

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

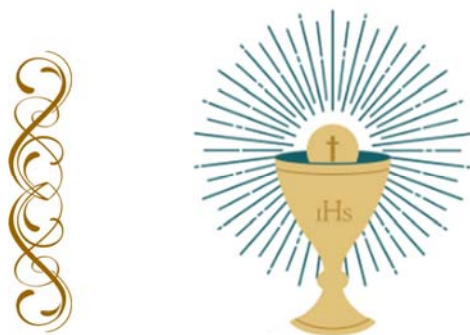
Anytime by appointment

Adoration Chapel

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.



May 2, 2021
Fifth 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 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 or by calling 800-276-1562.

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 3rd Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

No Mass

Tuesday, May 4th

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 AM Robert Molek (Public Mass)

Wednesday, May 5th

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

8:00 AM Louis Zenz (Public Mass)

Thursday, May 6th

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

8:00 AM David E. Fix (Public Mass)

Friday, May 7th

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Maryrose Paxson (Private Mass)

Saturday and Sunday, May 8th & 9th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

4:30 PM Living and Deceased Mothers

10:30 AM Living and Deceased Mothers

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
May 2, 2021 is

In Memory of Julius Gerancher, Sr.
By Steve and Donna Gerancher

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Grace Christ

by: Anne Palmisano and Terese Eckert

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, May 8th & 9th

4:30 PM

10:30 AM

Lector

J. Fittipaldi

N. Lamparella

Organist

D. Badesso

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

Adoration Chapel Reopens



We are pleased to announce that our Adoration Chapel will open again this Sunday, May 2, 2021.

The hours for adoration will be 6 AM to 9 PM, seven days a week. Masks must be worn for the entire time you are in the Chapel and social distancing must also be observed at all times.

PLEASE NOTE: There cannot be more than four (4) people at a time in the Chapel. If at any point there are more than four people the Chapel will be closed immediately. This restriction is to keep everyone safe. Please, if you arrive and there are four people already in the Chapel please wait until one leaves before entering. We are pleased to re-open the Adoration Chapel, especially during this *Year of the Real Presence*, but safety must be a concern for all. Thank you for your complete cooperation in this matter.

Last Call for Large Flowerheads Refunds!

Those who purchased tickets for our Large Flowerheads dance which was cancelled should return their tickets to receive their refunds **no later than Wednesday, May 5th**. Refunds not picked up by that date will be considered a donation to the Parish.



This weekend we ask you to visit the Because We Are Catholic website BecauseWeAreCatholic.org to hear from supporters of the appeal why contributing to the Appeal is important to stewardship and their walk with Christ. You will also learn from the ministries the Appeal supports and how your contributions assist those ministries.



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Thank You from Saint John Vianney Regional School

Saint John Vianney Regional School would like to thank the generous parishioners from Cathedral, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Paul's who participated in this year's successful "Second Collection" to benefit SJV. The Second Collection raised \$8,895.00 which was matched by an anonymous donor who values Catholic education. As a result, the total amount of this fundraising effort was \$17,790! SJV is proud of the fact that our students have had the opportunity to attend school full time every day since September in a real classroom setting or, in the alternative, to choose to learn remotely. There are very few schools in the Lehigh Valley which can match our accomplishments. The faculty, staff and students thank everyone in our three parishes for helping to make this happen.

St. Francis Center for
Renewal
Furniture SALE!!

Our offices and Sacred Spaces are moving and we have too much to move with us. Furniture available in the Renewal Center **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please call 610.867.8890 for appointment or email info-sfcr@stfrancisctr.org

Includes:

Bookshelves, single beds, small desks, end tables, sofas, lounge chairs, breakfront, kitchen table. Pick up only.



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.

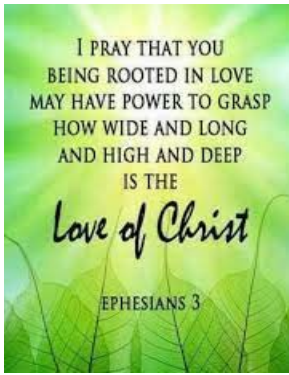
We wish to congratulate the following students of our Parish who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at the 10:30 AM Mass:

*Nathan Bologna
Leon Branton
Macsen Caponigro
Emily Cruz
Elizabeth Cruz
Leonidas Cueva
Samuel Cueva*

*Amaury Delacruz
Adrianna Espinal Peralta
MacKenzey Heller
Keira Lopez
Isabella Moscat
Ryleigh Mullen
Ella Shaner*



May the Lord bless these children and may they forever delight in that share of His divine life by their continued reception of the Lord's precious Body and Blood.



PREP

Our PREP year has come to a close. It was such an interesting year and we had so many blessings, even with the Covid Pandemic.

