

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 10, 2021
The Baptism
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 11th

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

No Mass

Tuesday, January 12th

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

8:00 AM Joseph Thang Dinh Tran (Public Mass)

Wednesday, January 13th

Saint Hilary

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-30

8:00 AM Kathleen Roxberry (Public Mass)

Thursday, January 14th

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM Dolores Skripek (Public Mass)

Friday, January 15th

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

10:30 AM Mark Bernhard (Private Mass)

January 16th & 17th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

4:30 PM Sister Martina Revak

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Maria Vui Thi Tran

Robert Racek, Jr.

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 10, 2021 is

In Memory of William Camp

by: **Joanne Camp**



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.

Right for Life Bus



Right for Life March (Friday, January 29th) Bus departing from William Penn Park and Ride in Easton PA. Call Andrew at (484) 259-7740 for details, or to donate to offset bus cost.

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.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 2nd & 3rd

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| Sunday in Pew | \$ 3,352.00 |
| Sunday Online | \$ 2,553.50 |

During these very trying days of the pandemic, we ask all parishioners to PLEASE keep up with their normal weekend collection. Don't forget about Online Giving as a possibility. It's easy, safe, and secure. Once you sign up you'll be happy you did.



Faith Formation

WELCOME TO PREP 2021

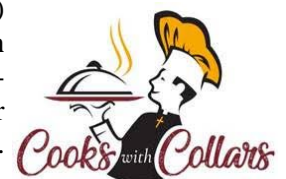
Our parish children return to their PREP classes on January 5, 2021. We continue to ZOOM for class as of this time. Our children will continue with Unit 2 of their core curriculum, they will begin the preparation for Lent and Easter, and those that are ready, will prepare to receive the Sacraments. Our current Sacrament schedule is: Confirmation February 2nd; First Penance February 23rd and First Communion - April 25th.

If your child or grandchild is school age and not yet registered with PREP, contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale, DRE. It is a two year requirement for our children to receive the Sacraments.

COOKS WITH COLLARS starting January 15th!

Our parish needs you to vote!


Monsignor Finelli and a group of bakers from the parish will represent St. Francis of Assisi Parish in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see Priests from around the Diocese, along with parishioners, creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (deadline February 15) for our Diocesan top chef! Each vote is just \$10.00. All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Monsignor Finelli and St. Francis of Assisi Parish a winner!



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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS—2020**

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Soup and a Sandwich on Super Bowl Sunday!



The big game is Sunday, February 7th! Why not remove the burden of cooking and enjoy some fresh, homemade soup and a sandwich/hoagie while you watch the game or just for lunch or dinner that day. Everything will be made right here on our premises and will be

homemade and ready for pick-up on Sunday morning, February 7th from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We're only taking pre-orders with payment. There won't be anything extra or available that day that's not pre-ordered. Buy just the soup, buy just a sandwich/hoagie, or buy them both! Don't miss out on this great deal and the chance to help out the parish as well.

Homemade Soup Selections:



- Chili (with beans)*
- Chicken Noodle*
- Broccoli Cheddar*
- Chicken Corn Chowder*



Soups will be sold by the pint (\$5.00/pint) or the quart (\$10.00/quart)

Sandwich/Hoagie Selections:



Italian Hoagie

Salami/Capicola/Provolone with lettuce/tomato/onion on the side - \$9.00 for an 8" sandwich/hoagie



American Hoagie

Ham/Turkey/American Cheese with lettuce/tomato/onion on the side - \$8.00 for an 8" sandwich/hoagie

All sandwiches/hoagies will also come with Italian dressing and mayonnaise on the side

Orders are due no later than Monday, February 1st. Checks made payable to: St. Francis of Assisi

We would love if you helped us spread the word about this great fundraiser. Any way possible would really be a benefit to us. Word of mouth is always the best but all your social media platforms will do the trick too! Thanks so much and thank you for supporting Saint Francis of Assisi.



Soup and a Sandwich on Super Bowl Sunday ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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| Soup: Chili | pint: _____ at \$5.00 | quart: _____ at \$10.00 = \$ _____ |
| Chicken Noodle | pint: _____ at \$5.00 | quart: _____ at \$10.00 = \$ _____ |
| Broccoli Cheddar | pint: _____ at \$5.00 | quart: _____ at \$10.00 = \$ _____ |
| Chicken Corn Chowder | pint: _____ at \$5.00 | quart: _____ at \$10.00 = \$ _____ |

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| Sandwich/Hoagie: Italian : | _____ at \$9.00 each | = \$ _____ |
| American : | _____ at \$8.00 each | = \$ _____ |

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____



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