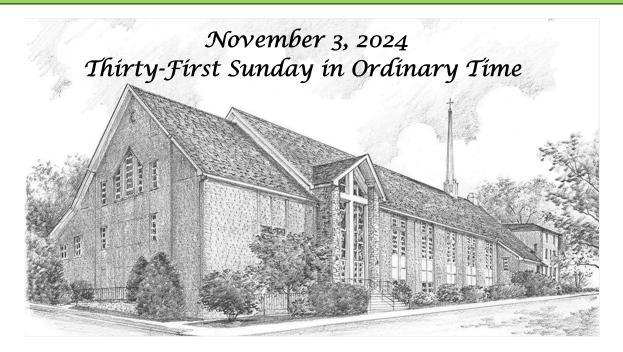
# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Pastor* Reverend Joseph S. Ganser, M. Div., M.A.

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 & 12:15 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM Monday: 6:15 PM (before 7:00 PM Mass) Anytime by appointment

#### Adoration Chapel

Please consider spending some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Adoration Chapel is located between the Church and the school building. **Open daily from 7:00 AM—9:00 PM.** 

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of Saint Francis of Assisi, aim to inspire hearts of

compassion, kindness, and love through our worship of the Holy Eucharist.







# **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 which has been combined with the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena. Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education, Donna Sciacca at 610-432-7655 or by email at prep@cathedral-church.org

#### 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 (at least three months) 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.

#### **Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info**

You must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must be known to attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made <u>well</u> in advance to the Parish Office.

#### Ministry to the Sick

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 confession and 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 at 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 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 of Code Conduct, Policy, and 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.



#### **Sanctuary Lamp Memorials**

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week November 3, 2024 is In Memory of Mary Ann Koefer **By The Colom Family** 

#### **Floral Intentions**

If you would like to offer Floral Intentions in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the Parish Office. Live flowers can be placed in front of The Holy Family or The Sacred Heart for \$30 each, or \$60 for both sides.

The flowers in front of The Holy Family for the week of November 3, 2024 are In Memory of Jim Schuster **By Marilyn Schuster Miller** and in front of The Sacred Heart of Jesus For A Special Intention **Bv** Marilvn Miller



#### Parish Breakfast

The Men of St. Francis will hold their monthly Parish Breakfast on this Sunday, November 3rd. Adults \$8, Ages 6-12 \$5, Ages 5 & under Free.

#### **Choir Schedule**

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30 PM, and they will sing at 8:30 AM Mass on November 10th. Questions? Call Choir Rosanne Venditto, 484-225-2080.

**Feed Your Faith Holiday Orders** Stress-free Christmas shopping is here! Gift card orders to Raise Right Scrip Center will go in for Christmas gifts and shopping every two weeks until Christmas. Orders must be prepaid and in the parish office by Monday noon on November 4th, November 18th, December 2nd and December 16th. Pick up by the following Friday or on the weekend after Mass. (Lists of available stores with order forms are in the Parish Office.)

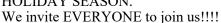
#### DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO

Sunday, November 10th Our Designer Handbag Bingo will be here before you know it - TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW at the Parish Office.



November 10 - doors open at noon - first game at 1:00 PM, \$30 per ticket. Bags include Michael Kors, Coach, Vera Bradley, DKNY, Lululemon and MORE! Specials, Extra Boards, and Dabbers will be available for sale at the event too! The bags are amazing - LOOK FOR SNEAK PEEKS on our social media sites SOON !!!!

The St. Francis Kitchen will be open during the event for purchase. JOIN US - what a great way to kick off your HOLIDAY SEASON.



# Mass Schedule

Monday, November 4, 2024 Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14 Saint Charles Borromeo 7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance Tuesday, November 5th Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24 8:00 AM Daniel Chavar Wednesday, November 6th Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33 8:00 AM Richard C. Mooney Thursday, November 7th Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10 8:00 AM Mary Ann Koefer Friday, November 8th Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8 8:00 AM People of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Saturday and Sunday, November 9th & 10th **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 Thomas F. Lessel 4:30 PM 8:30 AM Teddy Muth 10:30 AM Mary A. Romanic

#### Sacred Heart and Miraculous Medal Novenas

The Miraculous Medal Novena is recited every Monday after the 7:00 PM evening Mass. The Novena to the Sacred Heart is recited on the First Friday each month at the 8:00 AM daily Mass. Each novena



comes with special benefits. All are invited. Father Joe will hear confessions prior to the Monday 7:00 PM Mass, in addition to the Saturday confessions at 3:15 PM.

