

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.



May 12, 2019

*Fourth Sunday
of Easter*

Happy Mother's Day

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

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, May 13th Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
No Mass

Tuesday, May 14th Saint Matthias
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
No Mass

Wednesday, May 15th Saint Isadore
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
No Mass

Thursday, May 16th
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
No Mass

Friday, May 17th
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
No Mass

May 18th & 19th
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

4:30 PM John Nevins
8:30 AM Carlos Hermann
10:30 AM Maria Vui Thi Tran

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
May 12th is:
In Memory of Lucy Maruscak
by The Maruscak Family



Recently Baptized

We welcome to our parish family the following newly baptized child: **Jacob Joseph Massie**, son of Gregory and Bernadette (LoBaido) Massie. We pray that our Lord will be with him all of his days guiding him through life's journey.

Men of St. Francis Meeting

All men of the Parish are invited to attend Men of St. Francis Meeting on Monday, May 20th at 7:00 PM in the Sister Gertrude Meeting Room of the Franciscan Center. Social time and refreshments will follow the meeting. For additional information call John Philapavage at 610-434-1580.



Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019 "Because We Are Catholic"

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be set up with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

Happy Mother's Day!

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

Wedding Congratulations



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Amanda Stanek (St. Francis) and David Dorney as they celebrated their joyful exchange of vows recently. May God grant them many happy and fruitful years together.

Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before Masses every weekend in May as we honor Mary in her special month. The Rosary will begin approximately 25 minutes before each Mass.

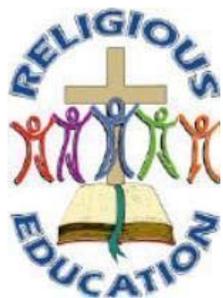


St. Francis Senior Citizens

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.

Thanks, Amelia!

As you have heard by now our Director of Music, Mrs. Amelia Gamble, has decided to resign her position at Saint Francis. Amelia was involved in many aspects of parish life, in addition to her involvement in our music ministry. As she moves forward onto hopefully "bigger and better things" we extend our best wishes to her, her husband, John, and her sons David and William. But even more than that we thank her for her dedication and commitment to Saint Francis and are appreciative of all that she has done in this last decade. Thank you, Amelia, and may God bless you for what you have done here at our parish.



PREP News

A Fond Farewell to PREP for the 2018 - 2019 year. We had an amazing year... we laughed, we learned, we sang, we played, we studied, we presented, we helped others, we prayed, we celebrated the Sacraments, we attended Mass and we became better and stronger in our faith Wow! We will miss our

Teens and 8th Graders as they finish up their PREP education... we send them off into the world better people because of PREP. Have a wonderful summer... keep praying... keep learning... keeping attending Mass. We will see you in September.

September 8th - 9:00 - 10:00 - Meet the Teacher/Open House and Book Pick up

September 15th - 9:00 - 10:15 First Class

For information on PREP - contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale 484-547-6270. We have classes for children in Grades K - 8. Each student is required to attend the program for 2 years to receive the Sacraments



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. Camp will be held June 17 -20th at the St Michael's Hanlon Center Gymnasium, Bethlehem from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM.

MAY MOVIE CLUB NIGHT

Our next movie night is Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 - doors open at 6:30. Our feature is Gosnell - mentioned by Msgr. Finelli during a homily. It is an adults only film - only people over age 14 will be admitted. This is a tough one to watch - but important to see. We will also have a sign up sheet for films in the 2019-2020 year! Let us know what you want to see.



Storyline: This police/court room drama is based on actual information on Dr. Kermit Gosnell (played by Earl Billings) who for decades ran a Philadelphia inner-city abortion clinic. In 2010, Philadelphia Police Detectives Wood (Dean Cain) and Stark (Alfonzo Rachel), with DEA and FBI agents, raid the clinic for evidence of illegal prescription drug sales. The story unfolds from there with a number of graphic scenes. A powerful movie for sure!



