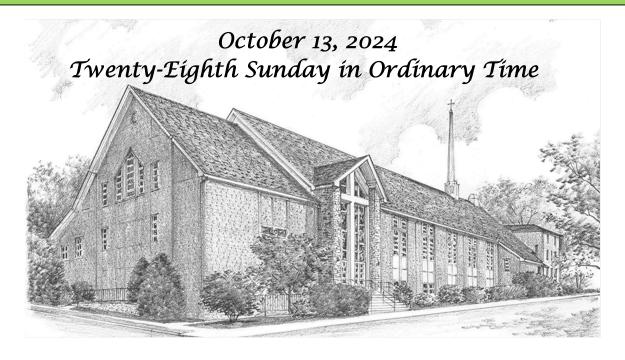
## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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 October 13, 2024 is In Memory of Rhonda Santilli By Joe and Anita Santilli

### **Floral Intentions**

Floral intentions for in front of the Holy Family and the Sacred Heart can be offered in memory of a loved one or in honor of a



living person(s), or an anniversary of marriage. It is our wish to beautify the altar with your spiritual intention(s). A donation can be made for live flowers to be placed in front of one statue for \$30.00 or \$60.00 for both places of honor. Names of those whom flowers are for and who they are from will be announced in the bulletin. Please call the church office with your intention, date requested and name of donor (610)-433-6102.



### **Parish Breakfast**

The Men of St. Francis will hold their first Parish Breakfast of the season on this Sunday, October 13th. Adults \$8, Ages 6-12 \$5, Ages 5 & under Free.



### **Parish Office Closing**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 14th, to observe Columbus Day.

### **Choir Schedule**

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 PM. Questions? Call Rosanne Venditto, 484-225-2080.



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



### CABRINI FILM EVENT is Almost Here!! Saturday, October 19th

Join us for 4:30 PM Mass; 5:30ish Pot Luck; and 6:15ish Movie.

This event is OPEN to all. You can join us for Mass, Pot Luck and the Movie or just one or two.

There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Office for what you wish to bring!

Fran and Camille will be in the Parish Hall by 4 PM so you can drop off your contribution before Mass!!! Questions - contact Camille Stockdale 484-547-6270.

# Mass Schedule

Monday, October 14, 2024

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32

7:00 PM Giuseppa Cassibba

**Tuesday, October 15th Saint Teresa of Jesus** *Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41* 

8:00 AM Intentions of Tom & Rita Granitz Jacob

Wednesday, October 16th
Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 AM Lesley Steigerwalt

Thursday, October 17th Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

8:00 AM Stuart Lathrop

Friday, October 18th Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

8:00 AM Walter Reichard

Saturday and Sunday, October 19th & 20th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

**4:30 PM** People of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

**8:30 AM** Rose M. Kennedy **10:30 AM** Carol Smith

### **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



Saint Pope Callistus I

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.

### **Feed Your Faith Holiday Orders**

Stress-free Christmas shopping is here! Beginning Monday, October 21st, 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 October 21st, 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.)

### **Relief For Those Affected by Hurricane Helene**



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that each Bishop take up a collection within his Diocese to aid in the recovery efforts. The funds raised for this purpose will be administered through the Bishop's

Emergency Disaster Fund, which will work with Catholic Charities USA for the distribution of the monies.

Our Parish will contribute to this relief fund through the Diocese of Allentown, and any individuals who would like to contribute to this fund can drop off their offering at the Parish Office, or in the collection basket, in a separate envelope marked "Hurricane Helene Relief" from now until the end of October.

Presstime Update from Diocese of Allentown: Mindful that Hurricane Milton is expected to cause additional devastation to the Southeastern United States, we are asked to take up one collection for both of these hurricanes.



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

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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.



# DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO IS BACK!!!

Sunday, November 10th

Doors Open at NOON, first game at 1:00 PM. Food to Dine In or Take

Out. We are seeking donations for the event - if you would like to help - contact Julissa Burgos at 610-433-6102 or drop off cash/check/gift card donations at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity. *Tickets are now on sale!!!* 

### **Recitation of the Rosary**

The rosary will be recited before Masses every weekend in October (including before the 10:30 AM Mass on Facebook and YouTube) as we honor Mary in her special month.



