

# *Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church*

1046 West Cedar Street - Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102  
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[www.stfrancisallentown.org](http://www.stfrancisallentown.org)

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## *Pastor*

Reverend Richard C. Brensinger, M. Div.

## *Permanent Deacons*

Deacon Robert Young  
Deacon Ricardo Reyes

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## *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

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## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM  
Anytime by appointment

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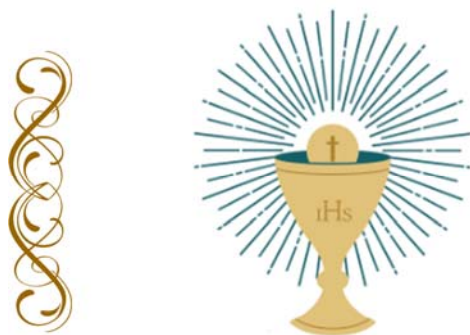
## *Adoration Chapel*

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*

*July 11, 2021*  
*Fifteenth 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 (at least three months) 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](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

# Mass Schedule

## Monday, July 12th

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

No Mass

## Tuesday, July 13th

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

8:00 AM Georgie Roubique

Saint Henry

## Wednesday, July 14th

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

8:00 AM Naomi F. Southwick

Saint Kateri Tekawitha

## Thursday, July 15th

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

8:00 AM Fred M. Baranek

Saint Bonaventure

## Friday, July 16th

Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

8:00 AM Marissa Martin

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

## Saturday and Sunday, July 17th & 18th

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

4:30 PM Rose Candido

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

8:30 AM Frederick Moser

10:30 AM Robert & Emma Weber



### 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 11, 2021 is

*In Memory of Rita Erich*

*By Steve & Donna Gerancher*

### 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.

### 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.

Have You Ever Thought About Becoming  
A Liturgical Minister?

Now that Covid restrictions are easing up a bit, and more people are returning to in-person Mass, we find ourselves in serious need of Liturgical Ministers. The areas where we are most in need of help at this time, or in the near future, are:

Cantors  
Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Altar Servers



We ask that you prayerfully consider serving in one of these capacities as part of your Time, Talent and Treasure to God.

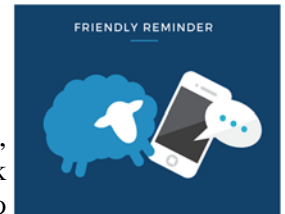
For more information, or to volunteer for training, please see Father Rich or call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

### Flocknote

**Don't forget to text STFRAN to  
84576 on your smartphone  
to get signed up with Flocknote!**

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.)

Text messages and emails can be easily sent to members during lock-downs, closures, and emergencies, as well as updates, event notifications, check-ins, prayer requests, and more.



## 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.



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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](mailto:principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org)



Calling all SJV students who will be in Grades 2 and 8 for the 2021/2022 year! SJV students receive their Sacraments through their parishes - NOT the school. If your child who attends 2nd grade or 8th grade at SJV, please contact our DRE, Mrs. Camille Stockdale, to receive information regarding the Sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation.

We look forward to working together with you and your child on this wonderful receipt of grace through the Blessed Sacraments! Mrs. Camille Stockdale - DRE 484-547-6270 or [PREP@stfrancisallentown.org](mailto:PREP@stfrancisallentown.org)

**Children's Bulletins**



Children's educational and fun bulletins are available in the Library and Parish Office after Masses. Grandparents, you are welcome to take them for your grandchildren even if they do not belong to our parish.

**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.




**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.



**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](http://www.stfrancisallentown.org) for information to sign up.



**Our Weekly Stewardship**

Weekend of July 3rd & 4th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,252.30
Sunday Online	\$ 2,888.50

**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.**

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**Attention All Women!  
"Women Walking in Faith"**

Our group of faith-filled women will meet **in person** July 14th @ 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.



**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@allentowndioocese.org.

**Spiritual Weapons for a Culture in Crisis**

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

OLME is pleased to welcome Dr. Antone Raymundo as their 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!

**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.

Happy July to our PREPsters and their families!



