

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 24, 2019

*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.

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 25th Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

No Mass

Tuesday, November 26th

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

8:00 AM Louis & Catherine Zenz

Wednesday, November 27th

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

8:00 AM Immacolata Fragnito

7:00 PM Robert B. Epler

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day

Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

No Mass

Friday, November 29th

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

No Mass

November 30th & December 1st

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

4:30 PM John Maruscak

8:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

10:30 AM Kellerman & Seitzinger Families

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week of
November 24th is:

***In Memory of John Maruscak
by The Maruscak Family***

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:

Larry Peischl

by: Linda Signarovitz

Frank Junger

by: Milly & Bob Dietrick

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

Meat Bingo!

Sunday, November 24, 2019

***Doors Open @ Noon
Games begin @ 1 PM***

Join us this afternoon at our second Meat Bingo! Tickets are available for purchase now in the Parish Office or at the door for \$20 each, which includes 20 games.

Contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102 for more details.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Our annual Mass for Thanksgiving will be this Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 7 PM in the main church.

We hope that everyone will come and give thanks for all the blessings God has given to them.

"In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

***We wish all of our parish families
a very Happy Thanksgiving,***

***Monsignor Finelli, Deacon Bob,
Deacon Ricardo, and the staff of
St. Francis of Assisi Church.***

"Joyfully Living, Gratefully Giving" Program

Thank you to all our parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, December 8th in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving.



For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.



Online Giving

Our parish is offering a convenient service for contributions!

Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicate "I've given online", which you can use to present at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the internet. If you haven't already signed up then go to our parish website at www.stfrancisallentown.org and select Online Giving.

Parish Office Closed

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving holidays.



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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



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of November 16th & 17th

# of envelopes mailed:	725
# of envelopes received:	239
% of envelopes used:	33%
Total of First Collection	\$8,557.36
Total of Second Collection	\$1,138.16

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



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.



PREP News

Our 8th Graders preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation attended a Retreat at Allentown Central Catholic. Ten of our Parish students spent an afternoon with 150 other kids from the Diocese, playing, praying, discussing and learning about the Sacrament. The theme was **With Great Power** and was presented by NET Ministries (www.netusa.org). Not only did the kids get a lot out of it but so did the adult chaperones who were blessed to join them. Please pray for them as they continue this journey. Confirmation 2020 is on February 4, 2020 at St. Catharine of Siena.

PREP Calendar

Dec 1st - NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Break - First Week of Advent

Dec 8th - Class - Live Advent Calendar - Youth Mass

Dec 12th - PREP Penance Service 6 PM

Dec 15th - Class - Live Advent Calendar

Dec 22nd - Class- Live Advent Calendar

For December - Mission of the Month Club - PREP students will be collecting NEW books and games for the Lehigh Valley Children's Hospital and participating in a REVERSE Advent Calendar with 6th grade.

Movie Club's December Calendar
Movie Club is so excited to present two different movies in December, as well as going to see a movie at the theatre together! December 1st 6:00-doors open/6:30-movie: Come to the Stable in our Parish Hall.

December 2nd, Faustina - Love and Mercy movie - 7:00 PM, AMC Center Valley (tickets still available online)

December 15th - Charting Christmas, 1:30 doors open/2:00 movie with hot cocoa bar! We provide hot cocoa, you provide "toppings"!

Movie Club is open to All!!!! There are no dues, there is nothing required, just watching movies together and having a great time!



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO OUR PARISH BREAKFAST!



On Sunday, December 8th, breakfast will be served from 9:00AM to 12:00 PM in the Church Hall. Enjoy a great breakfast and a visit with Santa. Breakfast: \$6.00 adults & \$4.00 for children. Pictures with Santa: \$3.00. The Men of St. Francis, and Santa Claus, look forward to seeing 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, December 2nd**. Orders must be prepaid and in the parish office by Monday noon on December 2nd and 16th. Pick up by Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (Lists of available stores in the Parish Office.)

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.



Youth Ministry

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 12:00 PM, members of the Youth Ministry will be participating in Wreaths Across America at Cedar Hill Memorial Park. This program remembers and honors our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Ms. Jenn: jreasinger@stfrancisallentown.org or 484-433-0265 call/text

Youth Ministry Meetings

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/>



Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

We now have the new Saint Joseph Sunday Missal for 2020 for sale in the Parish Office. The cost is still only \$5.00.



Christmas Tableau
Christmas Tableau Preparations continue!

Our practice dates are November 20th, 26th, 30th, December 11th, 14th (First Communion (FC) students join us), December 18th (FC) and December 21st (dress rehearsal).

Performance is on Christmas Eve at 3:45 PM. Mark your calendar now, you won't want to miss it!

Our children will re-enact the Nativity and we will all "make a joyful noise" singing hymns together as a congregation during the performance!

Christmas Music by Peyton Stockdale begins at 3:15 PM. We hope your entire family and friends can stay and join us for Christmas Mass at 4:30 PM.

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**.



Don't Forget - Junior Youth Ministry Meeting

Friday, December 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 in the School Hall. We will be celebrating St. Nicholas Day with games, crafts, a Mac and Cheese dinner and a few special minutes hanging out with the Youth Ministry kids on their game night! How fun will that be!!! Junior Youth Ministry is open to all kids in Grades 3 - 5.



Sacred Heart School Annual Christmas Boutique
Saturday December 7th 9 AM – 3 PM and 5-7 PM
Sunday December 8th 8 AM – 1 PM



Sacred Heart School Auditorium, 115 Washington Street, Bath, PA. Join us for a unique family holiday shopping experience! Select handmade items from local crafters, gift cards to over 200 stores, hot food, and homemade Cookie Bar. You will find gifts for everyone in your family!
www.sacred-heart-school.com

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - Saturday and Sunday, November 30th & December 1st

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	H. Moyer	J. Kocon	J. Reasinger
Eucharistic Minister	A. Moyer, V. Herman	S. & D. Gerancher	F. Lenahan, L. Moser
Cantor	E. Krause	S. Kuczynski	D. Lamparella
Organist	C. Hageman	D. Badesso	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	S. Lurwick	H. Folligan	E. Zobel, C. Stano
Sacristan	N. Stofko	J. Burgos	
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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



CHRISTMAS NUT ROLL SALE

Want a perfect treat for Christmas? Homemade nut rolls baked by Country Cottage Bake Shop are the perfect snack with a cup of coffee or tea. These nut rolls freeze wonderfully, making them easy to save for Christmas! Consider buying a nut roll or two and supporting your Parish. *(We need to sell 100 nut rolls to place our order.)*

All orders are due by Sunday, December 8th. NO ORDERS will be accepted after that date.

All payments are due with order. Please make checks payable to Saint Francis Church.



Price: \$16 per roll

Size: 15" long - 1.5 lbs

Flavors: Nut (English Walnut), Poppyseed, Apricot, Prune (Levkar), Red Raspberry (seedless), & Pumpkin Cheese

Pick-up Date: December 21st & 22nd in the Parish Office

NUT ROLL ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity (per flavor): _____ Nut _____ Poppyseed _____ Prune

_____ Apricot _____ Red Raspberry _____ Pumpkin Cheese

Total Nut Rolls: _____

Total Payment: _____

**All orders MUST be in by December 8th. No orders will be accepted after that date.
Please make checks payable to Saint Francis Church.**