

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Victor F. Finelli, Th. M., 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 22, 2019

*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.

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.

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.

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

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
610-332-0442, ext. 2019

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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, September 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

No Mass

Tuesday, September 24th

Ezr 6:7-8; Lk 8:19-21

No Mass

Wednesday, September 25th

Ezr 9:5-9, 12b, 14-20; Lk 9:1-6

No Mass

Thursday, September 26th Saints Cosmas and Damian

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

No Mass

Friday, September 27th Saint Vincent de Paul

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

No Mass

September 28th & 29th

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

4:30 PM Nicholas Troccola

8:30 AM John H. Mertens

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Margaret Eglof

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of September 22nd is:

***In Memory of John Stephen Morgan
by The Morgan Family***

Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Dorian



Hurricane Dorian's intensity and slow progress wreaked havoc on parts of Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and coastal areas of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. In response to the needs of the victims of Dorian, Bishop Schlert has authorized that a special collection

be taken up across the Diocese of Allentown. The collection at St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be taken up next weekend, September 28th and 29th. These funds will be distributed to the victims of Dorian through Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you can.

Annual Pet Blessing

Thursday, October 3, 2019

6:30 PM in the Main Lot

Save the date for annual pet blessing in October!



Christmas Bus Trip

Please join us for our bus trip to American Music Theatre on Thursday, December 5th. We

will depart from St. Francis at 9:30 AM to Lancaster for a morning of shopping at the Tanger Outlets, then to the American Music Theater for their 3:00 PM Christmas show, "Joy To The World", then on to Shady Maple for dinner. Price of \$104 per person covers your transportation, show, dinner, driver tip, and a lunch snack to tide you over till dinner. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102. *See article about another trip on Page 5!*

Mark Your Calendars!

THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS

Save these dates:

Saturday, March 14, 2020
for The Large Flowerheads and Sunday, March 15, 2020 for Designer Handbag Bingo.

Tickets are now available!





40 Days for Life

The Fall 2019 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will start on September 25th through November 3rd, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood (abortion facility), 29 N. 9th Street, Allentown. Please note that St. Francis parishioners will meet at Planned Parenthood during 40 Days on Saturdays from 12 noon till 1 PM. For more information, call Maryanne at 610-570-2347.

Children's Ministry

Attention Parish children, grandchildren and their friends in Grades 3 -5: Children's Ministry is for YOU! Our next event is September 27th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the School Hall. Games, Fun with Friends and Food!!! We welcome ALL!!! And... it's FREE! See you there!!!

For more information - contact the Parish Office.



Rosary Holy Hours In The Adoration Chapel

Saturdays at 12:00 Noon and Sundays at 7:00 PM

For Our Church, Country, Families & Priests

The Chapel is open daily from 6 AM to 9 PM.

Questions: call Karin, 610-351-0835

Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

This Sunday, we will have an outdoor pancake breakfast after both Masses, served by Monsignor Finelli and our Deacons.

All are invited to attend.





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Youth Ministry

Saturday, September 28th - Fall-themed Outdoor Movie Night - 7:00 to 10:00 PM (at Mr. Wagstaff's house). We'll have fun fall-themed treats, tractor hay ride & outdoor movie.



Sunday, October 6th - "Anchored in Peace" retreat at Stone Lake Inn (see article below right).

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/>

Meet Your Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders

Rita Granitz



Rita and her late husband joined St. Francis Parish in 1974. Rita has been involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word since its inception in 2005. When asked her thoughts on CLOW, Rita commented, "It's a very rewarding ministry, despite the occasional rambunctious little one!" Rita is also a lector and enjoys volunteering at Attic Treasures at the festival. She worked at PPL for 33 years, is currently retired and enjoys various volunteer activities in the community. Our parish and children are blessed to have Rita as part of CLOW. Your child can participate in CLOW at 10:30 Mass on

October 6, 13, 27 and November 3, 10 and 24

Men of St. Francis' Monthly Breakfast

On Sunday, October 6th, breakfast will be served from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church Hall. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (age 4 and under free!) Menu choices include eggs made to order, egg beaters, French toast, pancakes, ham or sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea or hot chocolate.



PREP 2019 - 2020 Classes Have Begun



The PREP classrooms were once again full of the love, laughter and excitement that only our Parish Children can bring! What a joy it was to have everyone back together.

learning about our faith Our PREP theme for the year is the Books of the Bible and each week we will learn a little more about the Word of God. Our 8th graders kicked off the year and read about Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus!



PREP is still welcoming new and returning students. If you have not yet registered and would like to do so, please do so SOON. Contact the Parish Office or Mrs. Stockdale for details!