Before you know it, we will be back at our religious education studies! We hope you are attending Mass; saying prayers; working hard on Confirmation requirements and keeping a good, close relationship with Jesus during these summer months!

Our September Calendar is as follows:

September 12th - Meet the Teacher - Classrooms 9:00 to 10:00

AM. All Registration Paperwork is due on or before this day!

September 19th - First Class - 9:00 to 10:15 AM. Students should go directly to their classrooms - NOT the School Hall.

September 21st - Confirmation Meeting 6:30 PM Church  
September 23rd - First Penance Meeting - 6:30 PM Church

September 26th - Class and First Youth Mass. Students will attend Mass with their PREP classmates at 10:30 AM Mass. Parents should pick up after 10:30 Mass in the Church.

If you have any questions - do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Stockdale! PREP@stfrancisallentown.org, 484-547-6270

**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!



**Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, July 17th & 18th**

	<b><u>4:30 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 PM</u></b>
<b>Lector</b>	H. Moyer	F. Lenahan	G. Rodriguez
<b>Cantor</b>			
<b>Organist</b>	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 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.

### Cash Bingo

Food and fun for the whole family!

Sunday, July 25, 2021 \$20 per person for all entrants  
15 games with plenty of specials 50/50 Raffle

Holy Family Parish Center

508 W. Center Street, Nazareth

Doors open at 12:00 PM, First Game at 12:45 PM

All Profits go to Knights of Columbus Charities

### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

St. Francis of Assisi Church has a Church Memorial Fund which can be used to remember the deceased or to honor the living.

Memorial Books will be used in the following manner: For your offering, a relative or friend will be listed in the Memorial Book; deceased are listed according to the date of death, living are listed on Thanksgiving Day. The listing will include the person's name in memory or honor of, and the donor. Identical books will be on display in the Church vestibule area and the Adoration Chapel vestibule at all times, and names will be added at the close of each month.

The benefits of being enrolled in St. Francis of Assisi's Church Memorial Fund are: in addition to having a loved one's name entered in the Memorial Books, Mass will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month on behalf of the members, members will be remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful, and for donations totaling \$200 (bronze plate), \$500 (silver plate), and \$1,000 (gold plate) their names will be inscribed on the Memorial Plaque in the main vestibule's ramp area or the Chapel vestibule. Other memorial plates (all gold) have been added: 3"x6" - \$5,000, 5"x8" - \$10,000, and 11"x10" - \$25,000. Limited quantities of these new memorial plates are available. Offerings made to the Church Memorial Fund are used for the Church Proper and Chapel, e.g. vestments, altar cloths, liturgical vessels and furnishings and for capital expenses.



### 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.

### Music/Choir Director Needed

Queenship of Mary Church in Northampton is seeking a Music Director, with proficiency in organ and piano, as well as choral directing of Adult Choir, Contemporary Group, and Children's Choir. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Please submit resumes to Father Lamb at the rectory (email to plamb@allentowndioocese.org). Any questions, please call the rectory at (610) 262-2227.

### Director of Music/Organist Opening

Assumption BVM Church in Bethlehem is seeking a Music Director. This is a part-time position. Primary responsibilities: Planning and providing music (organ/piano) for weekend Masses, weddings, and funerals, Choral directing of our Adult and Youth Choir. Send resume and letter of interest to Assumption BVM Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015, Attention: Monsignor Klinger, or email at abvmrect@ptd.net.

### 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 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM 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

## PARISH PHONE DIRECTORY

### BUSINESS MANAGER

Dennis Reichard 610-433-6102 ext 34  
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### BULLETIN

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### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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PREP@stfrancisallentown.org

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Karin Wahlstrom 610-351-0835

### SANCTUARY MEMORIAL FUND

Anne Palmisano 610-433-6102

### SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

Madeline Klotz 610-395-7386

### ST. JOHN VIANNEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

Brian Mansfield, Principal 610-435-8981  
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### WEBSITE

Ann Holaska 610-433-6102  
aholaska@stfrancisallentown.org

### WELCOMING/EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

Paula Rollins 484-241-1986

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Jenn Reasinger 484-433-0265  
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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**

