

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.



"St. Francis of Assisi Consoled by Angels" by Badalocchio

September 13, 2020

*Twenty-Fourth 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 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

No Mass

Tuesday, September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27

8:00 AM Intentions of Teresa Fronheiser (Public Mass)

Wednesday, September 16th Saints Cornelius & Cyprian
1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 7:31-35

8:00 AM Veronica Sorrentino (Public Mass)

Thursday, September 17th Saint Robert Bellarmine
1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

8:00 AM Stanley & Michael Mesaros (Public Mass)

Friday, September 18th

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Donna Marie Wakefield (Private Mass)

September 19th & 20th

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

4:30 PM Sophia "Sunny" Gergel

10:30 AM Jennifer Issermoyer

Rosemary Friel

People of St. Francis Parish

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!

Check it Out! Did you see the billboards for the Netflix film featuring our very own Madison Reyes! Julie and the Phantoms began streaming on September 10th!



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.

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.)



Special Collection for the

Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana

On August 27, 2020, areas of Texas and Louisiana were devastated by Hurricane Laura. Particularly hard hit was the Diocese of Lake Charles that received a direct hit. Not one parish went unaffected by the storm. The area still remains without power and in some places drinkable water. Fifteen priests have been displaced because of the damage done to their rectories. One pastor has had to take up residence in a small travel trailer.

In response to this disaster, Bishop Schlert has asked all parishes to take up a voluntary second collection to assist the Diocese of Lake Charles. All funds collected will be sent directly to the Diocese of Lake Charles for disbursement to the parishes, schools, and faithful of their diocese.

This special collection will be taken up the weekend of September 26th & 27th.

More photos of damage to churches can be seen by going to www.lcdioocese.org/3-news/2984-hurricane-laura-photo-gallery



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.)

Youth Ministry Meetings

Upcoming Youth Ministry Meetings:

Saturday, September 26th: Outdoor art activity, 10 AM to Noon. Meet in parking lot. Rain date will be Sunday, September 27th after 10:30 Mass.

Sunday, October 4th: Zoom meeting 7-8 PM.

Zoom meetings are held online; not on church grounds. In-person meetings will be held in our YM room, except for the outdoor activities which will be in the main parking lot.

For information call or text Ms. Jenn: 484-433-0265 or email jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org. Follow us on Instagram @sfayouthgroup. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StFrancisAssisiYouthGroup/>





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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



Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups

Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering 10 weeks of "distancing" aerobics on Wednesday nights (6:05 – 6:50 PM) from September 2nd to November 4th in St. Elizabeth's parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. The cost is only \$25.00 per person for the entire 10 weeks. This will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only. Registration is open until the maximum number of participants (24) is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. Temperatures will be checked at the door. Please wear your mask. Bring a friend!

Calling All Volunteers!!!!

Bravo, and thank you to all volunteers who have signed and turned in their Safe Environment paperwork. It is so very much appreciated - more than you can ever know. This was a monumental task! Do you wonder why ALL volunteers need to sign this form?

The Diocesan Code of Conduct states:

All Church personnel, including Diocesan Clergy, Lay Employees and Lay Volunteers must uphold Christian values and conduct. The Code of Conduct for the Diocese of Allentown provides a set of standards for conduct in certain situations. For purposes of this Code of Conduct, the term "Church Personnel" includes any person who performs tasks for the Church within the Diocese of Allentown or one of the schools, parishes or any other entity subject to canon law within the five county region of the Diocese of Allentown. The term "Church Personnel" includes priests, deacons, seminarians, all lay employees, teachers, coaches, Religious, members of consecrated life, and volunteers within the Diocese of Allentown. The Code of Conduct does not present an exhaustive list of expectations, standards or requirements. Rather, this Code accompanies the Universal Law of the Church, civil law, and diocesan policies, including but not limited to the Diocese of Allentown Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors, all of which are made a part of this Code of Conduct by reference.

The Sex Abuse Policy states:

The policy of the Diocese of Allentown focuses specifically on sexual abuse of minors (persons under 18 years of age) by Diocesan clergy, lay employees of the Diocese, lay employees of Parishes, lay volunteers of the Diocese and lay volunteers of Parishes. The Diocese considers any allegation of sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor by a cleric or a layperson an extremely serious matter. The purpose of the policy is to respond to such allegations in a way that is effective in its application and fully compliant with applicable law.

