

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 10, 2019

*Fifth 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 11th Our Lady of Lourdes
Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
 No Mass

Tuesday, February 12th
Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
 No Mass

Wednesday, February 13th
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
 No Mass

Thursday, February 14th Saints Cyril and Methodius
Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
 No Mass

Friday, February 15th
Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
 No Mass

February 16th & 17th
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
 4:30 PM For The Intentions of Anna DiMatteo
 8:30 AM Leo J. Brenner
 People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 10:30 AM Gloria Moser

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
 The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
 February 10th is:

*In Memory of Mary and Frank Rutz
 by Annie and Henry Rutz*

Sanctuary Memorial Fund
 We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:
Kathleen M. Roxberry

by: Mary Ann & Gene Frassetto
Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord



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 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.



*Rediscover Lent:
 Understanding the Beauty
 of the Season*

Our next catechetical session will be a two 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.

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sunday, March 31, 2019

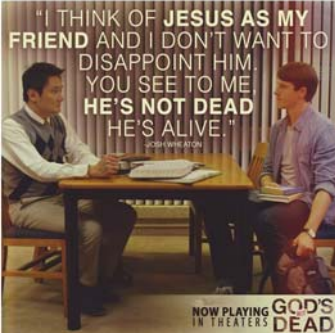
Doors open at 12 noon
Games begin at 1 PM



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.



Movie Club Presents...
 February 11th: God's Not Dead 1, an oldie but a goodie - the original starring Kevin Sorbo, Dean Cain, the Newsboys and MORE
 Doors Open - 6:00 - Movie begins 6:30 PM
 Running Time - 1 hour 53 minutes FREE.... movie, popcorn, candy and drinks!!!


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.



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Augustus Raabe, who recently passed away. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and may his family know your peace and comfort.





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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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS - SAVE THE DATE!!!

**** Sunday, May 19th at 12 PM ****

Officer Cashatt and K-9 Remi from the Allentown Police Dept will be doing a demonstration for the Youth Group! We are very excited to host them and learn about all of the amazing work they do for our community.



SAVE THE DATE

This year's festival will be

June 28-30, 2019




What a Week For Our PREP Students!

Last week, our 8th graders had practices to prepare for Confirmation at St. Paul's. They represented themselves and their parish so very well. The big day then arrived - they have worked so very, very hard and our 13 students received the Holy Spirit and became fully initiated members of the Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 5th. Bishop Schlert was the Minister of Confirmation for all Candidates from our parish, St. Catherine's and St. Paul's. Our PREP program, teachers, families, friends are so very, very proud.

- PREP CALENDAR**
- February 10th - Class and Youth Mass
 - February 17th - No Class
 - February 24th - Class
 - February 25th - First Penance Practice/Holy Communion Meeting 6:00 PM
 - February 27th - First Penance - 6:30 PM

Mini Youth Ministry
 for Grades 3 - 5

KIDS Ministry

First Event - Friday, March 1st, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, St. Francis School Hall

Games, Crafts and Snacks in a Faith-filled Setting

Our Music Ministry is always looking for new faces!

If you like to sing or you play an instrument, contact Amelia Gamble, Director of Music, to discuss how you can give of your time & talent while contributing to our parish!

Contact Amelia at agamble@stfrancisallentown.org




CONFIRMATION 2020

Spring Meeting - Sunday, March 24th at 9:15 AM in the St. Francis School Hall.

All 7th graders of the parish intending to receive Confirmation in 2020 should attend with a parent or guardian. In order to receive the Sacraments, two years of religious education is required.

Questions - contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale - DRE - 484-547-6270.





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 or 7 PM in our 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



Girl Scouts® Space.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Junior Girl Scout Troop 6928 will sell Girl Scout Cookies after the Sunday Masses on February 17th in the Gathering

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.

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

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



St. Francis of Assisi Church Living Stations of the Cross 2019 performed by our Parish Children in Grades 3rd – 12th
PERFORMANCES:

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

Practice dates:

February 27th, March 13th, March 20th, March 23rd, March 27th, March 30th, April 3rd, April 6th, April 10th and April 13th from 6 :00 to 7:00/7:30 PM.

On February 27 – Practice will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the School Hall. All parents of students participating should join us at 7:00 for a BRIEF Parents Meeting. Can't make all the practices - NOT A PROBLEM. Just let us know you are interested and we will see you when possible!!!!

Nut Roll and Candy Sale Coming Soon

Get ready for perfect Easter treats! Our Easter Nut Roll sale and Easter Candy sale are back!



Check future bulletins for more information!

Rosary Holy Hours In The Adoration Chapel Saturdays at 12:00 Noon and Sundays at 7:00 PM For Our Church, Country, Families & Priests The Chapel is open daily from 6 AM to 9 PM. Questions: call Karin, 610-351-0835

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, February 16th & 17th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	C. Stockdale	A. Holly	B. Sheaffer
Eucharistic Minister	B. Ocasio, V. Herman	F. & S. Koerbler, T. Fallon	A. Drovich, L. Unger
Cantor	L. Hannis	Adult Choir	A. Gamble
Organist	J. DeMatto	J. DeMatto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	S. Lurwick, D. Martrich	A. Beck	L. Sheaffer, C. Stano
Sacristan	N. Stofko	B. Sheaffer	

Congratulations to these students of our Parish who were confirmed by the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown, on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at St. Paul Parish:

Alexa *Valentine* Bartman

Hailey *Francis* Perez

Aidan *Sebastian* Beck

Daisy *Joan of Arc* Perico

Janay *Elizabeth of Hungary* Carrasquillo

Joselin *Therese of Lisieux* Rodriguez

Fatima *John of Capistrano* Chehour

Isabel *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Sannie

Dylan *Andrew* Koury

Riley *Anthony* Shaner

Tyler *Sebastian* Mastropieri

Megan *Monica* Walltisch

Carolina *Maria Laura de Jesus*
Montoya Palacio

We pray that, as they are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, they will continue to be true witnesses to the Catholic Faith.

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.”

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



St. Francis Center for Renewal Twilight Retreat

“Rejoice and Be Glad: Call to Holiness Today”

February 13th, 6:45-9:00 PM, Offering: \$25

Together we will explore Pope Francis' Letter calling each of us to Ordinary Holiness: a practical way for our time. He frames holiness as Jesus' desire for us “not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence; to acknowledge our failings and keep moving forward; to recognize the saints next door; and to discover who we are created to be as our mission.” Presenter: Sr. Nancy Iampietro, CPS, MA, a well-known and admired speaker in the Lehigh Valley. Call 610-867-8890 to register.

St. John the Baptist (Stiles) Tricky Trays
St. John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their 13th Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social on Saturday, February 16, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall. 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. Need not be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Sunday, February 17th, between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. at the hall.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of February 2nd and 3rd

# of envelopes mailed:	745
# of envelopes received:	234
% of envelopes used:	32%
Total of First Collection	\$7,306.40
Total of Second Collection	\$ 918.00

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.

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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. 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!*

A.C. Moore: \$25

Amazon.com: \$25 (NEW)

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

Nikki H Nail & Hair Salon \$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

Sam's Club: \$25, \$100

Target: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse: \$25

Visa: \$50

Wal-Mart: \$10, \$25, \$100

Wegman's: \$25, \$50, \$100

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

Wendy's: \$10

