

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Victor F. Finelli, Th. M., J.C.L.

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Robert Young
Deacon Ricardo Reyes



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 & 12:05 PM



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM
Anytime by appointment



Adoration Chapel

Please consider spending some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Adoration Chapel is open daily from 6:00 AM—9:00 PM.



January 26, 2020

*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.

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, Dr. Emily Kleintop (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.

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.

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

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
610-332-0442, ext. 2019

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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 27th Saint Angela Merici
 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
 No Mass

Tuesday, January 28th Saint Thomas Aquinas
 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

8:00 AM Andrew Kloiber

Wednesday, January 29th

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

8:00 AM Rudolph Timar

Thursday, January 30th

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

8:00 AM Anna DiMatteo

Friday, January 31st Saint John Bosco

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

8:00 AM Tara Serino

February 1st & 2nd
The Presentation of the Lord
 Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

4:30 PM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

8:30 AM Mary Hessinger

10:30 AM Gloria Moser

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
 The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
 January 26, 2020 is:

For the Intentions of Rhonda Santilli
By Joe and Anita Santilli



Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by
 the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be next week-
end, February 1st & 2nd. This month, we particularly
 need peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and fruit. We
cannot accept any glass jars. **Also, please, no XL con-**
tainers. Collection bins will be available at the entrances
 of the church for your donations. *Help is needed on col-*
lection weekends to help move the food donations from
the vestibule area to the pantry after each Mass.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Henry Peters, son-in-
 law of parishioner Marie Gutai, who recently
 passed away. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and
 may his family know your peace and comfort.



Winter Weekend Raffle

As a reminder, next weekend our Winter
 Weekend Raffle winners will start being
 drawn, each Saturday and Sunday through
 the end of April. You may return your tick-
 ets at any time to be entered in the drawing, but to be in
 the running for the February 1st & 2nd drawings, please
 get your tickets in by Friday, January 31st. Extra books of
 tickets are available in the parish office.

Health Care Coalition

Blood Pressures will be taken after all Masses
 next weekend, **February 1st & 2nd.** We thank the
 Parish Nurses for this invaluable service.



Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all
the Masses next weekend, February 1st
& 2nd. The Rosary begins about 25
minutes before each Mass.

Men of St. Francis' Monthly Breakfast

Next Sunday, February 2nd, breakfast will
 be served from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in
 the Church Hall. The cost is \$6.00 for
 adults and \$4.00 for children (age 4 and
 under free!) Menu choices include eggs
 made to order, egg beaters, French toast, pancakes, ham
 or sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea or hot chocolate.



Collection for



St. John Vianney Regional School

There will be a second collection next
 weekend for St. John Vianney Regional
 School. Please use the envelope enclosed in
 this weekend's bulletin or mark any envel-
 ope for "Vianney Fund Collection". Thank you.

Feed Your Faith Monthly Order

There are 40 different stores in stock eve-
 ry 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 and click
 home page. The next monthly order will be placed on
Monday, February 3rd. To order, call the Parish Of-
 fice at 610-433-6102.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

(CELEBRATED IN PARISHES FEBRUARY 1-2)

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the
 Church on Sunday, February 2, 2020 and in parishes on
 the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all
 those who have made commitments in the consecrated
 life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May
 they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond
 generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons – God our Father, we
 thank you for calling men and women to serve in your
 Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, con-
 secrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Sec-
 ular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you,
 and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generous-
 ly and courageously to your will. We ask this through our
 Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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St. John Vianney Regional School is looking for a few good people!

- We are seeking an Instructional Assistant for the Middle School Aquinas classroom. Under the supervision of the Aquinas teacher, the assistant would help monitor students, deliver scripted lessons, and assist students in studies.
- Substitute teachers needed. Work on a day by day basis as desired.

Please contact Dr. Kleintop in the Main School office to submit your application for any of these positions.

www.StJohnVianneySchool.org



PREP

We are blessed to have snowy winters here in the Northeast, aren't we? The PREP students en-

joyed their first SNOW day this year on January 19th. As always, we will err on the side of caution to keep our kids safe! Our families receive emails, REMIND messages and we put the information on Channel 69 when we have to cancel classes. If we have to cancel, we hope our families work on their PREP studies at home with their parents as well - which is always a good thing!

