

# *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 25, 2021*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



*Year of Real*  
**PRESENCE**  
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST





## 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](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

# Mass Schedule

## Monday, April 26th

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

No Mass

## Tuesday, April 27th

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

**8:00 AM** Paul L. Buehrle (Public Mass)

## Wednesday, April 28th

Acts 12:24--13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Saint Peter Chanel,  
Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort

**8:00 AM** Margaret Rose Polumbo (Public Mass)

## Thursday, April 29th

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Saint Catherine of Siena

**8:00 AM** Thomas Link (Public Mass)

## Friday, April 30th

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saint Pius V, Pope

Margaret Granitz (Private Mass)

## Saturday and Sunday, May 1st & 2nd

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**4:30 PM** Joseph Lewullis & mother, Nancy

**10:30 AM** Louis Gerancher

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

### 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. Please contact Stephanie Epler at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102, for information.

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week  
April 25, 2021 is

**In Memory of Louis & Catherine Zenz and  
All Deceased Family Members**

**By Dave, Kathy, Bobby & Rosemary Zenz**

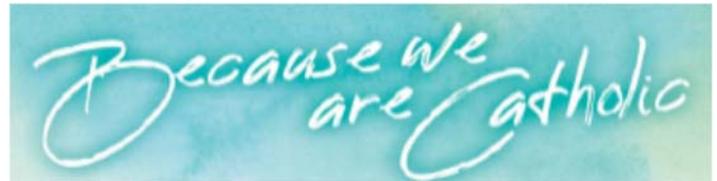
### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

#### Grace Christ

by: Colleen O'Hare and Jeff & Stephanie Lukow Drobins, Stephanie Epler, Joe Grieff, Herman & Kathleen Sommer, Janice K. Becker, and Bill and Jean Kakareka  
*Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord*

**The Liturgical Ministers availability sheet is due to  
Donna Gerancher by Sunday, May 2, 2021.**



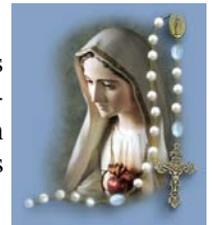
The 2021 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal (BWAC) has officially kicked off. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative. The Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed Priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools, and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BWAC and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org) or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,

Pastor

### Recitation of the Rosary

The rosary will be recited before Masses every weekend in May (including Facebook and YouTube) as we honor Mary in her special month. (The rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.)



### 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, May 3rd**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.



### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Grace Christ, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, May 1st & 2nd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	M. Florentino	J. Grieff
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso



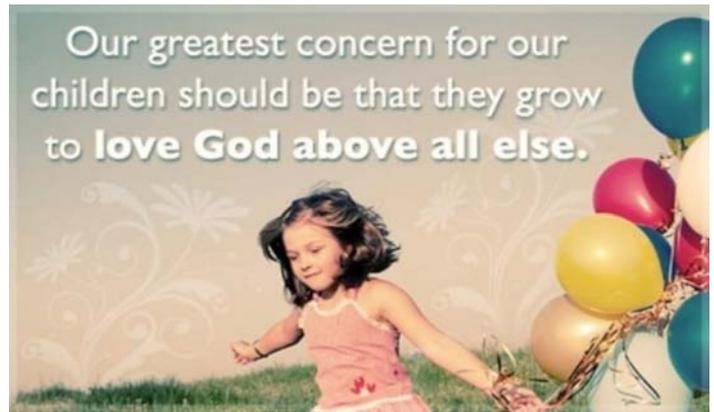
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### PREP

PREP is looking for 2 teachers to share their faith with our parish children.

We are presently looking for a 2nd and 4th grade teacher for our Religious Education Program. (We may also offer a Kindergarten class if we have a teacher!)

All that is required is a love of your Catholic faith, a commitment of time, and background check.

Interested individuals please see Msgr. Finelli or Mrs. Stockdale.



## Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of April 17th & 18th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,354.46
Sunday Online	\$ 2,885.50

*During these very trying days of the pandemic, we ask all parishioners to PLEASE keep up with their normal weekend collection. Don't forget about Online Giving as a possibility. It's easy, safe, and secure. Once you sign up you'll be happy you did.*



## 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](http://www.stfrancisallentown.org) for information to sign up.

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### Movie Club

Have you heard the news that Movie Club is BACK!!! We have 2 films scheduled!