September 29th - Class and our First Youth Mass
 October 6th - Class; October 13th - Class; October 20th - Class and Youth Mass
 October 27th - No Class



Facing the Giants
 Thursday, September 26th,
 6:30 Doors Open 7:00. Wear your favorite team's jersey!



Do You Believe?
 Saturday October 19th, 6:30 PM.
 Doors will open immediately after the 4:30 Mass.
 Potluck dinner -- watch bulletins for more details.

Breakthrough
 Wednesday, November 13th at 2:00 and 6:30 PM.
 Doors open 1/2 hour before.



Third Annual 'Anchored' Youth Retreat



The third annual 'Anchored in Peace' retreat will be Sunday, October 6th from 2 to 6 PM at Stone Lake Inn, 407 Greenview Drive, Saylorsburg. The retreat is designed for teens in grades 6 through 12. Join us for a relaxing day of faith and fellowship, including Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confession, talks by Father Mark Searles and other activities. Lunch will be included and there is no cost to attend. To register, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/anchored.



First Friday Holy Hour at Holy Ghost
The Diocesan Office of Vocations is sponsoring a First Friday Adoration, Holy Hour and Sacred Heart Devotion every First Friday of the Month. The next one is Friday, October 4th from 7 to 8 PM at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015. We are encouraging Young Adults, families and faithful of all ages to attend. Confessions will also be heard during this time by guest priests each month.

Fall Bazaar at Incarnation Parish



Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Thomas & Buchanan Streets, Bethlehem, PA is having an inaugural Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 11 AM to 7 PM, with a special 4 PM Mass. Tricky Tray, Bake Sale, White Elephant Sale, Ethnic Foods, 50/50 Drawing. Information: 610-866-3391. Parking: Laufer Street Lot; Jackson & Buchanan Lot; On-Street

Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program

As a reminder to victims of clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of Allentown, the deadline to apply for compensation as one aspect of your healing is Sept. 30, 2019. To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, call 1-833-267-6389 or visit www.allentowndioceseIRCP.com

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day

On Wednesday, October 16th from 8 AM to 11 PM, Boscov's Department Store will again host their popular **FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** event, a special day filled with fun and fundraising. **Shopping passes for this special event are available at the Parish Office for only \$5 each.** Each pass includes a 25% discount shopping pass* for purchases made only on October 16, 2019, free refreshments, and enters you to win fabulous door prizes that include \$500 shopping sprees. St. Francis of Assisi will keep the entire \$5 made on each pass. Help us to earn even more by purchasing your Boscov's gift cards at the Parish Office! (*Some exclusions apply)



**Diocese of Allentown Women's Conference
'Women Chosen for a Purpose'**

Women of all ages are invited to hear about their call to be Disciples of Christ and what that means for their lives as women at "Women Chosen for a Purpose," the third Diocesan women's conference, Saturday, October 5th. Included will be keynote speakers and opportunities for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop of Allentown, Alfred Schlert. A separate Spanish track will be offered.

The day will be from 9 AM to 4:15 PM at DeSales University, Center Valley. For more information or to register, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference.



Theologian, author, and well-known Catholic speaker Dr. Edward Sri will be present in the Diocese of Allentown for the Women's Conference. In addition to serving as the Keynote Speaker for the Women's Conference, Dr. Sri has graciously offered to present A Biblical Walk through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy on the evening before the Women's Conference. Priests, deacons, seminarians and Liturgical Ministers who generously serve their parishes are invited to the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM for the Celebration of Mass, followed by Dr. Sri's presentation. The Office for Divine Worship in collaboration with the Office for Catholic Life and Evangelization are hosting this event and have created a website to assist in registration for this event: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/Liturgy>. For any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact, Mr. Rick Dooley at Catholic Life and Evangelization at 610-289-8900, extension 2027 or at rdooley@allentowndiocese.org.

Diocese of Allentown - Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 30, 2019 at The Steel Club, 700 Linden Avenue, Hellertown, PA. Proceeds to benefit Seminarian & Catholic School Education. For more information contact Michele Mullikin at 610-871-5200 ext. 2282 or mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org.



The Liturgical Ministers availability sheet is due to Donna Gerancher by next Sunday, September 29th.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, September 28th & 29th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	J. Grieff	J. Reasinger
Eucharistic Minister	T. Fronheiser, B. Ocasio	T. Racek, J. DeLeo	M. Dietrick, G. Rodriguez
Cantor	L. Hannis	E. Krause	S. Kuczynski
Organist	----	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. Martrich, S. Lurwick	A. Beck	C. Stano, E. Zobel
Sacristan	T. Bartman	N. Stofko	



Sight and Sound Bus Trip

St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound's new show, "Queen Esther" on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. \$113 per person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, show, and bus driver tip. We'll depart church at 10:00 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.

