

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Victor F. Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Robert Young
Deacon Ricardo Reyes



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Daily: see Mass Schedule

Holy Day: (Vigil 7:00 PM) 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

Anytime by appointment



Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is temporarily closed due to COVID19



January 3, 2021
The Epiphany
of the Lord

We, the people of Saint Francis of Assisi Church, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Allentown, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the joyful celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.



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 offered on a Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:15 AM. Please contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale, our Director of Religious Education, for more information regarding our PREP (610-435-0364).

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 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.

Ministry to the Sick

Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. 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 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, Mr. Brian Mansfield (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 Cara Meskill, 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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 4th Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

No Mass

Tuesday, January 5th Saint John Neumann
1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

8:00 AM Carole A. Koerbler (Public Mass)

Wednesday, January 6th Saint Andre Bessette
1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

8:00 AM Maryrose Paxson (Public Mass)

Thursday, January 7th Saint Raymond of Penafort
1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

8:00 AM William Franko (Public Mass)

Friday, January 8

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

10:30 AM Louis D. Polumbo (Private Mass)

January 9th & 10th Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11, 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

4:30 PM Mary Hennigh

10:30 AM Tony & Maureen Jerant

Louis Gerancher

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Welcome Back to Mass

The Church main door will open thirty minutes before the Mass. Please observe social distancing and wear a mask at all times. Please review our "Welcome Back to Mass" video on our website with all other regulations. We will continue to stream the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass live on Facebook for those who are not yet comfortable with the idea of returning to public Mass. Thank you and welcome back to Mass!



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

If you would like to memorialize the red sanctuary lamp next to 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 of January 3, 2021 is

In Memory of Joseph, Anna & John Fignar
by: **Jeanne Fignar**

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Lois A. Englert

by: Louise Helfrich

James F. O'Neill

by: Barbara O'Neill

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

O Sola Magnarum Urbium

(O Bethlehem, of Noblest Cities)

Bethlehem, of noblest cities, none can once with thee compare; Thou alone the King from Heaven didst for us Incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told His Birth, To the lands their God announcing, hid beneath a form of earth.

By its lambent beauty guided see the eastern kings appear; See them bend, their gifts to offer, gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh.

Solemn things of mystic meaning: Incense doth the God disclose; Gold a royal Child proclaimeth; Myrrh a future doom foreshows.

Holy Jesus in Thy brightness to the Gentile world displayed, With the Father and the Spirit, endless praise to Thee be paid. Amen.

A hymn composed for the Epiphany by Prudentius, who was a Christian poet born in 348 and died in about 413. (He has written that he wrote religious works to glorify God and atone for his sins.) This hymn was originally 52 stanzas long, but was shortened to the above in 1958 and introduced into the Breviary by Pope Pius V.



2020 Contribution Statements

This January, we will not automatically send the 2020 contribution statements out to every parishioner. If you wish to receive your statement, please call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102 and leave your name. Due to the new IRS regulations implemented two years ago, most people are unable to itemize their deductions; that is why we decided to stop sending them automatically.

2021 Winter Weekend Raffle



Don't forget to return your Winter Weekend Raffle tickets! For every 4 tickets sold, you get one free! Additional tickets are available in the Parish Office.





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WELCOME BACK TO PREP!

Our PREPsters return to PREP classes this week, January 5th.

Due to COVID, we will continue classes via ZOOM with monthly Youth Masses. Children are invited to attend Mass in person OR via Facebook/You Tube.

We are all ready to learn about the Epiphany, Ordinary Time and before we know it - Lent. Our children will complete Unit 2 in their Books and move onto Unit 3.

If the year progresses via ZOOM only - then we will consider ending our year sooner than May. Our Pandemic Safety Team will make that decision in March!

Class Schedule

Sunday - 9 AM - 1st

Sunday - 9:30 AM - K

Monday - 6:00 PM - 2nd

Tuesday - 6:00 PM - 6th

Tuesday - 6:30 PM - 8th

Wednesday - 6:15 PM - 4th

Wednesday - 7:15 PM - 5th

Thursday - 6:30 PM - 3rd

Thursday - 7:30 PM - 7th

Sacrament Schedule

Feb 2nd - Confirmation

Feb 23rd - First Penance

April 25th - First Communion



Sight and Sound Bus Trip has been rescheduled!

St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound's "Queen Esther" on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021**. \$113 per person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, show,

and bus driver tip. We'll depart church at 9:30 AM for Shady Maple, then on to Sight and Sound Theatre for the 3:00 PM show, and leave for home immediately following the show. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102 to sign up or for more information.

