

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 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.



March 15, 2020

*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.

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, March 16th

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

No Mass

Tuesday, March 17th

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

8:00 AM Anthony Liberto

Saint Patrick

Wednesday, March 18th

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

8:00 AM Alvin M. Buchman

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday, March 19th

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

8:00 AM Josephine Pish

Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary

Friday, March 20th

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

8:00 AM George Celli

March 21st & 22nd

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

4:30 PM Michael Mesaros

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

8:30 AM Jeff Jespersen

10:30 AM Maria Vui Tran



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of

March 15, 2020 is:

*In Memory of James Barney
By The Fallon Family*

Stations of the Cross

Join us Fridays in Lent for the Stations of the Cross - at 11 AM or 7 PM in the church. We encourage everyone to participate in this holy devotion.



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.

✝️ Lenten Penance Service

On Tuesday, March 31st, extra Priests will be hearing confessions beginning at 6:30 PM in the church. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this extra time set aside to come back to the sacrament of Penance in preparation for Easter.

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Doors open at 12:00 PM

Games begin at 1:00 PM



Tickets are still 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 and help us advertise!

(Tickets will be \$25 at the door)

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

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 Heritage Hall beginning with some social time at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be this Wednesday, March 18th. 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.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Quinto L. Tiogo

by: Ronald Golley

Rosaline S. Picchio

by: Nancy & Claude Schaffer

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Men of St. Francis Meeting

The Men of St. Francis Meeting on has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. Please use Cedar Street ramp. Social time and refreshments will follow the meeting. For additional information call Ray Johnson at 610-533-7717.

St. Francis of Assisi Presents a FREE Showing of The Passion of the Christ

Saturday, March 28th:

Doors Open for Crock Pot Pot Luck Dinner after 4:30 PM Mass.

Movie Begins at 6:15

PM. About half way

through the film - we

will have an intermission so everyone can take a breather, and enjoy dessert if they would like.

Sign up sheet for Crock Pot Pot Luck in Parish Office.

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Craft and Vendor Fair

St. John Vianney Regional School's 8th Grade is hosting a Craft and Vendor Fair on Sunday, March 15th, 2020 from 9 AM to 3 PM, featuring handmade crafts, pottery, wood items, jewelry, quilts and more. Bake sale, raffle, food and more! St. Catharine of Siena Church, 1825 W. Turner Street, Allentown, PA 18104

St. John Vianney Regional School Says Thank You

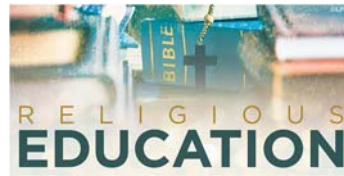
The students and staff of the Saint John Vianney Regional School would like to thank parishioners for their generous contributions to the Second Collection for the Vianney Fund on behalf of St. John Vianney Regional School during the weekend of February 1st. We are happy to report that the final total raised including the anonymous match was \$28,186.20! Thank you for your generous support of Catholic education. You help to make a big difference!



www.StJohnVianneySchool.org

40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will run through April 5th 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 as high as 75%!** For more information, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call Maryanne at 610-570-2347.



PREP

Our PREPsters continue to work diligently on their religious studies throughout Lent. In addition, many of our students are working both at class and at home on their year end projects. Living Stations is full of PREP students working hard on presenting a beautiful performance for our parishioners. Our 2nd graders and older children are preparing in class and extracurricular activities to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. Spring is a busy time for our PREPsters and we ask for your prayers as we continue to love and learn about Jesus and our beloved Catholic Faith!

Calendar -

March 15th - NO CLASS

March 22nd - Class and Confirmation 2021 Meeting

March 29th - Class and Youth Mass

April 19th - Class - with a Visit to the Health Fair

May 3rd - Class

May 10th - Final Class, May Crowning and Youth Mass

March Movie Club Movie



Don't Forget - Movie Club Movie is Sunday, March 22nd. You won't want to miss this inspirational film!

Overcomer - Doors open at 3:00 - Movie begins at 3:30.

Advice From The Center for Disease Control on the Coronavirus

Follow these five steps every time.

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, March 21st & 22nd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	C. Stockdale	V. Falcone	J. Kocon
Eucharistic Minister	J. Marcus, P. Stiles	F. & S. Koerbler	M. Dietrick, J. Torres
Cantor	E. Krause	D. Lamparella	S. Kuczynski
Organist	C. Hageman	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. & J. Krause	D. Martrich	C. Kocon
Sacristan	J. Burgos	L. Hannis	
Children's Liturgy of the Word			M. Heller, M. Perez

Living Stations now welcomes our younger children of the parish to join us as crowd members!



Practice Dates/Times:

- Sat. March 14th 9:00 to 10:15 AM
- Wed. March 18th 6:00 to 7:00 PM
- Sat. March 21st 9:00 to 10:30 AM
- Wed. March 25th 6:00 to 7:00 PM
- Sat. March 28th 9:00 to 10:30 AM
- Wed., April 1st 6:00 to 7:00 PM
- Sat. April 4th 9:00 to ? Dress Rehearsal

PERFORMANCE DATES/TIMES

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday 3:00 PM. (Cast members arrive by 2:00)

Friday, April 12th Good Friday 7:00 PM. (Cast members arrive by 6:00)

All parishioners, family and friends are welcome to join us!

