

# *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*

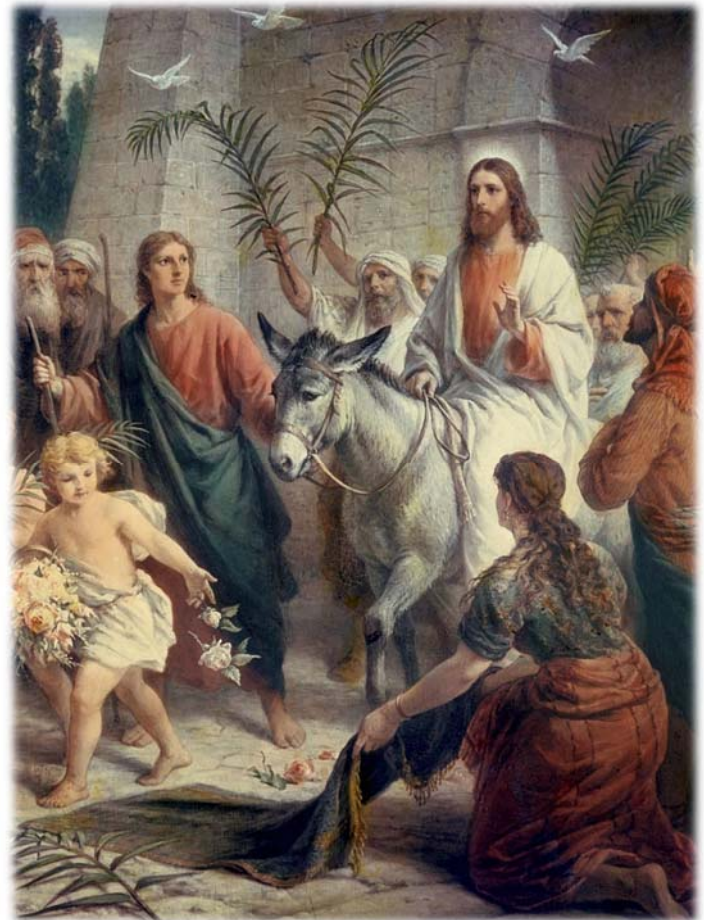
Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

Anytime by appointment



## *Adoration Chapel*

Our Adoration Chapel is temporarily closed due to COVID19



*March 28, 2021  
Palm Sunday  
of The Passion of The Lord*

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](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

# Mass Schedule

## Monday, March 29th

*Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11*

No Mass

## Tuesday, March 30th

*Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

**8:00 AM** Bernadine Baker (Public Mass)

## Wednesday, March 31st

*Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25*

**8:00 AM** Elvira Stalsitz (Public Mass)

## Holy Thursday, April 1st

**8:00 AM** Morning Prayer (Church)

*Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15*

**7:00 PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper - Living and

Deceased Members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## Friday, April 2nd Good Friday of the Passion of The Lord

**8:00 AM** Morning Prayer (Church)

*Is 52:13--53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1--19:42*

**3:00 PM** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

## Holy Saturday, April 3rd

**8:00 AM** Morning Prayer (Church)

*Gn 1:1--2:2; 22:1-18; Ex 14:15--15:1; Is 54:5-14, 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11, Mk 16:1-7*

**8:00 PM** Easter Vigil - Easter Flowers and Memorials

## April 4th

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9*

**8:30 AM** Living and Deceased Members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**10:30 AM** Living and Deceased Members 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 28, 2021 is

**In Memory of John Maruscak  
by: The Maruscak Family**

# Holy Week Schedule



## Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

- ✘ Monday, March 29th: 4:30 - 5:00 PM & 7:00 - 7:30 PM

(Confessions will be heard in the Parish Library as has been our practice during the pandemic)

## Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils)

Wednesday, March 31st: 10:30 AM

(This Mass can be seen on the Diocesan YouTube channel and is not open to the public)

