

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Reverend Richard C. Brensinger, M. Div.

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

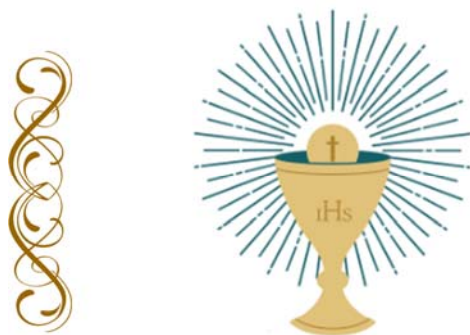
Adoration Chapel

Please consider spending some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, especially during this year of the Real Presence. Our Adoration Chapel is open daily from 6:00 AM—9:00 PM.



St Francis of Assisi consoled by Angels, by Badalocchio

June 20, 2021
Twelfth 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 21st

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

No Mass

Tuesday, June 22nd

**Saints Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher,
and Thomas More**

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

8:00 AM Joseph Stockdale

Wednesday, June 23rd

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

8:00 AM Frank T. Yashin

Thursday, June 24th **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

8:00 AM Angelo Ferraro

Friday, June 25th

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

8:00 AM Raymond Haas

Saturday and Sunday, June 26th & 27th

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:3-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

4:30 PM Hilton & Gernat Families

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

8:30 AM Intentions of Rev. Msgr. Francis P.

Schoenauer

10:30 AM Aimee Blanchard

Steven T. Seibert



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



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 today, June 20th**. We will print names of graduates and their schools in the next Sunday's bulletin.

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.



St. Francis Summer Raffle



This is to remind you that the Raffle returns are due in the Parish Office by Thursday, June 24th, to be included in the three days of drawings on June 25, 26 and 27, 2021. Additional tickets are still available in the Parish Office. Thank you for participating and GOOD LUCK!!

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Annette Riepensell

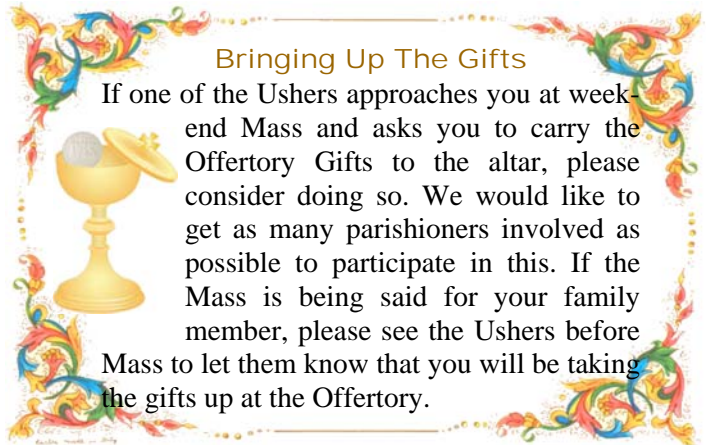
by: Anne E. Palmisano

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Susan Soltis, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.



Bringing Up The Gifts

If one of the Ushers approaches you at week-end 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!

This month, we begin our diocesan phone-a-thon in order to reach out to members of our parish community who have not yet made a gift to the 2021 BWAC. In order to save our volunteers many hours, please respond with your gift decision within the next week. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small.



My Thanks

to you



Dear Parishioners of Saint Francis:

I wish to express my sincerest and deepest thanks to all who were so kind to me upon my leaving Saint Francis. The last two weeks of saying “good-bye” were very hard for me, but yet so very beautiful. I will not soon, if ever, forget it. I’m very thankful as well to all who contributed to the “future vocation collection” in my name, and to all those who personally gave me a gift of some sort. I so wish I would be able to send each and every one of you a personal thank you, but I fear I just won’t be able to. Please accept this in gratitude for your kindness and I hope you understand that I simply could not respond to so many cards.

You have much to be proud of here at Saint Francis. You have two wonderful deacons who love the parish and her parishioners. Pray for them and their ministry as I know they pray for you daily. You have a dedicated and committed staff who I thoroughly enjoyed working with these last ten years, day in and day out. They too work for the betterment of this fine parish. They were a blessing to me, personally, and to Saint Francis.

Finally to you, the parishioners of Saint Francis. Words truly cannot express my affection for you and how proud I was to say I was your Pastor. I bragged about our accomplishments constantly, and spoke often of our endeavors, for the good of the parish and the community. I will miss you deeply, but I know you will continue doing the great work you do under the guidance of your new Pastor, Father Brensinger. I know him to be a good man and Priest. I have no doubt that this parish will continue to thrive under his leadership and your faithfulness to the Church.

Until our paths cross again, and they will, please know that these have been the greatest ten years of my Priesthood to date. I will cherish these years forever as I will this parish. May God continue to bless you, your family, and this wonderful parish.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Monsignor Victor F. Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.





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MOVIE CLUB

Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed Overcomer! What a great uplifting film!

UP NEXT – IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY! Saturday, July 24th – Doors open after 4:30 PM Mass. Film begins at 6:45.

CHRISTMAS JARS

We hope to plan a pizza or potluck dinner for all with Christmas type dessert to follow!!! Look for details on Flocknote/Emails. Mason jars will be free to take home for ALL (while supplies last). We hope you can join in the holiday spirit for this wonderful movie and special time.



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.

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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Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of June 12th & 13th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,083.91
Sunday Online	\$ 3,153.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 804.10
Second Collection Online	\$ 90.00

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.



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.

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.



Holy Family Manor



Short-term rehab at Holy Family Manor has the comprehensive care to help you get back home. Everything from leading edge technology to experienced caregivers to fully customized treatment plans, all in a comfortable, home-like setting. They are a preferred provider for Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network. They are also a part of the Highmark High Performer Skilled Nursing Facility Network and the only Catholic rehabilitation center and nursing home in the Allentown Diocese. Visit www.hfmanor.org or call 610-865-5595 for more information.

Safe Environment Update

The parish has received information from the Diocesan Safe Environment Office on updates and information needed from our cleared volunteers and employees. If something is needed from you, Camille Stockdale will be in touch. If you do not hear from her, your background check is completed or is still in process. We know this has been an incredibly slow and long process. We appreciate your patience. You are welcome to reach out to Camille anytime to find out the status. If it is time for you to renew any clearances, Camille will also be in touch regarding same over the summer.

Thank you again for volunteering at our parish and following all Diocesan guidelines. It makes a world of difference!



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 27th** 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



PREP

Thanks SO much to our 8th Grade and High School students who came out to help clean up and organize our PREP classroom space the last two weekends. It was very much appreciated and our space looks ready for students to come in and grow their FAITH beginning in September.

Registrations for the 2021 – 2022 available now!

IMPORTANT DATES!!!!

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 class.

We are still seeking teachers and volunteers.

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

Please Forward to a Friend!



The AD Today website is your link to staying in touch during the pandemic. Urge your friends and family to subscribe so they can have their own copy of the new weekly AD Today newsletter.

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.



Free Desks

We have nine wooden and metal teachers' desks and two metal tables available. To make an appointment to see them, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, June 26th & 27th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	C. Stockdale	N. Lamparella	D. Colom
Cantor	D. Lamparella		M. Issermoyer
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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

