

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

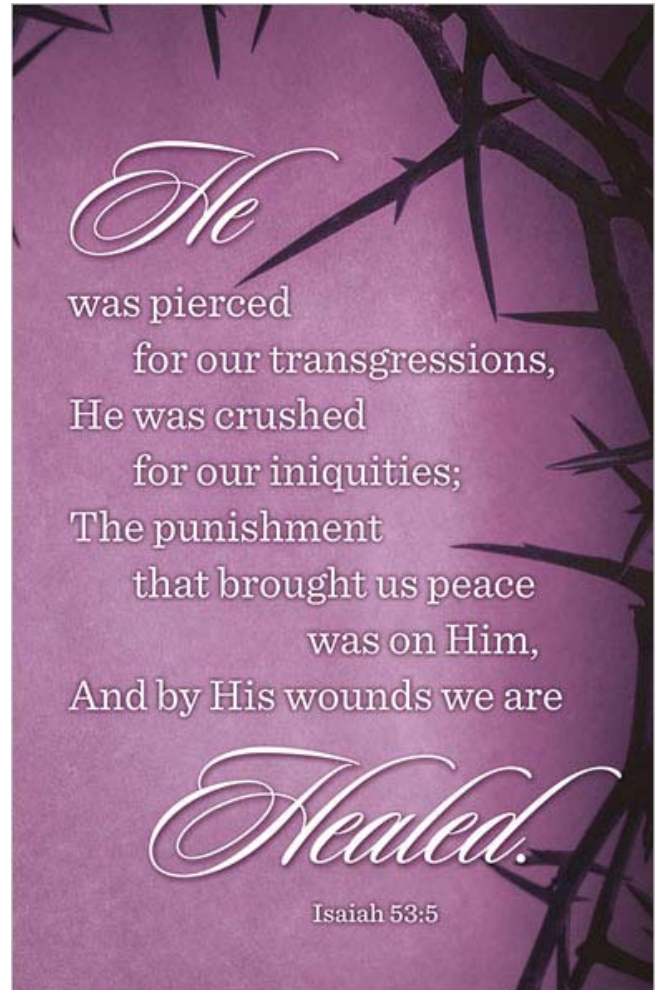
Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

Anytime by appointment



Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is temporarily closed due to COVID19



March 7, 2021
Third 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 8th Saint John of God

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

No Mass

Tuesday, March 9th Saint Frances of Rome

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

8:00 AM Intentions of Bill & Jean Kakareka (Public Mass)

Wednesday, March 10th

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

8:00 AM Clara Badesso (Public Mass)

Thursday, March 11th

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

8:00 AM Bernard Gianotti (Public Mass)

Friday, March 12th

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

- - - Jerry Ulmar (Private Mass)

March 13th & 14th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

4:30 PM Nicholas Troccola

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Roger Tracey

Emilia Ilagan

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 March 7, 2021 is

In Memory of Clara Badesso
by: **Her Sons**

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Helen R. Grieff

by: Paul Coachys and Ed & Debbie Ruyak, Yvonne Green

Victor F. Finelli

by: Father Leo J. Maletz, Jr.

Mary B. Paukovits

by: Francis A. Bertalan, Crayola LLC

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Please support our advertisers on the back of the bulletin who make this publication possible.

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. \$100 per person includes

lunch at Shady Maple, a bus driver tip. We'll depart at 10:00 AM from Shady Maple, then on to Sight and Sound 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.



New date: October 26, 2021.

Festival News

Our annual International Food Festival will not be held the last weekend of June this year. We hope to reschedule it for the late summer or early fall. Watch for new dates to be announced in a future bulletin.

Thank you.