## Holy Thursday

- ✘ Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM in the Church
- ✘ Mass of The Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church until 11:00 PM (this Mass can be seen on our parish YouTube channel and Facebook page)

## Good Friday

- ✘ Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM in the Church
- ✘ Confessions: 12:00 - 12:30 PM in the Library
- ✘ The Church will be open for private prayer from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM
- ✘ 3:00 PM: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (this service can be seen on our parish YouTube channel and Facebook page)
- ✘ Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

## Holy Saturday, April 3rd

- ✘ Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM in the Church
- ✘ Blessing of the Easter Foods: 12:00 PM
- ✘ Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

## Easter Sunday, April 4th

- ✘ Masses celebrated at: 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

(the 10:30 AM Mass will also be telecast on our parish Facebook page and YouTube channel)

(In case of overflow due to social distancing, both Masses will be livestreamed in the Parish Hall)

## Parish Office Closing

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 2nd, Holy Saturday, April 3rd, Easter Sunday, April 4th, and Easter Monday, April 5th.



## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 1st (Holy Thursday) 7:00 PM

**Lector** G. Rodriguez  
**Cantor** J. Fignar  
**Organist** J. DeMatto

April 2nd (Good Friday) 3:00 PM

F. Lenahan  
 P. Rollins  
 D. Badesso

April 3rd (Easter Vigil) and April 4th (Easter Sunday)

8:00 PM

**Lector** H. Moyer  
**Cantor** J. Fignar  
**Organist** D. Badesso

8:30 AM

R. Granitz  
 M. Issermoyer  
 D. Badesso

10:30 AM

N. Lamparella  
 D. Lamparella  
 D. Badesso



### Holy Week

#### PREP

Our PREP families begin their Easter Break this Sunday through April 10, 2021.

We are hopeful our families can celebrate Holy Week together attending Mass, and the special services in person or via our parish YouTube Channel.

When we return from Easter Break - we have 3 weeks of classes and then our 2020- 2021 year will be completed.

Spring Registration Forms for the 2021 - 2022 year will be available via email, our parish website and Parish Office on April 5, 2021.

#### Youth Ministry Hosting Baby Bottle Campaign for Cay Galgon Life House



The Youth Ministry is hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Cay Galgon Life House (formerly known as Mary's Shelter). The mission of the Cay Galgon Life House is to lovingly care for homeless moms, moms-to-be, and babies in the Lehigh Valley by providing housing, counseling, and education leading to a life of self-reliance.

The Youth Ministry will be distributing empty baby bottles after Masses on April 10th & 11th. Fill the bottle with coins, cash or checks and return the bottle during one of our collection dates on May 8th & 9th. When you return your bottle, you are making a difference in the lives of needy mothers and babies in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Reasinger, Youth Ministry Leader, [jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org](mailto:jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org) OR call/text 484-433-0265.

#### Flocknote

**Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576 on your smartphone**

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April 9th & 10th First Friday/First Saturday

Devotions at the Blue Army Shrine

674 Mountain View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ. 08802

Join us in this Year of St. Joseph for First Friday of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. 10 AM Confessions; 11:30 AM Rosary; 12 PM Mass. First Saturday Devotions of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart. 10 AM Confessions; 11:00 AM Virtual Speaker; Mr. Devin Schadt, author and co-founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph, followed by 11:30 AM Holy Rosary w/15 minute silent meditation; 12:15 PM Mass; Divine Mercy Chaplet & Brown Scapular enrollment. Events take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. First Saturday virtual speaker and devotions can be watched online at [www.bluearmy.com/yearofstjoseph](http://www.bluearmy.com/yearofstjoseph); For more information, call 908-689-1700 x. 210. [service@bluearmy.com](mailto:service@bluearmy.com)

## Retrouvaille

Rediscover The Love in Your Marriage  
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16 - 18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

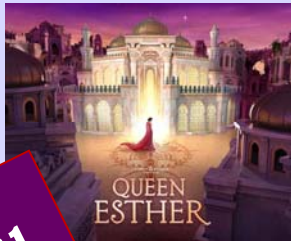
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our website to keep up with the  
goings-on in the Parish!