We have only 11 openings left, so please call to reserve your seats as soon as possible!



Youth Ministry

Members of our Youth Ministry and their families enjoyed a night at the Lehigh Valley Zoo Light Spectacular on December 20th. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed spending some time together.



Online Giving provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at www.stfrancisallentown.org for information to sign up.

Thank You!



The Outreach Committee wants to thank all of the generous people who donated gifts from the "Giving Tree" We were able to give more than 200 presents to Catholic Charities, Manor Care and Turning Point. You also made it possible to give Christmas joy to few local families.



Monthly Food Drive Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, January 9th & 10th.

This month, we particularly need sauce, tuna, Tuna Helper, meat products (Spam, etc.), cereal, soup, peanut butter, jelly, vegetables, crackers, macaroni & cheese, rice and canned fruit. (We do not need pasta at this time.) Please note: We cannot accept any glass jars. Collection bins will be available at the entrances 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.



Flocknote

Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576 on your smartphone to get signed up with Flocknote!

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, January 9th and 10th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	M. Florentino	J. Reasinger
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso

Liturgical Ministry availability sheets are due to Donna Gerancher by this Sunday, January 3rd.



Sacred Heart Statue by Rectory

You may have noticed that the Sacred Heart statue by the rectory has lost its head. This was not vandalism but was unfortunately caused by the plow during snow removal.

Calendars

We still have some 2021 calendars available for our parishioners to pick up. If you missed getting one or would like another one, please feel free to take one.



Position Available

Nurses Aide/Housekeeper - Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers. We are looking for a part time Nurses Aide/Housekeeper to work 8AM-2PM every other weekend and Thursday nights from 2PM-8PM. No experience necessary. Competitive pay. Please call Maribeth at 610-282-1415.

Parish Membership

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New registration Change of address

Moving out of Parish Request envelopes

Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

PARISH PHONE DIRECTORY

BUSINESS MANAGER

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RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

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WELCOMING/EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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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 1.5% to 10% 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%): \$25, \$100

Applebees (8%): \$10, \$25

Banana Republic (14%): \$25

Barnes and Nobles (8%): \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works (12%): \$10, \$25

Bed, Bath & Beyond (7%): \$25

Buy Buy Baby (7%): \$25

Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: mention St. Francis

Bonfish Grill (8%): \$25

Boscov's (8%): \$25

Carrabbas (8%): \$25

Christmas Tree Shop (7%): \$25

Dunkin Donuts (3%): \$10

Gap (14%): \$25

Giant (10%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot (4%): \$25, \$100

Kohl's (5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Longhorn Steakhouse (8%): \$25

Lowe's (4%): \$25, \$100

Macy's (10%): \$25

Old Navy (14%): \$25

Olive Garden (8%): \$25

Outback Steakhouse (8%): \$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

Target (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse (8%): \$25

Visa (1.25%): \$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

Wendy's (6.5%): \$10





Turkey Barbeque Sale

The new year will soon be here. Why not get some delicious homemade Pennsylvania Dutch style Turkey Barbeque (white style) and forget about cooking for a night and go do something fun instead! Wouldn't that be a great idea? Well, you now have the chance to do just that and support the parish in the process. You can pick-up your homemade Turkey Barbeque (with both white and dark meat) on Saturday, January 16th from 3:30 – 5:30 PM or Sunday morning, January 17th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

We will be selling the Turkey Barbeque in quart containers only. Plenty for a good number of sandwiches. The barbeque freezes great too if you'd like to use some now and save some for later. The cost for this: only \$10.00/quart! It's a real deal!

Orders are due no later than Sunday, January 10th.

If you could, please do us a favor and help us spread the word. Put this great deal on homemade food on your social media or communicate it any way you can. We'd really appreciate it.



Here's a little secret...just to give you a heads up, but don't tell anyone yet....we're planning on another great food fundraiser for February: "Soup and a Sandwich for Super Bowl Weekend." More information coming about the selection of scratch made soups and hoagies we'll have available.



Turkey Barbeque Sale



ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Quantity of quart containers you want: _____ at \$10.00/container = \$ _____

- ✓ Checks made payable to: Saint Francis of Assisi
- ✓ Please mark down on your calendar the pick-up dates and times: Saturday, January 16th from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM or Sunday, January 17th from 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM
- ✓ Orders due by Sunday, January 10th