

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 12, 2020

*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.

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

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.

Happy Easter

Dear Parishioners:

For all of us this Easter is quite unique. Never have we experienced anything like we are going through in these days. I hope we never do again. Nevertheless, the reality of Easter is the same. Jesus conquered sin and death and rose triumphantly on the third day. This is our faith, this is what we celebrate even during a time of a pandemic. I pray that for all of us that this Easter will bring us an increase of faith, an abundance of hope, and an overflowing sense of love. It is a time of spiritual rejoicing even if we can't rejoice in the way we normally do with family or friends.



We can look at the world scene and become saddened by the realities before us. I try not to do that. I try to look at all the positives that are going on: neighbors helping neighbors, people helping perfect strangers, companies transforming their product lines to help others, doctors and nurses, and all in the medical profession, putting themselves in harms way to assist a perfect stranger, and so much more. I believe this can be a blessed and graced moment for all who believe in the power of Christ's resurrection. For every Christian throughout the world, this is our time. Our time to reach out in faith to help wherever and whomever we can. This is the time to put our faith into practice and to show the world that, not only do we believe, but we believe in Jesus Christ risen from the dead and who dwells among us. This is our Christian reality and, not only does it not make us sad, but allows us to truly rejoice and to be thankful for all that we've been given.

Please know that although we have not seen one another for some time, and I don't know when we will, I pray for you daily. I so look forward to the day when you will be in the pews and our Church will physically come back to life. Until then I wish you, on behalf of Deacon Ricardo and Deacon Bob and our entire staff, a truly blessed and safe Easter. May the Risen Lord Jesus bless you with every good thing, namely; continued good health, peace of mind during these trying days, happiness in your daily life, and the faith to know that Jesus is with you always.

Happy Easter,

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

Greetings from Deacon Bob

O, how I miss the good ole days, no not those of 50 or 60 years or so, but only a month. Yes, no doubt many of you share similar feelings, lamenting for the time when things return to normal. For some prayerful normalcy, let me recommend the Words spoken to St. Faustina by Divine Mercy itself; I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls (1074 diary).

I also recommend that you download the picture of Divine Mercy with the words written below it; "Jesus, I Trust in You." Place it on the inside of your front door looking out (if it's glass) or on a window. Let it serve as your Christian witness to those who pass by Jesus is there for everybody and "The greater the sinner, the greater his right to God's Mercy." (723 diary)

Deacon Bob

To my Family at St. Francis:

Just want to pray that you have a Blessed Easter with your family.
Miss all of you. See you soon.



Blessings,
Deacon Ricardo



Easter Greetings. . .

Outreach Committee

Your dedication and selfless support is rewarding! We maintain our Food Pantry, Casino trips, Rescue Mission Dinners, Meal Program, Help to Mary's Shelter, Coat Drive and a Christmas giving Tree, as well as helping individuals with needs. We had to curtail many of our events, at this unsettled time but God is good! We will continue to update our activities. In the meantime- We wish you a Healthy, Holy Easter.

Fran Kryzan
President

Happy Easter to all our Parish Children from your Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders and Aides!

We have so missed seeing you at Mass for our special services these last few weeks. We hope you were able to enjoy the Word of God with your families during online or televised Masses. We look forward to seeing you soon, and even plan to meet a few times over the summer this year. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Matthew 28:6

Mrs. Camille Stockdale
Director

*Living Stations and
Christmas Tableau*

Wishing you and your family a very blessed and happy Easter. We may not be together physically, but spiritually we are united. Please continue practicing your faith together and praying for one another. Hope to see everyone soon!

Kim Heintzelman
Director

Music Ministry

I offer continued prayers during this time and especially during this Easter week. I look forward to bringing you beautiful music in the weeks to come. May God bless you all.

Sheena Kuczynski
Director

Welcoming and Evangelization Committee

Happy Easter! I miss seeing all of you, both at Mass, and as part of our committee. Please know that I am thinking of each one of you, and praying for all of us daily. I look forward to continuing our important work together when we are able to meet in person again. I pray that when we meet again it will be with a re-energized sense of purpose and renewed energy to continue the tasks of bringing the faithful back to our parish home, and also in continuing to make sure everyone is and feels welcome at St. Francis no matter how long, or short they have been at our church. May God Bless and keep you all safe till we see each other in person again.

Paula Rollins
Committee Chair

To Those who Visit Our Website

I wish to thank all of our St. Francis of Assisi parishioners who visit our website and encourage others who have not, to visit our website. On our website you can learn about our church and the people who help keep catholic education and activities going. You can read all about what is going on in our parish. I also wish to thank all who provide updates for the website to keep the information current.

During this Easter season and all through the year may God Bless our parishioners and provide us with good health, happiness and love for everyone. Happy Easter!

Ann Holaska
Web Administrator

Happy Easter from the Youth Ministry!

