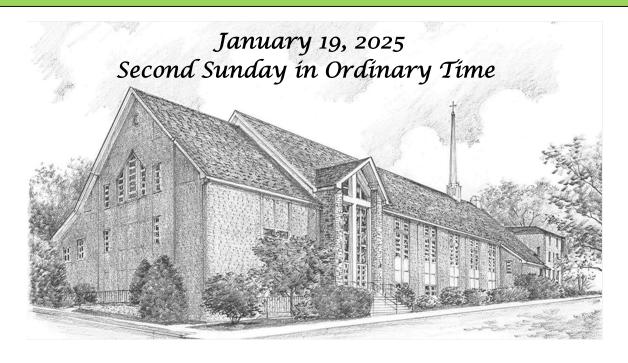
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Pastor

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

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 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.



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week January 19, 2025 is In Memory of Walter Kleinschuster By Mary Kleinschuster

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 January 19, 2025 are

In Memory Monica Hall

By Barbara Hall



Do You Like to Sing?

We could use some additional cantors for our weekend Masses. If you would like to become a cantor, please contact Rosanne Venditto, our Choir Director/Organist at 484-225-2080.

Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 PM in the choir loft.

Men of St. Francis Meeting

The Men of St Francis will meet on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. All men of the parish age 18 and over are welcome to attend. For additional information contact Bob Webre at 484-225-0984.



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Bring In Your Old Palms

Father Joe is collecting last year's old palms to burn for this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. Palms should be brought in by

the end of January and placed in the receptacle in the foyer of church (parking lot side.)

Traveling Statue of Saint Francis of Assisi

Our blessed statue of Saint Francis can come and spend some time in your home. Each parish household can sign up for a week to "house" Saint Francis. Please call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102 to schedule your week.



Feed Your Faith Gift Card Program

"FYF" is truly the easiest way to help your parish with no extra money out of your pocket! By purchasing gift cards for things you would pay for anyway--you earn money for your parish. Every little bit helps and it adds up quickly.

1 parishioner buys a \$100 gift card with a 5% rebate = \$5.00 for St. Francis each week 100 parishioners each buy a \$100 gift card with a 5% rebate = \$500 for St. Francis each week 100 parishioners each buy a \$100 in-stock gift card each week for one year=\$26,000!

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 20, 2025 Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

7:00 PM People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Tuesday, January 21st *Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28*

8:00 AM Sister Marie Juliana

Wednesday, January 22nd
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 AM Alexander Mazziotta

Thursday, January 23rd Saint Vincent, Saint Marianne Cope Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

8:00 AM Ed Granitz

Friday, January 24th

Saint Francis de Sales

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

8:00 AM Walter Kleinschuster

Saturday and Sunday, January 25th & 26th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

4:30 PM Christopher Peluso **8:30 AM** Joseph Wilfinger

10:30 AM Carmine Cerciello

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 novenal



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.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our two children who participated in their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 9. May they continue to return to God's grace often all throughout their days.

Blessings to both of you, Anna Bloch and Armani Collado. St. Francis of Assisi Parish is so very proud of you.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of: *Eugene "Rik" Hafeman*

by: Donna M. Pastva Cioffo

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

A Simple Act of Care for 2025

As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple act of care to yourself, your loved ones, and even Saint Francis of Assisi Parish by creating your will. In thanks for your

support, we partner with FreeWill so you can make a will and find peace of mind for the year ahead. It's completely free to use and takes as little as 20 minutes. Please scan the QR code or visit https://allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/to get started.





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

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.

Positions Available

Saint John Vianney Regional School is seeking candidates for the following openings:

- Cafeteria Supervisor -3-5 days per week 11:00 AM -1:00 PM
- ♦ Substitute Teachers K-8

Please respond to the school office at 610-435-8981.

St. John Vianney Regional School Open House



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for an Open House on Sunday, January 26, 2025 1:00 - 2:30 PM Grades PK-8th



Tour the school, meet with admissions, learn about the countless opportunities SJVRS has to offer, and ask us any questions!



