

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.



November 1, 2020

*Solemnity of
All Saints*

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, November 2nd All Souls Day

Readings from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 3rd Saint Martin de Porres

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

8:00 AM Joseph Thang Dinh Tran (Public Mass)

Wednesday, November 4th Saint Charles Borromeo

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

8:00 AM Bernard Duddy (Public Mass)

Thursday, November 5th

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

8:00 AM Ester Wynne Maughan (Public Mass)

Friday, November 6th

Phil 3:17--4:1; Lk 16:1-8

Albert Neumeyer (Private Mass)

November 7th & 8th

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

4:30 PM Clara Badesso

10:30 AM Simon & Adele Covelesky

Rosemary McFadden

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

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 November 1, 2020 is

In Memory of James Schuster

by: Marilyn Miller

Youth Ministry

Next meeting dates are:

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

Friday, November 13th: Movie

Night in the parish hall from 7 - 9 PM! Please contact Ms. Jenn for more info at 484.433.0265 or jreasinger@st-francisallentown.org



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Vocation Awareness Week is November 1-7, 2020



Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During National Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Hazel E. Carter

by: Dora P. Steinek, Karen Friebolin

Dolores M. Kistler

by: Dale & Jessie Greenawald

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of parishioners Michael Sebo, James F. O'Neill, and Barbara Torres, sister of parishioner, James Torres, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.



"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 **this 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.)

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 kind 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.

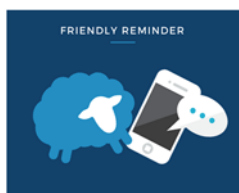
Flocknote

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.)



Novena to the Holy spirit (October 26-
November 3, 2020)

Beginning Monday, October 26th, and concluding on Election Day, November 3rd, Bishop Schlert has asked that the Novena to the Holy Spirit be prayed by the clergy and faithful of the Diocese.

Novena to the Holy Spirit in Preparation for Election Day 2020

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
(R.) And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to you my understanding, my heart, my will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my understanding always be submissive to your heavenly inspiration and to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, of which you are the infallible Guide; may my heart ever be inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will always conform to the divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be honor and glory forever. Amen.



KOLBE Kolbe Academy is an Allentown Diocese school
ACADEMY serving teens in recovery from drug and alcohol

addictions. They are hosting an Open House on Tuesday, November 10th from 5-7PM. All are welcome to stop by during this time: neighbors, friends, supporters, prospective students, parents, and you! Come and see what Kolbe Academy offers its students and the community. Please note that due to COVID-19, masks must be worn. All visitors will be asked to use hand sanitizer, complete a brief health survey and have their temperatures taken upon entry. Staff and students look forward to meeting you! Address: 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Phone: 610-419-3333 x1102



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.stfrancis.allentown.org for information to sign up.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of October 24th & 25th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,950.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,704.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 430.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 130.00

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.



Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before both the Masses next weekend, November 7th & 8th. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday and Sunday, & November 7th & 8th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	F. Lenahan
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso

Attention Parish Teens!

All Teens are invited to join the Youth Group for a Movie Night in our Parish Hall! Anyone in Grades 6 - 12 is welcome to join us on Friday, November 13th from 7 - 9 PM. Masks must be worn, and social distancing is necessary. Temperatures will be taken and paperwork must be signed by a parent. Contact Ms. Jenn for more info: Call/Text 484-433-0265.



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.



PREP

Our littlest PREPsters are having the BEST time on Sunday mornings learning about Jesus. We are currently studying the Creation Story and they are fantastic. So very smart and so very willing

to learn!

All of our PREP classes will be learning the Protecting God's Children curriculum in November. This curriculum helps our children stay safe in Diocesan approved, age appropriate classes. We thank you parents and families for understanding how important this topic is so we can all keep our children protected.

Schedule:

- November 1st - K, 1st and 8th - ZOOM
- November 2nd - 2nd - ZOOM
- November 3rd - NO CLASSES - Election Day
- November 4th - 4th and 5th - ZOOM
- November 5th - 3rd and 7th - ZOOM
- November 8th - K - no class, 1 - ZOOM, 8th IN PERSON
- November 9th - 2nd - IN PERSON
- Remainder of the week is all ZOOM

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Basket Raffle at Cathedral

The Cathedral Women's Alliance postponed Basket Raffle will be held November 14th and 15th in the Walson Center, 210 N. 18th St, Allentown.



HOURS: Saturday 9 AM - 11 AM (at risk ONLY) and 11 AM - 6 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM - 1 PM. OVER 200 Amazing Prizes! All CDC COVID-19 precautions followed (Masks, social distancing, etc) Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Fall Soup Sale at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua will be holding a Fall Soup Sale. All soups are totally homemade from scratch!! There are four different favorites to choose from: Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, Roasted Pork (with shredded cabbage & noodles), or Italian Sausage & Lentil (hint of heat). If you've tried our soups last year, you know they are the best around town. The soups are sold in one quart containers only. All soups are \$10.00 per quart. Payments and orders are due by Sunday, November 8th and pick up will be Friday, November 13th from 4:30-6:00 PM in the Parish Center Kitchen. If you would like to place an order, please contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or kim.stmarys122@gmail.com. An order form is available on our website: annunciationbvm.net





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: November 1st

Time: 3:00 PM

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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, Pray For Us!

With the beatification of Carlo Acutis in Assisi recently, the Catholic Church now has its first “Blessed” who loved Super Mario and Pokémon, but not as much as he loved the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

“To be always united with Jesus, this is my life program,” Carlo Acutis wrote at the age of seven.

The young Italian computer whiz, who died of leukemia at 15 offering his suffering for the pope and the Church, was beatified October 10th in a Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

Born in 1991, Acutis is the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church. The teen who had an aptitude for computer programming is now one step away from canonization.

“Since he was a child ... he had his gaze turned to Jesus. Love for the Eucharist was the foundation that kept alive his relationship with God. He often said ‘The Eucharist is my highway to heaven,’ Cardinal Agostino Vallini said in his homily for the beatification.

He was an ordinary boy, simple, spontaneous, likeable ... he loved nature and animals, he played football, he had many friends of his age, he was attracted by modern means of social communication, passionate about computer science and, self-taught, he built websites to transmit the Gospel, to communicate values and beauty,” he said.

As Acutis once said: “When we face the sun we get a tan ... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints.”



Sight and Sound Bus Trip has been rescheduled!

St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound’s “Queen Esther” on **Tuesday, April 20, 2021**. \$113 per person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, show,

and bus driver tip. We’ll depart church at 9:30 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.

We have only 11 openings left, so please call to reserve your seats as soon as possible!

Prayer Requests



Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain operates by phone and email. We are always looking to recruit **more people** to pray for those in need. This is a simple but powerful way to help our parishioners; please consider joining us! Email Stephanie Epler at sepler@stfrancisallentown.org to be added or to make a prayer request. All emails will be kept confidential. A group email will be sent as each prayer request is received. Of course, you may still call in prayer requests by phone at 610-433-6102.



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

