

# *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 27, 2019*

*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.

### **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 28th**

Saints Simon and Jude

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

No Mass

**Tuesday, October 29th**

*Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21*

8:00 AM John Mitroka

**Wednesday, October 30th**

*Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30*

8:00 AM Clement Brooke

**Thursday, October 31st**

*Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35*

8:00 AM Rita Stephanie Carr

7:00 PM Imre Grabarits

**All Saints Vigil**

**Friday, November 1st**

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

8:00 AM Richard Magee

12:05 PM Carl Koch

**All Soul's Day**

**Saturday, November 2nd**

9:00 AM Mass of Remembrance

**November 2nd & 3rd**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10*

4:30 PM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

8:30 AM Louis J. Gerancher

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM James McGuire

All Saints Holyday of Obligation

Please note that there is a vigil Mass for All Saints on Thursday, October 31st at 7:00 PM, and two Masses on Friday, November 1st at 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM.



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of October 27th is:

**In Memory of Dr. Eugene Drauch  
by Miriam Drauch**

"Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving" Program

This week you will receive a brochure detailing the Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate how we, as a parish, want to advance our mission and how we are serving God's people in our community. Commitment Sunday for this program is Sunday, November 3rd. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on how you are able to help us. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important



Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

# Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Commemoration of the  
All The Faithful Departed

9:00 AM



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in honor of:

**Elvira Stalsitz**

by: Larry, Conchita & Sonia Moser

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord*

## Men of St. Francis' Monthly Breakfast



On Sunday, November 3rd, 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.

## Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by  
the Outreach Committee



Our monthly food drive will be next weekend, November 2nd & 3rd.

This month, we particularly need sauce, saltines, canned tuna and meats, canned vegetables and boxed cereals. We do not need any type of pasta at this time, having recently received a large donation of many cases of pastas. 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.*



## 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.



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Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioner, Elvira Stalsitz; Bernadine Baker, sister of parishioner Catherine Hersh; Mary Ann Schrammel, daughter of parishioner Ann Schrammel; and Joseph C. Trinkle, Sr., father of parishioner Joseph Trinkle, Jr. who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.



Movie Club

Did you notice Movie Club in November is two showings - that's right! To make it possible for as many folks as possible to see the outstanding film, Breakthrough, on November 13th, we are showing the film at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Doors open 1/2 hour before.

We hope to see you at one or BOTH of the showings!

Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all the Masses the first weekend of each month. The Rosary will begin about 25 minutes before each Mass on November 2nd & 3rd.



*A reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend (November 3rd). Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!*



*Our Weekly Stewardship*

Weekend of October 19th & 20th

# of envelopes mailed:	729
# of envelopes received:	241
% of envelopes used:	33%
Total of First Collection	\$6,351.50
Total of Second Collection	\$1,164.31

*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.*

PREP News

PREP students enjoy a much deserved break!



Parish Religious Education Program

Our PREP students have the day off this Sunday, October 27th. They have worked so very hard since beginning the PREP year. We welcome them back on November 3rd to continue their studies, go through the Protecting God's Children Catechesis and begin work their new Mission for Thanksgiving!

- November 3rd - Class
- November 10th - Class
- November 17th - Class and Youth Mass
- November 24th - Class
- December 1st - No Class

Health Care Coalition

Blood Pressures will be taken after all Masses next weekend, **November 2nd & 3rd**. We thank the Parish Nurses for this invaluable service.



2019 Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese For The Military Services, USA



The next National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is scheduled for next weekend, November 2nd & 3rd.

The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly in-pew collection, and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million.

