

# *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

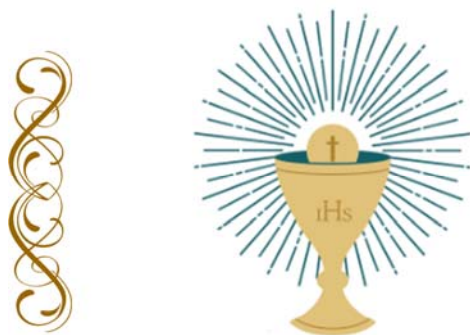
Anytime by appointment

## *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 16, 2021*  
*Seventh 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, May 17th

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

No Mass

## Tuesday, May 18th

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Saint John I, Pope

8:00 AM Frank G. Granitz (Public Mass)

## Wednesday, May 19th

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

8:00 AM Charles L. Epler (Public Mass)

## Thursday, May 20th

Saint Bernardine of Siena

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

8:00 AM Phoebe Seachrist (Public Mass)

## Friday, May 21st

Saint Christopher Magallanes  
and Companions

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Bernadine Busch (Private Mass)

## Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd & 23rd

### Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

4:30 PM Thomas McFadden

10:30 AM Helen R. Grieff

Paulita Ilagan

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

## 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 16, 2021 is

**In Memory of Dr. Eugene Drauch**  
**By Miriam Drauch**

## Recently Deceased



comfort.

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Edwin Rodriguez and Margaret Kiniuk, mother of parishioner Deborah Kiniuk, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and

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Monsignor Finelli  
Transferred to  
Saint Joseph, Orefield

By now you may have heard that Monsignor Finelli has been transferred from our parish to become the Pastor of our neighboring parish, Saint Joseph the Worker in Orefield. The effective date of this transfer is Tuesday, June 15th. We will have an opportunity to say goodbye to Monsignor Finelli at a celebration on Sunday, June 6th in our hall.

We would also like to announce that our new Pastor will be

REVEREND RICHARD BRENSINGER

Although we will miss Monsignor Finelli we look forward to seeing and hearing Fr. Brensinger as he leads our parish into the future. Father is excited about coming to our parish and meeting the parishioners. We will be planning a welcome for Father once he arrives.

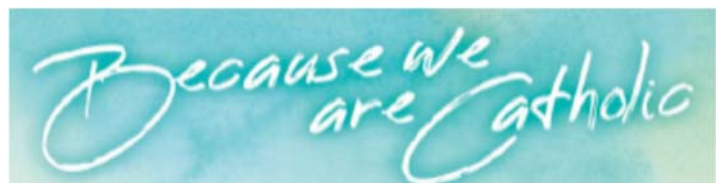
*May God shower His blessing upon both  
Priests as they continue to serve the Lord and  
His people.*



## 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.)



We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). Thank you for your support!



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### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd & 23rd

**4:30 PM** **10:30 AM**

Lector	J. Reasinger	R. Granitz
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso



### Movie Club

May 16th is here and it's our Movie Club REOPEN date!! Doors open at 6:30 - Film begins at 7:00 PM. 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 16th at 7:00 (doors open at 6:30) after that...I Still Believe... date/time TBD).



### May is the Month of Mary "The Memorare"

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen.



### 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.

### SEEKING SERVICE HOURS?

If you are a student preparing for 8th - 12th Grade and need Service Hours for Confirmation, School or another organization - we have an opportunity for you!!!

June 12 from 10 - 2

June 19 from 10 - 2 (or earlier)

We will be organizing the PREP Classrooms on the 2nd Floor of the School Building. We will be doing light cleaning, organization, moving light furniture, discarding materials, etc.



If you are interested in helping

out - contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale at 484-547- 6270 or [prep@stfrancisallentown.org](mailto:prep@stfrancisallentown.org)



### 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 stateside and would like them to receive a package, please email their name and address to Joan Glover; [jglover@ptd.net](mailto:jglover@ptd.net) or give her a call at 610-349-7791, by June 10th. 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 [jmillerbsmx2@gmail.com](mailto:jmillerbsmx2@gmail.com).

