

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

November 15, 2020

*Thirty-Third 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, November 16th Saint Margaret of Scotland,
Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43 Saint Gertrude
No Mass

Tuesday, November 17th Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

8:00 AM James D. Johnson, Jr. (Public Mass)

Wednesday, November 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of
Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28 Saints Peter and Paul; Saint Rose Philippine

8:00 AM Theresa Donahue (Public Mass) Duchesne

Thursday, November 19th

Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

8:00 AM Ed Granitz (Public Mass)

Friday, November 20th

Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Michael P. Selvaggio (Private Mass)

November 21st & 22nd

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

4:30 PM Pierina Joan Volpe

10:30 AM Louis & Catherine Zenz

Thomas McFadden

People of St. Francis Parish

Welcome Back to Mass

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 25, 2020 is

In Memory of

Felix Marrero

by: Dalia & Richard Ruiz

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Elizabeth A. Ortelli

by: Jay H. Gilbert and Family

James F. O'Neill

by: Rita Granitz

Michael S. Sebo

by: Donald Rothenberger & Donna Sonon

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord



"Feed Your Faith"

Our Parish Gift Card Program

The next order for special gift cards (that is, gift cards not held in our parish inventory) will be **this Monday, November 16th**. We will place an order for these special cards every other week. Orders must be prepaid and into the parish office by Monday noon on November 16th, 30th and December 14th. Pick up on that Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (list of hundreds of these stores is available in the Parish Office.)

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.

Wedding Congratulations

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to William Somershoe and Rebekah Carver as they celebrated their joyful exchange of vows recently. May God grant them many happy and fruitful years together.



Raking Leaves

If anyone would like to help us out by raking leaves, please come by and bring your own rake. We could use people to help do some raking anywhere on the property.



Oplatki Available

Oplatki is available in the Parish Office for \$3 per pack of 3 wafers. A Christmas tradition from the Polish-Slovak-Lithuanian cultures, Oplatki is a wafer shared by the family around the dinner table, often at the Christmas Eve Wigilia (Vi-geel-ya). Each family member breaks off a piece and wishes each other good luck and blessings in the coming year.



J. O. Y.

Jesus First
Others Next
Yourself Last

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. 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.



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.stfrancisallentown.org for information to sign up.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of November 7th & 8th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,328.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,896.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 425.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 75.00

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.

Holy Saviour Cemetery – Skilled Laborer
Full time job, 40 hours per week, \$14 per hour, working 7:30 AM. - 4:00 PM., including Saturdays, working at Holy Saviour Cemetery. Maintain cemetery grounds, grass cutting, trimming, removal of trees and shrubs, leaf maintenance, spring clean up, digging foundations, snow removal, assisting with burials and entombment. Must operate small tractor, small truck and lawn mower. Valid driver's license required, as position is also responsible for snow removal. Must be capable of heavy lifting and working in all weather elements. On the job training provided with promotion possibilities. High School diploma/ GED required. Excellent benefits include health, dental, vacation, etc.
Please email: resumes@allentowndiocese.org OR fax to 610-439-7693.

St. Elizabeth Christmas Cookie Bake Sale



Pick up Sunday, December 13 from 9 AM – 1 PM. Orders due by December 7. Items include: Chocolate Chip, Cream Cheese Cupcakes, Nut Tossies, Oatmeal Raisin and Dusty Dog Treats. For more information, please call 610-349-7791 or check parish website for an order form: <http://www.sercc.org/st-elizabeth-church/religious-education/> Send orders and payment to: St. Elizabeth Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

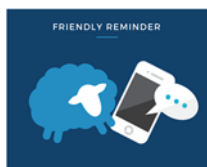
Saturday and Sunday, November 21st & 22nd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	C. Stockdale
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso

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.)



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PREP

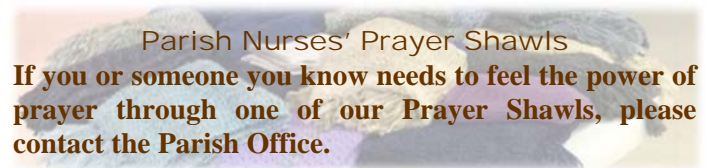
For the month of November, our Parish Children continue with their Protecting God's Children curriculum, with discussions about thankfulness, current events and the month of remembrance of loved ones who have passed. Even via ZOOM our children are learning to love Jesus even more each day!

