

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 29, 2019

*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.

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 30th

Saint Jerome

Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

No Mass

Tuesday, October 1st

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

No Mass

Wednesday, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 2:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

8:00 AM Andrew & Josephine Pish

Thursday, October 3rd

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

8:00 AM Robert Racek, Sr.

Theresa Roma

Friday, October 4th

Saint Francis of Assisi

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

8:00 AM Walter Reichard

October 5th & 6th

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

4:30 PM Mary T. Chesnavage

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

8:30 AM Alvin M. Buchman

10:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members



The Litany of the Sacred Heart will be recited every First Friday (Friday, October 4th) at 7:55 AM before Mass in the Daily Mass Chapel.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of September 29th is:

***In Memory of Mary Tokash
by Anna DiGiacomo***

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioners, Timothy Volack and John Fignar, and Mary Masiak, mother of parishioner Jade Masiak 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: St. Francis of Assisi Senior Citizens Group and Ken & Linda Muth

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Mark Your Calendars!
Save these dates:
Saturday, March 14, 2020
for The Large
Flowerheads and Sunday, March 15,
2020 for Designer Handbag Bingo.
Tickets are now available!

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; and

Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love: for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



Annual Pet Blessing

Thursday, October 3, 2019

6:30 PM in the Main Lot

Save the date for annual pet blessing in October!

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.



Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before Masses each weekend during the month of October, approximately 25 minutes prior to Mass.



Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to Monsignor Finelli, Deacon Bob and Deacon Ricardo, and those who set up the tent, tables and chairs for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast last Sunday!



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St. John Vianney Regional School is looking for a few good people!

- We are seeking an Instructional Assistant for the Middle School Aquinas classroom. Under the supervision of the Aquinas teacher, the assistant would help monitor students, deliver scripted lessons, and assist students in studies.
- SJVRs is also partnering with Good Shepherd Catholic School in Northampton to hire a certified Music Teacher to teach elementary music classes in both locations.
- Substitute teachers needed. Work on a day by day basis as desired.

Please contact Dr. Kleintop in the Main School office to submit your application for any of these positions.

www.StJohnVianneySchool.org



Thanks to everyone who came out in their jerseys to watching Facing the Giants... nothing says fun like a faith-filled football film!

Looking forward our our October 19 film Do You Believe?

We will open the doors immediately after 4:30 Mass and offer a Pot Luck Dinner for those who wish to participate. See the sign up sheet in the Parish Office!!! All are welcome to participate or to just enjoy our popcorn and soda! Movie Show Time will be 6:30 PM

Movie Club is OPEN to ALL - Always Fun.. Always Free



DO YOU BELIEVE?



Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

The next bus trip for the Outreach Committee's monthly trip to Mohegan Sun is Tuesday, October 15th. Bus leaves at 9:15 AM and returns by 5:00 PM. \$25 per person will get you \$25 for slot play plus \$5 toward lunch. To sign up, call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.



PREP

PREP prepares for it's first Youth Mass of 2019- 2020

Our PREP students are excited to celebrate their first Youth Mass on September 29th at 10:30. Our 7th and 8th graders will be our lectors, 5th and 6th will handle usher duties, 4th and 3rd will greet the congregation as they enter the Church and last, but not least, our 2nd graders will bring up the offertory. How wonderful for all of us to share in the Celebration in this very special way!

Our PREP students enjoy Mass together once a month at 10:30 AM Mass. If your child or grandchild is school age and not currently enrolled in a PREP program, contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale on how to register and begin classes!

PREP October Calendar

October 6th - Class

October 13th - Class

October 20th - Class and Youth Mass

October 27th - NO CLASS



Tippy's Car Wash Fundraiser

Through the generosity of Tippy's Car Wash on Sumner Avenue, we will be having a little fundraiser on **Sunday, October 6th** from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, weather permitting. Tippy's will donate \$3.00/car for every car that goes through their car wash that day This is for every single car that goes through the facility that day, not just our parishioners! So, spread the word and take advantage of this offer for our parish. The rain date for this event would be Sunday, October 13th. Cost of hand car wash and dry is \$9.00/car and \$10.00 for trucks and SUV's.

Outreach Committee Meeting

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, October 7th at 6:30 PM in Heritage Hall. Please enter through the Cedar Street ramp. New members are welcomed!

Health Care Coalition

Blood Pressures will be taken after all Masses next weekend, **October 5th & 6th**. We thank the Parish Nurses for this invaluable service.