### Attention All Women! "Women Walking in Faith"

Our group of faith-filled women meet on the first and third Wednesdays via Zoom. The next meeting will be this Wednesday, May 19th at 7 PM. The group takes time to pray, reflect, learn, and to support one another in the faith. Women 18 and over are invited to participate. Guests are welcome, so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors! Sign up thru Flocknotes for updates and meeting details or call Michelle Evans 610-737-9469.



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.)



PREP Teachers  
 Needed  
 Can you help?  
 PREP is STILL looking for 2 teachers to share their faith with our Parish Children.  
 We are presently looking for a 2nd

and 4th grade teacher.  
 Perhaps you and a family member or friend could co-teach to lessen the load.  
 Interested individuals do NOT need to have a child or grandchild in the program. We welcome anyone who would enjoy spending their Sunday mornings during the school year with our wonderful parish children.  
 All that is required is a love of your Catholic faith, a commitment of time and background check. PREP will meet on Sunday mornings IN PERSON from 9:00 to 10:15 AM.  
 Interested individuals please see Msgr. Finelli or Mrs. Camille Stockdale.

ACCHS 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 14th -17th at the St. John Vianney Gymnasium Allentown from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM.



**Parish Office Closing**

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31st.**



**Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration from the View of some Saints**

**Here are a few:**

1. Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity! (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)
2. The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our Holy Hour (St. John Paul II)
3. A Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important to Jesus that a multitude of souls go to Heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell. (Jesus revelation to Blessed Dina Belanger)
4. Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament, remember that Jesus has been waiting for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you. (St. Josemarie Escriva)
5. A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is a sharing in the work of Redemption. (Venerable Fulton Sheen)
6. It is impossible in human terms to exaggerate the importance of being in adoration before the Eucharist as often as for as long as our duties and state of life allow. (Fr. John Hardon)
7. Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)



**SACRAMENTS for our PARISH CHILDREN**

Do you attend St. Francis of Assisi Parish, but sadly your children have not completed their Sacraments - such as Baptism, First Penance, First Communion and/or Confirmation? Children can be baptized fairly quickly by working with our Parish Office. First Penance and First Communion are received in 2nd Grade (or older) and Confirmation (received in 8th grade or older) are received by working with our Director of Religious Education and our parochial school or our PREP Program. The process for First Penance, First Communion or Confirmation is a two year period of time. If your child(ren) needs to receive their Sacraments - contact Mrs. Stockdale, the DRE, at 484 547 6270. Let their spiritual journey begin or continue with the graces received through the Gifts of the Sacraments!





### Pentecost Ember Days

As we celebrate the Year of Real Presence in the Diocese of Allentown, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, invites you to join him in marking the Pentecost Ember Days.

Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the Season. Ember Days became days of intense prayer, fasting, and penance, with a focus that stresses personal spiritual conversion and renewal.

In this Jubilee Year, Bishop Schlert is inviting clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to make visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, to recite the Rosary, to fast from any earthly attachment that separates us from Christ, to pray daily the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel and to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

As we emerge from a year of isolation and sickness, prayer, fasting, and penance are powerful spiritual weapons against the evil, injustice, and pestilence of our times.

**The Pentecost Ember Days are: Wednesday, May 26th, Friday, May 28th, and Saturday, May 29, 2021.**

## Designer Handbag Bingo

New Date: Sunday,  
October 24, 2021



Doors open at 12:00 PM  
Games begin at 1:00 PM

Tickets are still available for only \$20 each in the Parish Office! Food and drink will be available to purchase at the event, and we ask that no one bring any outside food/drink items in with you! Spread the word and help us advertise! If you already purchased a ticket in 2020, that ticket is still valid. **(Tickets will be \$25 at the door)**

**Questions?** Contact the Parish Office 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 (June 5th) 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.

## 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.

### 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.

### "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.

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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**

