

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 P. 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 21, 2019

*Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection
of the Lord*

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

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 22nd

Acts 2:14, 22-23; Mt 28:8-15

No Mass

Tuesday, April 23rd

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

8:00 AM Betty Lou Joseph

Wednesday, April 24th

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

8:00 AM Joseph C. Klucsarits, Sr.

Thursday, April 25th

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

8:00 AM Mary Hennigh

Friday, April 26th

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

8:00 AM Jane O'Donnell

April 27th & 28th

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

4:30 PM William Camp

8:30 AM Maureen Jerant

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Paulita Ilagan

Easter Greetings

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our parishioners a very **HAPPY** and **BLESSED EASTER**. All the rough winter weather has now hopefully passed and we now look forward to everything springing forth into life. What a beautiful time of the year it is. The new life we see outside occurring is also what I pray is happening within each and every one of us, that is, the new birth of faith through the power of the Lord's Resurrection transforming us into the person we are called to be. Christ has risen from the dead! Indeed He has risen! I pray that this Easter, as we celebrate His Resurrection, that each and every one of us experiences the love, the joy, and the peace that comes from the empty tomb so that we may all be drawn closer to our Risen Lord Jesus.



Happy Easter,

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

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
April 21st is:

In Memory of Paulita Ilagan
by Larry, Conchita and Sonia Moser

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son.

Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness.

You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection.

You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.

You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before You redeemed us.

Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy.

How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

We pray You, Lord, to preserve Your servants in the peaceful enjoyment of this Easter happiness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with God The Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

(St. Gregory's Easter Prayer)



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of Mary Lee Schibel, sister of parishioner Stephanie Epler, and Pauline Kurtz, mother of parishioner Deborah DePari, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

Parish Office Closed

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday, April 20-22, 2019 for Easter.



No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith, no matter your personal history, age or background, YOU are invited, welcomed, and loved at St. Francis of Assisi Church.



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 Phone: 610-435-8981 Email: altlsjv@ptd.net

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SJVRS: Educating a child's character, mind and spirit!

Join us for the St. John Vianney Regional School
 Annual Golf Tournament - Thursday, May 16th

at the beautiful Woodstone Country Club in Danielsville, PA. For Schedule of Events, Sponsorship Opportunities, and Registration information, please see brochure in the Parish Office. Registration is due by Friday, April 26, 2019.



www.StJohnVianneySchool.org



MINI
 MINISTRY

Is for all Parish children and grandchildren in 3rd-5th Grades.

Our next event is Friday, May 17, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Heritage Hall. Pizza, Drinks and Outdoor Games. Our Theme - How to Keep the Faith over the Summer. Questions??? - Contact the Parish Office



A reminder, for your safety and well-being, please lock your car doors and keep any valuables out of sight before coming into the church for Mass.



Mother's Day Tree

The Outreach Committee will hold a Mother's Day event for the Cay Galgon Life House (formerly Mary's Shelter) and the young mothers of Head Start. A tree will be placed in the gathering place on April 27th with tags on it specifying the things they need. The gifts do not need to be wrapped - just placed in the bins by the tree. All gifts should be brought in the weekends of May 4th-5th and May 11th-12th.

Respect Life Holy Hour

There is a Respect Life Holy Hour every First Friday (May 3rd) from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel. Deacon Bob will be the Presider. All are welcome. For information, call Karin at 610-351-0835.



PREP News

Happy Easter from PREP to You!!!
 Our PREP family wishes all St. Francis parishioners a Very Blessed and Happy Easter!

- April 23rd - 2nd Grade Sacristy Tour 6:30 PM
- April 28th - CLASS and Visit to Health Fair
- May 5th - First Communion NO CLASS
- May 12th - FINAL CLASS, Youth Mass, May Crowning



MAY MOVIE CLUB NIGHT

Mark your calendar for May's Movie Club Night, Tuesday, May 14th, 6:30/7:00 ADULTS

ONLY (Children under the age of 14 will not be allowed to view this movie)

The film is the shocking true story of the investigation and trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell - his 30 year killing spree and the political and media establishment that tried to cover it up. Originally investigated for illegal prescription drug sales, a raid by DEA, FBI & local law enforcement revealed crimes they could not have expected within the clinic. Based on the NY Times Bestseller — Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer. Running time – 1 hour and 33 minutes

Seek Always the Light of Christ

A frank discussion of the effects of pornography on our children and adults

at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church
 May 20, 2019, 7:00 PM

ADULTS ONLY

Anyone who is or may be parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, brothers or sisters; any person who works with children of any age, in any capacity; any Catholic or non-Catholic adult who is interested in learning about the effects of pornography on our society and ways to effectuate change to protect ourselves and our families. The speaker will be Reverend Allen J. Hoffa, Chair of the Lumen Christi Commission of the Diocese of Allentown.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS - SAVE THE DATE!!!

** Sunday, May 19th at 12 PM **



Officer Cashatt and K-9 Remi from the Allentown Police Department will be doing a demonstration for the Youth Group! We are very excited to host them and learn about all of the amazing work they do for our community.



