

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.



August 15, 2021
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



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 16th

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

No Mass

Tuesday, August 17th

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

8:00 AM Kermit James Dietrich

Wednesday, August 18th

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

8:00 AM Carmen D. Wylie, Sr.

Thursday, August 19th

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

8:00 AM Joan Chambers

Friday, August 20th

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

8:00 AM Stephen Liekweg

Saturday and Sunday, August 21st & 22nd

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

4:30 PM JoAnne Kenney & John Fignar

8:30 AM Joan R. Mahr

10:30 AM Susan Mesaros

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Saint John Eudes

Saint Bernard



Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Married couples around the Diocese will be invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 19th.

Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate the Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine in Allentown at 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 19, 2021. The Mass will also be livestreamed on AD Today and the Diocese of Allentown Facebook page.

The Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Please register to attend. Email stewardship@allentowndioocese.org or call toll free 1-800-831-4443.

Thank you, Tippy's!

Thank you to Tippy's Car Wash for doing a fundraiser for St. Francis of Assisi! One hundred seventy cars came through the car wash on Sunday, August 8th, and we will receive \$510.00 donation from Tippy's. Thanks for your generosity!!



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 15, 2021 is

In Memory of Nancy Lewullis & Son, Joseph
By Joanne Lewullis

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.

Recently Deceased



Please pray for the souls of parishioner Vincent Fornieri and Donald Camp, son of parishioner Joanne Camp, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

Donald Camp

by: Barbara Quigney and Family

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

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



Outreach Emergency Meal Program
Just a reminder, if you know anyone in need of some temporary help with prepared meals, please have them call the Parish Office. The Outreach group will help by bringing meals to the family.

Or they can pick them up at the office. For example people who may be coming home from the hospital after an illness or accident. Our Outreach Ladies are here to help.

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.

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

Basket Social

Assumption B.V.M. Parish invites you to their Basket Social on Saturday, September 11th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, September 12th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The drawings will be held on Sunday, September 12th starting at 1:30 PM. You need not be present to win. Homemade food and baked goods will be on sale. Tickets are 25 for a \$5 donation and will be on sale at the door.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of August 7th & 8th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,134.25
Sunday Online	\$ 2,866.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 726.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 125.00

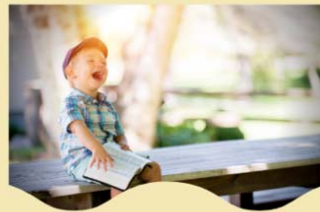
Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our website for more information.



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!



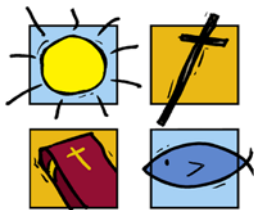
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

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.

Bulletin Board

Please take a moment 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.



PREP

It's time to think about registering for PREP!!!

All parish children in Grades 1 - 8 should register (if they do not attend parochial school). Save yourself

time - register now - then you can just meet your child's teacher(s) on Sunday, September 12th. Registrations are available online via the website, paper via the Parish Office or Mrs. Stockdale can email you a packet.

On September 12th, all of the teachers and volunteers will be available from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. to meet you and your child and so you can familiarize where their classes will be held! Because Mrs. Stockdale is teaching 2nd Grade we are asking EVERYONE to register by September 12th, as it will be difficult for her to handle registrations on the 19th!

For information on PREP classes - contact Mrs. Stockdale at 484-547-6270 or PREP@stfrancisallentown.org


- September 12th - Meet the Teacher 9:00 to 10:00
- September 19th - First Class
- September 26th - Class and first Youth Mass (pick up in the Church after 10:30 Mass)
- October 3rd - Class
- October 10th - Class
- October 17th - Class
- October 24th - Class and Youth Mass
- October 31st - NO CLASS



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.



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.

ENROLL TODAY FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!





