# 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 July 7, 2024 is In Memory of Lena 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.

## **Sanctuary Memorial Fund**

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of: Audrey C. Franko

by: Jack, Judy, Erica, Georganne & Reagan, Elizabeth Paul

#### William Franko

by: Elizabeth Paul

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord

## **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.





#### **Food Pantry**

The Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry will be open to the public on Wednesday, July 10th from

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in the Franciscan Center (former Convent.)

## **Attention All Women!** "Women Walking in Faith"

Our group of faith-filled women will meet on Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. Women 18 and over are



invited to participate. Guests are welcome so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors. Call Michelle Evans 610-737-9469 with questions.

## **Vacation**

When you are on vacation you can find a Catholic Church at www.masstimes.org. Please remember to bring your weekly contribution envelopes to Mass when you return. Through your generosity, this Parish is able to function, service others, and be a vibrant part of this community.

# Mass Schedule

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong

and companions

Saint Benedict

Monday, July 8, 2024

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26 7:00 PM Barbara Crowley

Tuesday, July 9th

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

**8:00 AM** Anne Reichard

Wednesday, July 10th

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7 8:00 AM Thomas C. Cary, Jr.

Thursday, July 11th

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15

8:00 AM Phaxico Huy Guang Bui

Friday, July 12th

Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

**8:00 AM** Mooney & Maley Families

Saturday and Sunday, July 13th & 14th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

4:30 PM Helen V. O'Hare 8:30 AM Joseph Koncsics **10:30 AM** Frederick Moser

People of St. Francis of Assisi

## **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 Rich will hear confessions prior to the Monday 7:00 PM Mass, in addition to the Saturday confessions at 3:15 PM.

#### **Parish Slideshow**

Have you missed the Slide Show on our Parish TV? Our TV guru traveled a lot during late spring and was unavailable to get the slide show up for you to enjoy.

We would LOVE to have assistance with that portion of our "advertising." If you are interested in helping – contact Camille Stockdale at 484-547-6270.



#### **Diocese of Allentown Golf Tournament**

The proceeds will provide seminarian scholarships for men considering a life of ordained service to the Additionally, Golf Tournament funds will Diocese. provide scholarships to assist children and families hoping to enroll in one of our Catholic schools, high schools, and centers for special learning.

The golf tournament will be held on Monday, September 30, 2024 at Steel Club in Hellertown. Register at https:// www.allentowndiocese.org/golf.



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

St. John Vianney Regional School provides Full-Day Kindergarten through 8th Grade and an outstanding pre-K program. We are committed to supporting a Christcentered school in which individuals representing diverse cultures and experiences instruct one another in the meaning and value of community. Our school promotes a safe, orderly, caring, and supportive atmosphere. Each student's self-esteem is fostered by positive relationships with fellow students and staff. Our parents, teachers, and community members are actively involved in our students' learning.

## We're Hiring! Join our Team!

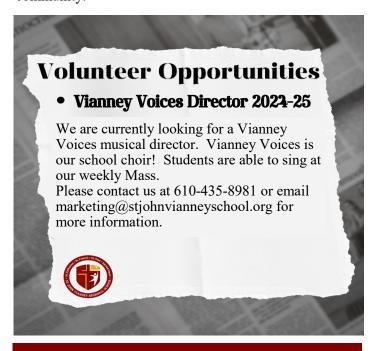
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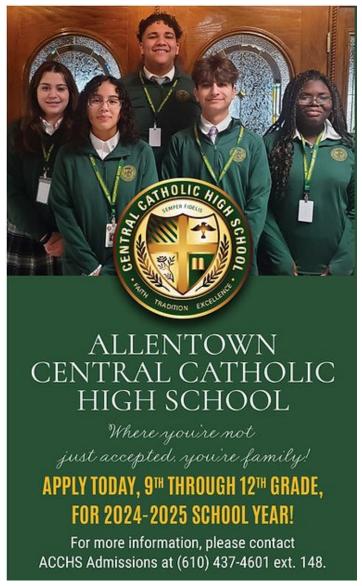
Part-time Gym Teacher Daily Substitute Teachers

If you are interested in joining our Christ-centered community and team, please email our principal at principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org or call our main office at 610-435-8981.