**Fatima** is showing on Sunday, May 16th

at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 for Socially Distanced Socializing!

**Overcomer** is showing on Wednesday, June 16th at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 for Socially Distanced Socializing.

We are just so happy to be able to gather together - even with Hand Sanitization, Fever Checks, Masks and Social Distancing required.



## Prayer Requests

Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain operates by phone and email. 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.

### Holy Family Helping Hands Kid's Clothing Closet



In the Wortmann Center, 421 W. Center Street, Nazareth. Clothing Closet will be open every first Saturday of the month (May 1st) from 10 AM to Noon. No prices are set! Families can choose what they need and

make any donation they can afford to give. Come select great kids clothes sizes infant to teen.

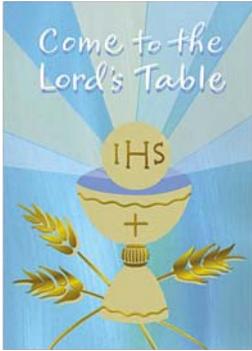
Donations needed: Infant to teen size clothing may be brought to the Wortmann Center on the first Saturday of each month when the clothing closet is open or on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 PM, or call/text Kathi for porch pickup if needed (484)542-9637. Monetary donations are accepted.

### MOTHER'S DAY CARDS AND FLOWERS

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. Mother's Day Mass Remembrance cards are available in the Parish Office. Remember your mother at Mass on Mother's Day, it's a beautiful way to express your loving thoughts.



### PREP



The entire PREP family of students, volunteers, teachers and staff congratulate the 14 Parish Children who make their First Eucharist on Sunday, April 25, 2021. We celebrate with you today! Special thanks to Mrs. Unger, Mrs. Granitz, Mr. Mansfield, Mrs. Wuchter and Mrs. Reitenauer for preparing the children for this blessed day!

### 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.)

Sanctuary Memorial Fund St. Francis of Assisi Church has a Church Memorial Fund which can be used to remember the deceased or to honor the living.



Memorial Books will be used in the following manner: For your offering, a relative or friend will be listed in the Memorial Book; deceased are listed according to the date of death, living are listed on Thanksgiving Day. The listing will include the person's name in memory or honor of, and the donor. Identical books will be on display in the Church vestibule area and the Adoration Chapel vestibule at all times, and names will be added at the close of each month.

The benefits of being enrolled in St. Francis of Assisi's Church Memorial Fund are: in addition to having a loved one's name entered in the Memorial Books, Mass will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month on behalf of the members, members will be remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful, and for donations totaling \$200 (bronze plate), \$500 (silver plate), and \$1,000 (gold plate) their names will be inscribed on the Memorial Plaque in the main vestibule's ramp area or the Chapel vestibule. Other memorial plates (all gold) have been added: 3"x6" - \$5,000, 5"x8" - \$10,000, and 11"x10" - \$25,000. Limited quantities of these new memorial plates are available. Offerings made to the Church Memorial Fund are used for the Church Proper and Chapel, e.g. vestments, altar cloths, liturgical vessels and furnishings and for capital expenses.



### Adult Confirmation On Pentecost Sunday

Mindful of ongoing capacity restrictions and the uncertainty of the number of adult candidates for Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd), His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert has granted delegation for all Pastors to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at their local parish for those adults who are desirous of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adult Confirmation is intended for those who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office to discuss registration details.

### Monthly Food Drive Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

**Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, May 1st & 2nd.**



This month, we particularly need jelly, fruit, peanut butter, and canned tomatoes. (We do not need pasta or cereal 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.*



Monocacy Farm Join us on the farm! On Saturday May 8th, 2021, The Monocacy Farm Project will be hosting

the 1st Annual Spring on the Farm event from 11 AM - 3 PM. Great local vendors will be onsite, and a variety of plants will be available for sale. Staff will give tours and answer your plant and gardening questions. All proceeds benefit The Monocacy Farm Project.

Event address: 395 Bridle Path Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017 Check out our website or Facebook event page for information and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/454183829056044>

<https://www.monocacyfarmproject.org/spring-on-the-farm>

**Don't forget to check out our website to keep up with the goings-on in the Parish!**

**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 **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** with pick up on May 1<sup>st</sup> (from 3:30 to 5:30 PM) and May 2<sup>nd</sup> (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.