

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 17, 2019

*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.

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 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43 **Saints Peter and Paul, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne**
 No Mass

Tuesday, November 19th
2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
 No Mass

Wednesday, November 20th
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
 No Mass

Thursday, November 21st **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
 No Mass

Friday, November 22nd **Saint Cecilia**
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
 No Mass

November 23rd & 24th
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

4:30 PM George & Virginia Ziegenfuss

8:30 AM Ed Granitz

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Joseph Adams & William Adams



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
 The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
 November 17th is:

In Memory of John O'Hare
 by ***Colleen O'Hare***

Outreach Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

The next bus trip for the Outreach Committee's monthly trip to Mohegan Sun is Tuesday, November 19th. Bus leaves at 9:15 AM and returns by 5:00 PM. \$25 per person will get you \$25 for slot play plus \$5 toward lunch. There are still some seats for this trip; to sign up, call Pat at 610-515-5975 or the church at 610-433-6102.



Feast of Saint Nicholas
December 6th

We would like once again to celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas for our children here at St. Francis. Please bring in one shoe (marked with your child's name on the bottom with masking tape) and place it on the steps by the Blessed Mother statue. We'll hope that Saint Nicholas brings some goodies to our kids!

All shoes need to be placed on the step by Sunday, December 1st. The Feast falls on Friday, December 6th so all shoes should be picked up on the weekend of December 7th and 8th.

"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, another letter was 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 parish office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to set up your recurring offertory gifts electronically.



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.



Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree is up and decorated in the vestibule. We will be helping Catholic Charities Children, Manor Care, and Allentown Head Start. Gifts should be wrapped and returned by **Sunday, December 15th.**

Attention All Women!

"Women Walking in Faith"

This group of faith-filled women 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 takes time to pray, reflect, learn, and to support one another in the faith. Women 18 and over are invited to participate. Guests are welcome so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors to come along. Call the Parish Office if you need more information.



We are now offering Online Giving! Visit our website to



Online Giving

sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. This system is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank. And it's convenient for you because you can make changes at any time. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at year end. Go to www.stfrancisallentown.org and select Online Giving.



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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

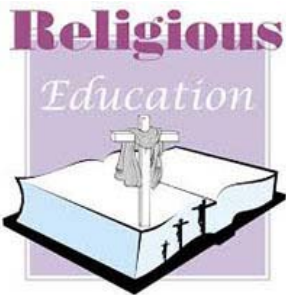
St. Francis of Assisi Church will travel to Sight & Sound's new show, "Queen Esther" on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. \$113 per person includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, show, and bus driver tip. We'll depart church at 10:00 AM for Shady Maple, then on to Sight and Sound Theatre for the 3:00 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.

2019 Coat Drive

We wish to thank all those who donated coats for our 2019 Children's Coat Drive. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give out approximately 300 coats, hats, scarves and gloves to children in need.



First Friday Gathering for Homeschool Families
 Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, December 5th at St. Anne Church, 450 E. Washington Avenue, Bethlehem. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM by Father Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community. Mass will be followed by a period of Adoration and Confessions until 7:00 and then an informal social. Please join us for this opportunity to meet each other as we come together for prayer and fellowship. (Questions: Fr. Bobbin: 610-866-0791x332, kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org)



PREP News

PREP CALENDAR for November/December
 November 17th - Class and Youth Mass
 November 24th - Class
 December 1st - NO CLASS
 December 8th - Class and Youth Mass

December 12th - Advent Penance Service 6:00 PM
 December 15th - Class
 December 22nd - Class
 December 29th - NO CLASS

Youth Ministry Movie Night Friday, November 22nd

The Youth Ministry will be watching the 2018 version of "The Grinch" in our Youth Ministry room on Friday, November 22nd. Join us from 7 PM to 9 PM. We will have popcorn, s'mores and hot chocolate! Contact Ms. Jenn for more info: 484-433-0265 text/call.



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.