January 26th - Class

January 28th - Sacramental PREP class - last one before First Penance! 6:15 to 7:15 PM

February 2nd- Class and Youth Mass

February 9th - Class

February 16th - NO CLASS

February 18th - First Penance Practice and First Communion Meeting 6:00 PM

February 20th - First Penance 6:30 PM

February 23rd - Class

Don't forget - our stuffed animal collection continues through the end of the month!

The Vianney View

St. John Vianney is proud of the excellent Christ centered academic curriculum it provides. In keeping with their mission of educating the whole child, SJV also offers numerous extra-curricular activities.

Sports enthusiasts can join the cross country, soccer, basketball, volleyball, track or cheerleading teams. In the Crochet Club, students not only learn to crochet but then donate their creations to local charities, including the children's hospital. Students who would like to expand their thinking can become involved in "Odyssey of the Mind," the world's longest running creative problem solving program. Yearbook Club is an activity for those whose interests might be writing and/ or photography.

Young leaders in training can hone their skills by serving on Student Council. Peer tutoring provides a valuable learning experience for both tutor and student. Chess Club members learn the game and the strategies necessary to be successful competitors.

For the musically inclined, SJV offers beginner and advanced band as well as the Vianney Voices student choir. Student Ambassadors guide tours for prospective students and parents. Safety Patrol members help the faculty and parents keep our students safe.

Beginning in 3rd grade, students can be of assistance to their parishes as Altar Servers. Students interested in scouting can join a Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop through SJV. St. John Vianney students participate in Diocesan wide competitions such as the Spelling Bee, Essay for Life, and Art competitions.

7th and 8th grade students participate in National History Day. NHD is a worldwide program where students conduct extensive historical research on a topic of their choice. They can choose from a variety of formats such as an exhibit, research paper, theatrical performance, a documentary or a website. The SJV and Diocesan Declamation Contest, an oratory competition, is another opportunity afforded to our 7th and 8th grade students. Additionally, Science Fair and PA Junior Academy of Science Club are available for students with an interest in the sciences.

An exciting highlight for the 8th grade class is the spring musical. They can share their talents as actors, singers, set builders, or stage crew members. Last year's musical was "Beauty and the Beast, Jr.," directed by the amazing Mrs. Susan McDermott.

During the year, SJV sponsors Middle School Dances, "Bring Someone Special to Lunch" days, a Daddy/Daughter Dance, and special activities during Catholic Schools week. There is something "extra" for every student at SJV!

The SJV School Board



Sight and Sound Bus Trip

St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound's new show, "Queen Esther" on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. \$113 per person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, show, and bus driver tip. We'll depart church at 10:00 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.

CALLING ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

PROMISE TO PROTECT



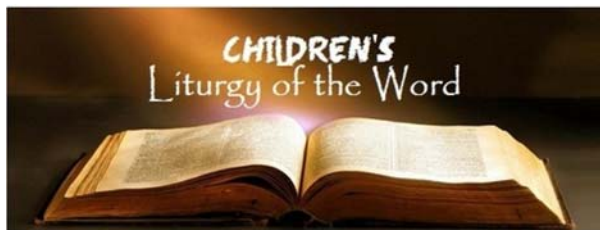
If you volunteer or work at St. Francis Parish in any capacity (staff, usher, committee member, children's teacher/leader or volunteer, sacristan, breakfast volunteer) - you must sign an

Acknowledgement Form that you have read the new Diocesan Code of Conduct and Sexual Abuse Policy. If you work with children, you must also sign a Child Protection Acknowledgement Form. These updated policies can be found on the Diocese of Allentown website.

Forms and Information are also available from the Parish Office. (If you do not have access to the website - printed copies are also available in the Parish Office).

We are asking that EVERY volunteer sign these forms no later than February 2nd. Various Parish Committee Leaders are asked to insure all of their members sign these forms. After that process is complete, we will then begin the process of insuring all volunteers are appropriately background cleared based on their role in the parish community.

For questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale - Local Safe Environment Coordinator or Msgr. Victor Finelli.



February Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

February 9th * February 16th * February 26th



Youth Ministry Meetings

Sunday, February 2nd - Regular meeting from 11:30 AM to 1 PM

Sunday, February 16th - Regular meeting from 11:30 AM to 1 PM

For information call or text Ms. Jenn: 484-433-0265 or email jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org. Follow us on Instagram@sfyouthgroup. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StFrancisAssisiYouthGroup/>

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Doors open at 12:00 PM

Games begin at 1:00 PM



Tickets are now available for \$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!

