

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



February 28, 2021
Second Sunday
of Lent

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 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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 1st

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

No Mass

Tuesday, March 2nd

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Annette Lieberman (Public Mass)

Wednesday, March 3rd

Saint Katherine Drexell

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

8:00 AM Jeffrey A. Gillette (Public Mass)

Thursday, March 4th

Saint Casimir

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

8:00 AM Intentions of Deacon Albert Chesnavage
(Public Mass)

Friday, March 5th

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

- - - Maryrose Paxson (Private Mass)

March 6th & 7th

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 2:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

4:30 PM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

10:30 AM Savina Badesso

Dr. Eugene Drauch

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of February 28, 2021 is

In Memory of Victor Finelli

by: The Lenahan Family

Stations of the Cross

Join us Fridays in Lent for the Stations of the Cross - at 11:30 AM in the church, or at 7:00 PM on Facebook and Youtube. We encourage everyone to participate in this holy tradition.

*"Behold, O Kind and most sweet Jesus,
before Thy face I humbly kneel..."
(from the Prayer before the Crucifix)*

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have reached out to me upon the death of my father. I've been overwhelmed with the outpouring of kindness shown to me. In a special way for those who have sent cards, asked for Masses to be celebrated here or elsewhere, sent contributions to my father's parish, or enrolled my father in our Sanctuary Memorial Fund or some other Perpetual Fund, I say a sincere thank you. Your compassion and kindness will not be soon forgotten.

I would normally and always send a thank you in response to such generosity, but honestly I would never be able to do so because of the sheer number of cards I would have to send and the amount of time it would take. I hope that everyone understands and accepts this note as my sincerest thanks.

Again, I thank you all for your prayers and support. It's been very, very meaningful to me and my brothers and something that we continually cherish.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. Victor F. Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.
Pastor

Sight and Sound Bus Trip has been rescheduled!

St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound's "Queen Esther" on **Tuesday October 26, 2021**. \$113

person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, and a driver tip. We'll depart church at 10:00 AM, arrive at Shady Maple, then on to Sight and Sound for the 3:00 PM show, and leave for home at 6:00 PM following the show. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102 to sign up or for more information.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund
We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Victor F. Finelli

by: Lucy & Tony Kopack & The Maruscak Family, Anita & Joe Santilli

John Philips

by: Steve & Donna Gerancher, Bonny Toigo, Joseph B. Callaghan, Inc. Consulting Engineers

Robert J. Fix

by: Larry, Conchita & Sonia Moser, Dean & Diane Schaller, Robert & Marita Frey, Joseph H. Somers, John & Carmella Ott

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**CONFIRMATION
2021**

St. Francis hosted this year's Confirmation ceremonies for our parish, and the parishes of St. Paul's and St. Catharine of Siena. 51 candidates

received the Holy Spirit in this beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation. The Ceremonies were spirit filled and special due to the tremendous efforts by the following people; if not for them, we are certain it would not have been the success it was: Msgr. Finelli, Deacon Ricardo, Deacon Bob, Altar servers: Aidan Beck and Eddie Zobel, the St. Francis of Assisi Staff, our Welcoming & Evangelization Committee (Paula Rollins, Theresa Racek, Fran Kryzan, Fran Lenahan, Don Lamparella), our Outreach Committee (Tara Burkus), Jacquie LaTorres, Musicians: Jeanne Fignar and Janice DeMatto, Sheena Kuczinski and Dennis Badesso; our Decorating Committee (Heidi Beck, Diane Colom, Jose Colom); our AV specialists: Jenn Reasinger and Heidi Beck. We also thank the DREs, catechists, and volunteers from the other parishes who gave of their time, talent and energy! We thank each and every one of you for making this a day our Confirmandi will never forget!

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, March 6th & 7th

4:30 PM **10:30 AM**

Lector	H. Moyer	D. Colom
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso



Recitation of the Rosary

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

“Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.” (Luke 15:6)

We wish to congratulate the following children of our Parish who received their First Penance on Wednesday, February 23, 2021:

- ELLA SHANER**
- MACSEN CAPONIGRO**
- KEIRA LOPEZ**
- EMILY CRUZ**
- ELIZABETH CRUZ**
- RYLEIGH MULLEN**
- NATHAN BOLOGNA**



- ADRIANNA ESPINAL PERALTA**
- ISABELLA MOSCAT**
- AMAURY DELACRUZ**
- MACKENZEY HELLER**
- LEONIDAS CUEVA**
- SAMUEL CUEVA**

May they come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance often and may God bless them as they continue their journey of faith.

Designer Handbag Bingo

New Date: Sunday,
October 24, 2021

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

Tickets are still available at the Parish Office! For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. No outside food/drink allowed. Spread the word and help us reach more people. If you have 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.

**New date: October 24, 2021.
Hold your tickets for admission on that date.**



Unfortunately, we have had to permanently cancel the Large Flowerheads dance for 2021. If you had purchased tickets, please bring the tickets to the Parish Office in person and you will be reimbursed in cash for each ticket that you purchased. For more information, contact Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102.



"Grab N Go" LENTEN FISH DINNER
Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Ave.,
South Bethlehem, PA 18015. ALL Fridays of
Lent 2021 Pick up is from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in
the Church Hall. - COST: \$12.00 (No Sales at the Door.)
Call Holy Ghost Rectory 610-867-9382 ext. 3 to order
your dinner during regular business hours Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 12:00 PM Noon
or email us at: hghostchurch@gmail.com
Menu is different every week. Plus a St. Joseph's Day
surprise dinner!

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 1st**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.



Position Available

Nurses Aide/Housekeeper - Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers. We are looking for a part time Nurses Aide/Housekeeper to work 8 AM-2 PM every other weekend and Thursday nights from 2 PM-8 PM. No experience necessary. Competitive pay. Please call Maribeth at 610-282-1415.



Monthly Food Drive Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, March 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.



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.

40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on Ash Wednesday and will run through March 28th at the Allentown Planned Parenthood (abortion facility), 29 N. 9th Street, Allentown. Join us, Monday through Saturday 7 AM - 6 PM. **When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump at high as 75%! ** For more information, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call Maryanne at 610-570-2347.



First Communion

First Communion will be held at the 10:30 AM Mass on April 25, 2021.

Our 15 young men and women receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist will be seated together in the front of the church. Their families will also

be joining us to witness the blessed event. As a result, church will be fuller than a normal 10:30 Mass. If this concerns you, you may want to attend 4:30 PM Saturday Mass instead that week.



Recently Deceased



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

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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% to 14% 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



