

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

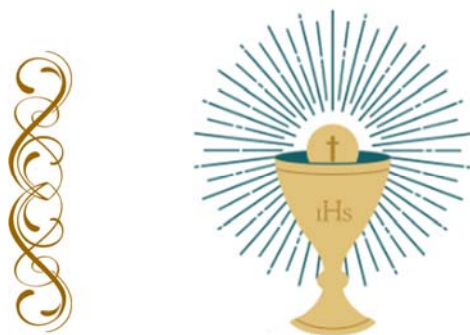
Anytime by appointment

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 23, 2021
Solemnity of Pentecost



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 24th

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34

No Mass

Tuesday, May 25th

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31 Saint Bede the Venerable, Saint Gregory

VII, Pope, Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

8:00 AM Armando Santos (Public Mass)

Wednesday, May 26th

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

8:00 AM Joan Zmitrovich (Public Mass)

Thursday, May 27th

Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

8:00 AM Virginia Speth (Public Mass)

Friday, May 28th

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-20

Christine Sefcik (Private Mass)

Saturday and Sunday, May 29th & 30th

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

4:30 PM Robert Hersh

10:30 AM Quinto Toigo

Louise Kloiber

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 23, 2021 is

In Memory of Virginia Speth

By Leo Speth

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Louise M. Dennis

by: Lehigh County Agricultural Society, Mary & Brian Oplinger, Cheryl Yarnall, Karen Melber, Nancy Svitana and Donald & Bernice Yarnall

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord

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Veni, Sancte Spiritus!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.**

**Lord,
By the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.**

We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Public Rosary Hours

We have once again begun the public rosary Holy Hours in the Adoration Chapel, as of May 22nd. Please join us on Saturdays at 12 noon, and Sundays at 7 PM as we pray for our families, our country and our world. In addition, we will have a Rosary Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations on Thursdays at 7 PM. Your presence is requested. Any questions, please call Karin at 610-351-0835.

Welcoming/Evangelization Committee Meeting



The next meeting of the Welcoming/Evangelization committee will be held on Monday, May 24th at 6:30 in the Church Hall. Anyone interested in taking part in either "welcoming" or "evangelization" or both is welcome and encouraged to join us. We hope to see you there! Please contact Paula Rollins at 484-241-1986 for more information.



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. Thank you for your support!



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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, May 29th & 30th

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

Lector	C. Stockdale	J. Grieff
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso

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

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 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.

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.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of May 15th & 16th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,538.25
Sunday Online	\$ 3,054.50

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.



Movie Club is BACK!!!

Yes, ladies and gentlemen - we had a successful reopening of Movie Club this past Sunday. We gathered, enjoyed popcorn and the fabulous film Fatima. Thanks to everyone who came out. Special thanks to Fran Lenahan, Fran Kryzan, Mariah Villegas and Phillip Stockdale for working the event. Next up - Overcomer - June 16 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. Door Prizes will be back as well!!!!



Recently Deceased



Please pray for the soul of Joanne Kenney, sister of parishioner Jeanne Fignar, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

Congratulations!

We congratulate Samantha Rose Martin Elizabeth Martin and Edith Espinal who received their First Communion on Saturday, May 15, 2021.





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.

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.



Come and See Invitation

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Allentown? If so, you and your family are invited to a COME AND SEE Event at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish

Church on Friday evening, June 25, 2021, at 6:00 PM. Registration is required. Please register by emailing jsteward@allentowndiocese.org or calling the Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation at 610-332-0442 Ext. 2031.

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.

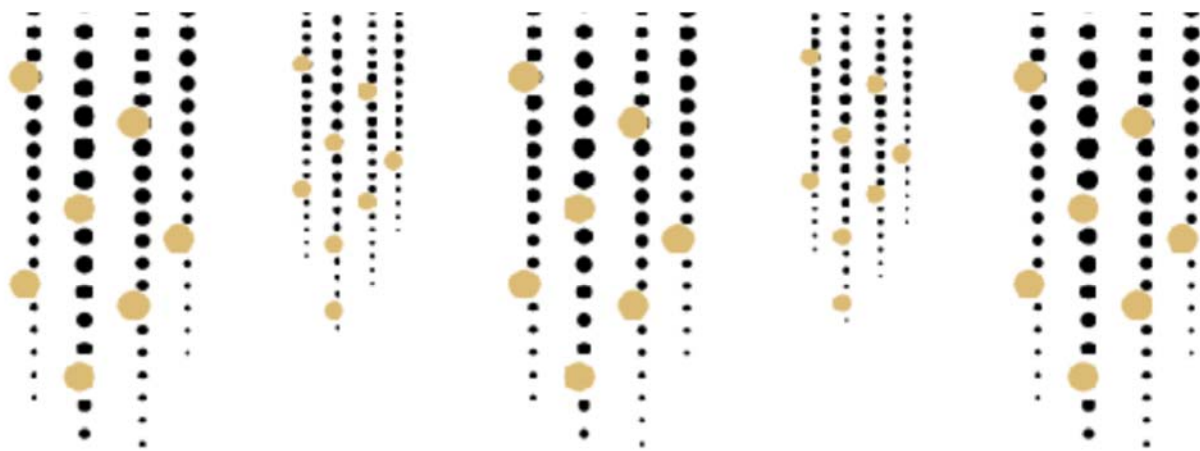
Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to feel the power of prayer through one of our prayer shawls, please contact the Parish Office.



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!



Farewell Gathering

TO HONOR MONSIGNOR VICTOR FINELLI

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Join us for refreshments
in the Parish Hall
immediately following the
10:30 AM Mass until 1:30 PM



*A "meet and greet" with our new Pastor,
Father Richard Brensinger, will be held in the church
vestibule after all Masses the weekend of
June 19 & 20, 2021.*

Light refreshments will be served.

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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

