

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.



November 10, 2019

*Thirty-Second 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, November 11th Saint Martin of Tours
Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6

No Mass

Tuesday, November 12th Saint Josaphat
Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

8:00 AM Plaar & Peters Family

Wednesday, November 13th Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

8:00 AM Vincent Schaffer

Thursday, November 14th

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

8:00 AM William Boyko

Friday, November 15th Saint Albert the Great
Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

8:00 AM Eugene Frassetto

November 16th & 17th

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

4:30 PM Intentions of Bill & Jean Kakareka

8:30 AM Joseph Thang Dinh Tran

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Jack Deutsch



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
 The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
 November 10th is:

*In Memory of Regina E. Niedrowski
 by The Christ Family*

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Frank G. Granitz

by: Nancy M. Granitz

Leo M. Derany

by: Pegg and John Philapavage

John P. Fignar

by: Thomas & Maureen Sproul, Cathy Juna

Frank Junger

by: Larry, Conchita and Sonia Moser

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

St. Francis Senior Citizens

On Tuesday, November 12th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for a short meeting, bingo and cards. For info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for the souls of parishioner, Frank Junger, and Larry Peischl, son of parishioner Midge Peischl, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.



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Welcoming/Evangelization Committee



The Welcoming/Evangelization Committee will hold a social time in the gathering space after all Masses this weekend (November 9th and 10th), featuring light refreshments and also a display of all of the different groups and committees available to join here at St. Francis Church. We hope you will stop by.

"Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving" Program

Thank you to all our parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a



personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to set up your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.



If you would like to send a card or note of condolence to Barbara Junger following the tragic death of her husband Frank, her mailing address is 14 Camp Eight Road, Bluffton, SC 29910. This is her son's address, as she is staying with him for the time being.

Men of St. Francis Meeting

All men of the Parish are invited to attend Men of St. Francis Meeting on Monday, November 18th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. Please use Cedar Street ramp. Social time and refreshments will follow the meeting. For additional information call Ray Johnson at 610-533-7717.



Online Giving

Our parish now offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic

contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And, it is convenient for you and our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stfrancisallentown.org and selecting the Online Giving link, or refer to your parish bulletin for information.



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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



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.

Catechism Classes For Men

Every first and third Tuesday of the month (November 19th) 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.

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, November 20th. 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.



PREP News

Our PREP children are focusing on their safety and well being in November by studying the Protecting God's Children Curriculum. In addition, they are focusing on being thankful, service to others and remembering those loved ones who have passed away. Our Confirmation Candidates are getting very busy preparing for their upcoming Sacrament including attending a Retreat at Central Catholic on November 16th. Please remember us all in your prayers this November as we work hard to develop a stronger relationship to God.



PREP Calendar

- November 10 - Class
- November 17 - Class and Youth Mass
- November 24 - Class
- November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving
- December 1 - NO CLASS

Youth Ministry

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

Friday, December 6th - Game Night 6:30-9 PM (in our room)

Sunday, December 15th - 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://www.facebook.com/groups/StFrancisAssisiYouthGroup/>



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of November 2nd & 3rd

# of envelopes mailed:	725
# of envelopes received:	240
% of envelopes used:	34%
Total of First Collection	\$8,825.38
Total of Second Collection	\$ 331.00

Thank you for your continued financial support and your kindness you show to St. Francis by your weekly contribution.



Movie Club

Our Movie Club Double Feature is finally here! We cannot wait to enjoy BREAKTHROUGH. Two showings on Wednesday, November 13th- 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Thanks to Fran Lenahan for running the Snack Shack at both features. Popcorn, soda and candy are always available and always FREE!!! Don't forget - all are welcome! We hope to see you there!



"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, November 18th**. Orders must be prepaid and in the parish office by Monday noon on November 18th and December 2nd and 16th. Pick up by Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (Lists of available stores in the Parish Office.)

Christmas Tableau

Christmas Tableau 2019 is well under way! Our children picked their parts and practice begins on November 13th at 6:00 PM. If you were unable to attend the Information Meeting on November 3rd, not to worry. We still welcome your

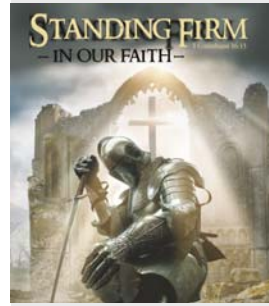


child/grandchild to the production! There is room for everyone. In addition, Mrs. Heintzelman is asking all children preparing to receive their First Communion this year to join us as angels and shepherds, bringing back to life, an old St. Francis tradition.

