

# *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 28, 2019*

*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**

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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.



# Mass Schedule

**Monday, April 29th** Saint Catharine of Siena  
*Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8*  
 No Mass

**Tuesday, April 30th** Saint Pius V, Pope  
*Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15*  
 No Mass

**Wednesday, May 1st** Saint Joseph the Worker  
*Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21*  
 No Mass

**Thursday, May 2nd** Saint Athanasius  
*Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:37-36*  
 No Mass

**Friday, May 3rd** Saints Philip and James  
*1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14*  
 No Mass

## May 4th & 5th

### Third Sunday of Easter

*Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19*

4:30 PM Mass of Reparation for Offenses Against  
 The Body of Christ

8:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

10:30 AM Deceased of Keller & Seitzinger Families  
 People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of  
 April 28th is:

***In Memory of Marie Zitt  
 by Maruscak Family***

### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

***Mary Lee Schibel***

by: Colleen O'Hare & Stephanie Lukow  
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*

### 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.



### 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 space 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.



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



### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Eugene Kessler, who recently passed away. Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and may his family know your peace and comfort.

### Men of St. Francis' Monthly Breakfast

On Sunday, May 5th, breakfast will be served from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church Hall. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (age 4 and under free!) Menu choices include eggs made to order, egg beaters, French toast, pancakes, ham or sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea or hot chocolate.



### MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th. Mother's Day Mass cards are available in the Parish Office. Remember your living or deceased mother at Mass on Mother's Day, it's a beautiful way to express your loving thoughts.



### 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.



### Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by  
 the Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, May 4th & 5th. This month, we especially need jelly and canned meats. We cannot accept any glass jars. Also, please, no XL containers. 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.*





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**St. John Vianney Preschool Program**

St. John Vianney is proud to offer academic opportunities for children from pre-school through eighth grade. Our Preschool offers part time classes for 3 and 4 year olds while our K-Power is a full day program for 4 year olds. Our K-Power offers a lunch program, rest time and technology, art, music and gym instruction. The SJVRs Preschool/K-Power has a current enrollment of 56 students (40 Pre-K, 16 K-Power) Make an appointment today to explore all the educational opportunities SJVRs has to offer!

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.



[www.StJohnVianneySchool.org](http://www.StJohnVianneySchool.org)

**Living Stations 2019**

What a beautiful and moving reenactment of the Passion the youth of our parish performed twice during Holy Week. They were excellent. What a tribute to Our Lord. Special thanks to Director, Mrs. Kim Heintzelman, Music by Peyton Stockdale and the entire Living Stations team.



PREP News

Welcome back to PREP from Easter Break! Our children return to the classrooms after their Easter Break to finish up their 2018 – 2019 year. It's been a great one – with lots of love, learning and becoming better Christians.

The calendar for the remainder of the year is:  
 May 5th – NO CLASS First Communion  
 May 12th – FINAL CLASS, Final Youth Mass, May Crowning

Wow... time flies when you are having fun and spending time with Jesus!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Meet the Teacher and Book Pick up for the 2019-2020 year will be:  
 Sunday, September 8th from 9:00 to 10:15  
 Sunday, September 15th - First Class

MAY MOVIE CLUB NIGHT



May's Movie Club Night is 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



RCIA, TEEN AND CHILD Congratulations to our RCIA adults, Brandon Harkins, Dale Matrich, Jr. and Wanda Berthel on their full communion into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Joining them



were our RCI Teens: Oswald Jimenez, Sergio Gomez Fernandez, Christian Gomez and Alexis Berthel. Lastly, prayers and blessings to our RCI Children: Alexandra and Christian Llanos who were baptized and received their First Communion. Welcome to the family. You are loved.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Contact our parish office for details on this beautiful faith journey.



## The Message of the Divine Mercy

Our devotion to Jesus as the Divine Mercy is focused on a deeper understanding that God's love is available to everyone, even the biggest sinners, as long as we believe and recognize His mercy.

Generally, the message of the devotion is that God loves ALL of us. However, the full message, as we received from now Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who wrote a 600 page diary recording the revelations she received about God's mercy in the 1930s, is as follows:



1. **Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
2. **Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
3. **Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

So, why do we celebrate the Divine Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter? It comes right from Jesus' words as revealed to Saint Faustina:

- "I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (*Diary*, #341)
- "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it." (*Diary*, #742)

On April 30, 2000, then Pope John Paul II, who was a big promoter in the Church of the Divine Mercy, canonized Sister Faustina and officially designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Since then, it has become a very popular devotion throughout the Church.



## Our Weekly Stewardship

### Weekend of April 20th and 21st

# of envelopes mailed:	748
# of envelopes received:	185
% of envelopes used:	25%
Total of First Collection	\$ 7,543.87
Total of Easter Collection	\$11,281.00

**Thank you for your continued financial support and your kindness you show to St. Francis by your weekly contribution. We need parishioners to give what they can for our parish. We can't do it without you.**

### 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.

### 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)

**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 SUNDAY, MAY 5th 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





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



### Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

Our Outreach Committee will alternate travelling to Hollywood Casino and Mohegan Sun Casino, usually the third Tuesday of each month. Bus leaves at 9:15 AM and returns by 5:00 PM. \$25 per person. In May, our trip to Mohegan Sun will be on **Tuesday, May 14th**. To sign up, call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.

### Vespers for Healing

On Monday, April 29th at 6:30 PM there will be Vespers for Healing for those who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in an evening of prayer with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as presider and homilist at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015.



Following Vespers there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:00 PM.

### 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.

### 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.



### Catechism Classes For Men

Every first and third Tuesday of the month (May 7th) at 7:00 PM, The Catholic Men of Good News are showing videos to deepen our knowledge of the faith in our Franciscan Center. For info call the Parish Office.



### Vikette Girls Basketball Camp

Vikette Girls Basketball Camp Registration... any current 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade girl interested in attending Allentown Central Catholic's Girls Basketball Camp this summer should email Coach Kopp at [mkoppccchs@gmail.com](mailto:mkoppccchs@gmail.com). Camp will be held June 17 -20th at the St Michael's Hanlon Center Gymnasium, Bethlehem from 9:30am-2:30pm.

### Care Packages for the Troops

Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in June. We'd love to send a package to your family members or friends. If you know someone deployed, serving overseas, or even state-side and would like them to receive a package, please email their name and address to Joan Glover at [jglover@ptd.net](mailto:jglover@ptd.net) or give her a call at 610-349-7791. If you'd like to know more about the Blue Star Mothers, please call or email Judy Miller, President of the LV Chapter @ 610-428-0778 or [jmillervsmx2@gmail.com](mailto:jmillervsmx2@gmail.com)



### Healing Mass

Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM  
St. Thomas More Church

1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown, PA  
Father James Blount, SOLT, is a gifted Spiritual Director, Confessor and Charismatic Preacher endowed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of living a life and relationship with each of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. His teachings depict his deep love for the Eucharist and his intimate relationships of love and devotion to both Jesus and Mary. Father Blount is a Spiritual Advisor to the Flame of Love Movement of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the US. For more information please call 610-433-7413.



### "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



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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**

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**Nikki H Nail & Hair Salon \$25**

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**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**

