

# *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

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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*

*August 1, 2021*  
*Eighteenth 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](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, August 2nd

Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

No Mass

## Tuesday, August 3rd

Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36

8:00 AM Dolores Hassick

## Wednesday, August 4th

Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28

8:00 AM Dr. Donald Chaputa

## Thursday, August 5th

Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

8:00 AM Maria Khai Thi Nguyen

## Friday, August 6th

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

8:00 AM John & Myrtle Keifman

## Saturday and Sunday, August 7th & 8th

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30--5:2; Jn 6:41-51

4:30 PM William Stiles

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

8:30 AM Connie Harkins

10:30 AM Michael Romanic

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli,  
Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Saint John Vianney

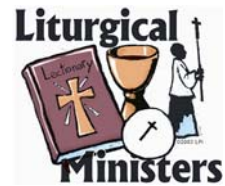
The Dedication of the Basilica of  
Saint Mary Major

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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**  
**Ushers**



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.



## 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  
August 1, 2021 is

**In Memory of Steven T. Seibert**  
**By Eva Juhasz**

## Outreach Committee

Because of the generous donations of food there will be **No Food Collection for 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, very small flashlights, small can openers, and canned foods with flip tops.



## Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all Masses next weekend, August 7 & 8, 2021. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.



## 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](http://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](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)

Thank you to the Men of St. Francis



A heartfelt thank you to the MOSF who came out to help clear out PREP classrooms last week. A job that should have taken over an hour or more - took about 30 minutes thanks to the

number of men who showed up to help and their willingness to jump right in and get to work. Those Men are such a blessing to our parish and our PREP family thanks each and every one of them from the bottom of our hearts! YOU are what make St. Francis the amazing community it is! Thank you again!

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## Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of July 24th & 25th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,996.18
Sunday Online	\$ 2,626.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 845.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 110.00

**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.



### Christmas Tableau and Living Stations



Our director, Kim Heintzelman, is willing to bring back our Parish Tradition of Tableau and Living Stations. Are you willing to help out with same? Is your child (or children) willing to "star" in the show? Before we move forward with a practice schedule, music selection, scripts and

MORE... we want input. Contact the Parish Office if you and/or your children are willing to participate! We hope you will! It's a great way to celebrate the two most beautiful seasons of our Liturgical Year! We look forward to hearing from you SOON!



### 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.

# 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.

## Movie Club

Thanks so much to everyone who came out to Movie Club's Christmas in July - what a phenomenal event! Oh my goodness! So much great food, great friendships, great fun and a great film. There are so many to thank - ALL of you who brought goodies or donated to the event! Phillip, Roy and Steve for handling the popcorn, soda, tickets and candy! Thanks to Donna and Roy (pepperoni!) for serving. Thanks to ALL of our salad makers and dessert bakers - YUMMMM. Thanks to Mary and Bob for the fantastic door prizes and adorable decorations. Thanks to Phillip and Roy for cleaning up so well so we could all get out of there timely! Thanks to our kids who attended and played along with the Reindeer Games! I hope any of you who took a Mason Jar continue the Christmas Jar tradition.

There is no doubt we all left there Saturday night with some holiday joy in our hearts!

Up next - August 19th - I Still Believe

6:30 Doors Open/7:00 Movie



“Weekend of Prayer, Hope and Healing with Fr. James Blount, S.O.L.T.” with a Guest Presentation from Dr. Antone Raymundo  
**August 13, 14 and 15, 2021**

This blessed weekend, which celebrates a Fatima Day, the 43rd anniversary of O.L.M.E., the memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a “martyr of charity,” and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will provide moving conferences from Fr. James Blount and Dr. Antone Raymundo as well as opportunities for Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and individual blessings.

Fr. James Blount, from the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity, Georgia Mission, is internationally renowned as a dedicated charismatic priest with the gift of healing. Fr. Blount travels throughout the United States and abroad, preaching and proclaiming the Gospel.

Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist by email at olme@olme.org or by phone at 610-582-3333. All events are held at Our Lady’s Missionaries of the Eucharist: 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508. For more information, visit olme.org



Retrovaille: 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Biking For Vocations



Join us at the Cathedral as we cheer on seminarians and priests from Saint Charles Seminary “biking for vocations” — Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th.

Two great ways to support them:

You can cheer them on as they arrive at the Cathedral on Friday at 4:30 PM and as they depart on Saturday at 9:00 AM.

You can attend a Holy Hour for Vocations with Vespers on Friday, August 6th at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral. Join us as we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, August 7th & 8th

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



Announcing our Line Up of Teachers for PREP 2021 - 22  
 We thank them ALL for their willingness to give of their time, talent and energy and most importantly sharing of their Catholic faith to our Parish Children!  
 1st - Gladys Rodriguez with aide, Mercedes Fiorentino  
 2nd - Camille Stockdale with aide, Linda Eberly  
 3rd - Barbara Puzzella  
 4th - Alicia Stano with aide, Rita Granitz  
 5th - Bertha Ocasio  
 6th - Christina Novak  
 7th - John Wagstaff and Jenn Reasinger  
 8th - Paula Rollins  
 Substitutes - Fran Lenahan and Donna Torres  
 We welcome back all returning teachers and volunteers and are so thankful for the new folks joining our children on their religious and faith journey!

Our classes will be IN PERSON for this year but we will follow all CDC and Diocesan COVID guidelines that are in place.

Registrations - OPEN NOW  
 Meet the Teacher and Book Pick Up - September 12th from 9:00 to 10:00 AM  
 First Class (go directly to the classroom) - September 19th from 9:00 to 10:15  
 Class - September 26th 9:00 to 10:15 AM - followed by our FIRST YOUTH MASS!!! Mass at 10:30 AM - pick up from CHURCH  
 For information, questions or comments - contact our DRE - Mrs. Camille Stockdale at 484-547-6270 or prep@stfrancisallentown.org



***Please....No gum in church!  
 Please be respectful of the Holy Eucharist.***

**Holy Family Helping Hands  
 Kid's Clothing Closet**

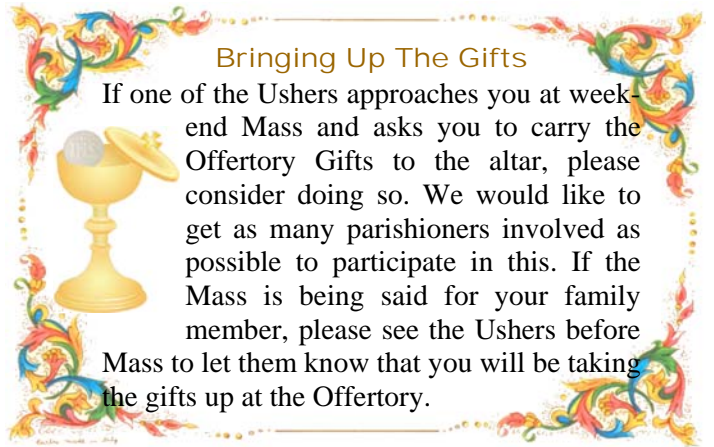


In the Wortmann Center, 421 W. Center Street, Nazareth. Clothing Closet will be open every first Saturday of the month (August 7th) from 10 AM to Noon. No prices are set! Families can choose what they need and make any donation they can afford to give. Come select great kids clothes sizes infant to teen.  
 Donations needed: Infant to teen size clothing may be brought to the Wortmann Center on the first Saturday of each month when the clothing closet is open or on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 PM, or call/text Kathi for porch pickup if needed (484)542-9637. Monetary donations are accepted.



**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.

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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**

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**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**

