

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Priests

Reverend Richard C. Brensinger, Pastor
Reverend Kevin M. Gualano, In Residence

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Robert Young

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 & 12:15 PM

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 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

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week April 28, 2024 is *In Memory of Joseph F. Kiniuk* By *Deborah Kiniuk*

Choir Schedule

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



Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is

underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!



Recitation of the Rosary

The rosary will be recited before Masses every weekend in May (including before the 10:30 AM Mass on Facebook and YouTube) as we honor Mary in her special month. (The rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.)



Recently Deceased



Please pray for the soul of parishioner Allen P. Stella, who recently passed away. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and may his family know your peace and comfort.

Men of St. Francis Parish Breakfast



Will take place next Sunday, May 5th. Breakfast is served at your table by our volunteer waitresses from 9:30 AM to Noon. Menu selections include: Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Toast, Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. Cost: Adults \$8.00, Children (age 6-12) \$5.00, Age 5 and Under Free.

ATTENTION MOTHERS

All mothers who attend the parish breakfast ON May 5th will get a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of two Mother's Day baskets. One basket will be raffled off during breakfast after each of the morning Masses.



Hearing Devices Are Now Available



We are pleased to announce that our new *Listen Hearing Devices* are available to sign out while you are attending Mass. They will be kept at the Parish Office and can be signed out and borrowed on your way into Mass. They must be returned immediately after Mass.

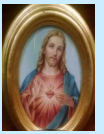
Mass Schedule

Monday, April 29, 2024 <i>Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26</i> 7:00 PM Kathleen Yurasits	Saint Catherine of Siena
Tuesday, April 30th <i>Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a</i> 8:00 AM Carol Smith	Saint Pius V, Pope
Wednesday, May 1st <i>Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8</i> 8:00 AM Nancy Lewullis and son Joseph	Saint Joseph the Worker
Thursday, May 2nd <i>Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11</i> 8:00 AM Fr. Emile Shoufani	Saint Athanasius
Friday, May 3rd <i>1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14</i> 8:00 AM Mary Wewer	Saints Philip and James
Saturday and Sunday, May 4th & 5th Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17</i>	
4:30 PM Lynne Schwartz	
8:30 AM Members of the Sanctuary Memorial Fund	
10:30 AM Walter Kleinschuster People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish	

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.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Helen C. McAfee

by: The Martin Siblings: John & Kim, Liz & Frank, Mary & Bill, Joe & Todd, Cathy & John

Rev. Msgr. Dennis A. Rigney

by: Mr. & Mrs. Barry Mertz, Jeanne Fignar

by: *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*

Attention All Parish Organizations

Please call Donna Gerancher at 610-433-6102, x15 to schedule all of your organization's activities to ensure the availability of the room or hall of your choice.



Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be on May 4th & 5th. This month, we particularly need Cereal, Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spam, Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Crackers, Cookies, Juices, Canned Meat, Beef-A-Roni, Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, 4 packs of toilet paper, tissues, Beans, Vegetables, Snacks, Condiments, and Personal Care Products. We do not need Pasta or Macaroni and cheese. No glass jars, please. Also, please, no XL containers or outdated foods.

Collection carts will be available in the vestibule of the church for your donations. *Help is needed on collection weekends to help move the food donations from the vestibule area to the pantry after each Mass.*



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We're Hiring! Join our Team!

St. John Vianney Regional School is looking to fill the following positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

- STEM Teacher
- Daily Substitute Teachers
- Extended Care Assistants

If you are interested in joining our dedicated and talented team, please contact Mrs. Beth Serrano, St. John Vianney Regional School Principal at mrserrano@stjohnvianney-school.org or 610-435-8981.

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 church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission, ministries and programs.

Your generosity and support make our church's work possible!

Make donations, payments and pledges to our church via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.

Go to our parish website at www.stfrancisallentown.org for information to sign up.

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. John Vianney Regional School's
production of



Saturday, May 11th

At St. John Vianney Regional School

Doors Open at 2:00 pm

\$5 per person

Volunteer Opportunities

• Vianney Voices Director 2024-25

We are currently looking for a Vianney Voices musical director. Vianney Voices is our school choir! Students are able to sign at our weekly Mass. Please contact us at 610-435-8981 or email Marketing@stjohnvianneyschool.org for more information.



Mother's Day Flower Sale



PHL (Pennsylvanians for Human Life) will have Flowers available for sale after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend. This is an all-volunteer Organization dedicated to Pro-Life Education and Saving

Lives. All donations are used for Pro-life education-- Buses to the March for Life, Generation Life speakers, Four 40 Days for Life campaigns, Fair Booth expenses & brochures. This is their ONLY fundraiser. Your participation is deeply appreciated. Reward every Mom with a beautiful gift and help save more lives. Thank You.

Bringing Up The Gifts



If you will be attending a weekend Mass for one of your loved ones, and would like to carry the Offertory Gifts, please call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102 and ask that a note be left for the ushers to let them know, so they do not ask someone else.

Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday



Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 AM Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact the parish office to discuss registration details.