We hope all children in Grades 3 - 8 to consider joining us for Tableau. What a gift for them to experience an incredibly beautiful Advent and Christmas Celebration

Practice dates:

- Wednesday, November 13th 6:00 to 7:00
 - Wednesday, November 20th 6:00 to 7:00
 - Saturday, November 23rd 9:00 to 10:00
 - Tuesday, November 26th 6:00 to 7:00
 - Saturday, November 30th 9:00 to 10:00
 - Wednesday, December 11th 6:00 to 7:00
 - Saturday, December 14th 9:00 to 10:00 (First Communion kids to join us)
 - Wednesday, December 18th 6:00 to 7:00 (First Communion kids to join us)
 - Saturday, December 21st 9:00 to ? (First Communion kids to join us)
 - Performance Christmas Eve at 3:45 PM - IMMEDIATELY before Christmas Eve Mass. (Children will arrive about 3:15 PM to dress)
- For information contact Mrs. Kim Heintzelman - Director at 610 597-0950



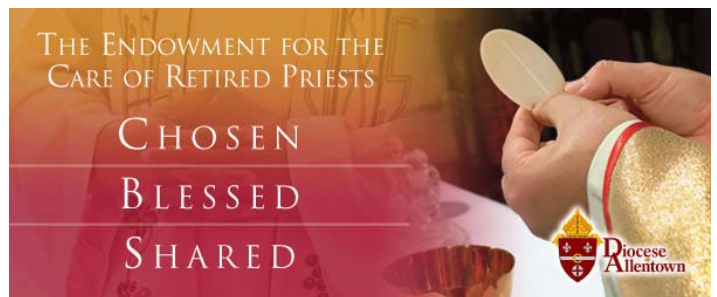
Men's Conference

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.

Catholic Grandparents Association

The next meeting of the Catholic Grandparents Association will be Saturday morning November 16th after the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center. Please come and join us for prayers and sharing to help us become more effective as a means of passing on the faith to our families.



Make sure to remember the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail or from the brochures in the vestibule. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all counties of our Diocese!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, November 16th & 17th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	V. Falcone	PREP Students
Eucharistic Minister	L. Stofko, L. Eberly	T. Fallon, M. Issermoyer	J. Reasinger, L. Unger
Cantor	E. Krause	D. Lamparella	S. Kuczynski
Organist	J. DeMatto	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	D. & J. Krause	A. Beck	E. Zobel, C. Stano
Sacristan	N. Stofko	N. Stofko	



Meat Bingo

Sunday, November 24, 2019



Doors & Kitchen open at Noon

Games begin at 1:00 PM

Join us for a chance to win wonderful trays of fresh cut meat!

**Tickets are \$20 each and includes 20 games.
*Fantastic specials extra.***

**For tickets, call the Parish Office
at 610-433-6102.**



*St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall is accessible.
A ticket is required for entry. No outside food or beverages permitted.*

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“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. 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!*

A.C. Moore: \$25

Amazon.com: \$25, \$100

Applebees: \$10, \$25

Banana Republic: \$25

Barnes and Nobles: \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works: \$10, \$25

Bed, Bath & Beyond: \$25

Buy Buy Baby: \$25

Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: *mention St. Francis*

Bonefish Grill: \$25

Boscov’s: \$25

Carrabbas: \$25

Christmas Tree Shops: \$25

Dunkin Donuts: \$10

Gap: \$25

Giant: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot: \$25, \$100

Kohl’s: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Longhorn Steakhouse: \$25

Lowe’s: \$25, \$100

Macy’s: \$25

Old Navy: \$25

Olive Garden: \$25

Outback Steakhouse: \$25

Panera Bread: \$10

Red Robin: \$25

Red Lobster: \$25

Redner’s Warehouse: \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Ruby Tuesday: \$25

Sam’s Club: \$25, \$100

Target: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse: \$25

Visa: \$50, \$100

Wal-Mart: \$10, \$25, \$100

Wegman’s: \$25, \$50, \$100

Weis: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wendy’s: \$10

