

# *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.



*October 13, 2019*

*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.

### **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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

# Mass Schedule

**Monday, October 14th** Saint Callistus I  
Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32  
No Mass

**Tuesday, October 15th** Saint Teresa of Jesus  
Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41  
No Mass

**Wednesday, October 16th** Saint Hedwig,  
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque  
Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46  
No Mass

**Thursday, October 17th** Saint Ignatius of Antioch  
Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54  
No Mass

**Friday, October 18th** Saint Luke  
2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
No Mass

## October 19th & 20th

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

4:30 PM John McGorry  
8:30 AM Barbara Clewell  
10:30 AM Dr. Eugene Drauch  
People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of  
October 13th is:

**In Memory of William Franko  
by Anna DiGiacomo & Family**

### Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

**John P. Fignar**

by: Charles and Roberta Meckes, Jim, Diane & Michelle  
McCawley and Rita Granitz

**Timothy A. Volack**

by: Stella Bozosi and Steven & Sallyann Scott  
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*



### Children's 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.

### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI NIGHT at COCA-COLA PARK



Mark your calendar for Friday June 5th, 2020 to see AAA Baseball between the Lehigh Valley IronPigs (Phillies) and the Norfolk Tides (Orioles). Enjoy the game, the Picnic Buffet and post-game Fireworks

Display with family, friends and fellow parishioners.

## Meat Bingo!

Sunday, November 24, 2019

*Doors Open @ Noon  
Games begin @ 1 PM*

Join us for an afternoon of fun at our first Meat Bingo! Tickets are available for purchase now in the Parish Office for \$20 each, which includes 20 games.

Contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102 for more details.

### 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 16th. 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.



### Recitation of the Rosary

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



### Catechism Classes For Men

Every first and third Tuesday of the month (October 15th) 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.



### Tippy's Car Wash Fundraiser

Because of inclement weather last weekend, Tippy's Car Wash on Sumner Avenue will be having our fundraiser **THIS Sunday, October 13th** from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Tippy's will donate \$3.00/car for every car that goes through their car wash this 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. Cost of hand car wash and dry is \$9.00/car and \$10.00 for trucks and SUV's.



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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.
- 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](http://www.StJohnVianneySchool.org)



**PREP News**

We are proud and happy at PREP to announce that we now have both a Kindergarten and 1st grade class at PREP. Our classes were previously combined and taught by the

amazing Mrs. Gladys Rodriguez. However, our class had grown very large. Thankfully, Mrs. Christina Novak agreed to join our PREP family to instruct our littlest PREPsters. We are so excited that we can offer this added class of instruction to our parish children. They had a great FIRST class - they laughed, they prayed and they learned about Jesus!

PREP welcomes all parish children and grandchildren for religious education from K - 8th grade.

October 13th - Class

October 20th - Class and Youth Mass

October 27th - NO Class

**Pet Blessing on October 3, 2019**



**The Vianney View**

St. John Vianney Regional School (SJVRs) is dedicated to educating students of all abilities. Fulfilling its purpose of providing a quality Christ centered education for all students, SJVRs is proud to be one of only 3 elementary schools in the Diocese of Allentown that offer an Aquinas program.

“The Aquinas Learning Support Program (ALSP) is for elementary and secondary level students who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities,” says program director, Mrs. Sharon Miller. “Its unique emphasis is on learning strategies and study skills to help children foster independence. Students are challenged to learn self-acceptance, self-discipline, cooperation skills, consistent work habits, and become responsible members in the community.”

Currently 16 students are enrolled in the SJVRs Aquinas Program, ranging from second grade to eighth grade. They receive specialized instruction in Math, Reading/Literature and Language Arts. In addition to their core subjects, the students are active participants in the planning, budgeting and fundraising for their exciting annual instructional trip.

The goals of the ALSP are focused on developing the academic, social, and spiritual needs of each child:

- To offer a Christ-centered, quality academic education within a Catholic school environment for children with diagnosed learning disabilities by promoting growth of the whole child and developing their relationship with God. Students in the ALSP are fully incorporated into the prayer service and liturgical celebrations of the school.
- To service individual students who have been identified with a specific learning disability.
- To create an Individualized Plan (IP) for each student based on their specific areas of need.
- To adapt curriculum as appropriate for identified students with special needs through specific modifications and accommodations. For example, these may include working on a project rather than a written report, modified time demands, quiet work space, open book or open note tests, alternative ways to assess their skill level, modified workload or length of assignments or tests, oral testing or time to rest or move when needed.

SJVRs is committed to providing each student the tools they need to be successful in academics and in life. We are excited to offer ALSP as part of our outstanding SJVRs educational programs.

**The SJVRs School Board**

Cemetery Sunday at Holy Savior Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on the grounds at Holy Savior Cemetery on Saturday, October 26th, beginning at 10:00 AM in commemoration of Cemetery Sunday. In the event of inclement weather, please contact the Holy Savior Cemetery Office at 610-395-3819, Ext. 4.

# THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**7 - 10 PM in the Church Hall  
Doors open at 6 PM**

Tickets are available for purchase now for \$14 each. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the event. No outside food or drink items permitted. **A seating chart will be completed for the event as we have in the past. If there is a group that you know you are sitting with, please make sure we know that when you purchase your tickets.**



## Movie Club

Movie Club October Movie Scheduled for October 19th including a Pot Luck Dinner

Doors Open - immediately after 4:30 PM Mass (However if you need to drop off

Pot Luck food before Mass - you may do so. Camille and Fran will be there to take your contribution!)

Movie Time - 6:30 PM

Popcorn, candy and soda will also be served.

Movie Club - Always Fun...

Always Free... Always Faithful

*Pot Luck Sign up Sheet is located in the Parish Office*



## Youth Ministry

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

**Sunday, November 10th** - Regular Youth Group Meeting - 11:30 AM-1 PM

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



# Designer Handbag Bingo

**Sunday, March 15, 2010**

**Doors open at 12 noon**

**Games begin at 1 PM**



Tickets are now available for \$20 each in the Parish Office! Food and drink will be available to purchase at the event, and we ask that no one bring any outside food/drink items in with you. Spread the word!

**Questions?** Contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

**Donations of items & gift cards are needed for raffle prizes. They can be dropped off at the Parish Office before March 1, 2020.**



Children's Activity & Fun Bulletins  
PREP students receive the bulletins in PREP class. St. John Vianney students may obtain a copy of the bulletin in the Parish Library. These bulletins are colorful and offer word scrambles, puzzles, and coloring pages geared to the week-end readings.



## FALL FEST - BASKET RAFFLE

Saturday, October 19th, 10AM - 7PM,

Sunday, October 20th, 8AM - 3PM. St. Paul Parish Center, 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown, PA. Basket Raffles, Food & More!

## COME & SEE WEEKEND



Young Men ages 14 and over are invited to attend a Come & See Weekend at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia October 25-27, 2019. Registration forms can be picked up at the Parish Office. Deadline for registration is October 18th, registrations received after that date will not be accepted.

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, October 19th & 20h

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
<b>Lector</b>	P. Stiles	J. Kocon	B. Sheaffer
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	B. Nutting, F. Kryzan	R. Reichenbach, N. Lamparella	J. Reasinger, L. Unger
<b>Cantor</b>	J. Seng-Austin	D. Lamparella	Adult Choir
<b>Organist</b>	----	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
<b>Altar Servers</b>	S. Lurwick	C. Kocon, A. Beck	H. Folligan, D. Martrich
<b>Sacristan</b>	T. Bartman	J. Burgos	



### 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 some time 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.



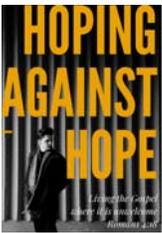
### Christmas Tableau

Christmas Tableau Practices will begin in November - stay tuned for practice dates and times! Tableau is open to all children of the parish,

3rd to 12th grade. It's a beautiful way for them to truly celebrate Advent and prepare for the Birth of Jesus.

Their performance will be at 3:45 on Christmas Eve immediately before the 4:30 Children's Mass.

When asked how the children felt about participating in Living Stations - they responded that they had the Best Lent Ever! Let's do the same with Advent!



### 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](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/cfm-spirituality)

### Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day

This 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)



## Our Weekly Stewardship

### Weekend of October 5th & 6th

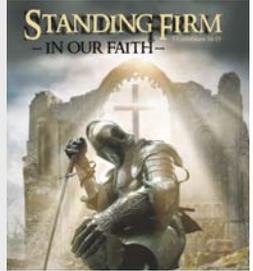
# of envelopes mailed:	729
# of envelopes received:	229
% of envelopes used:	32%
Total of First Collection	\$6,940.00

**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.allentowndioocese.org/mens-conference](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/mens-conference). Questions can be directed to [mensconference@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:mensconference@allentowndioocese.org) or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021.



### Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist

#### A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life



November 1-3, 2019, Ave Maria Retreat, Doylestown, PA. The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of "Eucharistic Journey" This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more. For more information, please contact OLME directly at 610-582-3333, or [olme@olme.org](mailto:olme@olme.org); [www.olme.org](http://www.olme.org).

### Oktoberfest at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua will hold their 3rd Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 19th from 5 to 9 PM in their Parish Center. Join us for Mass at 4:00 PM featuring German Hymns, Mass Parts and our talented Choir. Afterward, come over to the Parish Center or outside to the "Biergarten" (adults only). Delicious homemade foods will be available for purchase such as Bratwurst, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Pierogies, Spätzle (with or without cabbage), Kraut, German Potato Salad and more. Drinks also available for purchase: German Beers, Wine and Soda. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or email [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com)



# MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 2nd  
*Commemoration of the Faithful Departed  
in the month of All Souls*

9:00 AM

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 27th** in order for your names listed in the program. Unfortunately, no names can be taken after that date.

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## *Mass of Remembrance: Name Registration Form*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 27th.*