

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: 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, especially during this year of the Real Presence. Our Adoration Chapel is open daily from 6:00 AM—9:00 PM.



July 4, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time





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, July 5th
Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
No Mass

Saint Anthony Zaccaria,
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday, July 6th
Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Saint Maria Goretti

8:00 AM Catherine Zenz

Wednesday, July 7th
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

8:00 AM Susan Soltis

Thursday, July 8th
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

8:00 AM Myron Roubique

Friday, July 9th Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and companions
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

8:00 AM Jacqueline Wukitsch

Saturday and Sunday, July 10th & 11th
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

4:30 PM Annamarie Worthington

8:30 AM Mooney & Maley Family

10:30 AM Charlotte McClave Shelley
People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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
July 4, 2021 is

In Memory of Leonard Verastro
By John & Peggy Philipavage



Parish Office Closing
Please note that the Parish Office will be closed to observe Independence Day on Monday, July 5th.

Feed Your Faith Monthly Order

There are 40 different stores in stock every day, and once a month, hundreds of different stores and denominations are available through our monthly order program. To see the entire list of retailers, go to www.glscrip.com and click home page. The next monthly order will be placed on **Tuesday, July 6th**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Anne Tambascia, mother of parishioner Annie Kocon, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

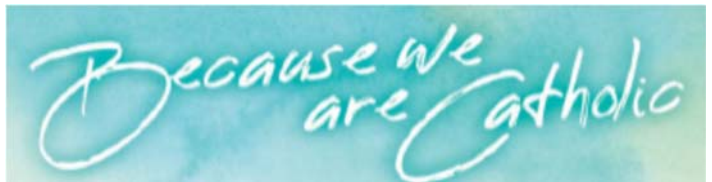


“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Corinthians 3:17

May you and your families have a truly blessed Independence Day holiday!

God of justice, Father of truth, who guide creation in wisdom and goodness to fulfillment in Christ your Son, open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. (*Independence Day Collect, Roman Missal*)

Happy Independence Day!



As of today, our parishioners have raised \$26,108.00 from 99 parishioners representing 8.63% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach 100% participation. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



Summer Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our 2021 Progressive Sweepstakes Winners:

Friday, June 25th: \$250	Teresa Fronheiser
Saturday, June 26th: \$500	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fallon
Sunday, June 27th: \$1,000	Barbara Yost



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ATTENTION:

St. John Vianney School is looking for teachers for next school year. We are currently hiring a Spanish teacher as well as grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. If interested please email Brian Mansfield at principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org



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.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Fred Baranek

by: Barbara Quigney & Family

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee WILL NOT meet on Monday, July 5th, as was reported in last weekend's bulletin. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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.



Movie Club

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Christmas in July, July 24th after 4:30 Mass. We will have pizza; salads and desserts for dinner. Sign up sheets in the Parish Office!

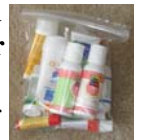
We will enjoy holiday music while having our dinner and there will be Christmas Door Prizes. Also - mason jars will be available for free (while supplies last).

This movie is appropriate for ALL age groups, most especially 8 or 9 year olds to 100+!!!!

Christmas Jars - A reporter uncovers a Christmas tradition of anonymously giving jars filled with money to people in need.

Outreach Committee

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



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of June 26th & 27th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,226.25
Sunday Online	\$ 2,730.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 782.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 185.00

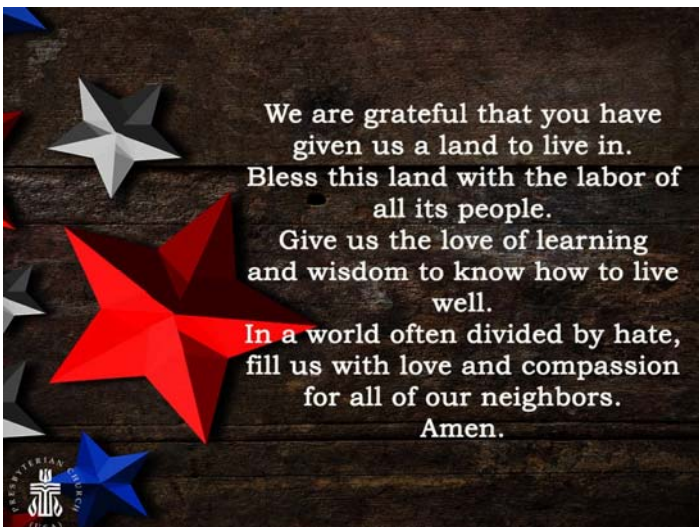
Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our website for more information.



Tippy's Car Wash Fundraiser

Through the generosity of Tippy's Car Wash on Sumner Avenue, we will be having a little fundraiser on Sunday, August 8th from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, weather permitting. Tippy's will donate \$3.00/car for every car that goes through their car wash that day. This is for every single car that goes through the facility that day, not just our parishioners! So, spread the word and take advantage of this offer for our parish. The rain date for this event would be Sunday, August 15th. The cost of the hand car wash and dry is only \$10.00/car and \$13.00 for large trucks and SUV's.

Happy July 4th to our PREPsters, our teachers and volunteers and families!