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### 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**. \$112 per 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 & Sound for the 3:00 PM show, and leave for home following the show. Call Stephanie at the office, 610-433-6102 to sign up or for more information.

**New date:  
October 26, 2021**



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## A Traditional Easter Basket



A traditional Easter basket has the above items in it, plus a few extra, which are all symbolic or remind us of something about Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Butter:** Often shaped into a lamb or a cross; reminds us of the good will of Christ that we should have toward all things.

**Easter Bread:** Often topped with a cross or fish; symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

**Horseradish:** Symbolic of the Passion of Christ, still in our minds.

**Eggs:** Decorated; indicating new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

**Sausage:** Symbol of God's favor and generosity.

**Smoked Bacon:** Symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

**Salt:** Considered a necessary element in our earthly life; Symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us that we are the "salt of the earth."

**Cheese:** Symbolic of the moderation that we should have at all times.

**Candle:** Represents Christ as the Light of the World

**Colorful Ribbons & Greenery/Grass:** Attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in celebration of the Resurrection.

The baskets then have a linen cover placed overtop, awaiting the trip to the church where it will join other baskets in being blessed. Then the blessed food is set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday. Even if you can't do the traditional basket, consider bringing your basket to Church for the blessing. It's a wonderful tradition to start with children or grandchildren.

**Easter Food Blessing: Holy Saturday at 12:00 PM**

## Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

**William J. Johnson**

by: Marlene M. Deutsch, Pegg & John Philapavage,  
Michael & Rita Gallo

**Helen R. Grieff**

by: Pegg & John Philapavage

**Victor F. Finelli**

By: Pegg & John Philapavage

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*

## Movie Club Returns

Our beloved Movie Club is returning on May 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM with the showing of Fatima.



We are thrilled to once again gather together, watch a great faith based film and enjoy some snacks and soda.

ALL are welcome. Hands will be sanitized; Temperatures will be checked; Masks are required and Social Distancing enforced.



## 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](http://www.glscrip.com) and click home page. The next monthly order will be placed on **Tuesday, April 6th**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

## Holy Family Helping Hands Kid's Clothing Closet



In the Wortmann Center, 421 W. Center Street, Nazareth. Clothing Closet will be open every first Saturday of the month (April 3rd) from 10 AM to Noon. No prices are set! Families can choose what they need and

make any donation they can afford to give. Come select great kids clothes sizes infant to teen.

Donations needed: Infant to teen size clothing may be brought to the Wortmann Center on the first Saturday of each month when the clothing closet is open or on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 PM, or call/text Kathi for porch pickup if needed (484)542-9637. Monetary donations are accepted.

## Recitation of the Rosary



The Rosary will be recited before both the Masses next weekend, April 10 & 11, 2021. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.



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.

## Prayer for Vocations

Eternal Father, thank you for all priests, here in our Parish and in our Diocese, and throughout the world. Thank you for the way they preach the Gospel, celebrate the Eucharist and care for Your people. Sanctify, heal and guide them. Incline them to constant Adoration and Thanksgiving. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. Send your Holy Spirit to keep the joy and enthusiasm of their Ordination Day alive in their hearts. We ask you to bless our Bishop, our Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. We ask for a special blessing on Monsignor Finelli, may his witness to Christ inspire other men to offer their lives to you and your Church. Amen.



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**Bed, Bath & Beyond (7%): \$25**

**Buy Buy Baby (7%): \$25**

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**Bonefish Grill (8%): \$25**

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**Carrabbas (8%): \$25**

**Christmas Tree Shop (7%): \$25**

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**Gap (14%): \$25**

**Giant (10%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100**

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**Longhorn Steakhouse (8%): \$25**

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**Macy's (10%): \$25**

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**Olive Garden (8%): \$25**

**Outback Steakhouse (8%): \$25**

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**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**

