

# *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*

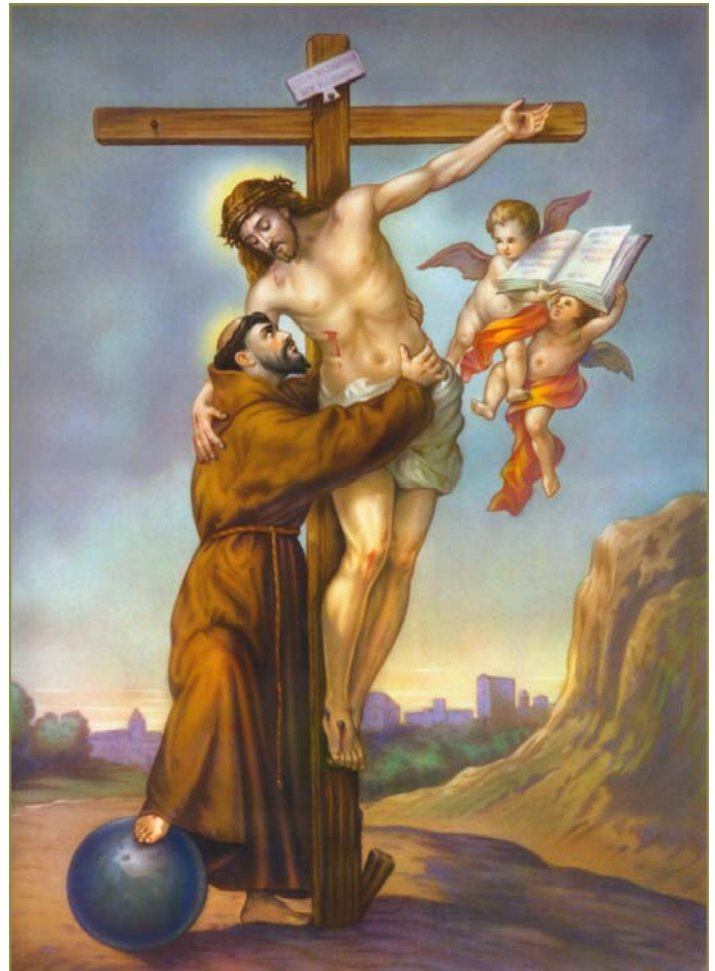
Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

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 29, 2020*

*Fifth 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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

# Mass Schedule

## Monday, March 30th

*Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11*

No Mass

## Tuesday, March 31st

*Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30*

William T. Lotwick

## Wednesday, April 1st

*Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42*

Kathleen LaTour

## Thursday, April 2nd

*Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59*

Saint Francis of Paola

Mary & Stanley Krutsick

## Friday, April 3rd

*Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42*

Dean Mickey

## April 4th & 5th

### Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

*Mt 21:1-11 (37); Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14--27:66*

Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

Nancy Lewullis & Son Joseph

Mary Lee Schibel

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

**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.**



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials  
The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of  
March 29, 2020 is:

***In Memory of Larry Peischl  
By Midge Peischl***

## 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.



### Palm Sunday

As we go to press for this March 29th Bulletin, we feel certain that public Masses will not yet be permitted for Palm Sunday weekend due to the current coronavirus pandemic.

We invite you to watch Monsignor Finelli celebrate Mass on our Facebook page ***(list more details)***

Also, we will hold a drive-up distribution of blessed palm between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Simply drive up to the double glass doors in the parking lot and stay in your car. Someone will come out and hand you your palm. If you would like to drop off your church envelopes at the same time, that would be great!!

## Prayer to End Coronavirus Pandemic Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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**New Date - 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

[www.StJohnVianneySchool.org](http://www.StJohnVianneySchool.org)

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and other religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!**

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).



**The Liturgical Ministers availability sheet is due to Donna Gerancher by THIS Sunday, March 29th.**



**PREP**

Our Parish Religious Education Program is currently not gathering together because we are staying home and staying safe! We are staying connected however and continuing to work on our studies via email and internet! Our teachers are thinking outside the box

and having our children work at home so that no matter what happens, we can successfully complete our 2019/2020 year. We ask for our prayers for our Parish children as they complete their religious education year.

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.

**Prayer for Lent**

LORD GOD, through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ your Son you set us free from sin. In baptism, we embraced that freedom, rejected sin and promised to live in your light. Help us this Lent to see the truth: that we have not always lived up to that promise and that you are already ready to give us the joy of your resurrection. May our Lenten journey bring us closer to you through prayer, fasting and acts of charity. We ask this through the Risen Lord. Amen.

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, April 4th & 5th**

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Lector</b>	H. Moyer, P. Stiles	M. Issermoyer, R. Granitz	J. Kocon, J. Reasinger
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	A. Moyer, J. Fittipaldi	S. & D. Gerancher	J. Young, A. Drovich
<b>Cantor</b>	L. Hannis	S. Kocynski	P. Rollins
<b>Organist</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. Martrich, S. Lurwick	H. Folligan, C. Stano	C. Kocon, D. Koury
<b>Sacristan</b>	T. Bartman	N. Stofko	

**No Public Masses**



Living Stations is Cancelled This Year  
Unfortunately, Living Stations has to be cancelled this year due to the widespread outbreak of the coronavirus.

