

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Victor F. Finelli, Th. M., J.C.L.

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. Our Adoration Chapel is open daily from 6:00 AM—9:00 PM.



St Francis of Assisi consoled by Angels, by Badalocchio

July 7, 2019

*Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

We, the people of Saint Francis of Assisi Church, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Allentown, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the joyful celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.



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.

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, Dr. Emily Kleintop (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.

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.

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

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
610-332-0442, ext. 2019

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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, July 8th

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

No Mass

Tuesday, July 9th

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

No Mass

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong
and companions

Wednesday, July 10th

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

No Mass

Thursday, July 11th

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

8:00 AM Mary Stengel

Saint Benedict

Friday, July 12th

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

8:00 AM Mooney & Maley Family

July 13th & 14th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

4:30 PM Robert and Emma Weber

8:30 AM Claire M. Signarovitz

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Thomas Trach

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 of July 7th is:

*In Memory of Robert C. Naubauer
by Hazel Carter*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Jesus sent them out two by two,” (today’s Gospel). Have you ever realized that by your Sacrament of Marriage Jesus has sent you out to be witnesses of God’s love? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to strengthen your loving witness. For information call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.wwme.org.



Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019

“Because We Are Catholic”

As of today, our parishioners have raised \$31,182.00 from 155 parishioners representing 13.51% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach 100% participation goal. 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 FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.



Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? **Retrouvaille** (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples. Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA August 9-11, 2019. For more information, or to register, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

St. Francis Senior Citizens

On Tuesday, July 9th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for a short meeting, bingo and cards. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.

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.

Festival Thanks

Words cannot express my gratitude to so many people who worked so **very** hard to make our 31st Annual Parish Festival a success. We obviously couldn’t do this biggest fundraiser without your assistance and dedication to the parish. In a special way I’d like to thank **Tim and Loretta Carver** who once again chaired the entire Festival. They do an awesome job and we should all be thankful for their leadership and willingness to serve. But to all who helped in any way whatsoever, know that we are very thankful to you. You make the parish proud and it makes me very proud to say I’m Pastor of this parish where so many people are ready and willing to help.

With my appreciation,

Rev. Msgr. Victor F. Finelli





CHRISTMAS IN JULY

'TIS ALWAYS THE SEASON ...



It will be here before you know it - our Parish Family Movie Event "Christmas in July" featuring the film - The Star. Saturday, July 20th, doors open at 5:30 (after 4:30 Mass), movie begins at 6:15. Lots of goodies for everyone!!! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Parish Library

Just a reminder, we have a parish library in the back of church, as you exit the back of the main church, it is the room to the right in the vestibule. There are many informative religious books available to borrow.

Please Consider Electronic Giving

Do circumstances sometimes prevent you from attending Mass? **Electronic Giving** is a way our parish can receive your donations when you can't be present. For more information call Dennis Reichard at 610-433-6102, Ext. 34.

Vacation

When you are on vacation you can find a Catholic Church at www.masstimes.org Please remember to bring your weekly contribution envelopes to Mass when you return. Through your generosity, this Parish is able to function, service others, and be a vibrant part of this community.



Youth Ministry

Thank you to our Youth Ministry members who helped at our Parish Festival recently. We truly appreciate your help!

Tentative summer schedule includes a mini golf outing on Saturday, July 27th and a meeting/activity in our room after 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 11th.

Contact Ms. Jenn for more info: 484.433.0265, msjennchurch@yahoo.com. Follow us on Instagram @sfayouthgroup. LIKE us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StFrancisAssisiYouthGroup/>



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Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Saturday July 13, 2019 Helper's Pilgrimage: Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00 AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy. Contact Info: 610-674-4624/ <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>



AD Times

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, July 13th & 14th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	J. Grieff	B. Sheaffer
Eucharistic Minister	L. Eberly, F. Kryzan	T. Fronheiser, T. Racek	B. Nutting, M. Dietrick
Cantor	Quiet Mass	Quiet Mass	Quiet Mass
Organist	Quiet Mass	Quiet Mass	Quiet Mass
Altar Servers	C. Stano	A. Beck	L. Sheaffer
Sacristan	J. Burgos	B. Sheaffer	



Put on the Armour of God

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith, invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Damon Owens, Msgr. John Esseff, Marty Rotella, Devin Schadt, Mark Forrest, Megan Murphy, Bishop Ronald Gainer and many more, for our second annual fall conference - Put on the Armour of God. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th, 2019 in Elizabethtown, PA, at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates (www.stonegablesestate.com) which features the iconic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch. One and two-day tickets are available. In between talks you can enjoy 275 acres of God's creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard, the Lincoln Train and more! For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org and click on the Fall Conference link. Come and be encouraged, equipped and inspired!

