

# *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



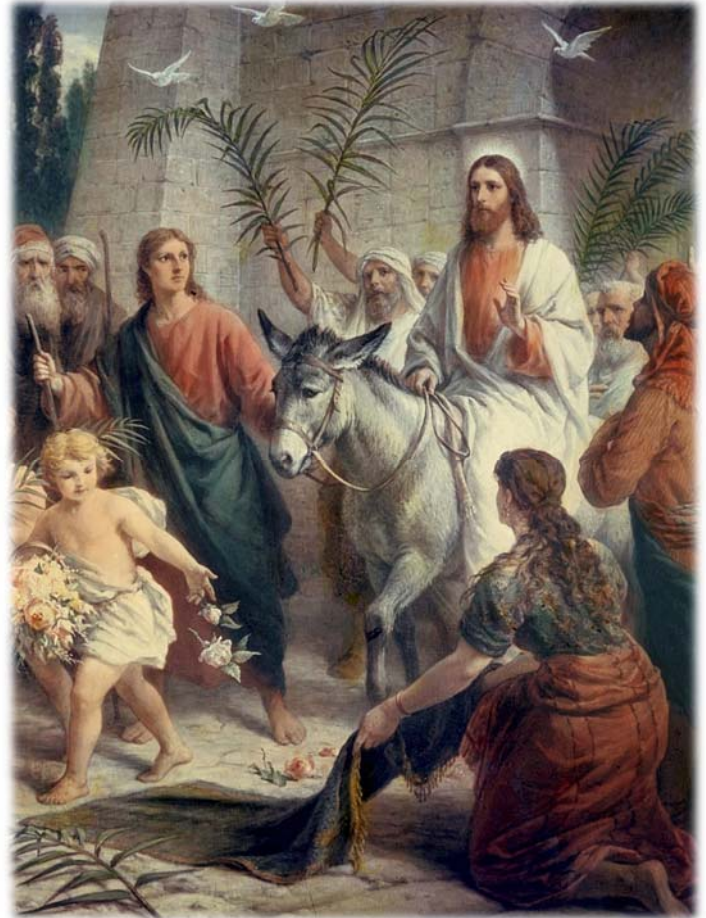
## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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.



*April 5, 2020*

*Palm Sunday  
of the Passion of the Lord*

As we begin this Holy Week please remember in your prayers all those who are suffering in any way during this national pandemic. In a special way we remember our elderly who are most at risk as well as those who have a condition which may compromise them in some way. Additionally, we give thanks to God for all those who assist us in this time, most especially those in the medical profession.

May they be blessed for all that they are doing and may God keep them safe.



## 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, April 6th** Monday of Holy Week  
*Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11*  
 No Mass

**Tuesday, April 7th** Tuesday of Holy Week  
*Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*  
 Ed Granitz

**Wednesday, April 8th** Wednesday of Holy Week  
*Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25*  
 Walter Reichard

**Thursday, April 9th** Holy Thursday  
*Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15*  
 Living and Deceased Members of St. Francis of Assisi

**Friday, April 10th** Good Friday  
*Is 52:13--53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1--19:42*  
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**April 11th**  
**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**  
*Gn 1:1--2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15--15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 21--4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10*  
 Easter Flowers and Memorials

**April 12th**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
*Acts 10-34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9(42)*  
 Easter Flowers and Memorials  
 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  
 April 5, 2020 is:

***In Memory of Mary Lee Schibel***  
***By Stephanie Epler***

Prayer to End Coronavirus Pandemic  
 by 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.

Dated 3/15/2020

## 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.



At this time the Parish Office is closed until further notice. Please feel free to leave a message when you call. Messages will be listened to a few times a day, and we will make every effort to respond and answer your questions.



### Sight and Sound Bus Trip

St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound's new show, "Queen Esther" on **Wednesday, June 17, 2020**. \$113 per person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, show, and bus driver tip. We'll depart church at 9:30 AM for Shady Maple, then on to Sight and Sound Theatre for the 3:00 PM show, and leave for home immediately following the show. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102 to sign up or for more information.

## 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.



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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)

Please Forward to a Friend!



The AD Today website is your link to daily Mass with the Bishop, and to staying in touch during the pandemic. Urge your friends and family to subscribe so they can have their own copy of the

new weekly AD Today newsletter.

PREP Ready to Celebrate a Blessed Holy Week



Our PREP students are on a scheduled break from PREP for Palm Sunday.

To help them better understand and appreciate Holy Week, here are some kid friendly, at home ideas: Make "hand made" palms out of cut outs from your children's hands and post them to a craft stick.

Enjoy pretzels and discuss the Lenten Pretzel Legend or Jelly Beans

and the Jelly Bean Prayer.

Craft a "host" out of white paper with a picture of Jesus on the inside or back to show that His real presence in the Eucharist on Holy Thursday.

Read the story of Jesus passion from a Children's Bible on Good Friday.

There are many ideas online! Have a good one - send to Mrs. Stockdale and she will share with our PREP community.

Prayers to everyone in our PREP family for the holiest week ever.

Movie Club

Although our Movie Club movies are "on hold", many studios are releasing movies online or on demand. "I Still Believe" was released on March 27th. Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime has a plethora of excellent faith based films to enjoy. Here is a great website to check out movie reviews: <https://www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm>.



