

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 25, 2020

*Thirtieth 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, Mr. Brian Mansfield (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 26th

Eph 4:32--5:8; Lk 13:10-17

No Mass

Tuesday, October 27th

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

8:00 AM Mary Hennigh (Public Mass)

Wednesday, October 28th

Saints Simon and Jude

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

8:00 AM Anna Blaukovitch (Public Mass)

Thursday, October 29th

Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

8:00 AM Tiberiu Sztankovics (Public Mass)

Friday, October 30th

Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Margaret Lush (Private Mass)

October 31st & November 1st

All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

4:30 PM Hazel E. Carter

10:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

Dr. Eugene Drauch

People of St. Francis Parish

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

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of

October 25, 2020 is

In Memory of Dr. Eugene Drauch

by: Miriam Drauch



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.



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"Feed Your Faith"

Our Parish Gift Card Program

Stress-free Christmas shopping is here! The first order for special gift cards (that is, gift cards not held in our parish inventory) will be on **Monday, November 2nd**. **We will place an order for these special cards then every other week**. Orders must be prepaid and into the parish office by Monday noon on November 2nd, 16th and 30th and December 14th. Pick up on Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (lists of all the stores is available in the Parish Office.)



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Yolanda Sunderer, mother of parishioner Joanne Quinn, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Harry Weaver

by: Jim Rondish

Hazel E. Carter

by: Madeline H. Klotz, Edward & Sally Roth, Ann Biegly, Amy Feidler, Sidney & Lori Mahler, Larry, Conchita & Sonia Moser, Helen K. Neubauer

Mary Ellen Paulus

by: Anne Palmisano and Nancy Hirst

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Youth Ministry

Next meeting dates are:

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

Sunday, November 15th: Meeting

in YM Room after 10:30 Mass, 11:30 AM 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@st-francisallentown.org



Weekly November Food Drive

Sponsored by
our Outreach Committee

For the month of November we will be collecting food every weekend. This is a wonderful time of the year to give something back to those who have not. Our weekly food drive will begin next weekend, October 31st and November 1st. During this month of November we pause to give thanks for all that God has given to us. Perhaps you can give a little something for those who are not as fortunate?



We have had no collections during the entire pandemic and are nearly out of everything, except pasta, we have plenty of pasta.

We particularly need:

- any kind of canned veggie
- any kind of canned fruit
- any kind of jelly
- any kind of peanut butter
- any kind of spaghetti sauce
- any kind of canned meat
- any type of boxed cereal

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.*



Please consider donating at least once, maybe even weekly. So many are counting on us for help.

“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. **The number in parenthesis represents the percentage of profit the Parish makes.** 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!*

- Amazon.com (2.25%): \$25, \$100
- Applebees (8%): \$10, \$25
- Banana Republic (14%): \$25
- Barnes and Nobles (8%): \$10, \$25
- Bath and Body Works (12%): \$10, \$25
- Bed, Bath & Beyond (7%): \$25
- Buy Buy Baby (7%): \$25
- Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: *mention St. Francis*
- Bonefish Grill (8%): \$25
- Boscov’s (8%): \$25
- Carrabbas (8%): \$25
- Christmas Tree Shop (7%): \$25
- Dunkin Donuts (3%): \$10
- Gap (14%): \$25
- Giant (10%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100
- Home Depot (4%): \$25, \$100
- Kohl’s (5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100
- Longhorn Steakhouse (8%): \$25
- Lowe’s (4%): \$25, \$100
- Macy’s (10%): \$25
- Old Navy (14%): \$25
- Olive Garden (8%): \$25
- Outback Steakhouse (8%): \$25
- Panera Bread (8%): \$10
- Red Robin (8%): \$25
- Red Lobster (8%): \$25
- Redner’s Warehouse (5%): \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100
- Sam’s Club (2.5%): \$25, \$100
- Target (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100
- Texas Roadhouse (8%): \$25
- Visa (1.25%): \$50, \$100 **(no activation fee!)**
- Wal-Mart (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100
- Wawa (1%): \$25
- Wegman’s (5%): \$25, \$50, \$100
- Weis (5%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100
- Wendy’s (6.5%): \$10