Movie Club News



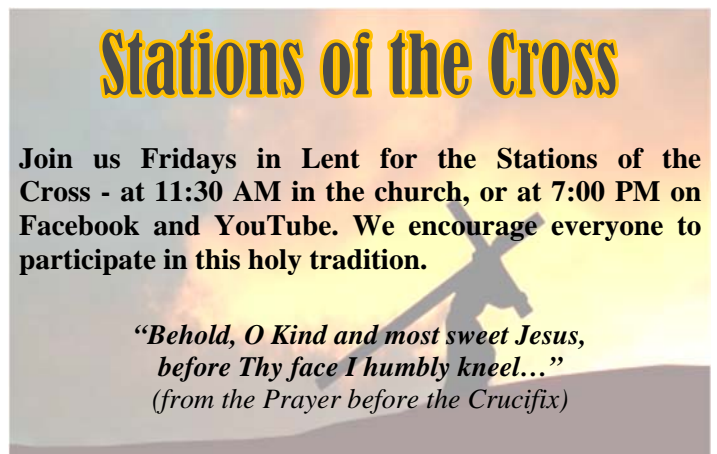
With our world beginning to return to normal, we are hopeful we can return to Movie Club - socially distanced, hand sanitized and with masks on! Our plan is

show the first film in May. We would like to enjoy Fatima - the film that was released in 2020. Our tentative date is May 16th at 7:00 PM. Follow Movie Club on Flocknote or the bulletin for further details. If we need to postpone the showing due to Covid-19, we will keep everyone advised!

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)





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Flocknote

Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576 on your smartphone to get signed up with Flocknote!

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.)

PREP

Our PREP program focused on Lent for the past week. The students learned so very much about this very special season; the liturgical color, why it lasts 40 days, the importance of Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving and their own journey to grow closer to Jesus. From our little PREPsters to our 8th Graders, everyone's knowledge of Lent was deepened thanks to our catechists, ZOOM classes and our parents working with the children. As Msgr. Finelli often says - to learn about Jesus is to love Jesus!



The entire PREP family congratulates all of our students who received Confirmation and First Penance in February.

Preparations for First Communion have now begun for our 16 children who will receive Jesus for the first time on April 25th.

Classes continue in March via ZOOM. Our Easter break lasts from Palm Sunday to April 10, 2021. We reconvene classes on April 11, 2021.

We then complete our very successful year - even with the pandemic - during the last week of April!




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.

Recently Deceased



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



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. Tickets are necessary for reimbursement. For more information, contact Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule		
Saturday and Sunday, March 13th & 14th		
	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
Lector	G. Rodriguez	M. Issermoyer
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of February 27th & 28th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,423.85
Sunday Online	\$ 2,797.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 357.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 49.00

During these very trying days of the pandemic, we ask all parishioners to PLEASE keep up with their normal weekend collection. Don't forget about Online Giving as a possibility. It's easy, safe, and secure. Once you sign up you'll be happy you did.

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.

Winter Weekend Raffle Winners

- February 6th \$50 - Sharon K
 - February 7th \$500 - Carmela R. Ott
 - February 13th \$50 - Romy McFadden
 - February 14th \$100 - Gladys Harkins
 - February 20th \$50 - Grace F. Christ
 - February 21st \$100 - Eva Juhasz
 - February 27th \$50 - Annie Rutz-Drovich
 - February 28th \$100 - Walt Groller
- Tickets can still be purchased in the Parish Office if you'd like to get in on the March drawings.

Congratulations to our February winners!!!

Designer Handbag Bingo

New Date: Sunday,
October 24, 2021

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

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

Tickets are still available in the Parish Office! For more information or to purchase at the door, please call the Parish Office. No bringing any outside food/ beverages. Please help us 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.



"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 differ-
ent every week. Plus a St. Joseph's Day surprise dinner!

Lenten Fish Dinner

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front
Street, Allentown PA 18102. Fridays March 12th (order
deadline March 9th) and March 26th (order deadline
March 23rd), 4:00 – 6:30 PM, drive thru pick up only.
Cost only \$12.00. Baked Haddock Fillet, roasted potatoes,
green beans, creamed cabbage, tartar sauce, dessert.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Office at 610-432-
0034 during business hours (Monday-Friday 9:00 AM -
2:00 PM). NO SALES AT THE DOOR.

Sponsored by St. John's Auxiliary

Saint Elizabeth Drive Thru Lenten Fish Dinner
Join us for our annual Lenten Fish Dinner!

Order forms are available at www.sercc.org –
under parish life or at the parish office: 618
Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. The
menu includes Breaded Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Vegeta-
ble, Coleslaw & Roll for \$13/meal. Macaroni & Cheese
is available for \$3 per container. Pick-up is at the parish
hall (435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall) on Friday, March 26
between 4 & 6 PM. Return forms and payment to St.
Elizabeth Parish office by March 22. For more infor-
mation, contact Joan at jglover@ptd.net or 610-349-7791.



