

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

October 11, 2020

*Twenty-Eighth 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, October 12th

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1; Lk 11:29-32

No Mass

Tuesday, October 13th

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

8:00 AM Walter Reichard (Public Mass)

Wednesday, October 14th

Saint Callistus I, Pope

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

8:00 AM John J. Nderostek (Public Mass)

Thursday, October 15th

Saint Teresa of Jesus

Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

8:00 AM Bernadine Busch (Public Mass)

Friday, October 16th

Saint Hedwig,

Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

William Bayer, Sr. (Private Mass)

October 17th & 18th

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

4:30 PM John McGorry

People of St. Francis Parish

10:30 AM Alma Philapavage

Stuart Lathrop

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 October 11, 2020 is

In Memory of Stuart Lathrop
by: **The Lathrop Family**



Youth Ministry

Next meeting dates are:

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

Sunday, November 1st: Zoom Meeting 7-8 PM

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



Online Giving

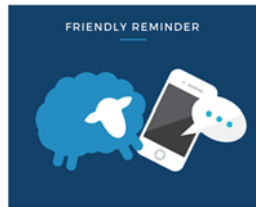
Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections in addition to regular offerings. You can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute 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.

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.



Recently Baptized

We welcome to our parish family the following newly baptized child: **Mackenzie Eileen Guthrie**, daughter of Steven and Teresa (Zobel) Guthrie.

We pray that our Lord will be with her all of her days guiding her through life's journey.

Recently Deceased

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



Friends Helping Friends is going

contactless for 2020!

Bosco'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, this Wednesday and Thursday, 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.



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- Kindergarten through 8th Grade
- Safe Environment, Faith-Filled Curriculum
- Outstanding Academics
- Free Tour and Shadow Days

SJVRs: Educating a child's character, mind, and spirit!
 Phone: 610-435-8981 Email: altlsjv@ptd.net

Call us today to schedule a tour at your convenience!
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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

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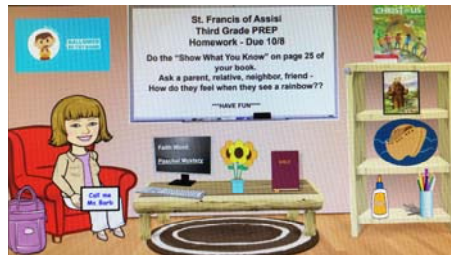
Calling all Parish Pre K and Kindergarten Children



Because our Parish Children enrolled in PREP are meeting via ZOOM, we have been able to open up a Kindergarten class for our youngest PREPsters. We have the capacity to teach 4 year olds as well, which is very exciting. We have found if our children start early - they stay with their religious education through to Confirmation and that is a good thing!

Classes are held on Sundays at 9:00 AM via ZOOM 3 times a month (no classes on the second Sunday of the month). Classes involve songs, videos, scripture, and hands on work to help them learn more about Jesus and our beloved Catholic faith. If you are interested in registering for this class - you can contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale - DRE - and teacher at the moment of the class - at PREP@stfrancisallentown.org or 484 547 6270. We will send you paperwork to register and have a book ready for you to pick up at the Parish Office!

Our PREP Teachers are Thinking "outside the box"!



As everyone knows, our PREP classes are being held virtually to start off the year. This has been a big change for our students and teachers,

but boy, are our teachers stepping up to the plate. They are screen sharing lessons, videos, music and MORE. Mrs. Barbara Puzzella, our 3rd grader teacher, even has created a Virtual Classroom.

We thank our teachers for going above and beyond to make sure our parish children have a true experience with Jesus, even while learning online. Bravo to them all!

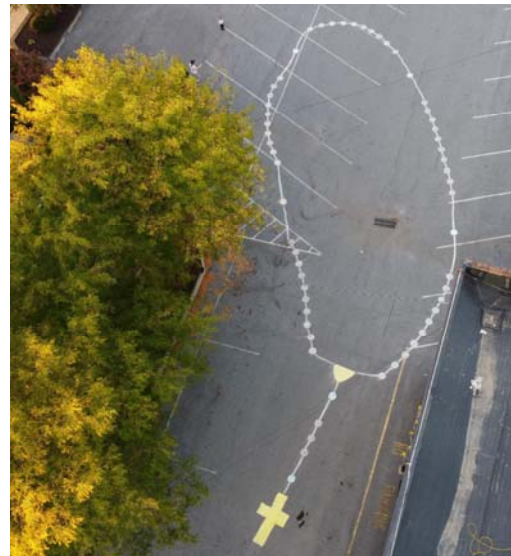
Week of October 11th - No Kindergarten class; 8th Grade and 1st Grade - IN PERSON Classes; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th - via ZOOM

Week of October 18th - All classes being held via ZOOM
 October 25th - Youth Mass - attend Mass as a family OR watch online via Facebook Live

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October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

In addition to praying the Rosary before all weekend Masses in October, we invite you and your family to pray the Rosary in our parking lot this month. Our Youth Ministry painted this large rosary in main parking lot for all to enjoy. Thank you to all our young people who made this wonderful Rosary for all of us!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, October 17th & 18th

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
D. Colom

D. Badesso

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 17 & 18, 2020

World Mission Sunday is a celebration for the entire world and it is “an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world.”