210 N 18th Street, Allentown, PA 18104 | 610.435.8981

Scout Troop 74 Recruitment



Come and see what scouting is all about! Join Troop 74 at Saint Catherine of Seina on January 21st from 7-8:30 PM for a Lego pinewood derby and camping demo! Use the door by the flagpole, we

will be downstairs in the PAC.

Any questions please contact Jimmydougher@gmail.com

Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 11 & 12,	202	<u> 25</u>		
Sunday in Pew	\$	4,798.00		
Sunday Online	\$	2,714.00		
Second Collection in Pew	\$	1,098.00		
Second Collection Online	\$	65.00		
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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 website for more information.

2024 Contribution Statements

Please note that if you want to receive a 2024 tax statement, you should call the Parish Office. *They will not be sent out automatically as in the past.*

Knights of Columbus Breakfast at Cathedral

Breakfast January 19, 2025. Served from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Church 1825 W Turner St Allentown 18104. Parish Activity Center – Church Basement – Elevator Available - Open to everyone. Takeout Orders Available. Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, 5 and under Free.

St. John the Baptist, Allentown 924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA

Sunday, January 19, 2025, Bonanza Bingo (all cash). \$20 for 20 Games, 6 Specials, Piggy Number and Lucky 7! Door prizes and raffle items! Doors and Kitchen open at Noon, Bingo begins at 1:00 PM. Bring daubers, no hardboards.

Questions? Call Bill Drost, 610-432-3505.

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The Friend Ship Ministry

St. Ann's Parish Life Center, 526 Fairview St., Emmaus, 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, January 19th (third Sunday). This is a ministry for young adults with disabilities (19 and

up) to foster friendships and sense of belonging through fun, service, and spiritual activities. One caregiver must attend with the participant. To register, contact mciofalo@comcast.net.

Bus to National March for Life

Attend the National Right for Life March on Friday, January 24, 2025 departing from St. Jane Frances Church in Easton. Motorcoach departing at 7:30 AM and returning around 8:30 PM. Passenger donation \$20.00 – for more information and to reserve a seat, email – andrewazan3rd@rcn.com/(484) 259-7740.

Divorce Recovery Support Group

If you are suffering a divorce or separation, or perhaps grieving a past divorce, join us for prayers, donuts and encouraging conversation. BYOC - bring your own coffee. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, second floor of the parish office on the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 to 10:00 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass). The next meetup is February 1st. For information call 505 688-8663.

Knight At The Races, St. Thomas More Parish

Knights of Columbus Council 4397 will have a Knight at the Races on Saturday, February 1st at St. Thomas More Family Center, Allentown. Gates open at 5 PM, Post time 6:30 PM. \$30 per person or \$50 per couple, all seats reserved and require advance purchase. Call 201-320-1281 or email ciacullo@gmail.com for reservations, and to purchase horse, https://stmkofc.org/knight-at-the-races/.

St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, St. Ann's, Emmaus

Saturday, February 8th. Knights of Columbus Council 12886 presents event, proceeds will benefit orphanages in Vietman, through guidance of Fr. Abraham Ha. Www.koc12886.org

Retrouvaille: Rediscover The Love in Your Marriage



Tens of thousands of couples have ROUVAILLE healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES vy). If you know anyone who

could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Bereavement Support Group Program

St. Thomas More, Allentown, Tuesdays 7-8:30 PM, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8. Contact Jerome Herauf, register jjherauf@aol.com; 484-894-4148; registration deadline February 4, 2025.

Bus Trip to "CATS" at Fulton Theatre, Lancaster



Join us for a trip to see "CATS" at the historic Fulton Theatre in Lancaster, on Wednesday, July 9th, with a stop at Shady Maple for their lunch buffet prior to the show. Price of \$130.00 covers show, transportation, meal and

driver tip. Respond to Stephanie at the Parish Office.