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

Donations of items & gift cards are needed for raffle prizes. They can be dropped off at the Parish Office before March 1, 2020.



First Penace/First Communion 2020

If your child is in 2nd Grade, a St. Francis parishioner and

enrolled at SJV school – you MUST contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale no later than February 10th to insure your child receives the Sacraments. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Stockdale at 484-547-6270.



Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

The next bus trip for the Outreach Committee's monthly trip to Mohegan Sun is Tuesday, February 18th. Bus leaves at 9:15 AM and returns by 5:00 PM. \$25 per person will get you \$25 for slot play plus \$5 toward lunch. To sign up for this trip; call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.

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Movie Club

Our February Film is What If... - starring Kevin Sorbo February 11th - 6:00 Doors Open/6:30 Movie. Popcorn, Soda, Hot Chocolate and Candy !!! Movie Club... Always Fun... Always Free.. Always Faithful



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 18th & 19th

# of envelopes mailed:	726
# of envelopes received:	139
% of envelopes used:	20%
Total of First Collection	\$4,669.00

Thank you for your continued financial support through our “Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving” campaign. Your donation is so greatly appreciated.



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 for information to sign up.



Saturday, March 14, 2020

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

Tickets are available for purchase now for \$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.**



Parish Library

Just a reminder, we have a parish library in the vestibule. There are many informative religious books available to borrow.



Live Webinar:
The Beginner's Guide to Defending Your Faith with Trent Horn, an adjunct professor of

apologetics at Holy Apostles College and staff apologist for Catholic Answers, where he specializes in teaching Catholics to graciously and persuasively engage those who disagree with them. In this webinar, Trent shows you that you don't need all the right answers—you just need the right questions and the right attitudes in order to share the Catholic Faith with anyone. This webinar will be live Wednesday, January 29th, 7:00 PM. The event will not be recorded or rebroadcast. Go to allentowndioocese.org/webinars to register.

First Friday Adoration, Holy Hour & Sacred Heart Devotion
Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue, **Bethlehem, PA**
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Please join us on the First Friday of every month for prayer and reflection. Young adults, families, and faithful of all ages are welcome. Bishop Schlert will be the presider on February 7th. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, Diocese of Allentown.



From The Parish Outreach Committee



Thank you, our generous parishioners, from The Parish Outreach Committee! In 2019, our Giving Tree allowed us to give 175 gifts to Catholic Charities, families with Head Start and Manor Care.

Our Food Bank gave out 475 bags of food – that equals up to 7000 items. We could not continue these good works without your generosity- God Bless you all!

Employment Opportunity

Position available for a part-time cook at St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem. Some weekend hours required, no late nights, hours vary from 10 – 25 hours/week. Salary based on experience. Ability to work independently to prepare and serve meals. Applicant must be flexible and possess strong people skills. If interested, please contact Carol Devine at carolwdevine@aol.com for more information.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, February 1st & 2nd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	M. Florentino	N. Lamparella	PREP Students
Eucharistic Minister	A. Holaska, F. Kryzan	T. Fronheiser, R. Reichenbach	C. Adams, L. Moser
Cantor	E. Krause	M. Issermoyer	S. Kuczynski
Organist	C. Hageman	J. DeMatto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	S. Lurwick	A. Beck	L. Sheaffer
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“*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. 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: \$25, \$100

Applebees: \$10, \$25

Banana Republic: \$25

Barnes and Nobles: \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works: \$10, \$25

Bed, Bath & Beyond: \$25

Buy Buy Baby: \$25

Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: *mention St. Francis*

Bonefish Grill: \$25

Boscov’s: \$25

Carrabbas: \$25

Christmas Tree Shops: \$25

Dunkin Donuts: \$10

Gap: \$25

Giant: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot: \$25, \$100

Kohl’s: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Longhorn Steakhouse: \$25

Lowe’s: \$25, \$100

Macy’s: \$25

Old Navy: \$25

Olive Garden: \$25

Outback Steakhouse: \$25

Panera Bread: \$10

Red Robin: \$25

Red Lobster: \$25

Redner’s Warehouse: \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Ruby Tuesday: \$25

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Wendy’s: \$10

