

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.



St Francis of Assisi consoled by Angels, by Badalocchio

August 8, 2021
Nineteenth 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, August 9th Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
No Mass

Tuesday, August 10th Saint Lawrence
2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
8:00 AM William Bayer, Sr.

Wednesday, August 11th Saint Clare
Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
8:00 AM Patricia Fratrack

Thursday, August 12th Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21--19:1
8:00 AM Robert Burnett

Friday, August 13th Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
8:00 AM Rosemary McFadden

Saturday and Sunday, August 14th & 15th
The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

4:30 PM John Kazmierski
8:30 AM Barbara Egry
People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish
10:30 AM Eleanor McGuire

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 8, 2021 is

In Memory of The Levkolic Family
By Mr. & Mrs. John Levkolic and Family



Recently Baptized

We welcome to our parish family the following newly baptized children: **Remy Daniel Chavez**, son of Daniel Chavez and Tiffany Britt. We pray that our Lord will be with him all of his days guiding him through life's journey.

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

Attention All Women! "Women Walking in Faith"

Our group of faith-filled women will meet **in person** August 11th @ 7 PM. 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 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!



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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

The process for welcoming new members into the Catholic Faith.

IT IS FOR: Adults (18 years or Older) who are:

- Not Baptized or
- Baptized in another Christian Church and interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or
- Baptized into the Catholic Faith but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation.



WHAT IS THE RCIA?

RCIA is a direct result of Vatican II, which called for a revival of the Adult Catechumenate. This goes back to the early traditions of the Church where the Apostles welcomed newcomers into the community of faith. RCIA is the way all our Catholic communities throughout the world will be initiating newcomers into the Catholic Church.

NOTE: Four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives or neighbors extend personal invitations. Spread the good news by inviting someone!

INTERESTED? Want to learn more about your faith? Join the RCIA team as a sponsor. *If you know someone who wants to become Catholic, please have them call 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



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of July 31st & August 1st

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,044.91
Sunday Online	\$ 3,014.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 648.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 115.00

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 **THIS** 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.



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of Rose M. Hanzl, mother of parishioner James Hanzl, and Richard C. Snopek, Sr., father of parishioner Christina Novak, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

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.

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!

Outreach Committee for Valor Program



As part of the Outreach Committee's help for Veterans, they are collecting items for the Valor Program for veterans, which will be distributed at the Allentown Rescue Mission. Most requested items are small cans of V-8 juice, new men's underwear, and new or gently worn jeans in sizes 32, 34 and 36 waist. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the months of August and September.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Exciting news! Children's Liturgy of the Word returns in September! We have enough leaders to have this special celebration of the Word for our parish children. (There is no Children's Liturgy when PREP celebrates Youth Mass.)

For September, our schedule is September 12th and 19th. October's schedule is October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. We hope all parish children can join us at 10:30 AM Mass.

Divorce Support Group

A Divorce Support Group will be offered at St. Thomas More, Allentown, beginning Wednesday, September 8th from 6 to 7:30 PM.

The group will use the TM DivorceCare Program. It is an educational and support meeting with a Catholic emphasis. Participants will learn how to heal from the hurt of divorce and find hope for the future.

Cost of \$25 covers the 13 week program. Registrants are welcome to join anytime.

Register at www.divorcecare.org/groups/137315.



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

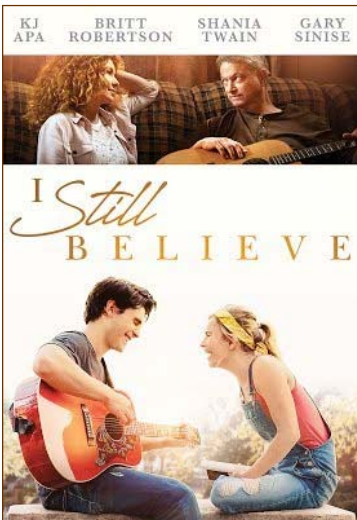
Class - September 26th 9:00 to 10:15 AM - followed by our FIRST YOUTH MASS!!! Mass at 10:30 AM - pick up from CHURCH

For information, questions or comments - contact our DRE - Mrs. Camille Stockdale at 484-547-6270 or prep@stfrancisallentown.org

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.