Outreach Committee

The Parish Outreach Committee extends a Thank You to Junior Girl Scout Troop 6928. These 4th grade Scouts went the extra mile – learned how to shop for food, then brought the food to us and helped make bags of food for our pantry. We really enjoyed having them!



We wish to congratulate the following students of our Parish who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the 10:30 AM Mass:

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| MIA ADORNO | NICHOLAS HOLLY |
| EMELY BLANCO | ARIANA PEREZ |
| JAEL FRANCISCO CASTILLO | GIANA PEREZ |
| JUDE FITZGERALD | NORA SCHWENK |
| BRILEY HELLER | ELENA STANO |

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

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.



Thank You from the Youth Ministry!!!



The Youth Ministry would like to thank all of the parishioners who supported our palm crosses/braids and Godiva Raffle Basket sale the weekend of Palm Sunday. We were able to raise nearly \$550 for the Allentown Police K9 Unit! We will be presenting this money to them on May 19th when they do a K9 demo here at St. Francis. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Debra Klock Herrlinger who won the Godiva chocolate basket. Thanks again for your support!

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Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

Our Outreach Committee will alternate traveling 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, however, our trip to Mohegan Sun will be on the **second Tuesday, May 14th**. To sign up, call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed on Sunday, May 12, 2019. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10.2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's festival will be

June 28-30, 2019



Seek Always the Light of Christ

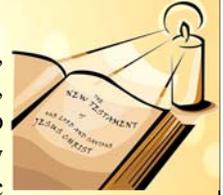
A frank discussion of the effects of pornography on our children and adults

at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

May 20, 2019 at 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.



Children's Ministry



"Mini Ministry"

THIS FRIDAY - May 17th
from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Mini
Ministry returns for FUN!

Meet in Heritage Hall.... (the School Hall is being used by CAI). Use the Cedar Street Entrance. We will play games, eat pizza, enjoy a craft and discuss staying faithful over the summer while we are not in PREP or SJV classes. We welcome ALL 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Graders!!!



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of May 4th and 5th

# of envelopes mailed:	748
# of envelopes received:	215
% of envelopes used:	29%
Total of First Collection	\$6,471.38
Total of Second Collection	\$1,683.00

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.

Attention All Youth - Come see the Allentown Police K9 Demo here at St Francis!!



Anyone in Grades 5 - 12 and any returning college students are welcome to join the St. Francis Youth Ministry on Sunday, May 19th for a demonstration by the Allentown Police K9 Unit. Officer Cashatt and K9 Remi will be

telling us how they keep our community safe. They will provide a demonstration and answer any questions you have. The program will be held in the School Hall at Noon on Sunday, May 19th. Snacks will be served afterwards. Contact Ms. Jenn if you have any questions: call/text: 484-433-0265 or msjennchurch@yahoo.com

Attic Treasures

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

Tires, Car Equipment, Major Appliances (*stoves, washers, dryers, etc.*), Upholstered or Large Furniture (*sofas, dining room table, etc.*), Encyclopedias, Magazines, Bookshelves, Clothes, Shoes, Baby Furniture (*cribs, walkers, car seats, playpens, etc.*), Luggage, Used Computers and Accessories, Entertainment Centers, TVs, VCRs, VHS Tapes, 8-tracks, Cassettes, Bowling Balls, Gas Grills, Kerosene Heaters, Weightlifting or Fitness Equipment, Christmas Lights, Christmas Trees (*4 feet or taller*)

ALL OTHER ITEMS NOT LISTED
HERE ARE ACCEPTED.

2019 Donation Drop-off:

Saturdays: June 8th,
June 15th and June 22nd

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Church Hall



DONATIONS NEEDED:

Items should be delivered to the Church Hall, using the 11th Street door. Items **MUST BE CLEAN**; small appliances **MUST WORK**.

Plastic and paper grocery bags are accepted and greatly appreciated. (They are needed to package sold items during the festival.)



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. *New items are available.*



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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