Movie Club

Introducing our December film: "Come to the Stable", a 1949 American film which tells the true story of the Abbey of Regina Laudis and the two French religious sisters who come to a small New England town and involve the townsfolk in helping them to build a children's hospital. Starring Loretta Young and Celeste Holm. Sunday, December 1st, 6:30 PM, Doors Open at 6:00 Always Fun.. Always Free... Always Faithful



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of November 9th & 10th

# of envelopes mailed:	725
# of envelopes received:	218
% of envelopes used:	30%
Total of First Collection	\$7,712.00
Total of Second Collection	\$1,448.00

Thank you for your continued financial support through our "Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving" campaign. Your donation is so greatly appreciated.



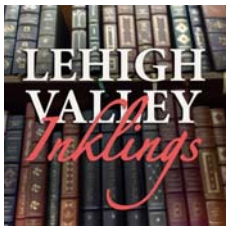
"Feed Your Faith"

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.)

Images of Our Lady and Jesus

The Holy Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Jesus, King of All Nations, will be displayed for devotions and blessings at Notre Dame Church, the Catasauqua Road exit just west of Rt. 378 South exit in Bethlehem, PA. Dates: Friday, November 22nd after the 8:45 Mass-4 PM during Adoration; closing with Benediction. Saturday, November 23rd, after the 8:00 AM Mass-3:00 PM. Sunday, November 24th after the 12:00 Noon Mass for devotions and closing. The Jesus, King of All Nations devotions call us into forgiveness, healing and renewal of our hearts. The Guardians and all are invited to participate in Novena of the Chaplet of Unity on Saturday as we pray for our churches, priests and diocese.



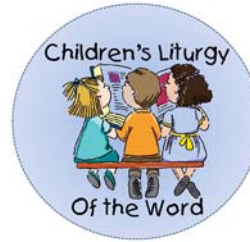
Lehigh Valley Inklings

The Lehigh Valley Inklings is a book club for young Catholic adults in the Lehigh Valley. Each meeting begins with a synopsis of the reading for those who may not have been able to read it prior to the meeting. The discussions revolve around the theological themes throughout each reading and how they relate to modern culture.

Next meeting:

- Friday, November 22nd at 7 PM, Promenade Shops Barners and Noble - How harmless are little white lies? This month we're discussing "Was it Heaven? Or Hell" by Mark Twain

For more information, follow us on Facebook & Instagram: @lehighvalleyink-lings



Children's Liturgy of the Word
We hope your children are enjoying the changes we have made to our program this year! We'd love to hear your thoughts and hear what your kids enjoy and how we can make our program even better!

Our December schedule is December 1st, 15th, 22nd at 10:30 AM Mass.

We then reconvene on January 5th, 19th and 26th at 10:30 AM Mass.

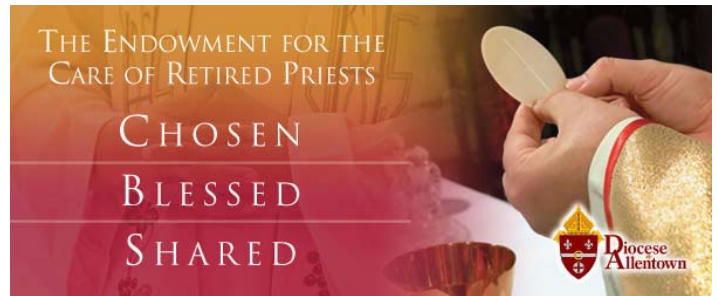


Christmas Tableau

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Christmas 2019 Tableau Presentation.

The parish children and grandchildren will give one performance on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 3:45 right before 4:30 Mass. Holiday music will be played prior to the performance beginning at approximately 3:15. We hope you will join us!

November Tableau Practices - November 13th, 20th, 23rd, 26th, 30th.



Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support 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 5 counties of our Diocese!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, November 23rd & 24th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	R. Granitz	C. Stockdale
Eucharistic Minister	A. Moyer, P. Stiles	J. Lenahan, J. Colom	C. & N. Wargo
Cantor	J. Seng-Austin	D. Lamparella	S. Kuczynski
Organist	C. Hageman	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	S. Lurwick	A. Beck	D. Koury, C. Stano
Sacristan	N. Stofko	T. Bartman	
Children's Liturgy of the Word			H. Beck, J. Reasinger



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

