

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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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

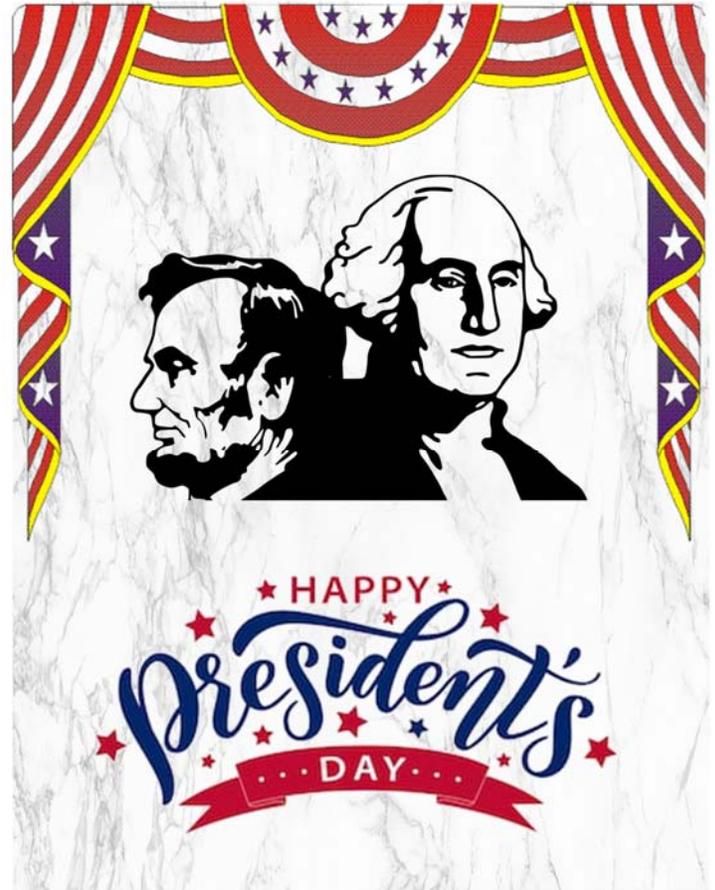
Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

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.



February 16, 2020

*Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*





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, February 17th

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

No Mass

The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order

Tuesday, February 18th

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

8:00 AM Joseph Marzilli & Marshall Silverstein

Wednesday, February 19th

Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

8:00 AM Joseph Thang Dinh Tran

Thursday, February 20th

Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

8:00 AM Theresa Syslo

Friday, February 21st

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1

8:00 AM Annette Marseglia

Saint Peter Damian

February 22nd & 23rd

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

4:30 PM Virginia Speth

8:30 AM Erich and Maris Schlosser

10:30 AM Martha Zannini

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
February 16, 2020 is:

***In Memory of Mary and Bill Stiles
By daughter-in-law Pam Stiles***

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Louise Barilla,
(mother of parishioner Jennifer Cullen), who re-
cently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O
Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.



Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday,
February 17th to observe Presidents' Day.



Calling Out to the Youth of Our Parish
Ever wonder what it would be like to serve at
Mass? Here's your chance to do something
FUN and GREAT, and at the same time, be-
come an Altar Server for your parish. If you
are in 4th thru 12th grades and would like to
help at Mass, here's your opportunity.

We are about to begin instruction and would love to add
your name to the list of those already registered. Please
contact Deacon Bob at ryoung@stfrancisallentown.org.
Parents can feel free to call in the evenings at 610-841-
2168. The remaining practice dates are Wednesdays, Feb-
ruary 19th and Tuesday, February 25th. We will begin
promptly at 6:30 PM dismiss by 8 PM.

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Finding God in Life's Challenges

This year celebrates the **31st Anniversary**
of the Men's group Day of Recollection!

The **MEN OF ST. FRANCIS Day of Rec-
ollection** is March 7th. It begins at 8
AM and ends with closing Benediction at

1:15 PM. Our guest speaker is Kevin Damitz, Director of
Religious Education at St. Thomas More. The topic is
"The Making of a Catholic Bread Winner".