Although we aren't getting to see each other in person - we are staying connected through social media and other online options. Although it is tough right now not getting to be together, it will make us appreciate each other even more. The Youth Ministry looks forward to serving our parish again once things are back to "normal." We wish everyone in our Parish family a VERY Happy Easter. God is Good, All the Time ... and All the Time, God is Good!!!!

Jenn Reasinger
SFA Youth Ministry

...From Our Group Leaders

Happy Easter to all of our PREP children and families, our teachers and volunteers!

We may not have been together physically for much of Lent this year, but we were definitely ONE in spirit. I am wishing you the happiest and healthiest of Easter Seasons. No matter where we are, no matter who we are with He is Risen and we are blessed beyond measure to believe... and live!!! God Bless You All!!!

Mrs. Camille Stockdale
Director

Movie Club

Easter Greetings to all of our movie lovers!!!! I hope this message finds you well!!!! I know we all miss Movie Club terribly and look forward to seeing one another soon. Don't forget we can still communicate via email and Facebook – especially if you hear about or enjoy a great faith-based film you. See you at the movies, hopefully sooner rather than later!

Camille Stockdale
Club Coordinator

Women Walking in Faith

Women Walking in Faith (WWF) wishes all of our parishioners and their extended families a Blessed and Happy Easter! We cannot wait to be together again to join in prayers of praise and thanksgiving in Jesus' Name. Come join us and bring a friend or two!

Michelle Hafeman
Group Leader

Men of St. Francis

Easter Greetings and Blessings to all members of the Men of St. Francis, and all those who help at our monthly breakfasts! Hopefully, we can get back to our normal meetings and planning within the next couple of months, and in the meantime, pray for all of our parishioners' continued good health. Prayers do help, I am convinced of that!

Ray Johnson
Group President

An Easter Message from

St. John Vianney Regional School

The Lenten season has been most unique this year as our world has been impacted by the Covid-19 Virus. We were not able to be together in the schools and churches; but, we certainly did find new and creative ways to join together in prayer and preparation. Additionally, the teachers and students have worked diligently each day through remote learning, recognizing the Stations of the Cross and understanding the Passion of the Lord. Today, we pray for each other and all of the parishioners of our three parishes, and we look forward to a day in the near future when we can come together for Mass to truly celebrate His Resurrection.

May you have a very happy and healthy Easter!

Dr. Emily Kleintop
Principal

Parish Nurses

Thank you for monitoring monthly Blood Pressures of our Parishioners. Our supply of Prayer Shawls is so appreciated by those in need. This year we had to cancel our 20th - Health Fair. God willing we will be able to be at the First Aid Station at our Festival this year. Wishing you all a Blessed Easter.

Fran Kryzan
Group Leader

Parish Pastoral Council

Easter has arrived! As I pray throughout the day, Jesus, I trust in You, the thought of the Resurrection brings comfort in these troubled times. Our hope as a PPC is that you continue to find strength in the Risen Lord and can trust in Him in these times of suffering. For He has Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia! In order to connect our community of parishioners, the PPC wants to remind you about Flocknote, a communication tool for our parish. Remember to Text: STFRAN to 84576. Happy Easter to all! And may God bring mercy upon us.

Diane Colom
PPC Chair

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 13th Monday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 No Mass

Tuesday, April 14th Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 Rosemary McFadden

Wednesday, April 15th Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
 Margaret Granitz

Thursday, April 16th Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 Eugene Ross

Friday, April 17th Friday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 Anne Reichard

April 18th & 19th
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Stuart Lathrop
 People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 Kathleen Mary Jacob
 Paulita Ilagan

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.

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 as soon as possible.



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.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
 The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of April 12, 2020 is:
Intentions of Jim & Susan Steiner
by: Jim & Susan Steiner

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.



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.

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First Communion Postponed

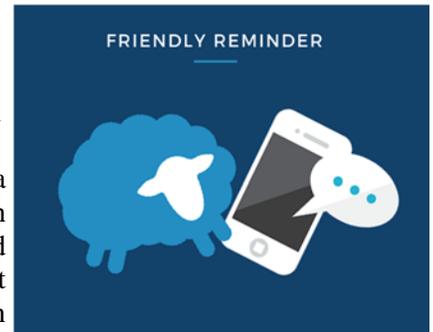
Due to our inability to gather together to prepare for the reception of the Holy Communion for the first time, First Communion will not be held on April 26th. We will reschedule a date and time after we are able to publicly gather for Mass

and the children receive adequate preparation time - including their retreat and sacristy tour. Stay tuned as we hope all our parishioners can join us at that First Communion Mass to celebrate with our 18 parish children.

Flocknote

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 and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.)



Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, April 18th & 19th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	J. K. [unclear]	E. Valentin
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Moyer, V. Herman	J. DeLeo, F. K. [unclear]	J. Torres, L. Moser
Cantor	E. Krause	D. [unclear]arella	P. Rollins
Organist	C. Hageman	L. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. & J. Krause	C. K. [unclear]	L. Sheaffer
Sacristan	T. Bartman	L. [unclear]	
Children's Liturgy of the Word			G. Rodriguez, M. Issermoyer

No Public Masses