

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.



February 24, 2019

*Seventh 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 25th

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

No Mass

Tuesday, February 26th

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

8:00 AM Pauline Majczan

Wednesday, February 27th

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

8:00 AM Leona A. Cramsey

Thursday, February 28th

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

8:00 AM Rebecca Hilaire Temple

Friday, March 1st

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

8:00 AM Kenneth Stephenson

March 2nd & 3rd

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

4:30 PM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

8:30 AM Mary Rutz

10:30 AM Dr. Eugene Drauch

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish



The Litany of the Sacred Heart will be recited every First Friday (Friday, March 1st) at 7:55 AM before Mass in the Daily Mass Chapel.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of February 24th is:

*In Memory of Virginia Speth
by Leo and Dolores*

Recently Deceased

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



Health Care Coalition

Blood Pressures will be taken after all Masses next weekend, **March 2nd & 3rd**. We thank the Parish Nurses for this invaluable service.



Rediscover Lent: Understanding the Beauty of the Season
Our next catechetical session, a two part series on the Season of Lent, begins THIS WEEK.

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 this Mondays, February 25th and the following March 4th at 7 PM in the Church Hall.

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord." (Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2018)

Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all the Masses next weekend March 2nd & 3rd. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.



Men of St. Francis' Monthly Breakfast

Next Sunday, March 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.



Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by
the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, **March 2nd & 3rd**. This month, we particularly need sauce, fruit, jelly, and crackers (boxes with 4 sleeves). We DO NOT need any soups or pasta this month. We cannot accept any glass jars. **Also, please, no XL containers.** 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.*



Outreach Committee Meeting

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



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, March 4th**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.



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Living Stations of the Cross 2019



PRACTICES:

Wednesday nights: 6:00 to 7:00/7:30 PM
 Some Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 AM
 in the School Hall or Church

PERFORMANCES:

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

Our first practice is this week: Wednesday, February 27th from 6-7 PM in the School Hall At 7 PM, all participants and their parents should join us for an informational meeting.

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

Mini Youth Ministry for Grades 3 - 5

It's here.. It's here..
 the big day is ALMOST here!



This Friday, March 1st, is our **FIRST MEETING** from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the St. Francis School Hall. Please use enter using back doors (where kids enter for PREP). This is a **SAFE** place where our kids can play, snack and enjoy one another company's in a Faith filled setting. We hope you can join us!!!

Games, Crafts and Snacks in a Faith-filled Setting



A reminder, for your safety and well-being, please lock your car doors and keep any valuables out of sight before coming into the church for Mass.



PREP is back in session!

After a quick week off - our PREP students are back in the classroom and happy to be learning and growing their faith knowledge.

Our 2nd graders are ready for their First Penance on February 27th at 6:30 p.m. Our 7th graders have become Confirmation Class 2020. Their first information meeting is March 24th at 9:05 a.m. in the School Hall.

The rest of our students continue to learn in a fun, safe, happy and interesting environment. PREP welcomes all parish children/grandchildren to join us in our amazing program helping GROW young people of faith.

PREP CALENDAR

February 24th - Class

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

February 27th - First Penance - 6:30 PM

February 27th - Living Stations Practice- 6:00 PM, in the School Hall. We hope all our PREP students participate!

LIVING STATIONS

MEET OUR DIRECTOR - Kim Costa Heintzelman



Mrs. Kim Heintzelman has agreed to direct this year's production of Living Stations so that our parish children can have the **BEST LENT EVER**.

Kim has been a member of St. Francis for 33 years. She attended St. Francis of Assisi School from K - 8th grade. She returned to St. Francis as a teacher for 7 years. When the schools

merged, Kim continued her teaching career at our parish regional school, St. John Vianney, and has been there for 9 years. Kim teaches 7th and 8th graders in math and religion. She facilitates Student Council, Academic Bowl and CCHS Tutoring.

Kim was actually our former Living Station's director for years, while at St. Francis. She directs with respect, patience, humor and a true understanding of the children's needs, all within her strong love of her Catholic faith.

