

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 27, 2020

*Twenty-Sixth 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 28th Saint Wenceslaus;
Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50 St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
 No Mass

Tuesday, September 29th Saints Michael, Gabriel and
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51 Raphael, Archangels

8:00 AM Gerry Gregg (Public Mass)

Wednesday, September 30th Saint Jerome
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

8:00 AM James M. Hodrick (Public Mass)

Thursday, October 1st Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

8:00 AM Robert Neubauer (Public Mass)

Friday, October 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Andrew & Josephine Pish (Private Mass)

October 3rd & 4th

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

4:30 PM Robert Racek, Sr.
 People of St. Francis Parish

10:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members
 Peter M. Germani, III

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 27, 2020 is

In Memory of John O'Hare

by: Colleen O'Hare



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.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

Adele E. Polzer

by: Mr. & Mrs. Dennis McHugh

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioner Betty Jane Kerrigan, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.



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.)



Recitation of the Rosary



The Rosary will be recited before Masses every weekend in October (before our 10:30 Mass on Facebook) as we honor Mary in her special month.



Feed Your Faith Monthly Order

There are 40 different stores in stock every day, and once a month, hundreds of different stores and denominations are available through our monthly order program. To see the entire list of retailers, go to www.glscrip.com and click home page. The next monthly order will be placed on **Monday, October 5th**. To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Youth Ministry

Next meeting dates are:

Sunday, October 4th: 7 PM on Zoom

Sunday, October 18th: Meeting in our YM Room after 10:30 AM Mass, 11:30 to 1:30 PM.

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 this opportunity to contribute to the school's mission.

- ♦ Per diem substitute teachers needed

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

Check us out at: www.stjohnvianneyschool.org

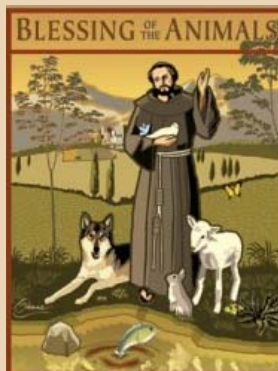
www.StJohnVianneySchool.org

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.



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

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!**

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



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass



We extend our congratulations to these couples from St. Francis of Assisi Parish who celebrated wedding anniversaries in 2020 at the virtual Diocesan Anniversary Mass.

- Paul and Doris Marsicano (73 years)
- Walter and Mary Kleinschuster (70 years)
- Joseph and Gloria Medl (70 years)
- Robert and Doris Naldi (58 years)
- Salvatore and Mary Porcino (51 years)
- Deacon Bob and Joanne Young (50 years)
- Patricia and Richard Booth (40 years)
- Steve and Donna Gerancher (40 years)
- Jose and Diane Colom (35 years)
- Michael Siwy and Vita Falcone (25 years)



Congratulations, Madison!

Photo courtesy of Kailey Schwerman/Netflix/TNS

Congratulations to our parishioner, Justin Villegas, a 7th Grader attending Saint John Vianney School, who received his First Communion on Saturday, September 19th. Justin now looks forward to receiving Confirmation in 8th Grade.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd & 4th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	M. Florentino		D. Colom
Eucharistic Ministers			
Cantor			
Organist	D. Badesso		D. Badesso
Altar Servers			
Sacristan			

No Ministers other than Lector & Organist



PREP

The PREP year has begun! How exciting! Our teachers have worked incredibly hard all summer to figure out how to teach virtually and they are doing an INCREDIBLE

job. Has it been perfect – of course not! Are we still figuring things out – WE ARE - but most importantly our children have returned to their religious education. That is what matters most! It has been wonderful to “see” everyone again!

PREP classes are being held throughout the week – all via ZOOM. 2nd and 8th Grade will meet in person once a month.

Sunday, September 27th at 10:30 AM will be our Youth Mass where our PREP families are invited to attend Mass together (if they feel comfortable).

This year may be “different” than others, but it is no less special as our children are learning about Jesus and growing closer to him!



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.)



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.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of September 19th & 20th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,504.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,256.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 415.00
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.



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 11 openings left, so please call to reserve your seats as soon as possible!



Priesthood Sunday

Today, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. As a faith community, may we show gratitude to our Priest here at our parish of St. Francis of Assisi (Monsignor Finelli) and pray for him and for Priests everywhere that God will grant them perseverance in their calling. To this end, let us now pray together the Prayer for Perseverance of Vocations:

Prayer for Perseverance of Vocations

O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen

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>



This is really **BIG**

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

Announcing Saint Francis of Assisi **VIRTUAL MISSION**

Speaker: Nationally acclaimed Catholic Speaker, Husband,
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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?**

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