The day is directed by Deacon Bob and includes Morning
Prayer, Mass and fellowship. Continental breakfast and
full lunch is included. Those wishing to car pool can meet
in the church lot at 7:30 AM. Please call Tom Fallon to
register at 610-821-4947.

This invitation is open to all men in the parish. The cost is
\$25.00. **INVITE A FRIEND, he'll be glad you did.**

Attention All Women!

"Women Walking in Faith"



Our group of faith-filled women will meet
on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Herit-
age Hall beginning with some social time at 6:30 PM. The
next meeting will be this Wednesday, February 19th. The
group takes time to pray, reflect, learn, and to support one
another in the faith. Women 18 and over are invited to
participate. Guests are welcome so don't hesitate to ask
your friends and neighbors to come along. Call the Parish
Office for more information.



Saturday, March 14, 2020

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.**



Welcoming/Evangelization Committee

The Welcoming and Evangelization Com-
mittee will be having hospitality after all
Masses on February 22nd and 23rd that
will include light refreshments, in the gathering space at
the back of the church. Stop by and say hello!

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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



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of February 8th & 9th

# of envelopes mailed:	726
# of envelopes received:	201
% of envelopes used:	28%
Total of First Collection	\$6,793.00
Total of Second Collection (AD Times)	\$1,463.11

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

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Doors open at 12:00 PM
Games begin at 1:00 PM



Tickets are now 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!

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.

PREP

Our PREPsters are enjoying a much needed Sunday off from their studies. They return to class on February 23rd.



Movie Club

It's March Madness at Movie Club!!!

March 22nd - doors open at 3:00 PM - Movie Begins at 3:30 PM.



Overcomer

Life changes overnight for Coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. After reluctantly agreeing to coach cross-country, John and his wife, Amy, meet an aspiring athlete who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new-found friend, John becomes the least likely coach helping the least likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year.



Youth Ministry Meetings

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

Old Palm Collection

Once again this year, we will be collecting your old palm to burn them for ashes. The basket is located outside the ramp doors, just inside the main entrance.

Living Stations
2020 is Here!



STATIONS of the CROSS

The first meeting and practice was February 15th, but it's not too late for your child to be a part of this wonderful Lenten experience.

Children in Grades 3 - 12 are welcome now and younger children will be invited at a later date.

Our children will bring the Stations of the Cross to life in action, words and song. Performances are on Palm Sunday at 3:00 PM and Good Friday at 7:00 PM.

Practice dates: February 22nd, 29th, March 7th, 14th, 18th, 21st, 25th, 28th, April 4 - Dress Rehearsal

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Thanks to everyone who has read the Diocesan Code of Conduct and Sexual Abuse Policies and signed the acknowledgement forms. If you volunteer in the parish - please do so soon! The parish office has copies of the forms and policies if you need them!



St. Francis Center for Renewal
Luck of the Irish Raffle

200 Tickets to be sold at \$50 a piece

First Prize: \$2500	2nd Prize: \$1250
3rd prize: \$500	4th prize: \$250
5th prize: \$250	6th prize: \$250

Drawing: March 30, 2020, 8:00 PM at the Pot o' Gold Celebration, Retreat Center Dining Room. Party Starts at 7:00 PM. Sponsored by Donegal Square. To purchase tickets, send check to St. Francis Center for Renewal, Attention Jan Gough, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem PA 18017. For credit card purchase please call the main office at 610-867-8890.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info

You must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the Parish Office.

The St. Francis Choir Needs YOU!



We are in need of your voice in our St. Francis Choir!!! Are you concerned about the commitment – don't be. Choir is held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30. If you cannot make every week –

that's okay. Sheena, our new director, completely understands. Are you concerned your voice is not good enough – don't be. Everyone sings beautifully when raising their voices up to our Lord!

This is yet another way to pray and be a true part of the Mass – raising your voice in joy, praise and thankfulness! No need to sign up – just come to a practice – and Sheena will get your contact information. You are only committing to sing when you can, as often as you can, to make our Masses and special celebrations all the more special. You are wanted and needed – so please join us!