We look forward to being able to gather together soon and will reschedule the films we have not been able to watch yet.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 9th (Holy Thursday) 7:00 PM

**Lector** J. Reasinger  
**Eucharistic Ministers** M. Dietrick, J. DeLeo, T. Fronheiser, D. & J. Colom  
**Cantor** S. Kuczynski  
**Organist** TBA  
**Altar Servers** A. Beck S. Lurwick, H. Folligan, E. Zobe  
**Sacristan** L. Moser

April 10th (Good Friday) 3:00 PM

B. Sheaffer  
 F. Kryzan  
 P. Rollins  
 TBA  
 E. & B. Sheaffer  
 N. Stofko

April 11th (Easter Vigil) and April 12th (Easter Sunday)

**8:00 PM**  
**Lector** G. Rodriguez, H. Moyer  
**Eucharistic Ministers** A. Moyer  
**Cantor** E. Krause  
**Organist** TBA  
**Altar Servers** V. Herman, J. Fittipaldi, D. & J. Krause  
**Sacristan** T. Bartman

**8:30 AM**  
**Lector** V. Falzone  
**Eucharistic Ministers** M. Seemoyer, J. DeLeo  
**Cantor** D. Lamparella  
**Organist** TBA  
**Altar Servers** H. Folligan, S. & F. Koerbler  
**Sacristan** J. Burgos

**10:30 AM**  
**Lector** F. Lenahan  
**Eucharistic Ministers** J. Lenahan, P. Stiles, L. Unger  
**Cantor** S. Kuczynski  
**Organist** TBA  
**Altar Servers** D. Koury, C. Kocon, C. Stano

**No Public Masses**

### 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

--First Come-First Served--  
Cash and Credit Cards accepted



**Postponed**



**Online Giving** 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.

### 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 6th**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

### 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.



### 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.

### St. Francis Center for Renewal Living with Loss: Caring for Yourself Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 10 AM - 4 PM



Loss comes in many forms: loss of a loved one, loss of good health, loss of vitality, loss of income, loss of status, loss of dignity, loss of youth. Loss is a normal part of life on this earth. Understanding the process of loss and its resulting grief is only the first step in trying to heal. Spend the day centering on best practices for taking care of yourself through the journey. As requested by our retreatants, we are happy to offer you a day to take time for yourself to discover the Center's "Oasis of Peace and Healing."

Offering \$60 Deposit \$30, Please call to register: 610.867.8890 or email [sfcr-info@stfrancisctr.org](mailto:sfcr-info@stfrancisctr.org)  
Visit [www.StFrancisCtr.org](http://www.StFrancisCtr.org) for full details.

### St. Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park



Mark your calendar for Friday June 5th, 2020 to see AAA Baseball between the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs (Phillies) and the Norfolk Tides (Orioles). Enjoy the game, the Picnic Buffet and post-game fireworks display with family, friends and fellow parishioners.

### 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.

### Day of Discernment at Carmelite Monastery

Is Jesus calling you?

Young women discerning a religious vocation are invited to attend a vocational day of recollection at the Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, 3551 Lanark, Road, Coopersburg. The date will be Saturday, April 25th from 10 AM to 4 PM.



This is a great opportunity for young women to check out religious life and learn more about discerning the vocation God desires for you.

There is no registration fee. Lunch will be provided. Interested young women are asked to call 610-797-3721 to register. [carmelitemonasterylehighvalley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelitemonasterylehighvalley@gmail.com)

### Mass for Shut-ins

Sunday & daily Mass is available on EWTN (check your television guide for times). Sunday Mass is available via computer at "The Sunday Mass.org" anytime. This is also helpful to know during this time of social distancing.

## Prayer Requests



### Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain operates by phone and email (to speed up the process by which the prayer requests can be relayed.) We are always looking to recruit **more people** to pray for those in need. This is a simple but powerful way to help our parishioners; please consider joining us! Email Stephanie Epler at [sepler@stfrancisallentown.org](mailto:sepler@stfrancisallentown.org) to be added or to make a prayer request. All emails will be kept confidential. A group email will be sent as each prayer request is received. Of course, you may still call in prayer requests by phone at 610-433-6102.

### 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, and provide Catholic schools and other religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrine.



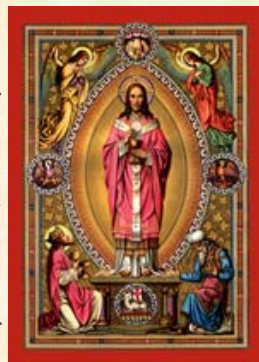
The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

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).

### Prayer for Vocations

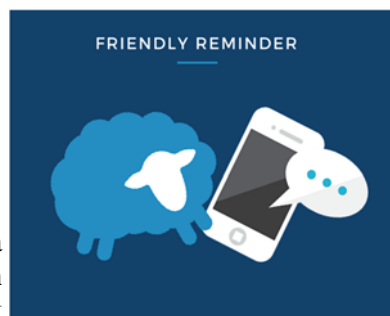
Eternal Father, thank you for all priests, here in our Parish and in our Diocese, and throughout the world. Thank you for the way they preach the Gospel, celebrate the Eucharist and care for Your people. Sanctify, heal and guide them. Incline them to constant Adoration and Thanksgiving. Mold them into 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.



### Flocknotes

**Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576 on your smartphone to get signed up with Flocknote!**

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website at [www.stfrancisallentown.org](http://www.stfrancisallentown.org) for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.)



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE:**

**[www.stfrancisallentown.org](http://www.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 1.5% 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**

**Lowe's: \$25, \$100**

**Macy's: \$25**

**Old Navy: \$25**

**Olive Garden: \$25**

**Outback Steakhouse: \$25**

**Panera Bread: \$10**

**Red Robin: \$25**

**Red Lobster: \$25**

**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**