Lenten Retreat for Women

The Bishop's Commission for Women will be offering a Lenten Retreat for women on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The retreat is entitled Lent: A Time of Forgiveness and Healing. This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's The Keynote speaker will be Parish in Kutztown. Auxiliary Bishop Keith Chylinski of Philadelphia. Denise Yarrison from Hope's Garden and youaremadenew.com/ will be the afternoon speaker. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert and Bishop There will be time for Adoration and Chylinski. Confession. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Space is limited, please register early.

Please use the following link for details and to register: https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resourceswomen/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing

Youth Conference

The Diocese of Allentown is planning a diocesan-led trip to a Steubenville Youth Conference from June 27-29 next summer. Registration is open and spots are filling up quickly! Rising 9's to graduating seniors are encouraged to attend.

If you have high schoolers and/or are involved in youth ministry, I'd like to invite you to consider joining us. Information is available at steubenvilleconferences.com

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

Trip to Marian Shrines, Fatima and Lourdes

Travel to Marian Shrines October 1—10, 2025 from Newark to Lisbon. First class hotels-double occupancydaily breakfast and dinner-excursions with guide-luxury bus for our group-luggage handling-entrance fees to historical places and religious interest included in program-transfer between hotels and airport in Portugal and Spain. Price \$4,300 includes taxes of \$140 as known on 12/31/24. For further information, contact group coordinator, Deacon Ricardo Reyes, 347-851-9815

Snow Closings

Please note that our usual policy will be in place this winter for snow closings. If the Allentown School District is closed for snow, the Parish Office will also be closed for snow. If there is an hour or two hour delay for the school district, the Parish Office will also open an hour or two late. If the school district closes schools early due to snow, the Parish Office will also close early due to snow.

<u>Liturgical Ministers Schedule</u> Saturday and Sunday, January 18th & 19th							
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>				
Lector	G. Rodriguez	K. McFadden	M. Florentino				
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Wascavage, L. Eberly,	M. & D. Issermoyer, J. Lenahan	B. Ocasio, M.P. Tran, T. Racek				
	V. Herman						
Cantor	A. Eaves	P. Rollins	A. Huynh				
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso				
Altar Servers	F. & S. Koerbler	C. Peischl	V. Huynh, N. Schwenk				
Sacristan	J. DeLeo	P. McFadden	P. McFadden				

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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% to 14% 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, \$50, \$100

Applebees (8%): \$10, \$25 Banana Republic (14%): \$25 Barnes and Nobles (8%): \$10, \$25 Bath and Body Works (12%): \$10, \$25

Bonefish Grill (10%): \$25

Boscov's (8%): \$25 Carrabbas (10%): \$25

Cheesecake Factory (5%): \$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

Macv's (10%): \$25

McDonald's (2%): \$25, \$10

Old Navy (14%): \$25 Olive Garden (8%): \$25

Outback Steakhouse (10%): \$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

Starbucks (4.5%): \$10

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

Texas Roadhouse (8%): \$25

Visa (1.25%): \$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



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SOUPER BOWL & SANDWICH TAKE OUT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 PICK-UP 9AM - 12 NOON

SOUPS: BROCCOLI CHEDDAR, CHICKEN NOODLE, VEGETABLE

SUBS: AMERICAN — HAM, AMERICAN CHEESE

ITALIAN — SALAMI, CAPICOLA, PROVOLONE

TURKEY — TURKEY, AMERICAN CHEESE

TUNA SALAD — TUNA, AMERICAN CHEESE

LETTUCE, TOMATO & ONIONS ON THE SIDE. BANANA PEPPERS AVAILABLE. 1 DRESSING/ MAYO PACKET PER SUB

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2025.					tulling affinish
ITEM	PRICE	x	QTY	=	COST
BROCCOLI CHEDDAR (QUART)	12.00	X		=	
CHICKEN NOODLE (QUART)	12.00	X		=	
VEGETABLE (QUART)	12.00	X		=	
AMERICAN SUB	9.00	X		=	
ITALIAN SUB	9.00	X		=	
TURKEY SUB	9.00	X		=	
TUNA SALAD SUB	9.00	X		=	
			TOTAL	=	

NAME: _____ PHONE:

CASH OR CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

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