We "ate" many meals together - breakfasts, dinners and snacks over ZOOM. We were invited into our children's lives unlike ever before. They showed us

their most beloved toys and treasures. Siblings joined in one another's classes. We saw Moms and Dads hard at work behind the scenes. We had time before each class to spend time just chatting and laughing before our instructions began. We had children join the program who would not have, if not for Covid. We received so many blessings, they are too many to count!

The parish cannot say thank you enough to our PREP teachers - who were one of our major blessings. They worked so diligently throughout the entire year to bring their love of Jesus and the Catholic Faith to the parish children. We cannot express in words our thanks to: Mrs. Gladys Rodriguez, Mrs. Lea Unger, Mrs. Rita Granitz, Mrs. Barbara Puzzella, Mrs. Bertha Ocasio, Mrs. Christine Novak, Mr. John Wagstaff, Mrs. Jenn Reasinger, and Mrs. Paula Rollins. These folks gave so very much of themselves this year!!! If you see them at Mass or around the parish, please thank them for their service to our children. They have changed the world this year for the better!

Until next year - God Be With You!

Registration Packets for 2021-2022 are available now in the parish office.

Recitation of the Rosary

The rosary will be recited before Masses every weekend in May (including before the 10:30 AM Mass on Facebook and YouTube) as we honor Mary in her special month. (The rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.)



Baby Bottle Campaign for Cay Galgon Life House



Baby Bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Cay Galgon Life House (formerly known as Mary's Shelter) are due back next weekend, May 8th & 9th.. We hope you will fill the empty baby bottles with coins, cash or checks. When you return your bottle, you are making a difference in the lives

of needy mothers and babies in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Reasinger, Youth Ministry Leader, jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org, OR call/text 484-433-0265.

PREP Teachers Needed
PREP (our Parish Religious Education Program) is looking for 2 teachers to share their faith with our Parish Children. We are presently looking for 2nd and 4th grade teachers . (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. Camille Stockdale.



Movie Club

Can you believe it - only 2 weeks to go before the return of Movie Club.

May 16th is the REOPEN date!!!! Doors open at 6:30 PM - Film begins at 7:00. We will enjoy the film, FATIMA. Free and open to

the public (wearing masks, temp checks and hand sanitation). Free popcorn and soda too!

Even if you have seen the film before, join us to safely socialize and watch it again! Those that wish to can stay and discuss afterwards too!

(Next up - OVERCOMER - June 16 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30)

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.



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>

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT HOUSE



Monday Mini-Retreat

May 24, 2021

Painting with the Eyes of Faith

Painting has been a lifelong passion for Robert J. Barber, and he paints as faithfully to life as he possibly can in all of his landscapes and figurative works. His 3 main themes are Landscapes, our Faith, and his family. In the outdoors, Robert sees vivid displays of God's steadfastness, joined with a capacity to create anew, that very gently calls forth a sense of awe. Creation offers many different flavors of preaching, and opening to any of the marvels and beauties of God's handiwork is another way we can get to know Him more fully.

Meal: 6:00 PM, Presentation: 7:00-9:00 PM

Donation: \$15 virtual on Zoom, or \$30 in person with meal. Register by May 17, 2021 for in-person; May 21st for virtual. Call 610-258-3053 ext. 10 or register online at <https://stfrancisretreathouse.org>.



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.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and on weekends, a half hour before and after both the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass.

OPENING HOURS:	
Mon.	to
Tues.	to
Wed.	to
Thur.	to
Fri.	to
Sat.	to
Sun.	to

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"Feed Your Faith" Gift Cards

Do you want to contribute more financially to the parish, but find it a struggle to do so? An easy way to give additional support to the Parish is to purchase "Feed Your Faith" Gift Cards. It is just another way to pay for everyday purchases in place of cash, checks and credit cards. The parish benefits and you are giving no additional out of pocket money. "Feed Your Faith" Gift Cards are available for use at local supermarkets, restaurants, home improvement and retail stores.

How does "Feed Your Faith" work?

The parish orders gift cards from local vendors at a reduced price. You purchase these gift cards from the parish at face value. The difference is an instant rebate for the parish. It's really that simple!

For example, if a vendor gives us a 10% profit:

1. We purchase a \$100 gift card for \$90.
2. You buy the gift card from us for \$100.
3. You go to the store and buy \$100 worth of goods.
4. St. Francis of Assisi Parish earns \$10.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of April 24th & 25th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,826.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,663.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 596.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 105.00

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.



Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to create a prayer shawl for parish friends in need of prayer. The ministry, here at St. Francis of Assisi Church, combines knitting/crocheting and praying as you make prayer shawls. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be blessed, then given as a token of love, comfort and prayer to those in need. Our supply of the shawls is getting low, and we invite you to pick up a sheet of instructions at the Parish Office if you are able to help us to replenish our supply.

Serran Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

VOCATIONS



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"*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