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.

Retrovaille: Rediscover The Love in Your Marriage



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy).

If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

Spiritual Weapons for a Culture in Crisis

Saturday, July 17, 2021, 10 AM - 4 PM

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Antone Raymundo as our spiritual guide and conference presenter.

To register contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist olme@olme.org, 610-582-3333, www.olme.org 640 E. Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508.

All are welcome! Bring a friend!



Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to create a prayer shawl for parish friends in need of prayer. The ministry, here at St. Francis of Assisi Church, combines knitting/crocheting and praying as you make prayer shawls. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be blessed, then given as a token of love, comfort and prayer to those in need. Our supply of the shawls is getting low, and we invite you to pick up a sheet of instructions at the Parish Office if you are able to help us to replenish our supply.



It's time to start thinking about bringing back Children's Liturgy of the Word. We would like to begin after Labor Day! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Camille Stockdale.

Children's Liturgy is held during the Liturgy of the Word at our 10:30 AM Mass. Volunteers normally lead once every 4 to 6 weeks. Leaders can lesson plan themselves or have the lesson prepared for them. It is a child appropriate version of that week's Mass readings, including "take aways" for the kids to reinforce the lesson. Children from Kindergarten - 5th Grade are welcome to participate. All volunteers DO have to be background cleared, just like our PREP teachers.

Please consider volunteering so that we are able to continue this incredible program for our parish children!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, July 10th & 11th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	N. Lamparella	R. Granitz
Cantor	G. Rodriguez	D. Lamparella	
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso

Principal Position Available

St. Michael the Archangel School, Limeport (Pre-K-Gr 4) and Bethlehem (Gr 5-8), is seeking an experienced educational leader who possesses a strong commitment to Catholic Education to serve as Principal. A Master's Degree is required. Those interested in the position should submit their letter of intent and a resume by the July 2, 2021 deadline to: Dr. Philip J. Fromuth, Superintendent of Catholic Education, Diocese of Allentown via email: elanzieri@allentowndioocese.org

Nurses Aide/Housekeeper Position

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Center Valley is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers. We are looking for a part time Nurses Aide/Housekeeper to work 8 AM - 2 PM every other weekend and Thursday nights from 2 PM - 8 PM. No experience necessary. Competitive pay. Please call Maribeth at 610-282-1415.

Mercy School for Special Learning- Allentown, PA Job Listings

Over 21 Program - Full time (w/ Benefits) and Part time positions- IMMEDIATE OPENINGS! Working with adults with disabilities in a group or 1:1 setting.

Job Coach: 2 Positions available, Part-Time 29 hours per week, 10 month position.

A job coach is an individual employed to help students (1:1 or small group) with disabilities learn, accommodate, and perform their work duties. A job coach also helps with interpersonal skills necessary in the workplace. The coach will assess the worker's strengths and needs through observation or assessment.

Teacher's Aides: Part-Time 29 hours per week, 10 month position. If you are passionate about working with students with special needs, Mercy School wants you. Teacher Assistants will work under the direction of the classroom teacher.

Bookkeeper: Part-Time Position, 29 hours per week, 12 month position. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, processing a bi-weekly payroll, processing payment for requisitions and purchase orders, overseeing tuition collection process and assisting in the development of the school budget.

Job Openings at St. Theresa, Hellertown

St. Theresa currently needs a DRE/CRE to assist with the Religious Education of our parish members. This opening will be a full-time position with benefits and salary. Please contact the rectory for a job description. It will be necessary to submit clearance documentation, a resume and participate in an interview. 610-838-7045

St. Theresa is in need of a Preschool Secretary. This part time position is Mon-Fri 8:00AM - 1:00PM during the school year. Summer hours are flexible. Full job description is available at the school. Please call the preschool 610-838-8161 for more information or secretary@sttheresaotcj.org

St. Mary's Block Party

St. Mary's Church (122 Union St., Catasauqua) is excited to announce "Our Block Party is Back"! Please join us Thursday, July 15th, Friday, July 16th, and Saturday, July 17th from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. We will feature our homemade foods such as steak sandwiches, pierogies, halupki, potato pancakes, cabbage & noodles, and more. Play Bingo each night in our air-conditioned Parish Hall. Your favorite adult and children games are back as well. New this year, we will be honoring our Hometown Heroes. Each night volunteers from the Catasauqua Fire and Police Departments will be present with a piece of their emergency equipment. We will hold a 50/50 Raffle each night with all proceeds being donated to their respective departments. The Fire Police will assist you with parking on Race Street and help you safely across to come up to our church. D.H. Productions will, as always, entertain you all night long with your favorites and some games to get all involved. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com. You may also visit our Parish Website at annunciationbvm.net.



New Parishioners

As a parish community, we always welcome new members with open arms and hearts. At this time we would like to welcome William and Winifred Berndt, Miracle Gonzalez and Jesus X. Polance, Judith Ann Knoll, Jeanne Plante, Annie Sarlo, and Richard and Nancy Seip.

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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
SOCCER FIELDS

RISING 5th - 8th GRADES

JULY 12-15, 2021

8:30am - 11:30 am

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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

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

