

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

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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

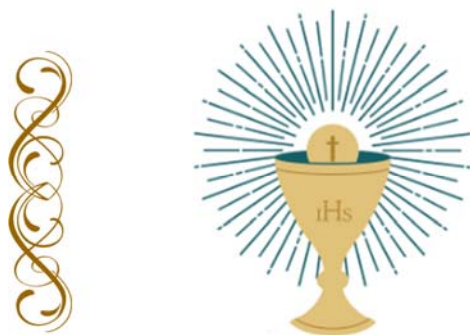
Adoration Chapel

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.



St Francis of Assisi consoled by Angels, by Badalocchio

July 25, 2021
Seventeenth 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.

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.

Ministry to the Sick

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 26th Saints Joachim and Anne,
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35 Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 No Mass

Tuesday, July 27th
Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

8:00 AM Richard Weaver

Wednesday, July 28th

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

8:00 AM John "Jay" Radio

Thursday, July 29th

Saint Martha

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Jn 11:19-27

8:00 AM Morris & Julia Moditch

Friday, July 30th

Saint Peter Chrysologus

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

8:00 AM Ikrar Bahi Ahmed

Saturday and Sunday, July 31st & August 1st

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

4:30 PM Grace F. Christ

8:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

10:30 AM John Philips

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 25, 2021 is

Intentions of Jim & Susan Steiner
By Jim & Susan Steiner

Welcoming/Evangelization Committee Meeting



The next meeting of the Welcoming/Evangelization committee will be held on Wednesday, July 28th at 6:30 PM in Heritage Hall. Anyone interested in taking part in either "welcoming" or "evangelization" or both is welcome and encouraged to join us. We hope to see you there! Please contact Paula Rollins at 484-241-1986 for more information.

Please support our advertisers on the back of the bulletin who make this publication possible.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

Shelly Geng

by: Rita Granitz

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord



Catholics in Diocese Will Once Again Be Obligated to Attend Mass on Weekends and Holy Days

Beginning August 15th, all Catholics in the Diocese of Allentown will once again be obligated to attend Mass on weekends and on holy days of obligation, now that pandemic conditions are much improved.

During this year of the Real Presence in our Diocese, we encourage all who are not ill or homebound to come home to their parish to celebrate Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In addition, Bishop Schlert asks every parishioner to invite at least one person back to in-person attendance at Mass. We are also asked to continue to pray for everyone affected by the pandemic, and for everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this time of difficulty easier for the rest of us.



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.

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 **Monday, August 2nd**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Save the Date!



We have set dates for St. Francis Fest in the fall!

It will be a two day event, taking place on Saturday, October 2nd

from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday, October 3rd from 12 Noon to 5 PM.

There will be Attic Treasures, a Basket Raffle, Bake Sale and Food to eat in or take out. It will be a cash only event, no tokens.

There will be two Attic Treasures drop off dates: Saturday, September 18th from 9 AM to 12 Noon and Saturday, September 25th from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Please watch future bulletins for more details!



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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



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

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.



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.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of July 17th & 18th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,995.31
Sunday Online	\$ 2,839.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 773.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 100.00

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.



St. Francis Retreat House

**FRANCISCAN FAMILY DAY:
POLKA MASS, PICNIC, AND TRICKY TRAY
SUNDAY AUG.22TH 1PM**



- POLKA MASS 1:00 PM
 - Family Fun Entertainment by "Changing Times"
 - Dancing.....Face Painting
 - \$5.00 wristband charge to enjoy picnic and festivities
 - PICNIC delicious homemade food and treats for all to enjoy
 - TRICKY TRAY
 - LOTS of GREAT prizes
 - 5:00 pm RAFFLE need not be present to win
 - Come out and enjoy the day with the Friars!!!
- 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA**



PREP

Hello to our St. Francis of Assisi PREP-sters and SJV Students!

What are you doing FUN and EXCITING this summer – we'd love to see photos! Send us photos of your kids/family enjoying this great summer and we will post them to the PREP Bulletin Board in the

Church!

We hope everyone is enjoying their hazy, lazy days of summer!

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!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Outreach Committee Meeting

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, August 2nd at 6:30 PM in Heritage Hall. Please enter through the Cedar Street ramp. New members are welcomed!

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.

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.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

Did you know that 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.



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.

Don't forget to check out
our website to keep up with the
stfrancisallentown.org

Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, July 31st and August 1st

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	M. Florentino	B. Beck	D. Colom
Cantor	A. Eaves	D. Lamparella	M. Maramag
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso

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Registration closes on August 20th.



Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain operates by phone and email. 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! Email Stephanie Epler at sepler@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.

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



Retrouvaille: Rediscover The Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). 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.

Attire



At all times, but especially in these warm months, it is important to remember that the way we dress at Mass should be appropriate. Few of us long for the “good old days” of suits for men, best dresses and hats or veils for ladies, special outfits for children! Still, even in our casual society, clothing that is suitable for the beach or the amusement part is not suitable for Mass. Even places of business and fine restaurants have dress codes. We can show our respect for the Real Presence and also for one another by dressing conservatively. NOTE: halters, strapless tops or other items of clothing suitable for play or beach wear are best left to those locations and occasions and not worn to Mass.

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.

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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!*

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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!)

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Weis (5%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wendy's (6.5%): \$10