Gathered in Grace

Women's Prayer Ministry

All women of the parish (bring a friend!) are invited to attend the prayer group meetings which occur on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Heritage Hall. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1st. Fellowship begins at 6:30 PM followed by an hour of prayer and scripture from 7-8 PM. Our sessions this year will focus on: "What Did Our Savior Say? A Study of the Words in Red" (meaning the words of Jesus). For more information, please email Maria LaMonica at: me.45@live.com or call 484-347-7440.

Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact the parish office to discuss registration details.



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.

Outreach Committee Meeting

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, May 6th at 6:30 PM in Heritage Hall. Please enter through the Cedar Street ramp. New members are welcomed!

St. Francis Senior Citizens

On Tuesday, May 14th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for a short meeting, bingo and cards. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.



Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to feel the power of prayer through one of our Prayer Shawls, please contact the Parish Office.



Holy Hour of Reparation

A Holy Hour of Reparation for sins committed against the Body of Christ and the healing of victims and all those affected, is being offered in the Adoration Chapel every Sunday at 7 PM. All are welcome.



19th Annual Health Fair
Next Sunday, April 28, 2019
9 AM - 1 PM in our Church Hall
Information - Testing
Demonstrations - Massages
Something for all ages

St. Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park

Date: Wednesday, June 5th, 2019
Game Time: 7:05 PM Pawtucket Red Sox (Boston Red Sox) vs. Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs (Philadelphia Phillies)

Featuring: St. Francis of Assisi Choir singing "Our National Anthem"

Cost: \$28.00 per person. Children 2 and under are free.

Includes: Game ticket and picnic buffet

Picnic Buffet: in the Berks Foods Picnic Patio (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Rain or Shine)

Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fried Chicken, Pasta Marinara, Homestyle Potato Salad, BBQ Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Dessert: Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Assorted Cookies, Soft Drinks: Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Minute Maid Lemonade, Fuze Iced Tea (through the middle of 8th inning)

Ticket Reservations: Can be made for family and friends of St Francis of Assisi Parish. **Ticket orders and payment must be received at the Parish Center Office by WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st to reserve your seats.** Make checks payable to "ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH". A limited number of tickets are available on a first come first serve basis.

Information and Reservations: Tom Fallon, 610-821-4947



Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

Our Outreach Committee will alternate travelling to Hollywood Casino and Mohegan Sun Casino the third Tuesday of each month. Bus leaves at 9:15 AM and returns by 5:00 PM. \$25 per person. To sign up for the May 21st trip to **Mohegan Sun**, call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.

Men of St. Francis Communion Breakfast

The Men of St. Francis are invited to attend Mass together on Sunday, April 28th, at the 8:30 Mass. Please be in the church foyer no later than 8:20 AM. Breakfast will be at Christopher's at the Knights of Columbus, 15th & Greenleaf Street, Allentown, immediately following Mass. Please call Tom Fallon 610-821-4947 by Thursday April 25th, if you plan to attend the Mass and/or the breakfast.



MEN'S GROUP



Retrouvaille

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage! Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 26th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230 or visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Scouts: SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 Catholic Scout Activity Weekend will be held at Camp Trexler - Settlers April 26-28, 2019 - so mark your calendars! We'd love to have you join us for a FUN-Filled weekend that includes all meals and a Saturday Vigil Mass!

You don't have to be working on a religious emblem to join us - all Catholic Scouts are welcome. Visit us at www.adccos.org/bsr.htm for more info.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) invites all good Irish Catholic women to our annual Spring Welcoming Tea. Join us on Sunday, April 28th at the Columbian Home (1519 Greenleaf St, Allentown, PA 18102) from 1 to 3 PM where we will enjoy a Kentucky Derby themed tea. Activities will include a best Kentucky Derby hat contest, so wear your best hat for derby betting, 50/50 raffle, a photo booth, delicious pastry treats, and great company. Please contact Maura O'Donnell-Roszyk with any questions at maurar1117@msn.com or 610-509-0444.



Attention All Parish Organizations

Please call Donna Gerancher at 610-433-6102, x15 to schedule all of your organization's activities to ensure the availability of the room or hall of your choice.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Easter is the season of rebirth. Growing relationships don't just happen, they are made day by day. Grow closer together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

Spaghetti Dinner

Wreaths Across America - Cedar Hill is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 28th from 3 - 6 PM at the Fullerton Memorial Playground. Cost is \$10 - Adults; \$8 - Seniors and Children under 12. For tickets or more information, please email kathy.wreaths@gmail.com

Parish Membership

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New registration Change of address

Moving out of Parish Request envelopes

Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

You Are Not Alone

If you have received an adverse Prenatal Diagnosis...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding an adverse prenatal diagnosis. For support, call: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's festival will be June 28-30, 2019



Please Consider Electronic Giving

Do circumstances sometimes prevent you from attending Mass? **Electronic Giving** is a way our parish can receive your donations when you can't be present. For more information call Dennis Reichard at 610-433-6102, Ext. 34.

STEWARDSHIP

A MISSION OF FAITH

Reminder: please stop in our vestibule to see our Resource Center, which is filled with life-changing materials. A large variety of books, CDs, DVDs and brochures are available, covering a wide range of topics, such as relationships, family, spiritual growth, and prayer. Materials are free of charge, however, gift donations are accepted to help cover the cost to replenish the items in the display.



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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!*

A.C. Moore: \$25

Amazon.com: \$25

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

Nikki H Nail & Hair Salon \$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

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

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

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

Wendy's: \$10

