

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

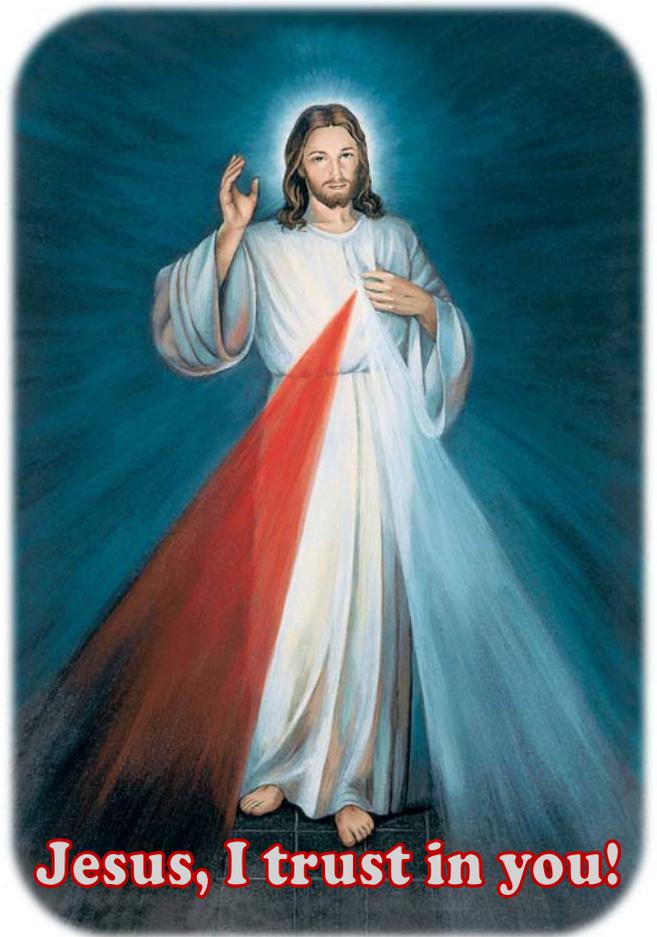
Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

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 19, 2020

*Second Sunday
of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

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

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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 20th

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

No Mass

Tuesday, April 21st

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Roberta Seifert

Saint Anselm

Wednesday, April 22nd

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Teresa Impietro

Thursday, April 23rd

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

James C. Miller

Saint George, Saint Adalbert

Friday, April 24th

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Joseph Riker

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

April 25th & 26th

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Mary Hennigh

Jonathan Antonioli

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

William & Carmen Rodriguez

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 19, 2020 is:

In Memory of Paulita Ilagan

by: Larry, Conchita and Sonia Moser

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

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.

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.



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.



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 Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, also called the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a Christian devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus reported by Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938), known as "the Apostle of Mercy." She was a Polish religious sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and canonized as a Catholic saint in 2000.

Faustina stated that she received the prayer through visions and conversations with Jesus, who made specific promises regarding the recitation of the prayers. Her Vatican biography quotes some of these conversations.

As a Roman Catholic devotion, the chaplet is often said as a rosary-based prayer with the same set of rosary beads used for reciting the Rosary or the Chaplet of Holy Wounds. The chaplet may also be said without beads, usually by counting prayers on the fingertips, and may be accompanied by the veneration of the Divine Mercy image.

Make the Sign + of the Cross

 Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

 Say the "Our Father"

 Say the "Hail Mary"

 Say the "Apostle's Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST DECADE:

 Say on "Our Father" bead:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.



 Say on each "Hail Mary" bead:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

 Repeat prayers from First Decade, Second through Fifth Decades

 Conclude with:

Say 3 times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

 **OPTIONAL CLOSING PRAYER:**

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion --- inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

 **Make the Sign + of the Cross**



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of April 11th & 12th

Received in mail this week	\$5,217.00
Easter envelopes	\$4,618.00

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.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioners Donna Moccio, William Becker, and Reta Galante, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.



