

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 17, 2021
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

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 18th

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

No Mass

Tuesday, January 19th

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

8:00 AM Jim O'Neill (Public Mass)

Wednesday, January 20th Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

8:00 AM Jim Conway, Jr. (Public Mass)

Thursday, January 21st

Saint Agnes

Heb 7:25--8:6; Mk 3:7-12

8:00 AM Virginia Dietrick (Public Mass)

Friday, January 22nd Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV, 887-891 of Unborn Children

8:00 AM Eugene Frassetto (Private Mass)

January 23rd & 24th

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

4:30 PM Annamarie Worthington

10:30 AM Ed Granitz

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Carmine Cerciello

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 17, 2021 is

**In Memory of Deceased McGuire Family
by: Stephanie Epler**

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Dorothy Guzenski

by: Theresa M. Racek

Barbara Ann Weaver

by: Madeline Klotz

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioners Barbara Ann Weaver and Andrew Soltis, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

2020 Contribution Statements Will Be Mailed
Our parish office is working on accumulating the information for your 2020 parish contributions.

In a reversal of previous bulletin announcements these statements will be mailed to those who have contributed, as there were changes from the CARES Act tax law for 2020 contributions. Here is how the CARES Act changes deducting charitable contributions made in 2020:

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if taxpayers itemized their deductions.

However, taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash (including credit card) contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations. For the purposes of this deduction, qualifying organizations are those that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary in purpose. The law changed in this area due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

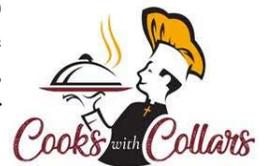
If you are eligible, this deduction may be taken on the front of the 2020 1040 Form, line 10b.

Please note this deduction is not available for non-cash contributions, such as food and clothing. Please see your tax advisor for any questions.

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!



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 10 openings left, so please call to reserve your seats as soon as possible!



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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.

St. Francis Center for Renewal's
Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

January 18 to January 25, 2021, Daily at 11:30AM - Noon. Freewill Offering.

You are invited to join St. Francis Center for Renewal as we commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021. Each day at 11:30 AM you may connect via ZOOM to our 20-25 minute celebration of the Word and join us as we join with Christian communities world-wide to pray that "all may be one."

To register for this meeting, please use the following link:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJckf-ivrT8oH9yjoOAgxOZM9Oohf0gCG5nQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

 **A reminder, for your safety and well-being, please lock your car doors and keep any valuables out of sight before coming into Mass.**



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 9th & 10th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 6,185.25
Sunday Online	\$ 2,982.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 368.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 15.00

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.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, January 23rd and 24th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	D. Colom
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso

Retrovaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



New Feed Your Faith Store

We have added a new store to our Feed Your Faith Your Faith stores that is available at the Parish Office. We will sell \$10 Starbucks cards. If you prefer a \$25 Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts card, it can be ordered with the special monthly order the first Monday of each month.



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.

Prayer Requests

Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain operates by phone and email. We are always looking to recruit **more people** to pray for those in need. This is a simple but powerful way to help our parishioners; please consider joining us! Email Stephanie Epler at sepler@stfrancisallentown.org to be added or to make a prayer request. All emails will be kept confidential. A group email will be sent as each prayer request is received. Of course, you may still call in prayer requests by phone at 610-433-6102.

THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS

**New Date: Saturday,
April 17, 2021**

**7 - 10 PM in the Church Hall
Doors open at 6 PM**

Tickets are available for purchase now for only \$14 each. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the event. No outside food or drink items permitted. **A seating chart will be completed for the event as we have in the past. If there is a group that you know you are sitting with, please make sure we know that when you purchase your tickets.**

If you purchased tickets in 2020, your tickets are still valid.

Designer Handbag Bingo

**New Date: Sunday,
April 18, 2021**

**Doors open at 12:00 PM
Games begin at 1:00 PM**

Tickets are still available for only \$20 each in the Parish Office! Food and drink will be available to purchase at the event, and we ask that no one bring any outside food/drink items with you. Spread the word and help us advertise! If you already purchased a ticket in 2020, that ticket is still valid. **(Tickets will be \$25 at the door)**

Questions? Contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Feed Your Faith Gift Card Program

“FYF” is truly the easiest way to help your parish with no extra money out of your pocket! By purchasing gift cards for things you would pay for anyway--you earn money for your parish. Every little bit helps and it adds up quickly.

**1 parishioner buys a \$100 gift card
with a 5% rebate = \$5.00 for St. Francis each week**

**100 parishioners each buy a \$100 gift card
with a 5% rebate = \$500 for St. Francis each week**

**100 parishioners each buy a \$100 in-stock gift card
each week for one year=\$26,000!**

St. Elizabeth Regional School

Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner



Spaghetti & Meatballs

Drive-by to pick-up a delicious Italian Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 30th. Meals include: spaghetti – home-made meatballs, salad, roll, butter and dessert. Cost is \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children 5-10 years. Pick-up is between 4 – 6 PM at the Parish Hall - 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. For more information and order forms, call 610-264-0143 or email school@sercc.org. Orders need to be received by January 22. Thanks for your support!

PREP

Congratulations to our 11 8th Grade PREP and SJV students who took another step in their journey to receiving the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Sunday, January 10th, 2021 the following students participated in the Rite of Enrollment:

*Brandon Bird
Theodore Garvin
Marissa Gaudiso
Alexandra Llanos
Daniella Para
Megan Reyes
Jameson Zobel
Olivia Fonzone
Ava Kozak
Sage Snyder
Rhiannon Haas*



The entire PREP family congratulates them!

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the Parishes of St. Francis, St. Catharine and St. Paul's will be celebrated at St. Francis on February 2, 2021. There will be no Mass, but only a Ceremony including a Liturgy of the Word and the Sacrament. Due to social distancing protocols, Confirmandi, Sponsors and 4 guests ONLY are allowed at each of the Ceremonies. One ceremony will be held at 2:00 and the other at 4:30 PM

However, if you would like to enjoy the Ceremony, they will both be live streamed via the Parish YouTube channel.

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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

Bonefish 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

Starbucks (7%): \$10

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





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 meat and 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: _____

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 = \$ _____

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____