(The rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.)

Please follow St. Francis of Assisi Parish on public media Facebook or Instagram







## Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of October 5th & 6th

 Sunday in Pew
 \$ 4,924.00

 Sunday Online
 \$ 2,804.00

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 website for more information.



IT IS FOR: Adults (18 years or Older) who are:

- Not Baptized or
- Baptized in another Christian Church and interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or
- Baptized into the Catholic Faith but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation.

### WHAT IS THE OCIA?

**OCIA** is a direct result of Vatican II, which called for a revival of the Adult Catechumenate. This goes back to the early traditions of the Church where the Apostles welcomed newcomers into the community of faith. OCIA is the way all our Catholic communities throughout the world will be initiating newcomers into the Catholic Church.

**NOTE**: Four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives or neighbors extend personal invitations. Spread the good news by inviting someone!

**INTERESTED?** Want to learn more about your faith? Join the OCIA team as a sponsor. *If you know someone who wants to become Catholic, please have them call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.* 



### **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 Mass starting this Saturday, October 19th 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.)

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee St. Francis of Assisi Church

### **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day**



On Tuesday, October 22nd from 8 AM to 11 PM, Boscov's Department Store will again host their popular **FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** event, a special day filled with fun and fundraising.

Shopping passes for this special event are available at the Parish Office for only \$5 each. Each pass includes a 25% discount shopping pass\* for purchases made only on October 22, 2024, and enters you to win a \$100 gift card at each store. St. Francis of Assisi will keep the entire \$5 made on each pass. Help us to earn even more by purchasing your Boscov's gift cards at the Parish Office! \*Some exclusions apply

### 2024 Mass of Remembrance

Please see the registration form inside the back cover of this bulletin.

### St. John the Baptist October Events

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

**Sunday, October 13th:** Fall Festival & Tricky Trays, 9 AM - 4 PM. \$5 per sheet of 26.

**Sunday, October 20th:** Bonanza Bingo 1 PM, doors & kitchen open at noon. \$20 for 20 games, cash prizes. Questions: Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505.

### Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall 15th Annual Basket Social

Our 15th Annual Basket Social will be held at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall on Sunday, October 13th from 8 AM - 2 PM! Deliciously prepared food will be available! Big Ticket prizes are available for \$10/sheet. Cash, Check or Credit Cards accepted! Hope to see you there!

### St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour

The next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 PM. All are invited to join in asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the intercession of St. Monica for our prodigals. For information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com.

### **Annual Men's Conference**

Catholic men of the Diocese of Allentown, we invite you to renew and strengthen your faith at our annual Men's Conference on October 19th at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield from 8 AM-3 PM. Embrace the mission of the Church and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of community, Sacraments, and talks from nationally renowned speakers. We are excited to equip you with the tools you need to go forth as Catholic men, invigorated in the fire of the Holy Spirit! Our special guest speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Father Wade Menezes, who will help us to respond to our call live out virtuous masculinity. Contact: Mark McDevitt, markmcd@outlook.com.

### Oktoberfest at St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown

Please join us for an evening of fun while supporting Our Lady's Helpers' mobile ultrasound unit. Saturday, October 19th, 6 to 10 PM in St. Catharine of Siena Parish Activity Room, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown, PA. Traditional Oktoberfest food, apple cider, cash bar (beer & wine), live music by Robbie Lawrence and the Steelworkers, dancing, stein holding contest, tricky tray and silent auction. Welcoming comments by Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. To buy tickets or for more info., email OurLadysHelpers@proton.me. Tickets: \$65/person. All guests must be 21 or older.

### **The Friend Ship Ministry**

St. Ann's Parish Life Center, 526 Fairview St., Emmaus, 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, October 20th (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.

### Fall Into Cash Bingo at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua will hold their Fall into Cash Bingo on Sunday, October 20th in their Parish Center. Doors and kitchen open at 11:30 AM, Bingo at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 which includes 15 games, six specials, and one jackpot round. No outside food or drinks are permitted. The kitchen will sell St. Mary's favorites. Bring daubers – no hardboards. Reservations are encouraged by emailing kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or by calling 610-264-0332.

