

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

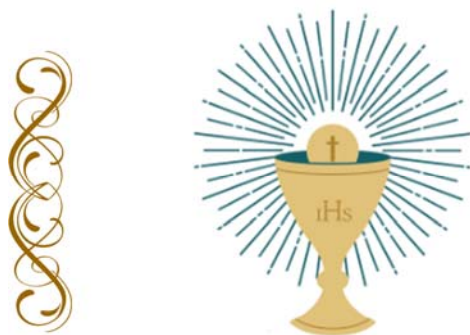
Adoration Chapel

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.



St Francis of Assisi consoled by Angels, by Badalocchio

*June 13, 2021
Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



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, June 14th

2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

No Mass

Tuesday, June 15th

2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

8:00 AM Thomas Trach

Wednesday, June 16th

2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00 AM Nancy Novotny

Thursday, June 17th

2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

8:00 AM Barbara Egrý

Friday, June 18th

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

8:00 AM Elizabeth Kordilla

Saturday and Sunday, June 19th & 20th

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

4:30 PM Living and Deceased Fathers

8:30 AM Living and Deceased Fathers

10:30 AM Living and Deceased Fathers



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
June 13, 2021 is

***In Memory of Margaret Kiniuk
By Deborah Kiniuk***

Attention All Parish Organizations

Please call Donna Gerancher at 610-433-6102, x15 to schedule all of your organization's activities to ensure the availability of the room or hall of your choice.



Father's Day Cards

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20th. Father's Day Mass Remembrance cards are available in the Parish Office. Remember your father at Mass on Father's Day, it's a beautiful way to express your loving thoughts. Cards are available for living fathers, however, both living and deceased fathers may be remembered at the Masses on Father's Day.

Public Rosary Hours

We have once again begun the public Rosary Holy Hours in the Adoration Chapel. Please join us on Saturdays at 12 noon, and Sundays at 7 PM as we pray for our families, our country and our world. Your presence is requested. Any questions, please call Karin at 610-351-0835.



GRADUATION NOTICE

We would like to recognize the graduates from our parish. Please let us know the names of graduates, the school they graduated from, and any further education planned by submitting it in writing to the Parish Office **no later than June 20th**. We will print names of graduates and their schools in the June 27th bulletin.



Recently Baptized

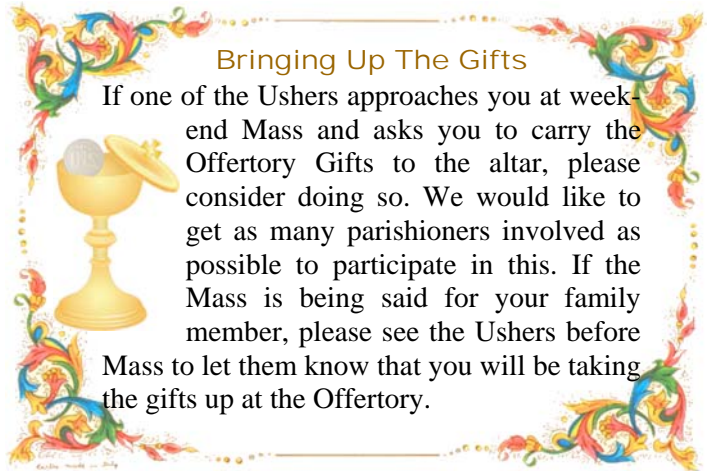


We welcome to our parish family the following newly baptized children: **Kye John Wayne**, son of John C. Wayne and Daphne Alexis, and **Griffin Lou Convery**, son of Russell and Madeleine (Stockdale) Convery. We pray that our Lord will be with them all of their days guiding them through life's journey.

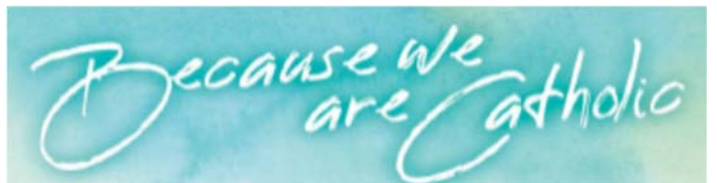
A "meet and greet" with our new Pastor, Father Richard Brensinger, will be held in the church vestibule after all Masses next weekend, June 19 & 20, 2021. Light refreshments will be served.



Bringing Up The Gifts



If one of the Ushers approaches you at weekend Mass and asks you to carry the Offertory Gifts to the altar, please consider doing so. We would like to get as many parishioners involved as possible to participate in this. If the Mass is being said for your family member, please see the Ushers before Mass to let them know that you will be taking the gifts up at the Offertory.



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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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.

Service Hour Opportunity



Thanks to those who have signed up to help clean the PREP area to prepare for the 2021 - 2022 year on June 19th from 10 - 2. We do have room for more "helpers" if you'd like to earn those much needed service hours for Confirmation, School or Scouts. We will be organizing, light cleaning and getting our space ready for the Fall. Lunch will be provided (as will water!). Please sign up BEFORE so we know how many people will be joining us. Mrs. Stockdale can be contacted at 484-547-6270 or PREP@stfrancisallentown.org

ACCHS Vikings Skill Development Clinics



Vikings Skill Development Clinics will be held June 28 through July 1, 2021 at The Walson Center, St. John Vianney Regional School, Allentown from 8:45 - 11:45 AM. The Clinics are open to players entering 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Grades.

Register online at ACCHSBasketballCamps.com or by picking up a form from the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

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.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of June 5th & 6th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 6,100.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,924.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 714.50
Second Collection Online	\$ 160.00

Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our website for more information.

Attention All Women!

"Women Walking in Faith"

Our group of faith-filled women will meet in **person** June 16th @ 7 PM. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays each month. 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.



