

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 20, 2019

*Twenty-Ninth 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, October 21st

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday, October 22nd

Saint John Paul II, Pope
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

No Mass

Wednesday, October 23rd

Saint John of Capistrano
Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

No Mass

Thursday, October 24th

Saint Anthony Mary Claret
Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

No Mass

Friday, October 25th

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

No Mass

October 26th & 27th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

4:30 PM Hilda Racek

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

8:30 AM Rita Motsney

10:30 AM Michael Romanic

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
October 20th is:

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

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in honor of:

The Juan LaTorres Family

by: Bobbie Friedenheim

These contributions in memory of:

John P. Fignar

by: Larry, Conchita and Sonia Moser, The Mertz Family

Frank G. Granitz

by: Nancy M. Granitz

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

**Please note that the Parish
Office will be closed on
Saturday, October 26, 2019.
Sorry for any inconvenience.**



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 until 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.

Meat Bingo!

Sunday, November 24, 2019

*Doors Open @ Noon
Games begin @ 1 PM*

Join us for an afternoon of fun at our second 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.



"Feed Your Faith"

Our Parish Gift Card Program

Stress-free Christmas shopping is here! The next gift card order to Great Lakes Scrip Center will go in for Christmas gifts and shopping on **Monday, October 21st**. Orders must be prepaid and in the parish office by Monday noon on October 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.)

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.



Rosary Holy Hours In The Adoration Chapel

"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer, and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." Pope Leo XIII.

Honor Mary and embrace the life of Jesus by joining us in the Adoration chapel on Saturdays at 12 Noon, and/or Sundays at 7 PM, as we pray for our families, priests, and country.



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.



Please....No gum in church!
Please be respectful of the Holy Eucharist.

St. John Vianney REGIONAL SCHOOL

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

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Phone: 610-435-8981 Email: altlsjv@ptd.net

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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

Movie Club

Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy Pot Luck and Do You Believe - what a great night!

For November - we are showing Breakthrough - TWICE to reach as many people, as possible.

Wednesday, November 13th at 2:00 - Doors Open at 1:30 and again at 6:30 - Doors Open at 6:00

We hope you can join us for one or both showings!

Movie Club-Always Fun...Always Free...Always Faithful



Mini-Ministry

Mark Your Calendar NOW!

Friday, December 6th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Our Theme - St. Nicholas Day!!!

Mini Ministry is

open to all parish children and their friends - Grades 3 - 5



PREP News

Our PREPsters began their Mission work this month with their Mission of the Month Club. The Beatitudes is our guide this year for our Mission work. For October, our students made prayer cards for people who visit the Adoration Chapel. These cards focus on Mary and the Rosary during the Month of the Rosary! Thanks to our students who took the time to make these cards for our visitors. Up next month - Thanksgiving Place Mats for our Outreach Food Bags and Donation Drive for LCCC Nursing School visit to Panama.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters of mine, that you did unto me.

PREP Calendar

October 27th - NO CLASS

November 3rd - Class - Protecting God's Children

November 10th - Class - Protecting God's Children

November 17th - Class and Youth Mass

November 24th - Class

Youth Ministry

Today, 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. Follow us on

Instagram@sfayouthgroup. Facebook: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/StFrancisAssisiYouthGroup/)

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Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians invites all good Irish Catholic women to our Annual Samhain~ Halloween ~ Welcoming Tea. Join us on Sunday, November 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Columbian Home, 1519 Greenleaf St, Allentown. We will have a best witches hat contest, a Halloween trivia contest, delicious pastry treats, and of course great company.

The LAOH enjoys fellowship, charitable works, and the promotion of Irish Catholic heritage. Membership is open to all Catholics of Irish descent, by birth or marriage.

For more information, contact Maura O'Donnell-Roszyk at maurar1117@msn.com or 610-509-0444.

