

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 20, 2020

*Twenty-Fifth 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 21st

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

No Mass

Tuesday, September 22nd

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

8:00 AM Cindy Canterbury (Public Mass)

Wednesday, September 23rd

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

8:00 AM Nicholas Troccola (Public Mass)

Thursday, September 24th

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

8:00 AM John Fignar (Public Mass)

Friday, September 25th

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Intentions of Linda Eberly (Private Mass)

September 26th & 27th

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

4:30 PM Regina Niedrowski

10:30 AM Frieda Gyory

Joseph Barnas

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!

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 20, 2020 is

**In Memory of Rita Stephanie Carr
by: Fallon Family**

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.)



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.

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.

Youth Ministry



The Youth Ministry held their first Fall meeting via Zoom, and had a mask contest! The lucky winner was Maelyn Perico. She won a gift card for The Udder Bar (ice cream).

Next meeting dates are:

Sat. September 26th: 10 AM to noon in the main parking lot
Sunday, October 4th: 7 PM on Zoom

Open to teens in Grades 6 through 12. Please contact Ms. Jenn for more info at 484.433.0265 or jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org





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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

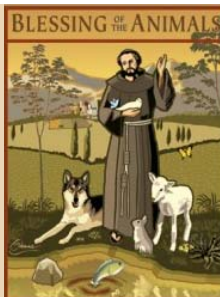
www.StJohnVianneySchool.org

Blessing of Pets

Sunday, October 4th at 12:30 PM
in our main parking lot.

We ask that all animals be under the control of their owners by leash or in a crate or carrier. Please spread the word! We hope you and your pet will be able to join us as we do something special for these creatures who bring us such joy!

In the event of inclement weather, the blessing will be cancelled.



Friends Helping Friends is going contactless for 2020!

Boscov's has implemented changes to allow us to raise funds for our church while staying healthy and safe at home. They have simplified their event by eliminating selling tickets altogether.

On two big days, October 14th & 15th, you may shop online or in-store with no shopping pass to purchase! You save 20% off lowest sale prices on almost everything (*10% discount items and exclusions apply.) We receive 5% back of your total purchase **when you mention St. Francis of Assisi Church by name in-store at the register or online at checkout!**

*Visit www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends for a listing of items receiving a 10% discount and exclusions.



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioner Adele Polzer and James Heintzelman, father-in-law of parishioner Kim Heintzelman, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Timothy A. Volack

by: Marie Volack

Leonard T. Verrastro

by: Peggy & John Philapavage

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Bravo Closing

Recently, it was announced that the Bravo restaurant in Whitehall will not reopen. We have gift cards in stock for the restaurant that we cannot return. We will sell those gift cards at a discount price of **\$15.00** each (regularly \$25 each). We understand that the nearest Bravo locations are in the Pittsburgh area. If you travel to this area or know someone who lives in the area, they may want to take advantage of the special offer. Please contact Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102.



Note: reduced price!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, September 26th & 27th

4:30 PM
Lector P. Stiles
Eucharistic Ministers
Cantor
Organist D. Badesso
Altar Servers
Sacristan

8:30 AM

No Ministers other than Lector & Organist

10:30 AM
B. Scheaffer

D. Badesso

Our PREP Year Has Begun!

This weekend concluded our registration weekends. If your child or grandchild did not register but you would like them to be enrolled in PREP, contact Mrs. Stockdale, the DRE. We will work out your dropping registration paperwork and fees at the Parish Office and picking up books.

Classes are as follows: ONLINE only

Sunday 9:00 AM 1st Grade
 Sunday 9:00 AM 8th Grade
 Monday 6:00 PM 2nd Grade
 Tuesday 6:00 PM 6th Grade
 Wednesday 6:15 PM 4th Grade
 Wednesday 7:00 PM 5th Grade
 Thursday 6:30 PM 3rd Grade
 Thursday 7:30 PM 7th Grade

(Grades 2 and 8 will have once a month IN PERSON classes beginning October 11th)

First Youth Mass - Children WITH their families should attend Mass together as a family unit on September 27th at 10:30 AM Mass.



"Create
 in me a
clean heart,
O God,
 and put a
 new
and right
spirit
 within me."
Psalms 51:10

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.

If your child or grandchild is eligible and you are NOT receiving Flocknotes, make sure to sign up. TEXT STFRAN to 84576

The First Penance Parent Meeting is scheduled for September 24th via ZOOM. Check Flocknote for the meeting link and time.

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, we 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. 484-547-6270.

Safe Environment Trainings are now
 being held ONLINE!!!

Mandated Reporter Trainings and Protecting God's Children Workshops will now be available virtually.

You can use the following link to view the calendar and register for these courses!

<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/calendar?tid=21>

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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!



Sight and Sound Bus Trip

Our trip has been rescheduled!

St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound's "Queen Esther" on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021.**

\$113 per person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, show, and bus driver tip. We'll depart church at 9:30 AM for Shady Maple, then on to Sight and Sound Theatre for the 3:00 PM show, and leave for home immediately following the show. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102 to sign up or for more information.

We have only 12 openings left, so please call to reserve your seats as soon as possible!



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of September 12th & 13th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,630.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,814.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 498.00
Total Second Collection Online	\$ 105.00

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.



This is really **BIG**

You won't want to miss this opportunity!
It happens rarely...let alone during
a pandemic!!!

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Chris Padgett

Dates: Sunday: October 11th, 18th, 25th and November 1st

Time: 3:00 PM



Join us for this exciting Mission as Chris Padgett, through his own faith and good humor, draws us closer to Our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. You will be able to view this event from the comfort of your own home by just clicking on the link from our website or Facebook page. **BUT WAIT...YOU COULD ALSO WATCH IT ON OCTOBER 11TH WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS IN OUR SOCIALLY-DISTANCED HALL (SEATING LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 PEOPLE). WOULDN'T THAT BE FANTASTIC?**

*You're
Invited!*

*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 = \$ _____

