

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Victor F. Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.

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. Our Adoration Chapel is open daily from 6:00 AM—9:00 PM.



September 6, 2020

*Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time*

We, the people of Saint Francis of Assisi Church, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Allentown, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the joyful celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.



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 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.

Ministry to the Sick

Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. 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, Dr. Emily Kleintop (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, September 7th

Labor Day

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

No Mass

Tuesday, September 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mt 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

8:00 AM Theresa Trotta (Public Mass)

Wednesday, September 9th

Saint Peter Claver

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

8:00 AM Olga Miller (Public Mass)

Thursday, September 10th

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

8:00 AM James Barney (Public Mass)

Friday, September 11th

1 Cor 9:16-19; Lk 6:39-42

Rita S. Carr (Private Mass)

September 12th & 13th

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30--28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

4:30 PM Barbara Egry

People of St. Francis Parish

10:30 AM Joseph Lewullis & Mother Nancy

Daniel O'Brien

Mass Schedule

Our Mass schedule is near fully back to our normal schedule. Masses on the weekdays are celebrated on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8:00 AM in the Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated at 4:30 PM on Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sunday also in the Church. The Church main door will open thirty minutes before the weekend Mass. Please observe social distancing and wear a mask at all times. Please review our "Welcome Back to Mass" video on our website with all other regulations. We will continue to stream the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass live on Facebook for those who are not yet comfortable with the idea of returning to public Mass. Thank you and welcome back to Mass!

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 of September 6, 2020 is

In Memory of Richard Hafjl

by: Carmela Hafjl

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Horace S. Spence

by: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Shollenberger

Barbara Egry

by: Karin Wahlstrom

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Happy Labor Day!

God our Creator,

We are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for all.

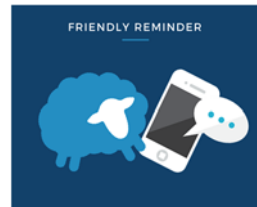
Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor's reward.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adopted from Catholic Household Blessing and Prayers)

No Fall Festival This Year

Due to the continuing Coronavirus Pandemic, any plans for a Fall Festival have unfortunately been eliminated. The Festival Committee will begin meeting in January to start planning the 2021 International Food Festival (June 25, 26 & 27, 2021.)



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.)

Collection for Shrines of the Holy Land

You may recall that at the direction of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the annual collection normally taken up on Good Friday for the support of the Shrines of the Holy Land was postponed due to the corona virus pandemic. The collection is rescheduled for next Sunday, September 13, 2020, the Sunday closest to her Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

Thank you for your generosity.



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.



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St. John Vianney Regional School is hiring!

Have you always had a desire to contribute to the academic and spiritual growth of our students? Consider one of these opportunities to contribute to the school's mission.

- ◆ Part-time Music Education teacher at elementary and middle school buildings. This includes providing vocal and music history lessons to grades preK through 8th grade. The hours are Wednesday through Friday, 8 AM to 3:30 PM.
- ◆ Per diem substitute teachers

Contact Dr. Emily Kleintop, Principal, at drkleintop@stjohnvianneyschool.org OR call 610-435-8981.

Check us out at: www.stjohnvianneyschool.org

www.StJohnVianneySchool.org

Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to feel the power of prayer through one of our Prayer Shawls, please contact the Parish Office.



Our Lady's Blue Army

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ. Join us as we celebrate the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Appearing on a holmoak tree in 1917, she requested all to continue to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace and the end of the war.

10:30 AM: Confessions; 12:00 Noon: Rosary Procession; 12:30 PM: Guest Speaker/Mass Celebrant Rev. Ronan Murphy; 1:15 PM: Holy Mass, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chapel, blessing of religious articles, Fatima Farewell, enrollment in the Brown Scapular. The Blue Army staff is following all directions per NJ state health officials. Please follow all safety protocols. It is suggested to bring your own blanket/lawn chair. Questions/info: www.bluearmy.com 908-689-1700 x 210.



Safe Environment

As most of you know, since late 2019 the parish has undertaken a huge review of our Safe Environment Files. Many of you were asked to get background cleared, sign forms, take a course or MORE. Thanks to all of you - and there were many, many, many of you - who understood the necessity of doing so and completed the tasks. It is very, very much appreciated.

All parish volunteers - until there is an update to the Diocesan Code of Conduct or Sex Abuse Policy - you are good. If the policies are updated however, you will be required to review same and sign the form once again.

All parish volunteers who work with children - you are required to update your clearances every 5 years. Camille Stockdale sent you the dates of recertification and will follow up with you as those dates draw near.

Thank you again. Your service to the parish, our diocese and more importantly, your spiritual family is a true treasure !