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.

Safe Environment

It's that time of year!!! Time to make sure all parish volunteers have updated and completed Safe Environment credentials. If you VOLUNTEER in any way - you must acknowledge the Diocesan policies on Code of Conduct and Sex Abuse Policy. If you VOLUNTEER with CHILDREN you must maintain an updated background check and complete all appropriate Protecting God's Children/Mandated Reporter training! Look for emails or messages from Camille Stockdale, our Local Safe Environment Coordinator, if you need an update to your credentials!

Additionally, there will be an update to Diocesan Code of Conduct and Sex Abuse policies this year and ALL volunteers will need to read and sign an acknowledgment of same! Look for details as they become available.



PREP

Hello to our PREPsters returning for the 2021 - 2022 PREP year.

As of now, we will have classes for Grades 1 - 8.

Registrations are open now! You can get a Registration Packet from the Parish Office; via the Parish

Website; or Mrs. Stockdale via email.

Meet the Teacher and Registration is on Sunday, September 12th from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

The first Class will be on Sunday, September 19th at 9:00 to 10:15 AM. Students will go directly up to their classrooms (no assembly).

Our first Youth Mass will then be on September 26th at 10:30 Mass after PREP classes.

We are still seeking teachers for Grades 2 and 4.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Stockdale.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 27th - Outdoor Activity in the church parking lot after 10:30 AM



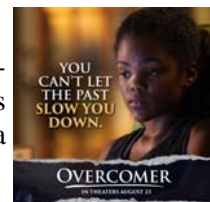
Mass. We will have pizza & ice cream sundaes, play outdoor games, have a water balloon toss, and other fun activities. If the weather is bad, we will have to move inside and play some games either in the Youth Ministry room or School Hall. Hopefully we have beautiful weather though and can be outside from 11:30 AM to 1:00PM.

Saturday, July 10th - Tubing on the Lehigh River with Twin Rivers Tubing out of Easton (Only 30 minutes from Allentown). This activity will cost \$30 per person, BUT the Youth Ministry program will pay for half of this cost. In order to reserve your child's spot, we are requiring that you provide a \$15 deposit to guarantee their spot, and so we can make reservations with the tubing company. We plan to start tubing mid-late morning (10 AM or 11 AM -- depending how many kids sign up), and it lasts approximately 2-3 hours. Deposits are due to Ms. Jenn by June 13th for proper planning. Cash or Checks payable to St Francis are acceptable and can be left in Ms. Jenn's mailbox in the Parish Office.

August Activity - To be determined ... stay tuned! Any questions, email Ms. Jenn: jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org

Mark Your Calendars!

Our June movie, "Overcomer" is scheduled for June 16th at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30. Popcorn, candy and soda - all free, and Door Prizes are BACK!!! For July it's CHRISTMAS IN JULY!



July 24, 2021 - after 4:30 PM Mass, "Christmas Jars". We are considering a pizza or pot luck dinner!!! Stay tuned for further details.

Mason Jars will be available (for free - while supplies last) after the movie!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, June 19th & 20th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	M. Issermoyer	B. Beck
Cantor	J. Austin		G. Rodriguez
Organist	D. Badesso		D. Badesso

St. Elizabeth's Vacation Bible School

June 21 – 25, 2021

Join us at: "ROCKY RAILWAY" this June where we will discover that "Jesus Pulls Us Through!"



Welcome to the event that puts kids on track for trusting Jesus! You will explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop.

Daily adventures start at 8:45 AM and end at 12 Noon each day. Registration forms are available at St. Elizabeth's parish office or on St. Elizabeth's parish website or call 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Early registration is recommended. [Microsoft Word - 1 VBS Registration Form 2021 \(sercc.org\)](#)

10 Tips for Effective Catholic Evangelization
Everyone seems scared of the word "evangelization." Here are ten tips that can help you become an effective Catholic Evangelizer:

1. Witness of life-faith is alive, convictions are real, a love of God is attractive (live your faith)
2. Include God in your vocabulary
3. Share your faith story
4. Become a Person of Welcome - "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." Tom Peterson (founder of Catholics Come Home)
5. Develop relationships of care and trust
6. Establish a common interest
7. Arouse interest
8. Extend a personal invitation
9. Do not condemn
10. Know when to stop

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info

You must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the Parish Office.

Save The Dates!

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days 2021 will be July 18-22, 2021 at DeSales University!

The Theme: Vocations Centered in the Holy Eucharist
Quo Vadis and Fiat Days are separate retreats for high-school aged young men and women (14-18 years of age, including newly-graduated seniors) to participate in activities rooted in prayer and discerning their vocation in the Real Presence of the Most Holy Eucharist.

For more information, contact the Office of Vocations, P. O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18104-1538. Phone: 610-437-0755/Fax:610-433-7822,

email: vocations@allentowndiocese.org.

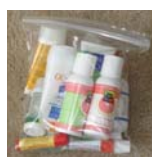


St. Francis Center for Renewal Yard Sale
Decorations, kitchen items, small furnishings and accent items, art pieces, statues, figurines, collectables. Sale will take place in the Renewal Center, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem (Monocacy Manor).

Friday, June 18th, Noon to 7:00 PM

Saturday June 19th, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

3:30 to 5:00 PM ~ Fill-a-Bag for \$5



Outreach Committee

Because of the generous donations of food there will be **No Food Collection for July and August**.

However, at this time, on the first weekend of each month --We are asking for small (sample size) containers of personal products to help the many needy veterans in our area. They need shampoo, body wash, small soaps and lotions. They do NOT need dental products as the area dentists do supply them. The veterans can also use small hand towels and washcloths.

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VOCATIONS

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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