## **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.





#### **Saint Monica Ministry**

Fr. Stephan Isaac will preside at the next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, taking place at St. Theresa Church, Hellertown on Tuesday, July 9th at 6:00 PM. Fr. Isaac, who serves as Chaplain of both Bethlehem Catholic High



School and the Lehigh University Newman Center, will lead us in prayer for the return to the Faith of our fallenaway loved ones. 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.

### **Advertise With Us!**

If you own or work for a local business, why not advertise on the back of our bulletin? Many parishioners will check the back of our bulletin and some people are more likely to choose a company that supports the parish by their advertising. Whether you are a parishioner or not, advertising on our weekly

bulletin will benefit both you and our parish. To place advertisements on the back of our bulletin, contact Karen Donehower with John Patrick Publishing Company at 484-363-9475.



## **Christmas Show Bus Trip**

On Thursday, December 12th, we will travel to the American Music Theatre's Christmas Show, "Joy To The World" with a stop at Shady Maple for the lunch buffet. We will leave the church at 10:00

AM, stop for lunch at 11:30, travel on to the 3:00 PM show and we'll leave for home immediately after the show, arriving home at approximately 7:30 PM. Cost for this trip is \$125 which includes tickets, transportation, meal and driver tip. Call Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102 for more information or to sign up.

#### **Saint Francis Retreat House**



St. Francis Retreat House A Place of Peace Hunt will lead a "Revive: A Return to Joy" retreat. She says: "Life throws many challenges, us constantly placing us in "new

normal" situations. God provides the answers to sustaining these by providing simple ways to embrace change. Joy is ours for the asking!" Register by July 26th for this retreat at stfrancisretreathouse.org/retreats or 610-258-3053, ext. 11. Prices: Individual - \$310, Couple -\$500, Commuter - \$145, and Virtual - \$95.

On October 4-6, Pat McCloskey, OFM will lead a retreat entitled "Why Is Forgiveness so Difficult? Help from St. Francis of Assisi." St. Francis offers a path beyond two mistaken and related approaches to forgiveness. Register at stfrancisretreathouse.org/retreats or 610-258-3053, ext. 11. Prices: Individual - \$295, Couple - \$495, Commuter -\$140, and Virtual - \$95.

# **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Bus Trip to National Shrine of the**

**Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, Massachusetts** Angelorum, the Women's Choir of the Diocese of Allentown, under the direction of Beverly McDevitt, has been asked to sing at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA, on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2024. We are opening up the bus trip to the Diocese in the hope that others may want to join us at this beautiful shrine for a day of prayer culminating in Mass at 2 PM. The bus will leave the **Cathedral** parking lot at 6:30 AM and return at approximately 9:30 PM the same day. Lunch and dinner are on their own. Cost is \$65 per person, and seats will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. All checks should be made payable to Angelorum, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104, or you can Venmo Bev, Director of Angelorum.

Questions, please email Bev at bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com

## Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages REROUVAILLE have neared their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vv). If you know anyone

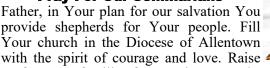
who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4th - 6th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Pilgrimage to Ireland

Ireland in October! Travel on Pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Father Hoffa, October 6-15, 2024. Enjoy an amazing itinerary including Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, and Dublin! Cost: \$4,999 – includes airfare from anywhere in the U.S. (Travelers responsible for lunch & optional trip insurance.) Time is running out to reserve your spot! Contact Father Hoffa directly: ahoffa@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205 to book today. For more information and a detailed itinerary visit https:// bit.ly/3WrEzfe.

## **Pray For Our Seminarians**





up from our families future priests: worthy ministers for Your altars, generous and ardent servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Attire**

At all times, but especially in these warm months, it is important to remember that the way we dress at Mass should be appropriate. Few of us long for the "good old days" of suits for men, best dresses and hats or veils for ladies, special outfits for children! Still, even in our casual society, clothing that is suitable for the beach or the amusement part is not suitable for Mass. Even places of business and fine restaurants have dress codes. We can show our respect for the Real Presence and also for one another by dressing conservatively. NOTE: halters, strapless tops or other items of clothing suitable for play or beach wear are best left to those locations and occasions and not worn to Mass.

#### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule** Saturday and Sunday, July 13th & 14th 4:30 PM 8:30AM

Lector H. Mover **Eucharistic Ministers** A. Moyer, M. Evans, J. DeLeo Cantor J. Fignar **Organist** R. Venditto

V. Herman, M. Joliffe Altar Servers Sacristan

M. Issermover

P. Baker, T. Fallon, F. Lenahan

M. Maramag D. Badesso

P. McFadden

10:30 AM

L. Bauer

D. Ruiz, C. Wargo, M.P. Tran

G. Rodriguez D. Badesso

C. & E. Stano, J. Martinez

P. McFadden

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

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & 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.



#### **Pilgrimage to Italy and Austria**

Travel with Monsignor David L. James, Pastor of Saint Peter's Parish, Coplay, PA on our Pilgrimage to Italy and Austria, "Jubilee 2025".

Where: Rome, Orvieto, Loreto, Assisi, Siena, Pisa, Florence, Padua, Vienna, Eisenstadt, Burgenland, Salzburg. Trip date: October 12-24, 2025

Cost: \$6,599.00 Airfare and All-Included To register, please contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370 or you may register online at www.proximotravel.com For any questions or concerns, please contact: Proximo Travel LLC PO Box 561 Auburn, MA 01501 call: 508-854-8003 or email: office@Proximotravel.com For additional information please visit www.proximotravel.com

#### St. Joseph the Worker Flea Market

Open 7 Days a Week! Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 5 PM, Friday and Saturday 9 AM - 2 PM, Sunday - 10 AM - 1 PM, now through July 13th.

#### **Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Picnic**

200 Block E. Northampton St., Bath, PA picnic@sacredheartbath.org

Friday & Saturday, July 12th & 13th, 5 to 10 PM Live music, food trucks, trick tray & yard sale, cash prize tickets, kids games, bingo, bounce houses.

#### **Career Opportunity:**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the Greater Lehigh Valley area.

We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact General Agent John Hoolick 570-654-3390 or hoolickagencymail@kofc.org

#### **Hearing Devices Are Now Available**

We are pleased to announce that our new *Listen Hearing Devices* are available to sign out while you are attending Mass. They will be kept at the Parish Office and can be signed out and borrowed on your way into Mass. They must be returned immediately after Mass.



## **Holy Trinity Annual Parish Picnic**

Saturday, July 13th (6:00-9:00 PM), festivities include pulled pork/chicken dinner, Italian food from 2Brothers, adult games, polish water ice, ice cream, beer, wine coolers, hard seltzers and music by Flirtin' with the Mob. Also, Sunday, July 14th, both days held at Egypt Memorial Park, 4548 Main St., Whitehall, off Rt. 329 west. Outdoor Mass on Sunday, July 14th, starts at 11:00 AM and festivities will follow Mass until 6:00 PM. Festivities include children's games, Bingo, adult games, homemade foods including: pierogies, haluski, halupki, baked goods and many other items. Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:00-3:00 PM and The Large Flowerheads from 3:30-6:00 PM. Admission and parking are free. The public is invited. Event held rain or shine both days.



**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.* 

# Prayer Requests

## 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.

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BUSINESS MANAGER	
	0-433-6102 ext 34
dreichard@stfrancisallentown.org	
BULLETIN	0.422.6102
	0-433-6102 ext 10
sepler@stfrancisallentown.org CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST	
Rosanne Venditto	484-225-2080
DEACON	404-223-2000
EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE	
Paula Rollins	484-241-1986
"FEED YOUR FAITH" GIFT CARD I Stephanie Epler	610-433-6102
sepler@stfrancisallentown.org	010-433-0102
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jganser@allentowndiocese.org	010-433-0102
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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for	
Helen Moyer	610-439-0922
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Michelle Evans	610-737-9469
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PARISH FAX	610-434-6972
PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR	010 131 0772
	0-433-6102 ext 15
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prep@cathedral-church.org	
RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE	
SANCTUARY MEMORIAL FUND	
Anne Palmisano	610-433-6102
SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP	
Madeline Klotz	610-395-7386
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Theresa Racek	610-428-0708
WOMEN WALKING IN FAITH	
Michelle Evans	610-737-9469

# "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

Macy'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