SPRING FLING BAZAAR

Sunday, March 29th, 8:00AM to 3:00 PM

St. Paul's Parish Center

219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown

Vendors, Crafts, Raffles, Food & More!

Vendors/Crafters Needed

Email sprccbuletin@rcn.com for a registration form.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of March 7th & 8th

# of envelopes mailed:	722
# of envelopes received:	213
% of envelopes used:	30%
Total of First Collection	\$7,165.55

Thank you for your continued financial support. A reminder: please try to keep up with the pledge amount you stated in our "Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving" campaign. Your donation is so greatly appreciated.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

During Lent, begin the habit of praying together every day to strengthen your faith and your marriage. Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will strengthen the spiritual bonds in your marriage. For information call 610-449-1859 or visit www.wwme.org.

Catechism Classes For Men

Every first and third Tuesday of the month (March 17th) 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.

FRIENDLY REMINDER



Bring your cell phone to church

next Sunday

Flocknote

Our parish has adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called "Flocknote". Like sending a "note" to your "flock". You will hear more about this during the weekend Masses on March 21st-22nd when we hold our "Sign Up Sunday". Be sure to bring your cell phone!

Safe Environment Update



Thanks to everyone who reviewed the Diocesan Code of Conduct and Sex Abuse Policy and signed the Acknowledgement Form.

Thanks to our Parish Leaders who worked with their various organizations to get these forms signed!

For those of you who volunteer in the parish - in any way whatsoever - whether with or without children - please review the policies and sign the forms NOW. Camille Stockdale will be making phone calls, email requests, etc. to all volunteers who have not yet done so soon. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

The policies were recently updated and thus, the Parish is REQUIRED to have updated Acknowledgement Forms in our parish files.

The Diocesan Code of Conduct and the Sex Abuse Policy provide a set of standards for all employees and VOLUNTEERS working in any Diocese of Allentown parish.

IF YOU VOLUNTEER IN THE PARISH - YOU NEED TO SIGN THESE TWO FORMS. It's that simple and we thank you! Volunteers who work with our parish children - have extra components to this process - which they are all completing.

Lenten Film Study

Join us for Week 3 of our Lenten Film Study - **No Greater Love** - The Trial Before Pilate. Monday, March 16th 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.



We have journeyed with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and his false trial before the Sanhedrin. We now stand beside Jesus as he is presented to Pilate and ultimately condemned to death. Pilate is concerned about "peace" and Jesus was presented as a common criminal. Luke 23: 2.

Join us for scripture, film, discussion and prayer. You may join us each week, or as often as you are able.

ALL ARE WELCOME, there is no cost, nor need to pre-register.

Youth Ministry Meetings

Sunday, March 22nd - Regular Meeting - 11:30 AM to 1 PM

Saturday, March 28th - Bowling at Haja Rose Bowl - 7:00 to 9:00 PM

For information call or text Ms. Jenn: 484-433-0265 or email jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org. Follow us on Instagram@sfayouthgroup. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StFrancisAssisiYouthGroup/>



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Polka Mass at St. Joseph's in Bethlehem
 All are welcome to attend celebration of St. Joseph Feast Day "Polka" Mass at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 21st at St. Joseph's Slovenian/Windish (106-year-old Romanesque) Church located at 417 East 5th Street in Bethlehem. sjosephbethlehempa.com In 2008, several of our European churches in South Side Bethlehem closed. We invite all Catholics especially those past parishioners of closed South Side Bethlehem churches an opportunity to re-unite in attending this 12th Anniversary Mass.

Visit The Holy Land Cancelled

Deacon Ricardo Reyes has asked us to announce that the visit to the Holy Land for November 2020 has been cancelled.

Bulletin Board

Please take a moment to check our bulletin board in the stairwell into the vestibule from the parking lot. There are many events posted for local parishes that we do not always have room to print in the bulletin.

Calling ALL children eligible to receive Confirmation in either 2021 or 2022!



Due to school building clean up and ou cancellation of PREP classes on March 15th - our Confirmation 2021 Meeting is being moved to March 22nd at 9:05 ish.

We will see you then! We hope to meet in the School Building, but if not we will meet in Heritage Hall. Stay tuned to emails, parish website and Facebook for any additional changes.

ANY 7th grade parish student - whether attending public school, home school, parochial school NEEDS to attend with a parent or guardian. If you have any questions - contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale 484 547 6270. Come Holy Spirit Come!

Rosary Holy Hours In The Adoration Chapel

Saturdays at 12:00 Noon and Sundays at 7:00 PM
 For Our Church, Country, Families & Priests
 The Chapel is open daily from 6 AM to 9 PM.
 Questions: call Karin, 610-351-0835

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 22nd.** 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 Cream

PICK-UP DATE: After the Masses in the Parish Office the weekend of Palm Sunday (Saturday, April 4th & Sunday, April 5th)



NUT ROLL ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Quantity of each: Nut: _____

Poppyseed: _____

Apricot: _____

Prune: _____

Red Raspberry: _____

Coconut Cream: _____

Total Number of rolls: _____ @ \$16 per roll

Total payment enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to Saint Francis Church. All orders must be prepaid and are due by Sunday, March 22nd.