Movie Club

Our next Feature Film is scheduled for Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30.

I Still Believe: The true-life story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp and his journey of love and loss, which attempts to prove there is always hope. We hope you can join us - Movie Club is ALWAYS fun, ALWAYS free and OPEN TO ANY/ALL!

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.



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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, August 14th & 15th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	J. Grieff	F. Lenahan
Cantor	A. Eaves	P. Rollins	G. Rodriguez
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso



Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups

Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering 10 weeks of “distancing” aerobics on Tuesday nights (6:15 – 7:00 PM) from September 7th to November 17th in St. Elizabeth’s parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. (Note: No classes on 9/28, 11/2 & 11/16. Two Wednesday make-up classes on November 3rd & 17th) The cost is only \$25.00 per person for the entire 10 weeks: this will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only. Registration deadline is on September 6th or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. See our website at: www.sercc.org Consider wearing a mask at the door, but no mask required while exercising. Bring a friend!

Beginner Low Impact Aerobic Class

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you?

Eight weeks on Tuesdays – September 7th – November 3rd from 5:30-6:00 PM (No class on 9/28 & 11/2. One Wednesday make-up class on Nov. 3rd.) At Saint Elizabeth’s Parish Hall – 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA.



Registration is required. Only \$15.00 for all 8 weeks. Call or e-mail for more information: Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 - dirreled@sercc.org. See our parish website: www.sercc.org

This 1/2 hour class will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility, moves and balance. Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! Bring a friend!

Consider wearing a mask at the door, but no mask required while exercising.

Positions Available

Principal, St. Joseph the Worker School, Orefield
Database Coordinator/Administrative Assistant, Diocese of Allentown, Allentown

Parish and School Bookkeeper, St. John Baptist de la Salle and La Salle Academy, Shillington and St. Benedict, Mohnton

Registered Nurse, Holy Family Senior Living, Bethlehem
Music/Choir Director, Queenship of Mary Church, Northampton

Teacher, Secondary Life Skills/Multiple Disabilities Classroom, Mercy School for Special Learning, Allentown

Various Teaching Positions - www.allentowndioocese.org/about/employment

Holy Family Senior Living, Bethlehem - RN; CNA ; Life Enrichment Assistant, Personal Care Aide; Skilled Maintenance Technician; Security/Maintenance. Email resumes@holylfamilysl.org or apply at www.holylfamilysl.org/careers.

St. Elizabeth's Drive Thru Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Too hot to cook? We have the perfect dinner for you!



Meal includes: ½ chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw, roll/butter & dessert. This meal is fully prepared by Fairview House Catering. Ticket cost is \$13.00 per meal. If you would like an order form, please e-mail dirreled@sercc.org or call 610-349-7791 or check our parish website at: <http://www.sercc.org/> Pick up is in St. Elizabeth parking lot at 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. We will hand your dinner directly to you! Only 200 meals will be sold. Drop-off or mail orders to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. Please mark envelope: “Chicken Dinner”. All orders due by August 16.

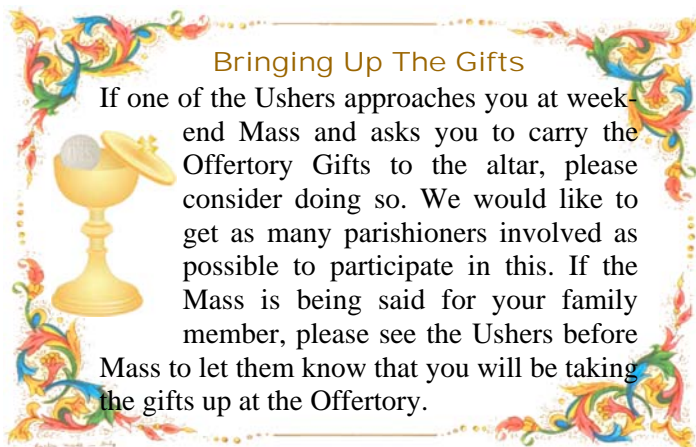
Public Rosary Hours

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.



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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"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

