

# *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 24, 2021*  
*Third 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](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

# Mass Schedule

**Monday, January 25th** Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

*Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18*

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 26th** Saints Timothy and Titus

*2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 3:31-35*

**8:00 AM** Andrew Kloiber (Public Mass)

**Wednesday, January 27th** Saint Angela Merici

*Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20*

**8:00 AM** Patrick McFadden (Public Mass)

**Thursday, January 28th** Saint Thomas Aquinas

*Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25*

**8:00 AM** Susan Mesaros (Public Mass)

**Friday, January 29th**

*Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34*

**8:00 AM** Alma Henry (Private Mass)

**January 30th & 31st**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28*

**4:30 PM** Anna DiMatteo

**10:30 AM** Arthur J. Lentz

Gloria Moser

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 24, 2021 is

**In Memory of Harry I. Torrey**

**by: Loving Daughter Pam**

## Recently Deceased



Please pray for the souls of parishioners Mary Paukovits, Agnes Goldschmidt, and Helen Grieff who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

## Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

**Mary B. Paukovits**

by: Patti Molitoris, Bob and Diane Gotthardt

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*

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.



## Sacred Heart Statue by Rectory

You may have noticed that the Sacred Heart statue that stands by the rectory is missing. This was not vandalism, but hopefully is being fixed by damage from the snow plow.

## Feed Your Faith Monthly Order

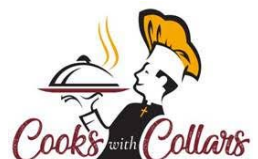
There are 40 different stores in stock every day, and once a month, hundreds of different stores and denominations are available through our monthly order program. To see the entire list of retailers, go to [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) and click home page. The next monthly order will be placed on **Monday, February 1st**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.



## COOKS WITH COLLARS: VOTE NOW!

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](http://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. Thank you for making Monsignor Finelli and St. Francis of Assisi Parish a winner!





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## Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 16th & 17th

Sunday in Pew \$ 4,008.00  
 Sunday Online \$ 4,728.00

***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 30th and 31st

**4:30 PM                      10:30 AM**

Lector	J. Fittipaldi	J. Kocon
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso



## Online Giving

Our Online Giving system 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](http://www.stfrancisallentown.org) for information to sign up.

### 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.



### PREP

Our PREP students and families have easily gotten back into the swing of class after their holiday break. They are beginning to work on final projects, take unit tests and show their knowledge of what they have learned so far. They have worked so VERY HARD to keep up their studies remotely!

Our 8th Graders are in the final stretch of Confirmation preparation - they had their interviews this past week, as well as a virtual retreat.

Our 2nd Graders and older children receiving First Penance are also working hard to prepare for that Sacrament on February 23rd.

Great work to all of our students and their families!



### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

Due to COVID protocols, Confirmation is not open to the public. Our confirmands are only able to invite 4 guests and their sponsor.

However, everyone is encouraged to watch the live stream of the Ceremonies on our Youtube channel. The ceremonies will be held at 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.

In the meantime, we ask for your prayers for all the students receiving this precious gift of the Holy Spirit!

### 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.



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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.





### First Communion

First Communion will be held at the 10:30 AM Mass on April 25, 2021.

Our 15 young men and women receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist will be seated together in the front of the church. Their

families will also be joining us to witness the blessed event. As a result, church will be fuller than a normal 10:30 Mass. If this concerns you, you may want to attend 4:30 PM Saturday Mass instead that week.

### Prayer for Vocations

Eternal Father, thank you for all priests, here in our Parish and in our Diocese, and throughout the world. Thank you for the way they preach the Gospel, celebrate the Eucharist and care for Your people. Sanctify, heal and guide them. Incline them to constant Adoration and Thanksgiving. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. Send your Holy

Spirit to keep the joy and enthusiasm of their Ordination Day alive in their hearts. We ask you to bless our Bishop, our Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. We ask for a special blessing on Monsignor Finelli, may his witness to Christ inspire other men to offer their lives to you and your Church. Amen.



### St. Francis Retreat House

3918 Chipman Road, Easton PA 28045

Upcoming Monday Mini Retreats

**February 15th:** Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, PhD: "The Spirit in the Church"

**March 29th:** Patricia Kane, M.Ed: "From Control to Freedom in God"

**April 26th:** Sr. Kathy Duffy, SSJ, PhD: "Teilhard's Mystical Path"

To register call 610-258-3053 x10, or visit the SFRH Website: [www.stfrancisretreathouse.org](http://www.stfrancisretreathouse.org). Suggested donations: Onsite" \$30 and Virtual: \$15.



### 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 8 AM-2 PM every other weekend and Thursday nights from 2 PM-8 PM. No experience necessary. Competitive pay. Please call Maribeth at 610-282-1415.

**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 in 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.

**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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## "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 7<sup>th</sup>! 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Soup:</b> 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**