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

De Sales University Accounting Students to Provide Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Junior and senior accounting students from DeSales Uni-
versity will provide tax preparation assistance free of
charge to senior citizens, those with incomes below
\$54,000, people with disabilities, students, military and
those who speak English as a second language. The De-
Sales University VITA program will begin Mon-
day, February 15th through Friday, March 26th. The pro-
gram is part of the United States Internal Revenue Ser-
vice's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) pro-
gram.

This marks the twentieth consecutive year that DeSales
students have participated in the program. Since it was
first offered, DeSales students have completed more than
5,100 tax returns for more than 2,400 Lehigh Valley tax-
payers.

To schedule a VITA appointment, individuals can call
(610) 282-1100, ext. 1868. A DeSales student will return
the phone call and provide assistance accordingly. Indi-
viduals needing assistance should bring all printed tax
information and all documents pertaining to federal, state
and local taxes with them to their appointment. All in-
person appointments will be conducted with all COVID-
related precautions, and visitors to the DeSales campus
are required to be masked.

The program is sponsored by the IRS and supervised by
Dr. Christopher R. Coccozza, division head of DeSales
University's Division of Business and professor of busi-
ness. Coccozza has served as VITA coordinator at DeSales
since the program was initiated at DeSales in 2001. Co-
cozza holds a bachelor's in accounting and law degree
from Fordham University and a master's of law from New
York University.



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extra money out of your pocket! By purchasing gift cards
for things you would pay for anyway--you earn money
for your parish. Every little bit helps and it adds up
quickly.

**1 parishioner buys a \$100 gift card
with a 5% rebate = \$5.00 for St. Francis each week**
**100 parishioners each buy a \$100 gift card
with a 5% rebate = \$500 for St. Francis each week**
**100 parishioners each buy a \$100 in-stock gift card
each week for one year=\$26,000!**

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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





Easter Egg Sale



This year Easter is Sunday, April 4th. Why not celebrate the day with some great **HOMEMADE** Easter eggs in a variety of flavors. Choose from: Peanut Butter, Coconut Cream, Butter Cream, or Peanut Rolled Eggs (either with butter cream or peanut butter centers). All varieties come in milk or dark chocolate and will be sold for only \$9.00 or \$10.00 per 1/2 pound or \$17.00 or \$19.00 per pound. Reasonably priced for homemade candy. All these wonderful confections will be made by our volunteers right here at Saint Francis. This will surely be a big and popular fundraiser because who doesn't love a homemade Easter egg to celebrate the season? **Make sure you get your order in early in case we have to close sales due to just too many orders that we wouldn't be able to fulfill.**



Orders are due no later than Sunday, March 14th with pick up on Palm Sunday Weekend: March 27th (from 3:30 to 5:30 PM) and March 28th (from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM). For those with allergies, the peanut butter eggs will be made separately for no cross-contamination. Checks made payable to: Saint Francis

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Homemade Easter Egg Sale
ORDER FORM



Name: _____ Phone: _____

	Half Pound	Pound	
Peanut Butter Cream Eggs:	milk chocolate: _____ @ \$9	_____ @ \$17	= _____
	dark chocolate: _____ @ \$9	_____ @ \$17	= _____
Coconut Cream Eggs:	milk chocolate: _____ @ \$9	_____ @ \$17	= _____
	dark chocolate: _____ @ \$9	_____ @ \$17	= _____
Butter Cream Eggs:	milk chocolate: _____ @ \$9	_____ @ \$17	= _____
	dark chocolate: _____ @ \$9	_____ @ \$17	= _____
Peanut Rolled Eggs w/ Peanut Butter Centers:	milk chocolate: _____ @ \$10	_____ @ \$19	= _____
	dark chocolate: _____ @ \$10	_____ @ \$19	= _____
Peanut Rolled Eggs w/ Butter Cream Centers:	milk chocolate: _____ @ \$10	_____ @ \$19	= _____
	dark chocolate: _____ @ \$10	_____ @ \$19	= _____

Orders due no later than March 14th **TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____**