For any questions – do not hesitate to contact Sheena Kuczynski via the Parish Office 610-433-6102 or skuczynski@stfrancisallentown.org

Choir Schedule – February 27th; March 5th, 12th, 19th (No Choir on February 20th as its First Penance)

Lenten Film Study

No Greater Love – A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion



This Lent we will be offering a Lenten Film Study for all our parishioners and guests. Attendees can choose to participate on every date, just one, or maybe a few. There is no commitment to be at EACH study.

Date: March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Place: Church Hall

Time: Our evening study is scheduled for 6:30 PM and will last approximately one (1) hour. There is no cost for participating in this study. (We are also considering doing a 4:00 PM study if there is interest. If so – please contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102. If we have an afternoon program, participants can do either/or both.)

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, "No Greater Love" is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.

What was Jesus going through at each moment?
How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?
Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?
What was the meaning behind of the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, the, and other events during Christ's Passion?

What do the cryptic last words of Jesus mean?

This study is OPEN to the public. All are welcome. For questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale, DRE at 610-433-6102.



Catholic Grandparents Association
Catholic Grandparents from different parishes are joining together to pray, to discuss and to share how to become more effective means of passing on the faith to our families.

Come and find out what it is all about. The next meeting of the Catholic Grandparents Association will be Tuesday evening, February 18th after the 7:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center. The March meeting will be on Saturday morning March 21, after the 8:30 AM Mass. Hope to see you there!

Catechism Classes For Men

Every first and third Tuesday of the month (February 18th) 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.



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.



Low Impact Aerobics at St. Elizabeth's Karen Hoff is offering 10 weeks of aerobics on Tuesday nights 6:00 - 6:45 PM from February 25 to April 28, 2020 in St. Elizabeth's parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. \$25.00 for 10 weeks includes 45 minutes of aerobic exercises followed by 15 minutes of toning and floorwork exercises for all who wish to stay. Registration deadline is February 21st or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. Bring a friend!

New Beginner Low Impact Aerobic Class

Eight weeks on Wednesdays – March 4 – April 29, 2020 from 5:30-6:00 PM at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall – 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA. Registration required; \$15.00 for all 8 weeks. Call or e-mail for more information: Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695-dirreled@sercc.org.



Come and See Weekend

The Office of Vocations is sponsoring a Come and See Weekend at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on March 6-8, 2020. Young men ages 14-18 in our parishes, high schools or Newman Centers who show signs of a priestly vocation, are encouraged to attend this weekend. To register, call the Vocations Office at 610-437-0755.

Don't forget to check out our website to keep up with the goings-on in the Parish!

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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.

AD Times

Switch to an online subscription of The A.D. Times. To transfer your print subscription of The A.D. Times to instead receive an email notification with a link to each new issue posted on the diocesan website, send the following information to adtimes@allentowndiocese.org or fill out the submission form on the diocesan website, <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/blog/>, click under "Email subscriptions" at right. Email address, Name, Address, Parish, Daytime phone number, Subscriber number (on line immediately above your name printed in the lower left hand corner).

Rosary Holy Hours In The Adoration Chapel



"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer, and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." Pope Leo XIII. Honor Mary and embrace the life of Jesus by joining us in the Adoration chapel on Saturdays at 12 Noon, and/or Sundays at 7 PM, as we pray for our families, priests, and country.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, February 22nd & 23rd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	S. Wascavage	N. Lamparella	F. Lenahan
Eucharistic Minister	J. Fittipaldi, V. Herman	L. Eberly, J. Young	J. Lenahan, B. Nutting
Cantor	S. Kuczynski	D. Lamparella	P. Rollins
Organist	C. Hageman	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	S. Lurwick	A. Beck	D. Koury
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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!*

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

Sam’s Club: \$25, \$100

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

Texas Roadhouse: \$25

Visa: \$50, \$100

Wal-Mart: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wawa: \$25 (New!)

Wegman’s: \$25, \$50, \$100

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

Wendy’s: \$10

