

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



April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of The Lord



Happy Easter





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, April 5th

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

No Mass

Tuesday, April 6th

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

8:00 AM Bernard & Isabel Duddy (Public Mass)

Wednesday, April 7th

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:14-35

8:00 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members
(Public Mass)

Thursday, April 8th

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM Jeffrey Russ (Public Mass)

Friday, April 9th

Acts 4:1-2; Jn 21:1-14

Mary Lee Schibel (Private Mass)

Saturday and Sunday, April 10th & 11th

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

4:30 PM William Car

10:30 AM Louise M. Dennis

Gerald Quigney

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

April 4, 2021 is

For the Intentions of

Jim and Susan Steiner

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

William J. Johnson

by: Gary & Barbara Kiechel, Philip & Carole Cary

Betty Jane Kerrigan

by: Mary Lou Quay

Deacon Albert W. Chesnavage

by: The Seng Family

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

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Easter Blessings!

May I take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a most Blessed and Joyous Easter. What a wonderful time of the year it is. The trees and flowers are beginning to blossom, the weather is getting warmer, life is springing back from the death of winter! But even more important is the fact that our spiritual lives are enlivened once again through the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He, who conquered sin and death and rose triumphantly on the third day, comes to us anew this Easter and promises He will be with us for all time. What a great day this is! I'm so happy to be able to share it with you and I'm ever thankful to be your Pastor. May our risen Lord bless you and your family this Easter, and may every good thing come to you and yours.

On behalf of Deacon Bob, Deacon Ricardo, and our entire staff, I wish you a Blessed, Holy, and Happy Easter!



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Victor F. Finelli, J.C.L.
Pastor

Easter Thanks

We would like to thank all those who helped make our Holy Week and Easter such a beautiful time in our parish: our cantors, musicians, liturgical ministers, those who decorated, our Parish staff, and anyone else who may have assisted in any way. We are so appreciative of what you do for your parish.

Thank you very much!

Recently Deceased



Please pray for the souls of parishioner Christine Aiello and Deacon Albert W. Chesnavage, father of parishioner Jane Seng, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

Parish Office Closing

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 4th, and Easter Monday, April 5th.



PREP

Happy Easter to ALL of our PREP students, families, teachers, volunteers and staff.



PREP classes resume Sunday, April 11, 2021. Registration packets for 2021 - 2022 are NOW available on the parish website, from Mrs. Stockdale via email or on paper at the Parish Office.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule		
Saturday and Sunday, April 10th & 11th		
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	D. Colom
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso

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.

Free Pews

We have two solid oak 88 inch pews available for free. You must be able to move yourself. Please call the Parish Office if interested.



Monthly Food Drive
 Sponsored by the Outreach Committee
 Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, April 10th & 11th. This month, we particularly need sauce, tuna, Tuna Helper, meat products (Spam, etc.), cereal, soup, peanut butter, jelly, vegetables, crackers, macaroni & cheese, rice and canned fruit. (We do not need pasta at this time.) Please note: We cannot accept any glass jars. Collection bins will be available at the entrances of the church for your donations. *Help is needed on collection weekends to help move the food donations from the vestibule area to the pantry after each Mass.*



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Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will be reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the Masses next weekend - Divine Mercy Sunday (April 10th & 11th) at about 25 minutes prior to Mass. Please join us for this special devotion. *Jesus, I trust in you!*

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 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.



Thanks to Our Candy Makers

We wish to say thank you to all those volunteers who helped to make our Easter Egg fundraiser a success. This fundraiser was by far more time consuming than any of our other fundraisers, and they worked day after day without any complaints. Those who worked making our sweet Easter confections were: Paula and Roy Rollins, Tom and Kathleen McGinley, Fran and Kathy Kryzan, Fran Lenahan, Sharon Todora, Deacon Ricardo Reyes, and Noreen and Chris Wargo.



Festival News

Our annual International Food Festival will not be held the last weekend of June this year due to Covid-19. We hope to reschedule it for the late summer or early fall. Watch for new dates to be announced in a future bulletin.



WE ARE 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.

How can you help? It's simple!

Pick up an empty baby bottle on our

Start Date: April 10 & April 11

Fill it with donations (coins, cash or checks). Return it on our

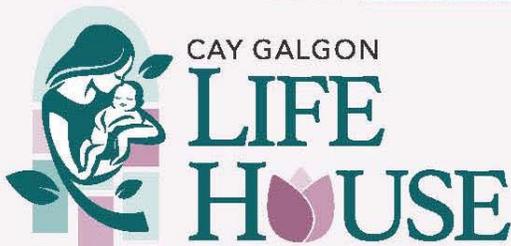
Collection Date: May 8 & May 9

When you return your bottle, you are making a difference in the lives of needy mothers and babies in our communities.

Our Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator: Jenn Reasinger, Youth Ministry Leader

Phone: 610-433-6102

Email: jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org



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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

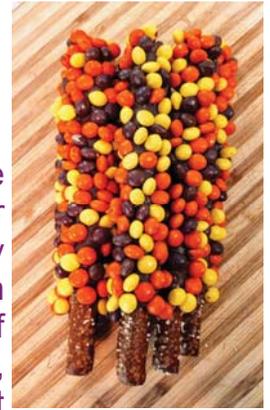
Weis (5%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wendy's (6.5%): \$10





Gourmet Pretzel Rods



Since our Easter Egg sale was such a huge success we thought we may offer another confection (candy) for your enjoyment. This will be another big success, we already know! Enjoy these excellent gourmet pretzel rods enrobed in either rich milk or dark chocolate then drenched with some of your favorite candies like mini M&M's, mini Reese's Pieces, mini Nonpareils, Peanuts, or fun Sprinkles! We have a great

deal going for these delicacies too...only \$2.00 each! Order as many as you like of one kind or mix it up...and if you order 5 we'll give you one (1) for FREE. That's right, free (with either peanuts or sprinkles)! What a fantastic deal and treat for the young and no-so-young alike. Don't miss the opportunity to get your order in so that you can be guaranteed you get what you want. We wouldn't want to see you shut out of this great fundraiser for Saint Francis. Make sure you get your order in early just in case we have to close sales due to just too many orders that we may not be able to fulfill.

Orders are due no later than Thursday, April 22nd with pick up on May 1st (from 3:30 to 5:30 PM) and May 2nd (from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM). For those with allergies, the gourmet pretzel rods with Reese's Pieces and peanuts will be made separately for no cross-contamination. Checks made payable to: Saint Francis



Gourmet Pretzel Rods Order Form



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Gourmet Pretzel Rod with:

Quantity

Mini M&M's:

milk chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____
 dark chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____

Mini Reese's Pieces:

milk chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____
 dark chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____

Mini Nonpareils:

milk chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____
 dark chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____

Peanuts:

milk chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____
 dark chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____

Sprinkles:

milk chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____
 dark chocolate: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

I've ordered 5 (10, 15, etc.) Gourmet Pretzel Rods! I get one FREE (or 2, 3, etc.):

 Please be sure to write clearly either milk or dark chocolate and with either peanuts or sprinkles.