When the opportunity arose for Kim to come back and be a part of LS again, she knew it was something she **HAD** to do. She looks forward to working with the parish children and their families during the season of Lent. Kim is happily married to Brad and they have a beautiful 4 year old, Brayden.



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.

Healing OUR Church

A pastoral response to the sexual-abuse crisis

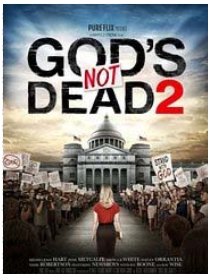
Sign Up for "Healing Our Church" Discussion Groups!

Small-group discussions moderated by fellow parishioners will be held every Monday during the six weeks of Lent, March 11th through April 15th. All sessions will be held in the Church Hall, with your choice of a 1 PM or 7 PM session. All are welcome to attend.

The program is intended to encourage prayerful reflection and conversation about the clergy sexual abuse crisis. It was designed by RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization, in response to a request from Bishop Schlert.

To register on-line for the 90-minute weekly sessions, you can go online by visiting www.allentowndiocese.org/HealingOurChurch or by filling out the registration form in the parish office.

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



Our month of "God's Not Dead" films continues with:

God's Not Dead 2 - February 26th
6:00 PM Doors Open - 6:30 PM Movie

God's Not Dead 3 - Sunday, March 3rd
3:30 PM Doors Open - 4:00 PM Movie

MOVIE, POPCORN, CANDY, AND DOOR PRIZES - ALL FREE! This event is open to the Public. What a fun way to share our faith together!!!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Give, and Gifts Will Be Given To You," Jesus promises in today's gospel. Spouses, when you attend a WORLD-WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend, you can learn to freely give the gift of love to each other. A good measure of love will be packed, shaken and overflowing into your hearts. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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.

Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

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

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, March 2nd & 3rd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	M. Issermoyer	F. Lenahan
Eucharistic Minister	J. Marcus, C. Stockdale	S. & D. Gerancher	G. Rodriguez, N. Wargo
Cantor	E. Krause	A. Gamble	A. Gamble
Organist	J. DeMatto	J. DeMatto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. & J. Krause	L. Hannis	C. Stano, H. Folligan
Sacristan	J. Burgos	B. Sheaffer	
Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders			M. Heller, M. Perez

EASTER NUT ROLL SALE

A perfect treat for a family gathering, these homemade nut rolls baked by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* are delicious and can be frozen and saved for your Easter dinner or anytime! Consider buying a roll to support your Parish - we need to sell 100 to place an order. *All orders must be prepaid and are due by Sunday, March 31st.* No orders can be accepted after that date.



Price: \$16/roll
Size: 15" long, 1.5 lbs

Flavors: Nut (English Walnut), Poppyseed, Apricot, Prune (Lekvar), Red Raspberry (seedless), & new flavor - Coconut

PICK-UP DATE: After the Masses in the Parish Office the weekend of Palm Sunday (Saturday, April 13th & Sunday, April 14th)



NUT ROLL ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Quantity of each: Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Apricot: _____

Prune: _____ Red Raspberry: _____ Coconut: _____

Total Number of rolls: _____

Total payment enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to Saint Francis Church. All orders must be prepaid and are due by Sunday, March 6th.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of February 16th and 17th

# of envelopes mailed:	745
# of envelopes received:	227
% of envelopes used:	31%
Total of First Collection	\$6,254.85

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.

Spiritual Training: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

A men's Lenten morning of reflection will be held on Saturday, March 9, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. Refreshments will be offered 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

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 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

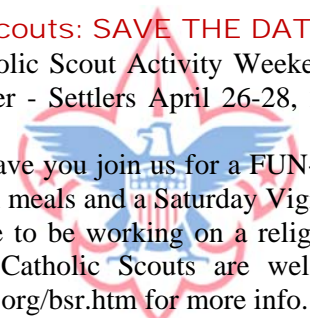
For more information, contact Jenn Reasinger (484) 433-0265 or msjennchurch@yahoo.com

Scouts: SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers April 26-28, 2019 - so mark your calendars!

We'd love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass!

You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us - all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm for more info.



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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

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

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Visa: \$50

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

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

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

Wendy's: \$10