“The offerings that will be collected [on World Mission Sunday] are destined for a common fund of solidarity distributed, in the Pope’s name, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world.”

This year’s message for World Mission Sunday is “Here I am, Send Me.”



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of October 3rd & 4th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,963.75
Sunday Online	\$ 2,436.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 297.00

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.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, November 2nd

*Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
on the Feast of All Souls*

7:00 PM

All parishioners who have died during the past year will be remembered in a special way during this Mass.

Parishioners may submit names of relatives and friends, whom they wish to have remembered at this Mass, who have died previously.

Please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by **Sunday, October 25th** in order for your names to be listed in the program. Unfortunately, no names can be taken after that date.

*Mass of Remembrance
Name Registration Form*

Your Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Names of Deceased to be remembered from my family/friends: (Please print very neatly)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please return this completed slip to the Parish Office by Sunday, October 25th.



Announcing Saint Francis of Assisi **VIRTUAL MISSION: *FOR THE LOVE OF GOD***

Speaker: Nationally acclaimed Catholic Speaker, Husband, Father, Musician, Motivational Speaker, Evangelist, and Writer

Chris Padgett

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

Time: 3:00 PM



Session 2 – October 18th: Called by love — You were created to be loved and to love. God’s love for you is not dependent on what you do. You have been picked, prepared, and protected, so you can fulfill your God-given purpose.

Session 3 – October 25th: What keeps us from love. — Nothing you do can separate you from God’s love. Two things often keep us from the ability to love: sin and fear. Sin makes us selfish, which prevents us from loving the way God commands. Fear of consequences or of what we may be expected to give up often hinders us. When we let God love us, we are free to love others.

Session 4 – November 1st: Called to Share His Love — We are invited to share God’s love with others. At our baptism, we are filled with grace. Sin hurts that grace. Remember to beg for the grace, will the good, and make the right choices in the moment.

WAIT...

YOU COULD ALSO WATCH THE FIRST SESSION ON OCTOBER 11TH WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS IN OUR SOCIALLY-DISTANCED HALL (SEATING LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 PEOPLE). THAT WOULD BE A GREAT WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE MISSION!

Chris Padgett is a popular speaker, musician, and author who has traveled around the world for over two decades giving concerts, talks, parish missions, and retreats to all ages about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. After converting to Catholicism in 1999, Chris taught at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Currently he teaches with Catholic Distance University in between writing and speaking engagements. He and his wife, Linda, have been married over twenty-nine years and have nine children. The Padgetts live in Central New York in a nine-sided home with a donkey, goats, chickens, and too many rabbits. Learn more about Chris’s crazy family by following their channel on YouTube, The Happy Place Homestead. Chris has published numerous books and articles, and has been involved in video, television, and radio for many years. His recent publications include, *A Spirituality You Can Live With*, *Why the Eucharist Matters for Your Life*, and *I'm Not OK, You're Not Ok, but It's OK*

Philadelphia Steak Sandwich Sale

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Pick-up only: 4:30 - 6:00 PM



Who doesn't like a great steak sandwich?? Here's your chance to help out your parish and get a great tasting steak sandwich as you like it. A "traditional" Philly Steak Sandwich is just the steak meat and sautéed onions. You can have it "wit" cheese (American or Whiz) or not. Want sauce? We'll even sauce it for you!

Sound good?? Of course it does! So just fill out the form below and get it back to the Parish Office no later than Monday, October 19th. All orders must be in by that date, even mail in orders, so please plan accordingly. Thanks so much for your support....and don't forget to spread the word.



Philly Steak Sandwich Order Form Saturday, October 24th



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Circle only what applies to each Steak Sandwich (only one cheese selection per sandwich):

Steak Sandwich #1: with onions with American Cheese with Cheese Whiz with Sauce

Steak Sandwich #2: with onions with American Cheese with Cheese Whiz with Sauce

Steak Sandwich #3: with onions with American Cheese with Cheese Whiz with Sauce

Steak Sandwich #4: with onions with American Cheese with Cheese Whiz with Sauce

Total Sandwiches ordered: _____ at \$7.00 each = \$_____ (enclosed)
(checks made payable to: Saint Francis of Assisi)