This policy applies to all Priests and Deacons incardinated in the Diocese of Allentown, to all lay employees of the Diocese, to all lay employees of Parishes (who are not Diocesan employees), to all lay volunteers of the Diocese and to all lay volunteers of Parishes

You will notice the Code of Conduct and Sex Abuse Policy does not state, only volunteers who work with children. This is for ALL VOLUNTEERS so we appreciate ALL VOLUNTEERS reviewing the policies and signing the forms!

If you were confused and have not yet signed the appropriate forms, you can pick up copies in the parish office OR Camille Stockdale can send them to you via email or Flocknote!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, September 19th & 20th

4:30 PM
G. Rodriguez

Lector
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Cantor
 Organist
 Altar Servers
 Sacristan

8:30 AM

No Ministers other than Lector & Organist

10:30 AM
J. Reasinger

D. Badesso

PREP is Gearing up for 2020 - 2021

As our PREP year begins on September 20th, our team of teachers are ready to help your children grow closer to God.

Our faculty for this year is:

1st Grade - Mrs. Gladys Rodriguez

2nd Grade - Mrs. Lea Unger

3rd Grade - Mrs. Barbara Puzzella

4th Grade - Mrs. Camille Stockdale

5th Grade - Mrs. Bertha Ocasio

6th Grade - Mrs. Christina Novak

7th Grade - Mr. John Wagstaff

8th Grade - Mrs. Paula Rollins

Permanent Sub/Aide/Tech Expert - Mrs. Jenn Reasinger

Aides - Mercedes Florentino, Ervida Valentin, Maggie Reyes

Substitute - Mrs. Fran Lenahan

Youth Mass Volunteer - Mrs. Gloria Hanby

We thank these individuals for their time, their talent and their energy. Please pray for all of us as we begin our year!!



First Reconciliation



FIRST PENANCE

If your child is in their second year of religious education in PREP or St. John Vianney School, they are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion this year.

The First Penance Parent Meeting is scheduled for September 24th at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. Check Flocknote for the meeting link the week of September 20th.

First Penance Practice and the First Communion Meeting will be held on February 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM IN PERSON. (Hand sanitization, social distancing, etc. will be in place.)

First Penance will be held on February 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Depending on COVID, will determine how many guests will be allowed to attend. (All COVID protocols will be followed.)

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale, DRE.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of September 5th & 6th

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| Sunday in Pew | \$ 5,712.00 |
| Sunday Online | \$ 2,879.48 |
| Second Collection in Pew | \$ 699.00 |
| Total Second Collection Online | \$ 25.00 |

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.

Basket Socials

St. Mary's Better Late than Never BASKET SOCIAL, 122 Union St., Catasauqua will be held to benefit their Religious Education Program on Friday, September 25th from 5:00-9:00 PM and Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We have to limit the number of people in the building to 25 including volunteers. Therefore, you may have to wait until someone leaves until you are permitted in. Tickets are \$5 for a sheet of 26 chances and are available for purchase at the door. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 610-264-9383 or by email: stmaryscatty@verizon.net.

St. Elizabeth's 11th Annual Basket Social will be held at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall on Friday, October 9 from 5 - 7 PM, Saturday, October 10 from 10 AM - 7 PM and Sunday, October 11 from 8 AM - 2 PM! Deliciously prepared food is available all weekend for take-out only! Tickets can be purchased early by calling 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Please wear a mask, temperatures will be checked and all need to adhere to the socially distancing regulations. Hope to see you there!



Father Cizek Day 2020 will be VIRTUAL

In the best interest of everyone's safety, the Father Walter Cizek Prayer League has decided to cancel this year's annual in-person Father Cizek Day celebration. While we are still as dedicated as ever to promoting the Cause of Father Cizek's Canonization, the health of our people had to come first. A Mass will still be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 PM and livestreamed on our Facebook Page and website (www.cizek.org) so that everyone can unite in prayer from the comfort of their own home.

The co-postulator, Rev. Eugene Ritz, will celebrate the Mass and Rev. David Kozak of the Diocese of Allentown will be the homilist. Concelebrants of the Mass will include Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian and Rev. Jeffrey Walsh. Prior to the Mass, a virtual tour of the "Father Cizek Center" will be presented beginning at 1:30 PM.

We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times. Be assured of the Prayer League's prayers for the safety and well-being of you and your families and for an end to this global pandemic.

Diocese of Allentown Annual Golf Tournament
Steel Club - September 28, 2020
Proceeds to benefit Seminarian and Catholic School Education. For more information contact Michele Mullikin at 610-871-5200, extension 2282 or mmullikin@allentown-diocese.org.



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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 (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



*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 = \$ _____