Liturgical Ministers Schedule		
Saturday and Sunday, October 31st & November 1st		
	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
Lector	G. Rodriguez	B. Sheaffer
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of October 17th & 18th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,634.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,581.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 492.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 95.00

During these very trying days of the pandemic, we ask all parishioners to PLEASE keep up with their normal weekend collection. Don't forget about Online Giving as a possibility. It's easy, safe, and secure. Once you sign up you'll be happy you did.



Safe Environment News

We are happy to report the Diocesan Audit is over. We do not have the results, but feel certain the outcome will be positive. We thank you all for updating forms and files and completing the necessary tasks to be "cleared". We know this an inconvenience, but we now have beautiful, up-to-date, Safe Environment files and you will not be bothered unless or until the policies update, or you would move into a position that did NOT involve children to a position that does work with the kids of the parish. We thank you, VERY, VERY, VERY much for being so agreeable and willing to go the extra mile for your parish! For those of you who have not yet signed the necessary forms - they are still available - contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale for details.



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.



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

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

Chris Padgett



Dates: Today, Sunday: October 25th and next Sunday, November 1st

Time: 3:00 PM

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.



PREP

Our PREP program is enjoying "falling" for Jesus!

Our ZOOM classes are going well. Everyone has adapted and the kids are learning so very, very much already! Our children preparing for the Sacraments are working very hard already!

Confirmation is February 2nd; First Penance is February 23rd and First Communion is April 25th

Our Pandemic Task Force is considering our options for classes from December - March.

Today - October 25th - is our second Youth Mass!

Schedule:

Week of October 25th - all classes via ZOOM

November 1st - All Saints Day

Week of November 1st - all classes via ZOOM except NO CLASS on November 3rd.

Week of November 8th - 8th Grade IN PERSON; 2nd Grade IN PERSON all other classes via ZOOM.

With God, all things are possible.

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 484-547-6270 or email PREP@stfrancisallentown.org. We will send you paperwork to register and have a book ready for you to pick up at the Parish Office!



RCI- Teen Class Opening Up This Year

If your child or grandchild is in high school to 20 years of age and has not yet been baptized, received the Eucharist or been confirmed and are interested in doing so, St. Francis is offering a class for the 2020/2021 year - culminating in the receipt of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in 2021.

Our classes will be "in person" on Thursday nights at 7 PM. Masks will be worn - always; social distancing - always; in the School Hall - which will be disinfected before and after class. (Temperature checks and COVID questions will be answered upon arrival).

If you are interested in being a part of this special class - contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale - DRE or Deacon Robert Young. The first class was held October 15th, but we welcome any and all teens to our next class - October 29th at 7:00 PM.



Just in time for Thanksgiving....

Homemade Pumpkin Pie and Homemade Apple Dumpling Sale



*Tuesday, November 24th
Pick-up from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM*



Perfect for your Thanksgiving dessert table, or any other time for that matter! Homemade and delicious Pumpkin Pies and Apple Dumplings being made to make your life a little easier for the holiday.

All orders must be placed by Thursday, November 19th. Pies and Dumplings will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 24th from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Order as many as you like and if you could be sure to spread the word any way you can (maybe you could even sell some and place your total order on the form below).

*9" Homemade Pumpkin Pie: only \$10.00 each
Homemade Apple Dumpling: only \$4.00 each*



Homemade Pumpkin Pie and Homemade Apple Dumpling Sale Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of Pumpkin Pies: _____

at \$10.00/pie = _____

of Apple Dumplings: _____

at \$4.00/dumpling = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

- ✘ Checks made payable to Saint Francis of Assisi
- ✘ Please mark your calendars for the pick-up date of Tuesday, November 24th