Recently Baptized

We welcome to our parish family the following newly baptized children: Avery Rose Rodriguez, daughter of Anthony Rodriguez and Karina Yunez, and Aria Maryvette Yunez, daughter of Karim Yunez and Cionna Hanna. We pray that our Lord will be with them all of their days guiding them through life’s journey.



Spring Cleanup



Have you lost anything in the past year? Our “Lost and Found” box is nearly full, and there will be a table in the narthex displaying items that were found in and around church on the weekend of May 4th & 5th. Unclaimed articles will be discarded or donated to the Flea Market.

Parish Organizations

Do not forget to Advertise via Facebook, Instagram and Flock Note. Contact Camille Stockdale 484 547 6270 to share your group’s news so it can be publicized parish wide – Everyone wants to hear about everything exciting going on at St Francis!



Christmas Show Bus Trip



On Thursday, December 12th, we will travel to the American Music Theatre’s Christmas Show, “Joy To The World” with a stop at Shady Maple for the lunch buffet. We will leave the church at 10:00 AM, stop for lunch at 11:30, travel on to the 3:00 PM show and we’ll leave for home immediately after the show, arriving home at approximately 7:30 PM. Cost for this trip is \$125 which includes tickets, transportation, meal and driver tip. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102 for more information or to sign up.

St. Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park



WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, 2024
GAME TIME: 7:05 PM NORFOLK TIDES (Baltimore Orioles) vs. LEHIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS (Philadelphia Phillies)

COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON. Children 2 and under are Free.

INCLUDES: Game Ticket and Picnic Buffet and Post Game Fireworks

PICNIC BUFFET: in the FIRST COMMONWEALTH PICNIC PATIO (6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM RAIN or SHINE)

Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Jaindl BBQ Pulled Turkey, Pasta with Homemade Marinara, Homestyle Potato Salad, BBQ Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips

Dessert: Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Assorted Cookies

Soft Drinks: Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr Pepper, Minute Maid Lemonade, Fuze Iced Tea (cold beverages available through the event)

TICKET RESERVATIONS:

- Can be made for family and friends of St Francis of Assisi Parish
- Payment must be received at the Parish Center Office by Sunday May 19th to reserve your tickets.
- Make checks payable to “ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH”.
- A limited number of tickets are available - on a first come first serve basis.
- Information and Reservations: call Tom Fallon at 610-821-4947.



John Patrick Publishing Company prints our weekly bulletin. To place advertisements on the back of our bulletin, contact Karen Donehower at 484-363-9475.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of April 20th & 21st

Sunday in Pew \$ 5,131.00
 Sunday Online \$ 2,283.50

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.

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
 Saturday and Sunday, May 4th & 5th**

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	R. Granitz-Jacob	G. Rodriguez
Eucharistic Ministers	V. Herman, L. Eberly	T. Racek, A. Drovich	M. Dietrick, D. Ruiz
Cantor	A. Eaves	M. Maramag	A. Huynh
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	F. & S. Koerbler		C. & E. Stano
Sacristan	T. Jacob	P. McFadden	P. McFadden
Rosary	E. Jago	K. McFadden	M. Gaudio



St. Francis of Assisi



Basket Raffle 2024

May 18, 2024 from 11 am to 6 pm

May 19, 2024 from 9 am to 2 pm

*There will be baskets for
EVERYONE – Women/Men/Kids
and the littlest ones!*

*As always, adult beverage
baskets and Gift Cards
will be available*

Tickets – 1 sheet (25 chances) is \$10

3 sheets (75 chances) are \$20

Tickets may be purchased in ADVANCE or at the EVENT

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ALL ARE WELCOME



**The St Francis Kitchen will be open and
delicious food will be AVAILABLE FOR DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!!!!**



*You do not need to be present to win!
Winners will be drawn at approximately
2 pm on Sunday.*

All baskets are worth \$50 or more!

**St. Francis of Assisi – Parish Hall
1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18102
Corner of Cedar and 11th Street (610) 433-6102**

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SPRING FOOD TO-GO

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

11 AM -6 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

9 AM – 2 PM

PRE-ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MAY 12

ITEM	PRICE	X	QUANTITY	=	COST
HOT DOG	2.00	X		=	
HOT DOG W/ CHILI SAUCE	2.50	X		=	
HOT DOG W/ SAUERKRAUT	2.50	X		=	
CHICKEN SALAD WRAP	7.00	X		=	
SEASONED GRILLED CHICKEN WRAP	7.00	X		=	
GARDEN SALAD	3.00	X		=	
GARDEN SALAD W/ CHICKEN SALAD	7.00	X		=	
GARDEN SALAD W/ GRILLED CHICKEN	7.00	X		=	
PIEROGIES W/ BUTTER & ONIONS (3)	5.00	X		=	
CABBAGE & NOODLES (SINGLE)	4.50	X		=	
CABBAGE & NOODLES (QUART)	11.50	X		=	
POTATO SALAD (SINGLE)	4.00	X		=	
POTATO SALAD (QUART)	10.00	X		=	
TOTAL			\$		

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CIRCLE DAY OF PICK-UP: SATURDAY SUNDAY TIME OF PICK-UP _____
5/18/24 5/19/24 (CHOOSE FROM THE TIMES ABOVE)

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