

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: 10:30 AM

Daily: see Mass Schedule

Holy Day: (Vigil 7:00 PM) 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM

Christmas Eve: 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 9:00 PM

Christmas Day: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM

Anytime by appointment

Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is temporarily closed due to COVID19.



November 22, 2020

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

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 23rd Saint Clement I, Saint Columban,
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4 Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro
No Mass

Tuesday, November 24th Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11 and companions

8:00 AM Annette Lieberman (Public Mass)

Wednesday, November 25th Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

8:00 AM Rosemarie Kasprenski (Public Mass)

7:00 PM Maria Vui Tran **Mass of Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 26th

Rv 18:1-2 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

No Mass

Friday, November 27th

Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2; Lk 21:29-33

No Mass

November 28th & 29th

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

4:30 PM Gerry Gregg

10:30 AM Robert Epler

John Maruscak

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 22, 2020 is

In Memory of
Rita Motsney &
Annette Lieberman
by: Fallon Family

Youth Ministry

Next meeting dates are:

Sunday, December 6th: Zoom
meeting 7 - 8 PM

Friday, December 18th: Annual

Game Night in YM Room, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Please contact Ms. Jenn for more info at 484.433.0265 or
jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org



Mass of Thanksgiving

Mass for Thanksgiving:
Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM

All parishioners are invited to come and give thanks for all the blessings God has given to them. Please try to attend.

*We wish all of our parish families a
Happy, Safe and Blessed Thanksgiving.
Monsignor Finelli and the Staff of
St. Francis of Assisi Church.*



"Feed Your Faith"

Our Parish Gift Card Program

The next order for special gift cards (that is, gift cards not normally held in our parish inventory) will be **this Monday, November 30th**. 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 30th and December 14th. Pick up on that Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (List of hundreds of these stores is available in your bulletin this weekend.)



A Reminder

If you ordered Pumpkin Pies or Apple Dumplings, they can be picked up at the Parish Office on Tuesday, November 24th between 9:00 AM and 6 PM.

Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree is up and decorated in the vestibule. We will be helping Manor Care residents (these gifts can be wrapped), Catholic Charities Children, and Turning Point Babies (children and baby gifts should NOT be wrapped, but placed in clear plastic bags that can be seen through). Gifts should be returned by **Sunday, December 20th**.



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.

Parish Office Closed

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holidays.



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 14th & 15th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,283.00
Sunday Online	\$ 3,216.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 698.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 120.00

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.

Attention Parents

If you have a college student, whether they are attending classes in person or virtually, would you please call and give us their name and address? We would like to send them a special Christmas greeting from their parish!



Respond to Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102.



Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

We now have the new Saint Joseph Sunday Missal for 2021 for sale in the Parish Office. The cost is still only \$5.00.

Holy Ghost's GRAB N GO ONLY DINNER Series

417 Carlton Ave. South Bethlehem Pa

On the following two Saturday nights after 4 PM Mass till 6:30 ONLY—Take Out must be pre-ordered - Payment must accompany order - All Dinners \$12

Saturday December 5th: Order Deadline: December 1st - ½ Roast Chicken, Filling, Vegetable, Salad, Roll

Saturday January 9th: Order Deadline: January 4th
Chicken Paprikash, over Egg Noodles, Vegetable, Rye Bread

Questions and Info call Ron at the Rectory 610-867-9382.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

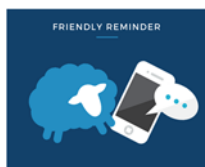
Saturday and Sunday, November 28th & 29th

	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	J. Kocon
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

Most of our PREP classes have completed Unit 1 of their Textbook and the teachers are reporting great grades and a good understanding of the subject material. That's fantastic. To say that our teachers and students faced a few challenges, is putting it mildly. However, the children are doing their best and working hard and that's all we can ever ask!

We are closely monitoring the Covid situation to make plans for Winter/Spring 2021. All parents are encouraged to let us know their thoughts on how best to continue our Religious Education classes.

Calendar

ZOOM Classes - November 22, 23 and 24

NO CLASSES November 25, 26 and 29

ZOOM Classes Resume - November 30 - December 6

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.



Employment Opportunity

Program Leader Part Time Position (20 hours/week) St. Francis Center for Renewal. Job Description Available Upon Request. To Apply Send a Resume and Cover Letter to: gtlari-co@schoolsistersosf.org

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry enjoyed a movie night on Friday, November 13th, in our parish hall. The teens enjoyed watching the movie on the big screen, while enjoying popcorn and candy. It was great to spend time together and have some fun!



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.

Please....No gum in church!
Please be respectful of the Holy Eucharist.



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.

**Don't forget to check out
our website to keep up with the
goings-on in the Parish!**

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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. **The number in parenthesis represents the percentage of profit the Parish makes.** 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!*

Amazon.com (2.25%): \$25, \$100

Applebees (8%): \$10, \$25

Banana Republic (14%): \$25

Barnes and Nobles (8%): \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works (12%): \$10, \$25

Bed, Bath & Beyond (7%): \$25

Buy Buy Baby (7%): \$25

Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: mention St. Francis

Bonfish Grill (8%): \$25

Boscov's (8%): \$25

Carrabbas (8%): \$25

Christmas Tree Shop (7%): \$25

Dunkin Donuts (3%): \$10

Gap (14%): \$25

Giant (10%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot (4%): \$25, \$100

Kohl's (5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Longhorn Steakhouse (8%): \$25

Lowe's (4%): \$25, \$100

Macy's (10%): \$25

Old Navy (14%): \$25

Olive Garden (8%): \$25

Outback Steakhouse (8%): \$25

Panera Bread (8%): \$10

Red Robin (8%): \$25

Red Lobster (8%): \$25

Redner's Warehouse (5%): \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Sam's Club (2.5%): \$25, \$100

Target (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse (8%): \$25

Visa (1.25%): \$50, \$100 (no activation fee!)

Wal-Mart (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wawa (1%): \$25

Wegman's (5%): \$25, \$50, \$100

Weis (5%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wendy's (6.5%): \$10



 *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