### Mass of Remembrance Monday, November 4th Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed 7:00 PM

**Please follow** St. Francis of Assisi Parish on public media



Facebook or Instagram





As part of the Designer Handbag Bingo Event - we will be collecting new and gently used purses to donate to The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Purses

with a Purpose. These donated purses are given to women and children in need and are filled with: soap, lotion, shampoo, comb, tissue pack, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, lip balm, deodorant, mints, pen, notepad, sunscreen, rain poncho, emergency blanket, scarf, hat, socks, gloves, flip-flops. Purses do not need to be designer bags - any new or gently used bags.

YOU MAY BRING PURSES AND ITEMS TO FILL THE PURSES TO THE DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO EVENT.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.



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#### St. John Vianney Regional School 210 N. 18th St., Allentown, PA 18104

We are currently looking for cafeteria monitors from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM and Extended Care Help from 2:45-5:30 PM. Contact our principal at principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org or call 610-435-8981 if interested.

#### **School Mission Statement**

St. John Vianney Regional School is a Catholic community dedicated to living our faith in Jesus Christ from Preschool through 8th Grade. Our school and families partner together to encourage an appreciation for our diverse world. In a caring and respectful environment, we develop independent thinkers through spiritual values and strong academics. St. John Vianney students celebrate each day through prayer, education, and service; and embrace tomorrow committed to faith, leadership, and community.

**Outreach Committee** The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, November 4th at 6:00 PM in Heritage Hall. Enter through the Cedar Street ramp.

#### **Recently Deceased**



Please pray for the souls of Margaret Chepolis, sister of parishioner Rita Granitz Jacob and Scott Ramsey, son of parishioner Dolores Ramsey, who recently passed away. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may their families know your peace and comfort.

#### **2025 St. Joseph Sunday Missals**

A parishioner has purchased the 2025 St. Joseph Sunday Missals to be placed in each pew between the hymnals for our members to use and follow along with Readings, Responsorial Psalm and Gospel. They will be placed in the



pews the first weekend in Advent. These Missals are to remain in the pews. However, a small number of the Missals has been ordered for those who still wish to purchase their own. They will be available to purchase at the Parish Office for the usual price of \$5, while supplies last.



#### **Thanks For Giving!**

During the month of November, food will be collected every weekend (November 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, and 23 & 24, 2024.) The need is great, especially at this time of year. We hope you will be able to share

with those less fortunate with the help of our Outreach Committee.

Our Weekly Ste	wardship			
Weekend of October 26th &	27th			
Sunday in Pew	\$ 4,559.00			
Sunday Online	\$ 2,116.00			
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 1,062.00			
Second Collection Online	\$ 130.00			
Thank you for your continued contributions to our				
parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and				
other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider				

online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our

**Coat Drive Collection** 



#### Gently used coats, jackets, sweat shirts needed for men, women & children (scarves, hats & gloves and clean blankets also welcome). See tubs in the Lobby for donations. Collection Dates: at each weekend Mass

through Sunday, November

10th. Coats will be delivered to various charities in our area for distribution. (There will be no giveaway at St. Francis of Assisi this year.)

website for more information.



#### **Sponsored by the Outreach Committee** St. Francis of Assisi Church

John Patrick Publishing Company prints our weekly bulletin. To place ads on the back of our bulletin, contact Karen Donehower at 484-363-9475.



#### **Mercy School Job Announcement**



Mercy School For Special Learning has immediate openings for paraprofessionals. It is a 10-month position, part-time, 29 hours a week position. We are looking for individuals enthusiastic about working with students with special

needs. Experience preferred, but not required. Please contact Beth Grys, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or or bgrys@mercyschool.org.

#### Night at the Races at OLHC

Our Lady Help of Christians parish is hosting Night at the Races on Saturday, November 9th, beginning at 5:45 PM. For \$30, you can purchase a race horse and also enjoy food and refreshments. If you are unable to attend, you still can purchase a race horse for \$15. The winner of each race receives \$50! Please contact Rosanne Venditto at 484-225-2080 to purchase tickets.

#### **Bereavement Group**

Better Together—Widow and Widower Social Group, support of a social network needed when you lose a spouse; Assumption BVM, Bethlehem, second Wednesday (November 13th) at 1:00 PM. All are welcome; questions call 610-867-7424 ext. 16 or abvmrect@ptd.net

#### "It's Almost Christmas at the Cathedral"

Saturday, November 23rd, 10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday, November 24, 8:30 AM - 1 PM. Crafts, vendors, Women's Alliance, Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. Vendors call 610-433-6461.

#### Save The Date—Women's Advent Retreat

The Bishop's Commission for Women invites all women of the Diocese to a peaceful morning of community, prayer, and reflection this Advent season. Join us on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Allentown from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

In honor of the Jubilee Year of Hope, our keynote speaker, Fr. John Frink, will offer a talk on how to find hope through the practice of prayer. Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate Mass, and a continental breakfast will be provided. Registration is open until Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Space is limited, so please register early at https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resourceswomen/finding-hope-through-prayer-womens-advent retreat-2024. Contact Mary Ann Guman with questions: maryannguman@gmail.com or call 610-295-8523.

