

# *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 31, 2021  
Fourth 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, February 1st

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

No Mass

## Tuesday, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

8:00 AM Claire G. Fruhwirth (Public Mass)

## Wednesday, February 3rd

Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

8:00 AM Regina E. Niedrowski (Public Mass)

## Thursday, February 4th

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

8:00 AM Nancy Lewullis & son Joseph (Public Mass)

## Friday, February 5th

Saint Agatha

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

8:00 AM James Gallagher (Private Mass)

## February 6th & 7th

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

4:30 PM Erich & Maria Schlosser

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

Clara Badesso

### 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 31, 2021 is

**In Memory of Gloria Moser  
by: Larry & Conchita Moser**

### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

**Helen R. Grieff**

by: Larry, Conchita and Sonia Moser, Rita Granitz, Stephanie Epler, Jim and Fran Lenahan, David, Alicia, Jessica and Andrew Sefcik, Tom and Gloria Fallon and Ray and Christine Forsthoefel

**Lois A. Englert**

by: Marlyn Robinson

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*



### 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.



### 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.

### Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, February 6th & 7th.

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.



### Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before both the Masses next weekend, February 6-7, 2021. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.

### 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.



### Happy 100th Birthday!

Congratulations to Deacon Albert W. Chesnave, father of our parishioner Jane Seng, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on February 3rd. We wish him many blessings in the coming year.



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin another Catholic Schools Week, personally and on behalf of our dedicated teachers and staff, I wish to thank all of the parishioners of Saint Catherine's, St. Francis and St Paul's for their faithful and continued support of St. John Vianney Regional School.

The past year has been particularly challenging for all of us. Rest assured that SJV has remained steadfast in its mission to provide a quality Catholic education for all of its students. We are especially proud that we have been able to offer both in person classes every day with a virtual option.

As we begin this special week, we can prayerfully reflect upon and celebrate Catholic education, our parishers, friends and priests, the SJV community and our faculty, staff and volunteers. It truly takes a village, and we live that every day at St. John Vianney.

I am blessed to be the Principal of St. John Vianney School. Our supportive families, and devoted teachers and staff come together each day filled with the Holy Spirit dedicated to the education and spiritual well being of our students.

All of this is possible only because our three parishes have been so supportive and because of St. John Vianney Fund contributions, EITC scholarship grants and parishioner generosity. A contribution to this year's Vianney Fund would be most appreciated.

We welcome your ongoing prayers for Catholic education and please know that you are in our prayers. Thank you again for your support. God bless and stay well!

Mr. Brian Mansfield  
Principal St. John Vianney Regional School



## Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 23rd & 24th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,398.55
Sunday Online	\$ 2,484.50

**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.**

### 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!

### Confirmation



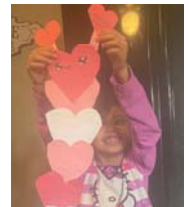
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Due to COVID protocols, Confirmation is not open to the public. Our confirmands are only able to invite 4 guests and their sponsor.

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 PM.

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

### PREP

Our 2nd Graders completed their Ten Commandment projects in preparation of their First Penance, which is scheduled for February 23, 2021. Here is a sample of their most excellent work:



PREP continues zooming through February  
January 31st - February 6th; February 6th - February 12th; February 13th - February 20th - SPRING BREAK - no Classes; February 21st - February 28th; February 28th - YOUTH MASS.



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (STILES) TRICKY TRAYS



St. John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their 15th Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social on Saturday, February 13th, 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall.

Senior citizens and expectant mothers only will be admitted from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. Due to Covid regulations, temperatures will be taken upon arrival and everyone must wear a mask to gain entrance. Ticket entries one day only! You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. Plenty of parking behind the hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open for take-out only! Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Sunday, February 14th, between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. at the hall.

## De Sales University Accounting STUDENTS TO PROVIDE FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Junior and senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens, those with incomes below \$54,000, people with disabilities, students, military and those who speak English as a second language. The DeSales University VITA program will begin Monday, February 15th through Friday, March 26th. The program is part of the United States Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

This marks the twentieth consecutive year that DeSales students have participated in the program. Since it was first offered, DeSales students have completed more than 5,100 tax returns for more than 2,400 Lehigh Valley taxpayers.

To schedule a VITA appointment, individuals can call (610) 282-1100, ext. 1868. A DeSales student will return the phone call and provide assistance accordingly. Individuals needing assistance should bring all printed tax information and all documents pertaining to federal, state and local taxes with them to their appointment. All in-person appointments will be conducted with all COVID-related precautions, and visitors to the DeSales campus are required to be masked.

The program is sponsored by the IRS and supervised by Dr. Christopher R. Coccozza, division head of DeSales University's Division of Business and professor of business. Coccozza has served as VITA coordinator at DeSales since the program was initiated at DeSales in 2001. Coccozza holds a bachelor's in accounting and law degree from Fordham University and a master's of law from New York University.

# J. O. Y.

*Jesus First  
Others Next  
Yourself Last*

**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 = \$ _____

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

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_