St. Junipero Serra Club News

Save the date - November 2, 2019. The Serra Clubs of the Northeast and Mid Atlantic Region will hold a Conference and Pilgrimage at the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM. You do not need to be a member; all are welcome to attend. More information to follow or please call Marie Mazzini, Serra District Governor, at 610-285-2002.

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.**

Holy Family Manor Tricky Tray Fundraiser



The Auxiliary Club at Holy Family Manor is happy to announce its annual Tricky Tray fundraiser will be held on October 25-27, 2019!! All proceeds will be used to benefit the residents at Holy Family Manor.

Event Info:

When: Friday, October 25th, 9-4, Saturday, October 26th, 9-4, Sunday, October 27th 12-4. (Winners will be notified on Monday, October 28th)

Where: St. Mary's Hall, Holy Family Manor: 1200 Spring Street, Bethlehem

Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

St. Elizabeth Parish is sponsoring a Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Saturday, November 9th from 4 – 7 PM in their Parish Hall, located at 435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall. The menu includes: Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Roll, Butter, Dessert & Beverage. Cost is: Adults - \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door; Children (5-10) - \$5 in advance/\$7 at the door. Take out will be available. For tickets or more information, please call Joan at 610-349-7791.

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Doors open at 12:00 PM
Games begin at 1:00 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.

Soup Sale at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua will hold a Fall Soup Sale. All soups are homemade from scratch! There are four different favorites to choose from: Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, Roasted Pork (with shredded cabbage & noodles), or Chicken Corn Chowder, sold in one quart containers only for \$9.00 per quart. Payments and orders due by Wednesday, November 6th. Pick up will be Friday, November 15th from 4:30 -6:00 PM in the Parish Center Kitchen. To place an order, please send your order with a contact phone number and payment (payable to St. Mary's) to St. Mary's 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032. If you have any questions, contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or visit our website at www.annunciationbvm.net

Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

The next bus trip for the Outreach Committee's monthly trip to Mohegan Sun is Tuesday, November 19th. 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.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, October 26th & 27th

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	M. Florentino	R. Granitz	B. Macfarlane
Eucharistic Minister	A. & H. Moyer	A. Drovich, J. Colom	J. Young, M. Dietrick
Cantor	E. Krause	S. Kuczynski	L. Hannis
Organist	K. Hagerman	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. & J. Krause	H. Folligan, C. Stano	D. Martrich, A. Beck
Sacristan	N. Stofko	B. Sheaffer	
Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders			H. Beck, J. Reasinger



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. *Payment requested by November 1st.*



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 3:45P M on Christmas Eve immediately before the 4:30 PM 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!

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.



Holy Ghost's Fall Fair, Tricky Trays & Garage Sale

Saturday, October 26th, 9 AM-6 PM and Sunday, October 27th, 9 AM-12 Noon. Featuring baked goods, noodles, strudel, jams, jellies, kitchen novelties, home made candy and home made pierogis, etc....kitchen open for great home made foods to dine in or take out, and our "Garage Flea Market". Also a children's pumpkin patch. On Sunday morning, a limited breakfast menu available. Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of October 12th & 13th

# of envelopes mailed:	729
# of envelopes received:	221
% of envelopes used:	31%
Total of First Collection	\$7,674.72
Total of Second Collection	\$1,382.00

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.

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; www.olme.org.



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.

Mass for Shut-ins

Sunday & daily Mass is available on EWTN (check your television guide for times). Sunday Mass is available via computer at "The Sunday Mass.org" anytime.



Meals Needed

Our Outreach Committee is looking for people to sign up to prepare meals. The program would be used for emergency needs - families of sudden hospitalization, someone having chemo; someone coming home with new baby - etc., etc.

If we can get a large roster of people - the need to supply a meal would be minimal.

Meals would be for 4 people - unless otherwise noted. Please call the Parish Office if you are able to prepare a meal. Meals will be dropped off at the Parish Office.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 2nd
*Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
on the Feast 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 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:** _____

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.