

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 P. 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.



*"St Francis consoled by Angels"
by Sisto Badalocchio*

February 3, 2019

*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.

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

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, February 4th

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

No Mass

Tuesday, February 5th

Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43

8:00 AM Mass of Reparation for Offenses Against
The Body of Christ

Saint Agatha

Wednesday, February 6th

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

8:00 AM Shirley Ann Reppert

Thursday, February 7th

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

8:00 AM Clara Badesso

Friday, February 8th

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

8:00 AM Joyce R. Herbert

Saint Jerome Emiliani,
Saint Josephine Bakhita

February 9th & 10th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

4:30 PM Angelo & Veronica Sorrentino

8:30 AM Steve Motsney

10:30 AM Elizabeth Fernandez

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Leona A. Cramsey, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
February 3rd is:

In Memory of Gloria Moser
by Larry, Conchita & Sonia Moser

Men of St. Francis' Monthly Breakfast

This Sunday, February 3rd, 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.



Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to feel the power of prayer through one of our Prayer Shawls, please contact the Parish Office.

Outreach Committee Meeting

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, February 4th at 6:30 PM in Heritage Hall. Please enter through the Cedar Street ramp. New members are welcomed!

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Lucy Maruscak

by: Curt and Beth Paul

Maryann (Selvaggi) Wolfe

by: Conchita, Larry and Sonia Moser

Leona A. Cramsey

by: Daniel J. Moffit, St. Francis of Assisi Senior Citizens Group

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord

**Calling all young adults in 5th
through 12th grades...**

**Here's your chance to do something
FUN and GREAT for your parish!**



We need your help! We are in a significant shortage of altar servers to serve for the Masses. What you do as an Altar Server really makes a big difference to the Mass. You assist the Priest and Deacon at the altar and really do something nice for your parish and something very pleasing to God.

Our next training sessions are:

- ◆ **Wednesday, February 6th: 6:30-7:30 PM**
- ◆ **Sunday, February 10th: after the last Sunday Mass until 1 PM**
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 20th: 6:30-7:30 PM**

All training sessions will be held in the church. A reminder that all Altar Servers need to be baptized Catholic and have made their First Holy Communion. For questions or concerns, please contact Amelia Gamble at agamble@stfrancisallentown.org or through the Parish Office number 610-433-6102, x 31. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Office.

Winter Weekend Raffle Winners

January 5th \$50 - Rosemarie Missmer
January 6th \$500- Kathleen Bernhard
January 12th \$50 - Mary Ann Koefer
January 13th \$100 - Walter Kleinschuster
January 19th \$50 - Barbara Hall
January 20st \$100 - Josephine Roccamo
January 26th \$50 - Alan Lauer
January 27th \$100 - Joseph R. McFadden
Tickets can still be purchased in the Parish Office if you'd like to get in on the February and March drawings.

Congratulations to our January winners!!!

St. Francis Senior Citizens

On Tuesday, February 12th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM for a short meeting, bingo and cards, weather permitting. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.



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Introducing Mini
 Youth Ministry For
 Grades 3 - 5



Due to an overwhelming interest by our younger children to participate in Youth Ministry...we are beginning a Mini Youth Ministry.

Who: All St. Francis Parish Children and Grandchildren in Grades 3 - 5

When: Fridays 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Our First Meeting is March 1, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Where: St. Francis School Hall - this is where our children MEET for PREP. This gives us lots of room to run and play. Enter through the school's back doors.

What: Games, Craft, Snacks, FUN IN A FAITHFUL SETTING.

For more information or details - contact the Parish Office - 610-433-6102

For young men/women interested in Youth Ministry for Grades 6 - 12 - please contact Ms. Jenn for full details. 484-433-0265 call/text

** Permission slips are required and available in the Parish Office. Fill it out and bring it with you that evening.



A Peek Inside a PREP Class!

Our 4th Grade PREP class allowed us into their classroom for a peek at what they are studying. Mrs. Susan Stopper and her students are working hard on learning all about The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, as well as treating others with kindness, current events and of course, the Saints. Our 4th Grade Class also just finished presenting Opening Prayers, The Church Rocks at Assembly and a visit to Adoration Chapel in January. Whew - they are BUSY!!! Keep up the GREAT work Mrs. Stopper and 4th Grade.

PREP Schedule

February 5th - Confirmation at St. Paul's

February 10th - Class and Youth Mass

February 17th - No Class

February 24th - Class

February 25th - First Penance Practice/First Communion Meeting 6:00 PM

February 27th - First Penance 6:30 PM

CALLING ALL PARISH CHILDREN IN GRADES 3 - 12: LIVING STATIONS IS BACK!

All Parish Children in Grades 3 - 12 are invited to join us!