**Message from the Principal of ACCHS**

Dear ACCHS Families,  
Now that we have entered our second week of virtual learning, I am encouraged by the efforts of our staff and administrators to provide a seamless learning atmosphere that our families have come to expect from Allentown Central Catholic. Our teachers are preparing and presenting lessons for our students. In return, our students have been diligent in accessing and completing assignments. While it is obviously not the ideal situation, ACCHS takes pride in knowing that we have successfully implemented an online learning platform that maintains our quality of academic excellence.



**As per the new directive ordered by Governor Wolf, ACCHS will now remain closed through April 6, 2020.** We will continue to monitor government recommendations and follow Diocesan guidelines.

Rest assured, ACCHS is ready to proceed with virtual lessons in order to continue providing an outstanding Catholic education. Please visit [www.acchs.info/online-learning](http://www.acchs.info/online-learning) for news and information about our Online Learning. Encourage your student to login to Sapphire daily to remain in touch with their teachers and classmates.

Most importantly, we keep our families, staff and Viking community in our prayers to remain safe and healthy!  
God bless,  
Randy Rice, Principal

**Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy  
And Nut Roll Fundraisers**



People who placed orders for our Spring fundraisers can be assured of being able to pick up their orders. As soon as



we have details on when the products will be delivered, we will contact you and make arrangements for pick-up.

All Movie Club events are cancelled until further notice due to the current coronavirus pandemic. We will look forward to beginning again when this threat has passed.

**Cancelled until further notice**



**Our Weekly Stewardship**

**Weekend of March 21st & 22nd**

# of envelopes mailed:	722
# of envelopes received:	0
% of envelopes used:	0%
Total of First Collection	\$681.00

*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.*



**Stained Glass Sale**

The Office for Pastoral Planning will conduct a sale of surplus stained glass on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052. Stained glass from the following churches will be available for purchase:

- St. John Capistrano - Bethlehem
- St. Bartholomew – Brockton
- St. Joseph - Girardville
- Our Lady of Good Counsel - Gordon
- St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Easton
- St. Katharine Drexel - Lansford
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Minersville
- Sacred Heart – Nesquehoning
- Reading Central Catholic High School – Reading
- St. George – Shenandoah
- St. Stephen – Shenandoah
- Sacred Heart – Tremont



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Others Next  
Yourself Last





### Safe Environment Documentation

Thanks to ALL of you who have turned in your Safe Environment documentation. The response has been overwhelming. Not everyone has taken care of this very important task, but many, many, many of you have done so.

Remember - if you volunteer in the parish in ANY capacity - whatsoever - with children or without - as a breakfast server or lector or an EM are part of a parish Committee.... any volunteering!!!! ... we need this paperwork signed from you that YOU understand the Diocesan policies.

However, with public Masses discontinued and the Parish Office not open to the public, we know you cannot turn in your signed Acknowledgement Forms.

Don't be alarmed - you can return your paperwork to the office once we reconvene.

We thank you again for your responsiveness to this Diocesan requirement!!!! Your time, talent, energy and selflessness mean the world to St. Francis.

### Lenten Film Study



**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.



### Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to create a prayer shawl for parish friends in need of prayer. The ministry, here at St. Francis of Assisi Church, combines knitting/crocheting and praying as you make prayer shawls. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be blessed, then given as a token of love, comfort and prayer to those in need. Our supply of the shawls is getting low, and we invite you to pick up a sheet of instructions at the Parish Office if you are able to help us to replenish our supply.

### Daily Prayer for Priests

O Almighty Eternal God, look upon the face of Thy Christ, and for the love of Him who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on Thy priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Sit up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the bishop's hands. Keep them close to Thee, lest the Enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray Thee for Thy faithful and fervent priests; for Thy unfaithful and tepid priests; for Thy priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Thy tempted priests; for Thy lonely and desolate priests; for Thy young priests; for Thy aged priests; for Thy sick priests, for Thy dying priests; for the souls of Thy priests in Purgatory.

But above all I commend to Thee the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted, and who gave me Thy Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me, or helped and encouraged me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, particularly (Name), O Jesus, keep them all close to Thy Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.



### 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](http://www.stfrancisallentown.org) for information to sign up.

### Youth Ministry Meetings

For information call or text Ms. Jean: 484-433-0265 or email [jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org](mailto:jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org). Follow us on Instagram@sfayouthgroup, Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stfrancisassisiyouthgroup/>



### 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 **Monday, April 2nd**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

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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 1.5% to 10% profit to the parish. 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: \$25, \$100**

**Applebees: \$10, \$25**

**Banana Republic: \$25**

**Barnes and Nobles: \$10, \$25**

**Bath and Body Works: \$10, \$25**

**Bed, Bath & Beyond: \$25**

**Buy Buy Baby: \$25**

**Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: mention St. Francis**

**Bonefish Grill: \$25**

**Boscov's: \$25**

**Carrabbas: \$25**

**Christmas Tree Shops: \$25**

**Dunkin Donuts: \$10**

**Gap: \$25**

**Giant: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100**

**Home Depot: \$25, \$100**

**Kohl's: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100**

**Longhorn Steakhouse: \$25**

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**Outback Steakhouse: \$25**

**Panera Bread: \$10**

**Red Robin: \$25**

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**Redner's Warehouse: \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100**

**Ruby Tuesday: \$25**

**Sam's Club: \$25, \$100**

**Target: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100**

**Texas Roadhouse: \$25**

**Visa: \$50, \$100**

**Wal-Mart: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100**

**Wawa: \$25**

**Wegman's: \$25, \$50, \$100**

**Weis: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100**

**Wendy's: \$10**