Our November Schedule is:

Week of November 15th - All classes via ZOOM

November 22nd - Youth Mass

NO CLASSES November 25th, 26th, 29th for Thanksgiving Holiday!



Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to feel the power of prayer through one of our Prayer Shawls, please contact the Parish Office.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

St. Francis of Assisi Church has a Church Memorial Fund which can be used to remember the deceased or to honor the living. Memorial Books will be used in the following manner: For your offering, a relative or friend will be listed in the Memorial Book; deceased are listed according to the date of death, living are listed on Thanksgiving Day. The listing will include the person's name in memory or honor of, and the donor. Identical books will be on display in the Church vestibule area and the Adoration Chapel vestibule at all times, and names will be added at the close of each month.



The benefits of being enrolled in the St. Francis of Assisi Church Memorial Fund are: in addition to having a loved one's name entered in the Memorial Books, Mass will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month on behalf of the members, members will be remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful, and for donations totaling \$200 (bronze plate), \$500 (silver plate), and \$1,000 (gold plate) their names will be inscribed on the Memorial Plaque in the main vestibule's ramp area or the Chapel vestibule. New memorial plates (All Gold) have been added: 3"x6" - \$5,000, 5"x8" - \$10,000, and 11"x10" - \$25,000. There are limited quantities of these new memorial plates available.

Offerings made to the Church Memorial Fund are used for the Church Proper and Chapel, e.g. vestments, altar cloths, liturgical vessels and furnishings and for capital expenses.



Vianney View

Hello brothers and sister in Christ. My name is Brian Mansfield, and I have the distinct honor of serving as the new principal at St. John Vianney Regional School. Since starting on October 14th I have been impressed with the amazing atmosphere created by our teachers, students and families. Please allow me a moment to introduce myself. After graduating from Moravian College and working in the business world, I began teaching in the Nazareth Area School District as a library assistant. After completing my teaching certification I taught 4th, then 3rd grade at both Cheston and Shawnee Elementary schools. I have also had principal and assistant principal experiences at Easton Area Middle School, Paxinosa Elementary School, and most recently for two years at Jefferson Elementary school in the Allentown School District. I love teaching and have a passion for educating children and pushing them to be their best. In my short time at St. John Vianney I already know it is serving a deep calling for me. I want to personally thank each of you for your support of our school. Please know that the work happening in SJV is making a difference in the lives of our children.

As a parent of two Catholic school students, I personally believe in the mission set forth to us to educate and care for each child. Thank you and I look forward to a continued partnership between the parishes and St. John Vianney Regional School.

Brian Mansfield
 Principal
 St. John Vianney Regional School
 610-435-8981

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 *Christmas Candle Sale* 

The celebration of Christmas brings many traditions to mind: baking cookies, wrapping presents, decorating the Christmas tree, and so much more. Christmas is in the “air” when we celebrate these traditions and the scents are so often something we can recall by memory. Here’s your chance to capture some of those wonderful Christmas scents that will make your Christmas traditions even more special and memorable.

All Blue Mountain 24 oz. candles are double wicked and only \$15.00/candle. Comparable candles the same size are substantially more money so this is really a super good deal. Samples are available in the Parish Office if you’d like to smell the scent before purchasing it.

Orders are due no later than Sunday, December 6th. The order will be placed the next morning. Pick-up will be the weekend of December 19-20th. Just in time for Christmas!

Choose from:

- Apple Balsam**
- Balsam Fir**
- Bayberry**
- Cranberry**
- Fireside**
- Hollyberry**

- Holiday Medley**
- Home for the Holidays**
- Gingerbread**
- Snowflake**
- Sugarplum**
- Twisted Peppermint**

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 *Christmas Candle Sale* 
ORDER FORM 

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Candle Scent: _____
 (please print)

Quantity: _____
 Quantity: _____
 Quantity: _____
 Quantity: _____

Total # of candles ordered: _____ @ \$15.00 each = _____

Checks made payable to: Saint Francis of Assisi





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