### **Twilight Retreat:**

A Resilient Heart Finding Hope in Disappointments & Loss Join us for a transformative Twilight Retreat that explores personal and collective experiences of pain while focusing on hope and resilience through discussion, music, and spiritual reflection. Participants will engage in exercises addressing emotional challenges, loss theory, and family dynamics, drawing on the wisdom of St. Francis to find strength in their spiritual journeys.

Facilitator: Robert Olney, Catholic Charities Diocese of Allentown. Location: St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Date: October 24, 2024 Time: 6:30 - 8:30PM

Registration \$30, Register online at www.SchoolSisters-osf.org/upcoming-events or by phone, please call 610-867 -8890 or email LMartin@SchoolSistersOsf.org

### Fall Fest - Basket Raffle

Sunday, October 27th, 9 AM - 3 PM, St. Paul Parish Center, 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown. Basket Raffles, Food, Bake Sale & More!

### **Angelorum Concert**

Angelorum, the Women's Choir of the Diocese of Allentown, under the direction of Beverly McDevitt, will perform at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church on Sunday, October 27th, at 3 PM. We will present our favorite hymns honoring our Blessed Mother and her most precious Son. Visit our website https://angelorumvoices.com or listen to our music on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@angelorumvoices. For more information, contact Bev McDevitt at bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com

		gical Ministers Schedule d Sunday, October 19th & 20th	
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	J. Fittipaldi	R. Granitz Jacob	M. Seltzer
Eucharistic Ministers	F. & S. Koerbler, E. Wascavge	F. & J. Lenahan, T. Racek	J. Young, C. Wargo, M. Tran
Cantor	J. Fignar	P. Rollins	G. Rodriguez
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	T. Bauer		S. Issermoyer, J. Martinez
Sacristan	J. DeLeo	T. Jacob	
Rosary	J. Quinn	M. Shelley	M. Gaudiuso

# **Candlelight Prayer Service** for the Presidential Election

Join us at Assumption B.V.M. Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 PM in the church. All are welcome as we pray for our election process. For more information contact Mary at 610-867-7424 x16.

### **Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale**

Get into the holiday spirit with St. Francis Center's festive Holiday Craft Fair on November 2nd from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM inside Mullen Hall. Explore a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, gifts, and treats created by local artisans. Enjoy delicious snacks, festive music, and the joy of community. This is the perfect opportunity to find unique holiday gifts and support local creators! Bring your friends and family—let's make this holiday season unforgettable! We look forward to celebrating the season together!

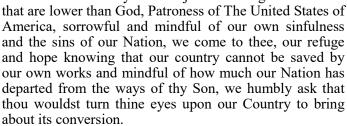
Interested in being a vendor? Spaces are available! Please contact Lauren Martin at LMartin@schoolsistersOsf.org for details. St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor, Mullen Hall, Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, Pa 18017

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Paris July 19-27, 2025

Father Martin F. Kern will be the Spiritual Director. To learn more or book your trip: www.206tours.com/lorraine, Booking Code LH072223, email Sandra@206-tours.com or call 800-206-8687.

# 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



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.



### 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/resources-women/finding-hope-through-prayer-womens-advent retreat-2024. Contact Mary Ann Guman with questions: maryannguman@gmail.com or call 610-295-8523.





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# MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, November 4th Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on the Feast of All Souls

### 7:00 PM

All parishioners who have died during the past year will be remembered in a special way during this Mass.

Parishioners may submit names of relatives and friends, whom they wish to have remembered at this Mass, who have died previously. Please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by **Monday**, **October 28th** in order for your names to be listed in the program. Unfortunately, no names can be taken after that date.

Please note: Only names of parishioners who have died during the past year will be read at the Mass.

All names will be listed in the program as usual.

Mass of Remembrance Name Registration Form

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Emai	il Address:	
Name	es of Deceased to be remembered fr	om my
	y/friends: (Please print very neatly	
Nam	es of those who have died in the <u>p</u>	<u>ast vear</u> :

Please return this completed slip to the Parish Office by Monday, October 28th.