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Welcome Home! - A Community Reunion



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August 20-21

TWO BIG TENTS!
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at St. Ann's Church,
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Friday & Saturday Evening
August 20 - 21, 2021
5:00 to 11:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION & FREE MUSIC EVERY NIGHT
 Friday - Starting Tomorrow
 Saturday - Common Bond

LOTS OF GREAT FOOD
 Sausage, Kielbasa, and Meatball Sandwiches
 Clam Chowder - Potato Pancakes
 Ice Cream - Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Fries
 Homemade Desserts - Funnel Cakes
 Tiki Bar
 Beer Garden featuring local and craft beers

PLENTY OF FUN
KIDS ACTIVITIES both nights:
 Dave Frey Singalong at 5:00,
 Wildlands Conservancy Animal Show at 6:00,
 K of C Toy Bingo at 7:00,
 Ruffez the Clown balloon animal artist

PLUS CASH BINGO - BASKET RAFFLE - 50/50 DRAWING each night AND BIG TICKET DRAWING SATURDAY with \$10,000 in cash prizes!

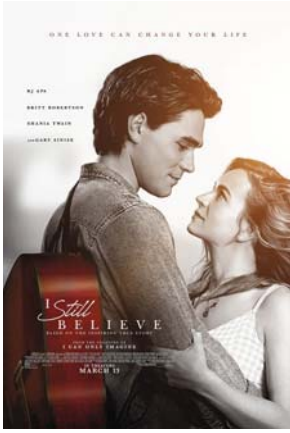


welcome home

A RETURN TO REAL PRESENCE



Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, August 21st & 22nd			
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	G. Rodriguez	N. Lamparella	C. Stockdale
Cantor	J. Fignar	D. Lamparella	
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso



Movie Club

It's time for our August Feature Film - *I Still Believe*, August 19th at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Popcorn, Candy, Soda and Door Prizes, ALL FREE!

I Still Believe is a faith based movie that is meant to inspire others — and that is exactly what it does. Join us to be inspired! ALL ARE WELCOME...Movie Club.. always fun, always faithful

and always free!

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!

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.



- 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

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.

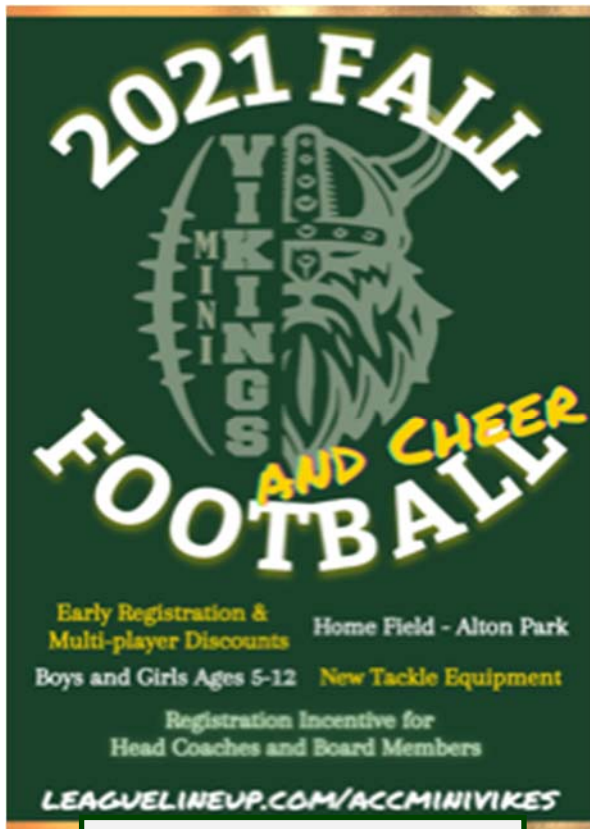
The group will use the TM DivorceCare Program. It is an educational and support meeting with a Catholic emphasis. Participants will learn how to heal from the hurt of divorce and find hope for the future.

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

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

Parish Library

Just a reminder, we have a parish library in the vestibule. There are many informative religious books available to borrow.



Registration closes on August 20th.

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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