Faith Formation Offering at St. Joseph the Worker Starting this fall, Mike Kotch, a parishioner, will present a program called "Teaching the Bible Cover-to-Cover." This program had its inception in his book "Easy to Read Bible Summary for Teens and Adults," which has expanded to a full summary of the Bible. His program will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Main Hall of St. Joseph's Parish Center. Call the Parish Office for more details, 610-395-2876.

Men's Conference

Standing Firm In Our Faith –

Register today to see Dr. Ralph Martin, Fr. Jim Greenfield, Gus Lloyd, and Sam Guzman at **Standing Firm in Our Faith**, the 8th annual Allentown Diocese Men's Conference on Saturday, November 23rd, at DeSales University. In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for Adoration and Confession. Presentations in Spanish will be given by Dr. Ricardo Luzondo and Deacon Isidro Gonzalez. Register by November 13th at www.allentowndioocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndioocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021.



Lehigh Valley Inklings

The Lehigh Valley Inklings is a book club for young Catholic adults in the Lehigh Valley. Each meeting begins with a synopsis of the reading for those who may not have been able to read it prior to the meeting. The discussions revolve around the theological themes throughout each reading and how they relate to modern culture.

Upcoming meetings:

- Thursday, September 26th at 7 PM, "1984" by George Orwell
- Thursday, October 31st at 7 PM, "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley
- Friday, November 22nd at 7 PM, "Was it Heaven? Or Hell" by Mark Twain

For more information, follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @lehighvalleyink-lings



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of September 14th & 15th

# of envelopes mailed:	729
# of envelopes received:	224
% of envelopes used:	31%
Total of First Collection	\$5,531.98
Total of Second Collection	\$1,337.00

Thank you for your continued financial support and your kindness you show to St. Francis by your weekly contribution. We need parishioners to give what they can for our parish. We can't do it without you.



Hoping Against Hope

Living the Gospel where it is unwelcome – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at Queenship of Mary in Northampton. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM followed by refreshments. Presentations by Rev. Eric Gruber, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. David Anthony will begin at 9:15 AM. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndioocese.org/cfm-spirituality

The Monocacy Farm Food Festival

Please join us on Sunday, September 29th, from 11 AM - 4 PM, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem 18017. The School Sisters of St. Francis will host the 4th Annual Monocacy Farm Food Festival, a family-friendly event for the whole community. The festival will feature local food & craft artisans, fun children's activities and crafts, tractor demos, face painting,, environmentally friendly toys with Bob Swaim, farm tours, chef and farm demos, live music, petting zoo, great raffles and more. The first 100 individuals/families will receive a free bag filled with goodies. All proceeds benefit The Monocacy Farm Project. Suggested donation is \$5 pp, or \$10 per family.



Sing for America Open Auditions

Sing for America, Catholic Theatre of the Allentown Diocese, is holding open auditions for ANNIE on September 23rd & 24th, 5 to 8 PM and September 28th, 10 AM to 1 PM, at 90 Highland Avenue, Bethlehem, PA. Looking for all roles including Daddy Warbucks, Dancers, and Orphans. Prepare a one minute song of your choice. Questions? Call 610-417-2189



Parish Library

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

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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. 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!*

A.C. Moore: \$25

Amazon.com: \$25, \$100

Applebees: \$10, \$25

Banana Republic: \$25

Barnes and Nobles: \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works: \$10, \$25

Bed, Bath & Beyond: \$25

Buy Buy Baby: \$25

Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: *mention St. Francis*

Bonefish Grill: \$25

Boscov's: \$25

Carrabbas: \$25

Christmas Tree Shops: \$25

Dunkin Donuts: \$10

Gap: \$25

Giant: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot: \$25, \$100

Kohl's: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Longhorn Steakhouse: \$25

Lowe's: \$25, \$100

Macy's: \$25

Nikki H Nail & Hair Salon \$25

Old Navy: \$25

Olive Garden: \$25

Outback Steakhouse: \$25

Panera Bread: \$10

Red Robin: \$25

Red Lobster: \$25

Redner's Warehouse: \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Ruby Tuesday: \$25

Sam's Club: \$25, \$100

Target: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse: \$25

Visa: \$50, \$100

Wal-Mart: \$10, \$25, \$100

Wegman's: \$25, \$50, \$100

Weis: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wendy's: \$10

