

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

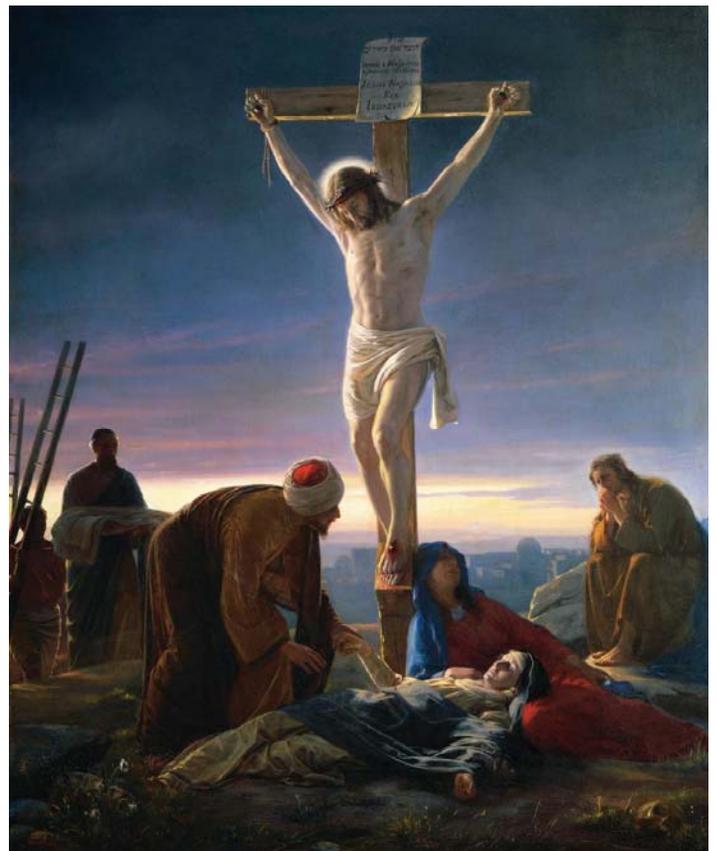
Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

Anytime by appointment



Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is
temporarily closed due to COVID19



March 14, 2021
Fourth 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 15th

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

No Mass

Tuesday, March 16th

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

8:00 AM Cecily Manion (Public Mass)

Wednesday, March 17th

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Saint Patrick

8:00 AM Javier Marin (Public Mass)

Thursday, March 18th

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 AM Alvin M. Buchman (Public Mass)

Friday, March 19th

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

--- Josephine Pish (Private Mass)

March 20th & 21st

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

4:30 PM Gino Badesso

10:30 AM Robert Fix

Cecilia Haftl

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 March 14, 2021 is

In Memory of Emilia Ilagan

by: Larry & Conchita Moser



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.

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

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Helen R. Grieff

by: Melinda Marciniak

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord



New Parish Office Hours

OPENING HOURS:	
Mon.	to
Tues.	to
Wed.	to
Thur.	to
Fri.	to
Sat.	to
Sun.	to

The Parish Office is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and of course, we still have our weekend hours, a half hour before and after both the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass.

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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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, March 20th & 21st

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

Lector	G. Rodriguez	M. Issermoyer
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of March 6th & 7th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,596.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,919.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 322.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 20.00

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.



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.

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Recently Deceased

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

PREP

Our PREP year has not been without its challenges - technological, weather related, change of dates, Sacraments being received differently - but it's also come with wonderful blessings! Parents sitting in with their kids at our classes, parents helping with projects and "take home" tests, and most importantly parents ensuring their children are attending faithfully - so many of our classes have perfect attendance week in and week out. Our parents have made the difference between this being a "lost" year and a "great" year. Our kids have learned, they've loved, they've eaten lots of breakfasts and dinners with their teachers and classmates, they've shared about their lives, we've seen many pets and favorite toys, they've opened both their homes and their hearts to Jesus and the program. We cannot say thank you enough to everyone involved who has made this year GREAT! With God... nothing is impossible.



PREP Easter Break - March 28th - April 10th

First Communion Retreat - April 17th

First Communion Practice - April 21st

First Communion - April 25th

Last week of Classes for ALL - April 26th - 29th.

Movie Club News



Movie Club is BACK!!!! Please join us on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM for Fatima. The doors will open at 6:30. All guests will be hand sanitized and temperature checked. Masks are required when not enjoying popcorn and drinks, and social distancing required.

We cannot wait to see everyone!

St. Francis Retreat House

3918 Chipman Road, Easton PA 28045

Upcoming Monday Mini Retreats

March 29th: Patricia Kane, M.Ed:

“From Control to Freedom in God”

April 26th: Sr. Kathy Duffy, SSJ, PhD: “Teilhard’s Mystical Path”

To register call 610-258-3053 x10, or visit the SFRH Website: www.stfrancisretreathouse.org. Suggested donations: Onsite” \$30 and Virtual: \$15.



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.)

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 or to purchase at the door, please call the Parish Office. No outside food/drink allowed. 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) Contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

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



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"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!

Lenten Fish Dinner

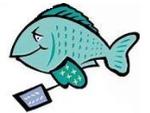
St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front Street, Allentown PA 18102. March 26th (order deadline March 23rd), 4:00 – 6:30 PM, drive thru pick up only. Cost only \$12.00. Baked Haddock Fillet, roasted potatoes, green beans, creamed cabbage, tartar sauce, dessert. Tickets can be purchased by 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, Vegetable, 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 information, contact Joan at jglover@ptd.net or 610-349-7791.



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MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

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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?



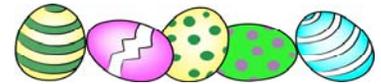
Orders are due no later than today, Sunday, March 14th with pick up on Palm Sunday Weekend: March 27th (from 3:30 to 5:30 PM) and March 28th (from

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

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 = \$ _____