

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 22, 2021
Twenty-First 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 23rd Saint Rose of Lima
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
 No Mass

Tuesday, August 24th Saint Bartholomew
Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
8:00 AM Richard Mertz

Wednesday, August 25th Saint Louis,
 Saint Joseph Calasanz
1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
8:00 AM David Andrews

Thursday, August 26th
1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
8:00 AM Gary Uhler

Friday, August 27th Saint Monica
1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
8:00 AM Joseph Morba

Saturday and Sunday, August 28th & 29th
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
4:30 PM Paul Levkolic
 People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

8:30 AM Shelly Geng
10:30 AM Louis Zenz

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 22, 2021 is

In Memory of John Maruscak
By The Maruscak Family



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 soul of parishioner Miriam Drauch, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Donald Camp

by: His Family; Mother, Joanne Camp
Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

Lost and Found Cleanup



Have you lost anything in the past year? Our "Lost and Found" box is full, and there will be a table in the Gathering Space displaying items that were found in and around church on the weekend of September 11th & 12th. Unclaimed articles will be discarded or donated to Attic Treasures.



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@allentowndiocese.org or call toll free 1-800-831-4443.

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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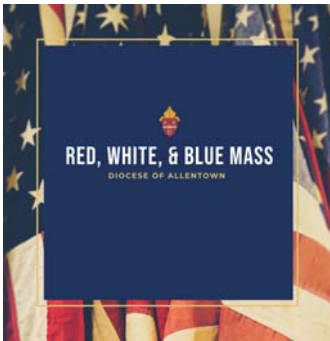
Call us today to schedule a tour at your convenience!

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ATTENTION:

St. John Vianney School is still looking for teachers for next school year. We are currently looking for a Spanish teacher as well as a 7th/8th Grade Science Teacher. If interested, please email principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org

Red, White and Blue Mass at St. Joseph the Worker



Mark your calendars for the diocesan Red, White, and Blue Mass, to be held on Saturday, September 11th, the 20th anniversary of the attacks on our nation.

Police, firefighters, first responders, health care workers, military, legal professionals, elected officials and their families are invited.

Bishop Alfred Schlert will be the main celebrant.

Deacon Greg Kandra of the Brooklyn Diocese, whose blog "The Deacon's Bench" has garnered 20 million readers around the world, and who co-wrote an acclaimed documentary on the Sept. 11 attacks, will speak at a reception afterward.

The 3 PM Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Orefield will satisfy the Sunday obligation.

The Mass will be preceded by a display of emergency response vehicles beginning at 2 PM.

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.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of August 14th & 15th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 6,466.25
Sunday Online	\$ 2,942.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 1,156.50
Second Collection Online	\$ 75.00

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!

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.



Movie Club

For the month of September, Movie Club is taking a hiatus! With the preparations for our fun Fall Festival, we thought it best for Movie Club to take a break! We will reconvene in mid to late October. See you then... at the Movies!

St. Francis Fest -- October 2 - 3, 2021



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.



Attic Treasures



DONATIONS NEEDED!

Donation Drop-off:

Saturdays, September 18th & September 23rd
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the Church Hall.

Items should be delivered to the Church Hall using
The 11th Street door. Items must be CLEAN; small
Appliances MUST WORK.

Plastic and paper grocery bags are accepted and
greatly appreciated. (They are needed to package
sold items during the festival.)

WE CANNOT TAKE:

Tires, Car Equipment, Major Appliances
(stoves, washers, dryers, etc.), Upholstered or
Large Furniture (sofas, dining room table, etc.),
Encyclopedias, Magazines, Bookshelves, Clothes,
Shoes, Baby Furniture, (cribs, walkers, car seats,
playpens, etc.), Luggage, Used Computers and
Accessories, Entertainment Centers, TVs, VCRs,
VHS Tapes, 8-tracks, Cassettes, Bowling Ball,
Gas Grills, Kerosene Heaters, Weightlifting or
Fitness Equipment, Christmas Lights, Christmas
Trees (4 feet or taller).

All other items not listed here are accepted.

Our Fall Fest Needs Your Help! Please consider donating a themed basket for the Basket Raffle. Possible themes are: Snacks, Kitchen, Coffee/Tea, Toys, Hobbies and Sports, Car wash, Grill/BBQ, Lottery Tickets, Baking, Cooking, Gardening, etc. Please include only NEW items. Wrap the basket in clear cellophane and attach a card that identifies the theme and items. Or we would be happy to wrap your basket for you! (Just drop off the items at the parish office) ***We are also collecting UNUSED GIFT CARDS that are lingering in your wallets/purses.*** All baskets and items can be dropped off at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00 PM or before and after Masses on the weekends. Any questions, please contact Heidi Beck, 484-553-9430 or at Heidi.beck94@gmail.com



Diocese of Allentown Catholic Women's Society of Giving

Ladies, there is a lot of important work to be done....And we need your help. Please join the Diocese of Allentown Catholic Women's Society of Giving for our Sip, Savor and Share evenings. Our goal is to unite as women from all over the Diocese and support organizations and ministries that need our help. Please join us at one of our information sessions to learn more about our society, enjoy female fellowship and refreshments!

Your involvement will make a difference!

Sip, Savor and Share

Wednesday, September 8th - St. Ignatius, Sinking Spring, 6:30-7:30pm
Thursday, September 16th -Assumption BVM Colesville, 6:30-7:30pm
Thursday, September 16th -St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven, 6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, September 22nd - Sacred Heart, Palmerton, 6:30-7:30pm
Please RSVP to stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or call 800-831-4443





PREP

Hello PREPsters and Families - As we prepare for the 2021 - 2022 year, please know your child's health and safety, as well as their spiritual education is important to us. Look for emails, bulletin articles and news on the website about COVID protocols and policies PREP will require so that our children/teachers and volunteers are KEPT SAFE!

Sept 12th - 9:00 to 10:00 Meet the Teacher and Registration

September 19th - 9:00 to 10:15 - First Class

September 26th - Class

October 3rd, 10th, 17th - Class

October 24th - Class and Youth Mass

October 31st - NO CLASS

SACRAMENTS - Sacraments are received at a parish level and received by working with the PREP program. If you have a school age child who has not yet received their Sacraments, please register your child in PREP. Sacraments require a two year preparation period. The time spent in preparation is important and necessary - and will only help your child grow closer to Jesus! Contact Mrs. Stockdale, Director of Religious Education, for more details, 484-547-6270.

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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.

The Liturgical Ministers availability sheet is due to Donna Gerancher by **Sunday, September 5, 2021.**

Designer Handbag Bingo

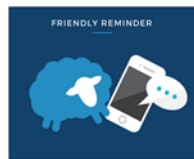
New Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021



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.



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.

ENROLL TODAY FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!



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Scan the QR code to take a virtual tour of our campus!

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, August 28th & 29th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	M. Florentino	A. Sarlo	B. Beck
Eucharistic Minister	F. Kryzan	---	---
Cantor	J. Fignar	M. Issermoyer	M. Maramag
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso

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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