PERFORMANCES WILL BE: 3:00 PM on Palm Sunday, April 14th and 7:00 PM on Good Friday, April 19th.



Practices will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00/7:30 PM in the School Hall or Church, and

on some Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.

Practice dates: February 27th, March 13th, March 20th, March 23rd, March 27th, March 30th, April 4th, April 6th, April 10th and April 13th

On February 27th - Practice will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the School Hall. All parents of students participating should join us at 7:00 PM.

Contact the Parish Office with any questions, for a Living Stations "packet" of information OR contact mrsheintzelman@stjohnvianneyschool.org



YOUTH MINISTRY
 HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

UPCOMING 2019 YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS

All Youth in Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us at an upcoming meeting in our Youth Ministry

room.

Please note the meeting times for February and March are immediately after 10:30 AM Mass:

Sunday, February 10th - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday, February 24th - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday, March 10th - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday, March 24th - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

For more information, contact Jenn Reasinger (484) 433-0265 or msjennchurch@yahoo.com



In the aftermath of the grand jury report on the sex abuse scandal in our diocese and throughout Pennsylvania, many of us are left with a myriad of emotions — anger, sadness, and pain among others. In an effort to help all of us process these feelings, the Parish Pastoral Council via RENEW international invites all members of the parish to an informal discussion in a safe environment, where you can share your thoughts and concerns. This program “Healing our Church” is developed by RENEW and facilitated by members of the Parish Pastoral Council and fellow parishioners. Our hope is that through this Lenten series of prayer, and listening and dialogue, we can heal and continue to grow the joyful spirit of our parish and in the process, make our faith community stronger. Topics of discussion will include: “Facing the Truth,” “Healing Our Wounds,” “Rebuilding Our Church,” “Why Do I Remain Catholic,” “We Believe,” and “A Way Forward.” We hope you will join us on Monday, March 11th at 1 PM and 7 PM in the Church Hall. Sign up information will be forthcoming. If you have experience and/or feel you would make a good group facilitator for this series, we are in need of 11 more. Please let Christine Wargo know if you are interested, 610-428-7226



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 and click Home Page. The next monthly order will be placed on **Monday, February 4th**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Valentine’s Day is coming! Do you have a “Heart” for romance? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend provides a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you’ve decided to spend your life with! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

You Are Not Alone

If you have received an adverse Prenatal Diagnosis....You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding an adverse prenatal diagnosis. For support, call: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.



SAVE THE DATE...

Rediscover Lent:



Understanding the Beauty of the Season

Our next catechetical session will be a 2 part series on the Season of Lent. We will discuss the different observances and events, as well as delve into the traditions...all to prepare our hearts and minds for this beautiful season. They will be held on Mondays, February 25th and March 4th at 7 PM in the Church Hall.

THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS

Saturday, March 30, 2019

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

Tickets are available for purchase now for \$10 each. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the event. No outside food or drink items will be 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.

Men of St. Francis Bowling Night

This Thursday February 7th, at 7:00 PM at the Rose Bowl on Sumner Avenue in Allentown. Cost \$9.00 (includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental). All men of the parish are invited to attend. Experienced and inexperienced bowlers are welcome to participate in this MOSF social event. To sign up, please contact Tom Fallon at 610-821-4947 no later than Monday February 4th.



Gathered in Grace

Women's Prayer Ministry All women of the parish (bring a friend!) are invited to attend the prayer group meetings which occur on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Heritage Hall. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 6th. Fellowship begins at 6:30 PM followed by an hour of prayer and scripture from 7-8 PM. Our sessions this year will focus on: “What Did Our Savior Say? A Study of the Words in Red” (meaning the words of Jesus). For more information, please email Maria LaMonica at: me.45@live.com or call 484-347-7440.





Mercy is seeking to employ both full and part-time Direct Service Workers for our TLC/Over 21 Adult Habilitation Program.

This person will assist with the day-to-day operation of the Adult Habilitation Program in an efficient manner that supports the mission of Mercy School for Special Learning. There are 2 full time position with a maximum of 32.5 hours weeks year-round with benefits as well as a part time position offering 20 - 25 hours per week year-round. This person will assist the Program Specialist and Director with implementation of annual goals developed for adults with multiple disabilities. Performs such routine tasks as feeding, lifting and toileting on a daily basis. Follows program policies in maintaining order and safety in the program room, hallways, all-purpose room and at events both on and off program premises. Performs other duties as assigned.

The following clearances are required: Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Clearance and Mandated Reporter Certificate

Interested candidates should contact Beth Grys, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or bgrys@mercyschool.org. You may also mail your resume to:

Mercy School For Special Learning
830 S. Woodward St.
Allentown, PA 18103

Movie Club Presents... "God's Not Dead" February Movie Club will present all three "God's Not Dead Films" for the Month of February, February 11th, 18th and 26th. Each film is "stand alone" and you don't need to see 1 to enjoy 2 or 3. They are all excellent on their own. These movies are appropriate for a teen and adult audience.