Coat Drive Collection



Gently used coats, jackets, sweat shirts, hats & scarves needed for children only this year, infants to size 16. See tubs in the lobby for donations, collection dates at each Mass starting Saturday October 12th to Sunday November 3rd. Coats to be distributed at the Church (Heritage Hall entrance) on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Sponsored by the Outreach Committee of St Francis of Assisi Church.

Youth Ministry

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

Sunday, October 20th - Regular Youth Group Meeting - 11:30 AM-1 PM

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



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.

Catechism Classes For Men

Every first and third Tuesday of the month (October 1st) at 7:00 PM, The Catholic Men of Good News are showing videos to deepen our knowledge of the faith in our Franciscan Center. For info call the Parish Office.

Attention All Women!

"Women Walking in Faith"

This group of faith-filled women will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Heritage Hall beginning with some social time at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2nd. The group will take time to pray, to reflect, to learn, and to support one another in the faith. All women eighteen and over are invited to participate. Guests are certainly welcome so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors to come along. Call the Parish Office if you need more information.



Respect Life Holy Hour

There is a Respect Life Holy Hour every First Friday (October 4th) from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel. Deacon Bob will be the Presider. All are welcome. For information, call Karin at 610-351-0835.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's Basket Social



Our 10th Annual Basket Social will be held at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall on Friday, October 11th from 5 - 7PM, Saturday, October 12th from 10 AM - 7 PM and Sunday, October 13th from 8 AM - 2 PM! Tenth Anniversary Special Bonus: Three baskets will have a hidden monetary surprise and will be announced at the very end of the drawing! Deliciously prepared food is available all weekend including a chicken & waffles supper on Saturday and a scrumptious parish breakfast on Sunday morning!

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)



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

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

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, October 5th & 6th

| | <u>4:30 PM</u> | <u>8:30 AM</u> | <u>10:30 AM</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Lector | S. Wascavage | N. Lamparella | M. Issermoyer |
| Eucharistic Minister | A. Holaska, V. Herman | S. & D. Gerancher | C. & N. Wargo |
| Cantor | S. Kuczynski | D. Lamparella | L. Hannis |
| Organist | D. Badesso | ---- | D. Badesso |
| Altar Servers | D. & J. Krause | C. Kocon | L. Sheaffer, D. Martrich |
| Sacristan | J. Burgos | B. Sheaffer | |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders | | | R. Granitz, M. Florentino |



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.



"Feed Your Faith"

Our Parish Gift Card Program

Stress-free Christmas shopping is here! The first of 6 gift card orders to Great Lakes Scrip Center will go in for Christmas gifts and shopping on Monday, October 7th. Orders must be prepaid and in the parish office by Monday noon on October 7th and 21st, November 4th, and 18th and December 2nd and 16th. Pick up by Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (Lists of available stores in the Parish Office.)

Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by
The Outreach Committee

Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, October 5th & 6th.

This month, we particularly need jelly and fruit. We cannot accept any glass jars. Also, please, no XL containers. Collection bins will be available at the entrances of the church for your donations. *Help is needed on collection weekends to help move the food donations from the vestibule area to the pantry after each Mass.*



St. Francis Senior Citizens

On Tuesday, October 8th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for a short meeting, bingo and cards. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.

Shower of Roses Festival - October 6, 2019

The Shrine of St. Therese

1 E. Garibaldi Avenue, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

1:00 PM Mass - Rev. Allen J. Hoffa, Rector, Celebrant

3:00 PM Procession with Recital of the Rosary

4:00 PM Benediction at the Grotto

5:00 PM Shower of Blessings from Heaven (Rose Drop)

Ethnic Foods, Vendors, Music, Spaghetti Dinner. For more information, call 570-645-2664.



A reminder, for your safety and well-being, please lock your car doors and keep any valuables out of sight before coming into Mass.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of September 21st & 22nd

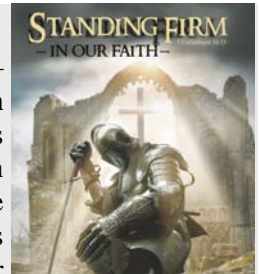
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| # of envelopes mailed: | 729 |
| # of envelopes received: | 222 |
| % of envelopes used: | 31% |
| Total of First Collection | \$6,596.00 |

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.

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.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference. Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021.



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.

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.



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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