New Parishioners

As a parish community, we always welcome new members with open arms and hearts. At this time we would like to welcome

Tiffany Britt & Remy Chavez, Regina & Joel Cruz, Emily, Elizabeth and Joel, Sueann Heller, Michael Holzer III & Mrunande, and Adriana Vajda.

Winter Weekend Raffle

March 1st	\$500 - Annie Drovich
March 7th	\$50- Cathy Cerciello
March 8th	\$100 - Marilyn Miller
March 14th	\$50 - Catherine Hersh
March 15th	\$100 - Betty Kloiber
March 21st	\$50 - Howard Dennis
March 22nd	\$100 - Nancy Zahradnik
March 28th	\$50 - Joanne Kalny
March 29th	\$100 - Dennis Reichard

Tickets can still be purchased in the Parish Office if you'd like to get in on the April drawing.



Congratulations to our March winners!!!

PREPsters Celebrate Holy Week

Our PREP kids were unable to meet for most of Lent due to Covid-19, but that did not keep them from having a wonderful holy week. Our wonderful teachers and families found ways to celebrate the season together!

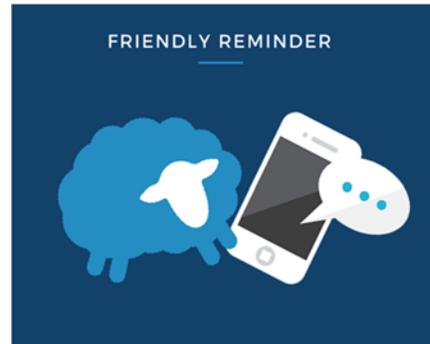
PREP is still "on hold" until public Masses begin again.

In the meantime, we are continuing to pray and learn together online!



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 for information to sign up.



will allow you to sign up from there.)

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

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.



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Golf Tournament Benefit

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville is hosting it's 29th Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 15th at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Discover why St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is truly a special place for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.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.

150th Anniversary of Holy Ghost Church

Holy Ghost Church of Bethlehem, PA will celebrate its 150th Anniversary starting on the eve of Pentecost, May 30, 2020 and will conclude on Pentecost 2021. Opening Mass will be on Saturday, May 30th at 4:00 PM with Bishop Schlert as celebrant and homilist. The Anniversary year will feature monthly events and activities. Former Parishioners, Families and School Alumni are invited back to join in the festivities. If interested, call 610-867-9382 x3 or email hghostchurch@gmail.com to receive further information. "Be a part of it."



PREP is Thankful

While our PREP children and their families continue their religious studies from home - we thank our teachers - many of whom are nurses and teachers and essential workers - who continue to connect with their classes!!! They are amazing and a true testament to their faith. We thank our parents who have stepped up to make their children's PREP year complete. We thank the congregation for praying for all of our children and their families during this difficult time. St. Francis PREP is blessed and in turn, bless our parish!

Movie Club

Movie Club continues to gather by sharing and commenting on great films! You heard that right!!! Our Movie Club email and Facebook page members are all sharing and discussing films during this down time so that we can all find great faith filled movies to watch and enjoy when we cannot be together. Recommended films include: Cinderella Man, Garabanda, Son of God; The Gospel of John; Cokeville Miracle; Miracles from Heaven; I Still Believe; The Divine Plan!!! Lots of great films to enjoy while you are staying home and staying well. Movie Club is open to ALL - parishioners/non-parishioners; we have a Facebook page, an email list and on Flocknote. Movie Club... always free, always fun and always faithful.



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Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, April 25th & 26th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	P. Stiles	S. Mascavage	PREP Students
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Stofko, G. Rodriguez	A. Drovich, K. Keichenbach	J. Reasinger, G. Rodriguez
Cantor	L. Hannis	M. Sermyer	S. Kuczynski
Organist	C. Hageman	J. DeMatt	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. Martrich	C. ...	E. Zobel, H. Folligan
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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

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Dunkin Donuts: \$10

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

Home Depot: \$25, \$100

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Longhorn Steakhouse: \$25

Lowe's: \$25, \$100

Macy's: \$25

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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