IF YOU VOLUNTEER IN ANY CAPACITY AT THE PARISH AND HAVE NOT YET SIGNED YOUR FORMS OR BEEN CLEARED, please do so now. If you are not sure that means YOU - then contact Camille Stockdale our local Safe Environment Coordinator.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Joe and Gloria Medl who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on September 2, 2020. Also, Gloria is celebrating her 90th birthday today, September 6th.

Joe has belonged to this parish since he was five years old; that is almost 85 years as a member here.

We wish them continued blessings on this happy occasion!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, September 12th & 13th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi		F. Lenahan
Eucharistic Ministers			
Cantor			
Organist	D. Badesso		D. Badesso
Altar Servers			
Sacristan			

No Ministers other than Lector & Organist

PREP

CORRECTION - Please note that 7th Grade is at 7:30 PM, not 7:00 PM.

As you have seen in the last two bulletins, PREP will begin its 2020/2021 year online. We ask for your prayers as we travel these unchartered waters. We know all things are possible with God!



CALENDAR

September 12th after 4:30 Mass Registration/Book Pick Up

September 13th after 10:30 Mass Registration/Book Pick Up

September 19th after 4:30 Mass Registration/Book Pick Up

September 20th after 10:30 Mass Registration/Book Pick Up

September 20th

9:00 AM 1st Grade Class

9:00 AM 8th Grade Class

September 21st 6:00 PM 2nd Grade Class

September 22nd 6:00 PM 6th Grade Class 7:00 PM Confirmation Meeting - Parents and Students via ZOOM

September 23rd 6:15 PM 4th Grade Class 7:00 PM 5th Grade Class

September 24th

6:30 PM 3rd Grade

Class 6:30 PM First Penance Meeting - Parents via ZOOM

7:30 PM 7th Grade Class

September 27th

9:00 AM 1st Grade Class

9:00 AM 8th Grade Class (10:30 AM Youth Mass - please try to attend Mass with your family, you will sit with your family. If you cannot attend in person, please try to attend via FACEBOOK.) If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale - DRE, 484- 547-6270.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of August 29th & 30th

Sunday in Pew \$ 6,641.35

Sunday Online \$ 2,579.50

During this very trying time we ask all parishioners to PLEASE keep up with their normal weekend collection.

You may mail in your collection or hold it until the next time you come to Church for Mass. Either way, we ask that you do whatever you can to stay current so that we may continue to stay current with our bills and other expenses. Don't forget about Online Giving as a possibility. It's easy, safe, and secure.

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

Catholic and Curious

What is “epiclesis” and “elevation”???

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when the priest places his hands over the gifts, that’s the part of the Eucharistic prayer where he is calling upon the Holy Spirit. At that moment, the Eucharistic Prayer refers to the Holy Spirit and his hands come together, to call upon the Holy Spirit on the bread and wine, to sanctify it, to consecrate it, to make it holy.



Epiclesis is a Greek word that means to “call upon.” The priest is calling down the Holy Spirit upon the bread in the wine.

After the epiclesis is the actual consecration of the bread and the wine into The Body and Blood of Christ. The consecration is when the priest takes the elements of bread and the wine, and he says the words of Jesus over them separately, “This is my body which will be given up for you. ... This is the chalice of my blood which will be poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.” After that, there’s the elevation. These are technical moments in the Eucharistic Prayer: the epiclesis (the calling upon the Holy Spirit), the moment of consecration, and then the elevation, when the priest elevates the bread and the wine – now The Body and Blood of Christ.

Ruby Tuesday and Bravo Closings



Recently, it was announced that the Ruby Tuesday and Bravo restaurants in our area will not reopen. We have gift cards in stock for both restaurants that we cannot return.

We will sell those gift cards at a discount price of **\$15.00** each (regularly \$25 each). Three Ruby Tuesday locations are still open in our region, Bethlehem Township, Phillipsburg, and Berkshire Mall near Reading. We understand there are no Bravo/Brio locations in this area (nearest is Harrisburg), but if you travel to these areas or know someone who lives in these areas, they may want to take advantage of the special offer. Please contact Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102.



Note: reduced price!



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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 1.5% to 10% 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

Christmas Tree Shop (7%): \$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

Target (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse (8%): \$25

Visa (1.25%): \$50, \$100

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



*Roasted Pork Sandwich
or
Roasted Pork Dinner
Take-Out*

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown**

Saturday, September 26th

**Pick-Up from 4:30 to 6:00 PM
in the main parking lot**

*** Pre-Order Only ***

All orders must be in by Monday, September 21st

Roasted Pork Sandwich or Dinner Order Form

No orders will be accepted after Monday, September 21st

Make Checks Payable to: St Francis of Assisi Parish

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Roasted Pork Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll ---- \$6

Arroz Con Gaudules y Puerco (Roasted Pork and Rice Platter) ---- \$8

Roasted Pork Sandwich _____ x \$6 = \$ _____

Roasted Pork & Rice Platter _____ x \$8 = \$ _____

Total Amount Due = \$ _____

