub request feature in the event you are scheduled during a date you cannot attend. Below are tutorials to help you manage your account. Any questions about this exciting new app, please call the parish office.

Tutorials

You can also find tutorials on how to interact with Ministry Scheduler here:

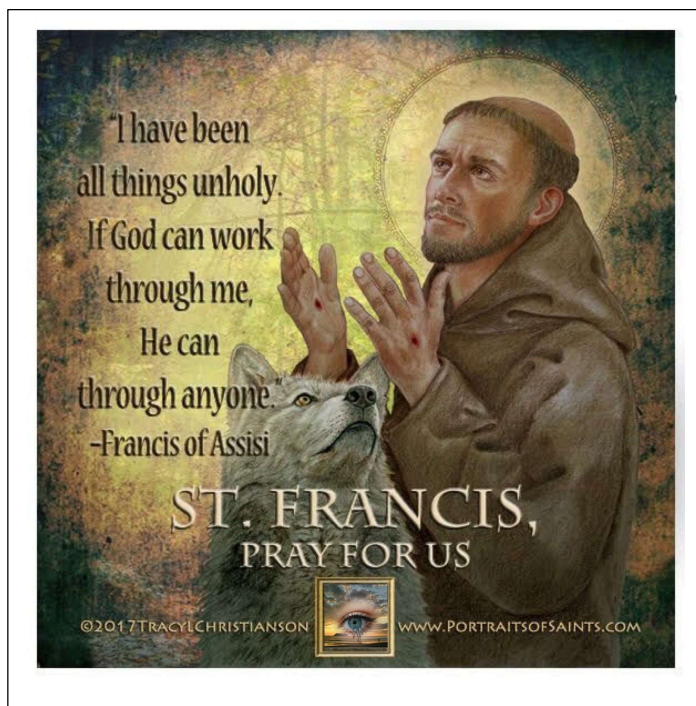
<https://www.parishsolutionsco.com/ms-ministers.html>

Outreach Committee Clothing Giveaway



We will be collecting and giving away coats, hats, scarves, gloves & mittens ONLY. Donations collection weekends are October 17th & 18th, October 24th & 25th, and October 31st/November 1st. Giveaway is Saturday, November 7th from 9 to 11 AM in Heritage Hall.

We thank you in advance for your donations of gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves & mittens. We also welcome cash donations to purchase new scarves, gloves & mittens.



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"Feed Your Faith"

Gift Card Program

"Feed Your Faith" is the Parish's easiest fundraising 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%): \$20, \$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