Established by Saint John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is responsible for providing the full range of pastoral ministries available in all other U.S. dioceses to those serving in the United States Armed Services, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government **beyond U.S. borders, and for the families of these populations.** In other words, the AMS is responsible for the pastoral care of men, women, and children from all U.S. dioceses, who hail from all 50 States and U.S. Territories - including members of your parish.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the National Collection taken in most dioceses every three years, first in 2013 and again in 2016. This fund helps to continue to provide pastoral care readily available to almost 1.8 million faithful spread across the globe who serve and face constant transition and uncertainty. Please help to continue to provide priests for the Church and the military chaplaincy who minister to the Catholic military men and women and their families, who are part of this global Archdiocese with a donation to the 2019 Triennial National Collection for the AMS.



**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.**



**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.**

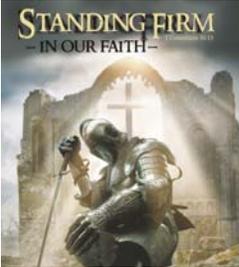
**Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist**

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.



**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.

**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.



**Respect Life Holy Hour**

There is a Respect Life Holy Hour every First Friday (November 1st) 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.



**Christmas Tableau**

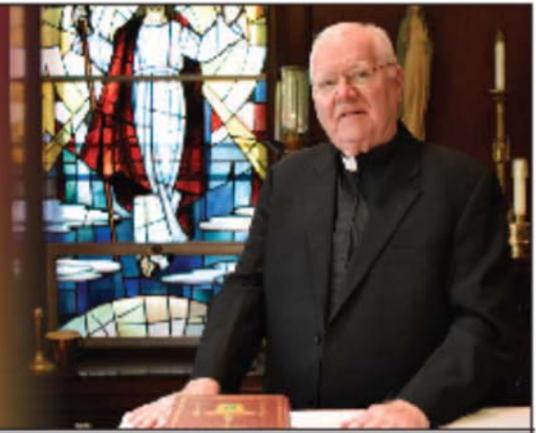
Tableau is a re-enactment of the Incarnation, Jesus' birth and the Visit of the Wise Men. All children interested in participating in Tableau (Grades 3 - 12) should come to our first practice and

Parent Information Night on Sunday, November 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the church. Children can arrive at 6:00 to discuss the script, parts, music, etc. Parents should then return at 6:45 for a brief meeting with our director, Kim Heintzelman. Tableau practices will be help on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. For questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact Kim Heintzelman at 610-597-0950.

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd & 3rd**

	<b><u>4:30 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>
<b>Lector</b>	J. Fittipaldi	M. Issermoyer	B. Sheaffer
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	V. Herman, F. Kryzan	T. Fronheiser, N. Lamparella	C. Adams, M. Dietrick
<b>Cantor</b>	E. Krause	D. Lamparella	S. Kuczynski
<b>Organist</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. & J. Krause	F. & S. Koebler	D. Koury, L. Sheaffer
<b>Sacristan</b>	J. Burgos	T. Bartman	
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders</b>			M. Perez, M. Heller

# THE ENDOWMENT FOR THE CARE OF RETIRED PRIESTS



*Dear Friends*

*"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus," wrote St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. "When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Nearly two hundred years later, these words still ring true. At baptisms, weddings, funerals, Masses, and much more, our priests generously and whole-heartedly shepherd us through the most difficult moments and the most joyful times in our lives. More importantly, our priests make it possible to live our lives in communion with Christ.

In the Diocese of Allentown, we are committed to caring for those priests in good standing who cared for us. The Diocese of Allentown has created The Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests in order to properly provide for aging clergy. With your help, the Endowment can grow to fully support the health and long-term care for our elderly priests who, as you probably know, generally continue in service to our families, to our Diocese, and to our Lord well past any kind of ordinary retirement age.

This year, I hope you will prayerfully consider making a contribution to The Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. With your help, we can continue to keep our promise to care for those who cared for us.

Thank you in advance for your remembrance and recognition of those priests in the Diocese of Allentown who have been, as Pope Benedict described, "heralds of hope, reconciliation, and peace."

*Gratefully in Christ,*

*Paul Acampora*

*Secretary for Stewardship & Development*



# 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.

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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)**

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*Please return this completed slip to the Parish Office by Sunday, October 27th.*