

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



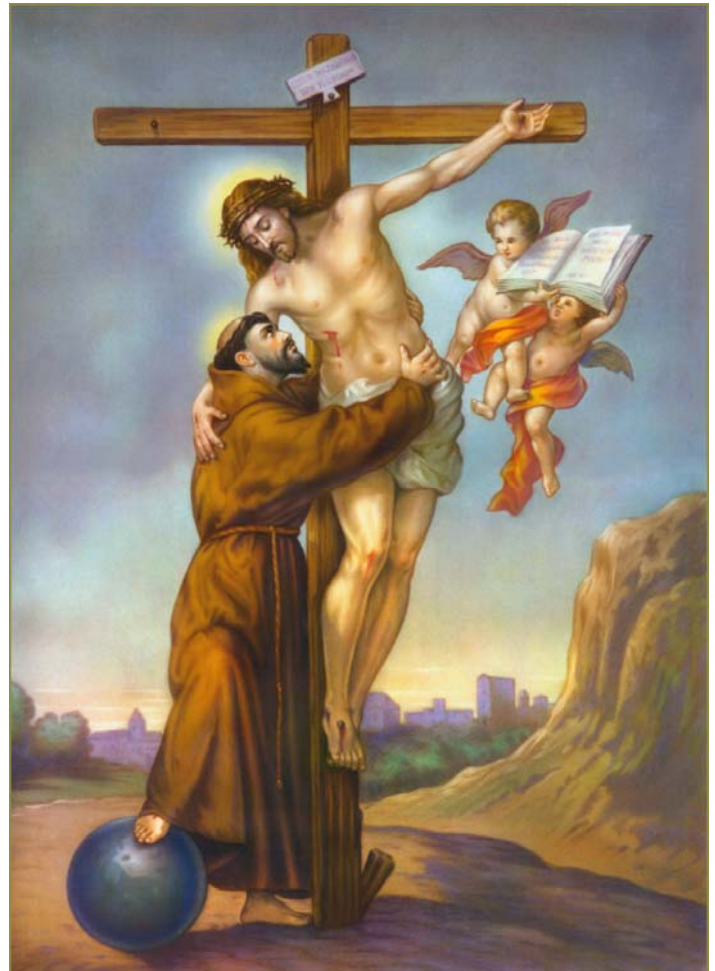
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 22, 2020

*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.

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 23rd

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

No Mass

Tuesday, March 24th

Ez 47:1-9, 19; Jn 5:1-16

Desmond Carrigan

Saint Oscar Romero

Wednesday, March 25th

Heb 7:10-14, 8-10; LK 1:26-38

Quinto Toigo

The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday, March 26th

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

Delores Schreffler

Friday, March 27th

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2; 10, 25-30

Marvin Barker

**March 28th & 29th
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

John Maruscak

Lamar Farrel

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Stanley Mesaros

Please Note: Although there are intentions each day these Masses will be said privately by Monsignor Finelli at a time designated by him. There are no Masses permitted during this time with a congregation.

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sunday, May 17, 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! If you already have a ticket that ticket is still valid. **(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.



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 6:00 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.



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of

March 22, 2020 is:

**In Memory of John Maruscak
By The Maruscak Family**

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, May 3, 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 (Walson Center), 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!

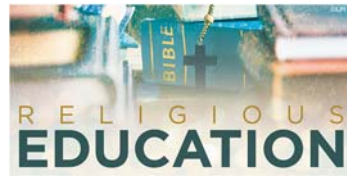


www.StJohnVianneySchool.org

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. 7th Street, Allentown. Join us, Monday through Saturday, 7 AM-6 PM. **When prayer volunteers are praying the no. 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.

Cancelled until further notice



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 22nd - NO CLASS
- 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.

Cancelled until further notice

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 28th & 29th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	S. Wascavage	M. Carentino	PREP students
Eucharistic Minister	L. Stofko, L. Eberly	J. & P. Pirruvage	J. Reasinger, C. Adams
Cantor	E. Krause	M. Assermover	S. Kuczynski
Organist	C. Hageman	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. & J. Krause	C. Keon	E. Zobel, H. Folligan
Sacristan	N. Stofko	P. Bartman	

No Public Masses

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



Practice Dates/Times:

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 - ? 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)

SPRING FLING BAZAAR

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

St. Paul's Parish Center

219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown

Vendors, Crafts, Raffles, Food & More!

Vendors/Crafters Needed

Email sprcebuletin@rcn.com for a registration form.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of March 14th & 15th

# of envelopes mailed:	722
# of envelopes received:	114
% of envelopes used:	16%
Total of First Collection	\$4,531.26

During this very trying time we ask all parishioners to PLEASE keep up with their normal weekend collection. Although everything is closed, and Masses are all private, the expenses of the parish do not stop.

You may mail in your collection or hold it until the next time you come to Church for Mass (whenever that may be??). Either way, we ask that you do whatever you can to stay current so that we may continue to stay current with our bills and other expenses.

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

As we previously announced we will be entering into a new phase of parish life with "Flocknote." Like sending a "note" to your "flock". Although we planned on having sign-up Sunday on March 22nd, it will now be delayed until the current pandemic passes. This will be a great and new exciting venture for our parish so stay tuned and get your smartphones ready!

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 convinced of his "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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Trip to 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.

Kolbe Academy

ENROLLING NOW! The Diocese of Allentown has opened Kolbe Academy, the nation's first faith-based recovery high school. The school is now enrolling students in recovery from all faiths in the five counties of the Diocese: Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Schuylkill, and beyond. Kolbe Academy will serve students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 and will provide a quality Catholic education that meets the state requirements for high school graduation and sustains and nurtures the spirit of each student on their journey of recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. For more information, please visit the school website at www.kolbe-academy.com, call the school at 610-419-3333, or email Principal John Petruzzelli about enrollment at principal@kolbe-academy.com.

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



Due to school building clean up and our cancellation of PREP classes on March 15th - our Confirmation 2021 Meeting is being moved to March 22nd at 9:00 AM.

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



Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info

You must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the Parish Office.

Don't forget to check out our website to keep up with the goings-on in the Parish!

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THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS

Saturday, May 16, 2020

7 - 10 PM in the Church Hall
Doors open at 6 PM

Tickets are available for purchase now for only \$14 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.**

If you have purchased tickets already your tickets are still valid.