#### **Bringing Up The Gifts**

If one of the Ushers approaches you at weekend Mass and asks you to carry the Offertory Gifts to the altar, please consider doing so. We would like to get as many parishioners involved as possible to participate in this. If the Mass is being said for your family member, please see the Ushers before Mass to let them know that you will be taking the gifts up at the Offertory.

#### **Flame of Love Rosary**

Now you can help release 53 Souls from Purgatory by joining the Flame of Love Rosary on Saturdays in the Adoration Chapel. In November, you can help release 530 Souls



for every Flame of Love Rosary offered. Come and find out how. Call 610-351-0835, or just show up at 12 noon on Saturdays in the Chapel. The Suffering Souls need you!



#### **Movie Club**

The Bells of St. Mary's For our December 1st film, we will be enjoying an oldie but goodie, The Bells of St. Mary's starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. NOTE TIME CHANGE 2:30 PM doors open and 3:00 PM Movie in Heritage Hall.

Father O'Malley, the unconventional priest

from 'Going My Way', continues his work for the Catholic Church. This time he is sent to St. Mary's, a run-down parochial school on the verge of condemnation. He and Sister Benedict work together in an attempt to save the school, though their differing methods often lead to good-natured disagreements.

ALL ARE WELCOME - film, snacks, soda and fellowship - ALL FREE.

#### **A Thank You**

On behalf of the Koerbler Family, we would like to extend our utmost appreciation to our Parish community and to



those who offered up their thoughts and prayers in the passing of our sister, Donna. We would also like to thank those who graciously gifted Mass Cards and donations in her name. Lastly, thank you to all who made her funeral so beautiful! It was as perfect as God could have made it. We know she is smiling down on all of you for the love you have shown her. May God bless each and every one of you!

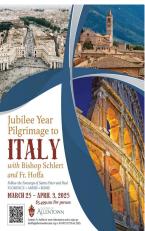
> Sincerely, The Koerblers

#### **Knights of Columbus Calvary Council 528**

United in Christ through the Eucharist Join Today – www.kofc.org For more info e-mail - D.Wunderler@Outlook.com

#### **Pilgrimage To Italy with Bishop Schlert**

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert and Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



St.	John Vianney Regional School Presents
Nov. 16th	Multicultural
4:30 pm Mass	Night
St. Francis of Assisi	oin us for a night of music, food, and community! Pre-Sale Tickets (prior to November 16th) Adults: \$10 Kids: \$5
Allentown, PA	Children under 3 are free Sign up below or scan QR code to complete.

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	<ul> <li>I would like Adult seats x \$10 = \$</li> <li>I would like Child seats x \$5 = \$</li> <li>PAYMENT</li> <li>Cash (Attached with form)</li> <li>Check (make payable to St John Vianney Regional School</li> <li>Credit Card (contact Janis Geist in office for payment)</li> <li>Interested in donating food? Please check herel</li> </ul>

#### Consecration of The Election To The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Immaculate, Living Tabernacle of the Divinity, where the Eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by Angels and Men, Queen of Heaven and Earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of The United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our Nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our Nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our Country to bring about its conversion.



We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and

morally best for the citizens of our Country may be accomplished, and all those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our Nation into conformity with the teachings of thy son.

Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve.

Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilst take care of us and will not leave us forsaken.

O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, November 9th & 10th					
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>		
Lector	D. Colom	T. McGinley	M. Florentino		
Eucharistic Ministers	P. Stiles, M. Evans, J. Fittipaldi	A. Drovich, L. Eberly, N. Lamparella	T. Racek, M. Dietrick, M.P. Tran		
Cantor	M. Maramag	Choir	G. Rodriguez		
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso		
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#### **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.



#### Holy Family Manor

Short-term rehab at Holy Family Manor has the comprehensive care to help you get back home. Everything from leading-edge technology to ex-

perienced caregivers to fully customized treatment plans, all in a comfortable, home-like setting. They are a preferred provider for Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network. They are also a part of the Highmark High Performer Skilled Nursing Facility Network and the only Catholic rehabilitation center and nursing home in the Allentown Diocese. Visit www.hfmanor.org or call 610-865-5595 for more info.

#### **Sacristans Needed**

Sacristans are the folks who help get the sacristy and altar ready for Mass each week. We would LOVE to have one sacristan at each Mass. You would be trained - and receive as much as help as you need. There is also a an instruction manual to help you learn. High school students can serve as sacristans. While there, you would meet your weekly Mass obligation. We hope all of you consider this incredibly worthwhile service to our parish. Call Tom Jacob for more details at 610-865-3007.



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