Bulletin Board

Please take time to check our bulletin board in the stairwell into the vestibule from the parking lot. There are many events posted for local parishes that we do not always have room to print in the bulletin.

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.



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.

MARK your CALENDAR
The PREP 2019 - 2020 year opens on Sunday, September 8th with Open House, Book Pick up and Meet the Teacher - join us anytime from 9:00 to 10:00.

MEET THE TEACHER



September 15th FIRST CLASS PREP is open to any parish child in Grades K - 8 attending public school. Preparation for the receipt of Sacraments is 2 years. For questions or information - contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale, DRE, at 484-547-6270.

Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

The next bus trip for the Outreach Committee's monthly trip to Mohegan Sun is Tuesday, July 16th. Bus leaves at 9:15 AM and returns by 5:00 PM. \$25 per person. To sign up, call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.



Viking Basketball Camp

Allentown Central Catholic High School Basketball Camp will run July 31st -August 1st from 8:45 AM-Noon at St. John Viananey Regional School, Allentown, PA for boys entering Grades 3 through 9. More information at <https://www.vikingsbasketballcamps.com/basketball-skills-academy.cfm>

You Are Not Alone

If you have received an adverse Prenatal Diagnosis....You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding an adverse prenatal diagnosis. For support, call: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.



It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him.

Thank you for turning off your phone.

Parking Lot Entrance

Please note that the Church parking lot between the Church and School is ONE WAY ONLY. Please do not leave the parking lot via the Washington Street entrance, nor drive into the parking lot through the exit on Cedar Street. Thank you.

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.



Day of Pilgrimage
World Renowned Theologian and Speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn will be presenting a day of pilgrimage on power and the

importance of encountering the Eucharist, Faith, and the Fullness of Truth at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA on August 3rd, 2019. Registration and more information is available at stpaulcenter.com/shrine/. We hope you will join us for special and blessed event.



Course on 'The Creed'

The Institute for Catechesis and Formation is offering the following courses. ICF courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.

Cost is \$30. Register at www.allentowndiocese.org/icf
CAT I - The Creed - An overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding symbol of our faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. The course is highly recommended for catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, I believe....

This course will be presented Saturdays, July 27th and August 3rd from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at St. Thomas More, Allentown, but Fr. Clifton Bishop.



Inklings Young Adult Book Club

Lehigh Valley Inklings, a book club for young adult Catholics ages 21 to 35, meets once a month to explore a classic through the lens of Catholicism.

The next meeting will be Saturday, July 20th at 3 PM at Quadrant Book Mart & Coffee House in Easton. The group will discuss "All the Way to Heaven in Heaven" by Dorothy Day. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page, "Lehigh Valley Inklings: Young Catholic Book Club."

**Diocese of Allentown Women's Conference
'Women Chosen for a Purpose'**

Women of all ages are invited to hear about their call to be Disciples of Christ and what that means for their lives as women at "Women Chosen for a Purpose," the third Diocesan women's conference, Saturday, October 5th. Included will be keynote speakers and opportunities for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop of Allentown, Alfred Schlert. A separate Spanish track will be offered.

The day will be from 9 AM to 4:15 PM at DeSales University, Center Valley. For more information or to register, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference.

Prayers for Priests, Deacons, Vocations
Kindly remember in your prayers all of the living and deceased priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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.



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.

Prayer Requests



Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain operates by phone and email (to speed up the process by which the prayer requests can be relayed.) 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! Please email Stephanie Epler at sep-ler@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.

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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 1.5% to 10% profit to the parish. 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!*

A.C. Moore: \$25

Amazon.com: \$25

Applebees: \$10, \$25

Banana Republic: \$25

Barnes and Nobles: \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works: \$10, \$25

Bed, Bath & Beyond: \$25

Buy Buy Baby: \$25

Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: *mention St. Francis*

Bonefish Grill: \$25

Boscov's: \$25

Carrabbas: \$25

Christmas Tree Shops: \$25

Dunkin Donuts: \$10

Gap: \$25

Giant: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot: \$25, \$100

Kohl's: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Longhorn Steakhouse: \$25

Lowe's: \$25, \$100

Macy's: \$25

Nikki H Nail & Hair Salon \$25

Old Navy: \$25

Olive Garden: \$25

Outback Steakhouse: \$25

Panera Bread: \$10

Red Robin: \$25

Red Lobster: \$25

Redner's Warehouse: \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Ruby Tuesday: \$25

Sam's Club: \$25, \$100

Target: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse: \$25

Visa: \$50

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Weis: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wendy's: \$10