New Time - Doors Open at 6:00 - Movie Begins at 6:30 PM.

Looking Ahead - Movie Club will present a Family Movie Fun Night in July - Stay tuned for further details!!!



Catechism Classes For Men

Every first and third Tuesday of the month (February 5th) at 7:00 PM, The Catholic Men of Good News are showing videos to deepen our knowledge of the faith in our Franciscan Center. For info call the Parish Office.

Holy Land Trip

November 17 - November 25, 2019

You are invited on a special pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrims will walk where Jesus did, including Mount Tabor, Gethsemane, the Via Dolorosa, and more! Deposit to reserve your seat is necessary. There are only 35 seats available. For more information, contact Deacon Ricardo at 347-851-9815. Flyers available on the parish activities bulletin board.

Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

The next trip to Mohegan Sun is Tuesday, February 19th, bus leaves at 9:15 AM and returns by 5:00 PM. \$25 per person. To sign up for the February 19th trip, call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.



The Liturgical Ministers availability sheet is due to Amelia Gamble by next Sunday, February 10th.

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Doors open at 12 noon
Games begin at 1 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 15, 2019.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, February 9th & 10th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	J. Kocon	Youth Mass
Eucharistic Minister	L. Stofko, A. Holaska	J. DeLeo, M. Issermoyer	C. Wargo, A. Holly, L. Moser
Cantor	J. Seng	A. Gamble	Wind Ensemble, L. Hannis
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso	J. DeMatto
Altar Servers	S. Lurwick, N. Stofko	C. Kocon	E. & D. Krause
Sacristan	J. Burgos	T. Bartman	



Movie Club

Thanks to everyone who came out to see Paul... Apostle of Christ. What a fantastic film - what a fantastic human being... what a blessing to be able to get to know Paul (and Luke) through scripture, history books and films. "They will know us by our love..."

We apologize for the continuing volume problems. Our AV team is working hard on solutions to the problem. If you attended the movie and could not hear it and would like to borrow it - we will happily lend you a copy of the DVD to watch.

Special thanks to those who donated their time, their talent and their energy AND door prizes - including Abundant Graces Book & Gift Store.

We look forward to seeing you in February for God's Not Dead.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 26th and 27th

# of envelopes mailed:	745
# of envelopes received:	238
% of envelopes used:	32%
Total of First Collection	\$7,933.00
Total of Second Collection	\$1,129.00

Thank you for your continued financial support and your kindness you show to St. Francis by your weekly contribution. We need parishioners to give what they can for our parish. We can't do it without you.



St. Mary's Winter Soup Sale

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua is holding a take-out Winter Soup Sale. The available soups are sold by quart containers @ \$8.00 each.

Choose from Winter Garden (a creamy soup with cauliflower, broccoli, and carrots), Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, Ham & Navy Bean or a just good ole' container of Cabbage and Noodles. Orders and payment can be mailed to St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032 and are due no later than Sunday, February 17th. Pick up will be in St. Mary's Parish Kitchen (the school building across from the Church), on Friday, March 1st from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. If you have any questions, please email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332.

Assistant Coaches Needed



Allentown Central Catholic High School Athletic Department is looking for assistant coaches in both girls lacrosse and boys/girls track & field for spring of 2019. Anyone interested should contact Athletic Director Dennis Csensits at dcsensits@acch.info or 610-437-4601 Ext 119.

A Thank You



We would like to thank our friends at St. Francis of Assisi Parish for the prayers and good wishes, in particular, for Frank, who is making progress one day at a time. We appreciate everyone's support and prayers.

Gratefully,

Frank and Nancy Granitz

Spiritual Training: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's Lenten morning of reflection on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. Refreshments will be offered beginning at 8:30 AM in the Parish Activity Center. Presentations by the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert and Rev. Bernard Ezaki will begin in the Cathedral at 9:15 AM, ending by 11:30 AM. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered as well. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality



Holy Hour of Reparation

A Holy Hour of Reparation for sins committed against the Body of Christ and the healing of victims and all those affected, is being offered in the Adoration Chapel every Sunday at 7 PM. All are welcome.



Catholic Charities Fundraiser

A volunteer will be selling raffle tickets to benefit Catholic Charities after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 & 10, 2019. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$20.

1st prize: Two tickets to "To Kill a Mockingbird", Broadway with dinner and transportation provided.

2nd prize: iPad Pro, value \$1,000

3rd prize: Pair of tickets to Musikfest show of your choice at Sand Steel Stage plus additional specified Amenities.

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith, no matter your personal history, age or background, YOU are invited, welcomed, and loved at St. Francis of Assisi Church.