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.



Office.)

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week November 10, 2024 is In Memory of Russell Haas By Wife, Virginia

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 and in front of The Sacred Heart of Jesus for the week of November 10, 2024 are *In Memory of Michael Nagle By Joan Nagle*

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 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

St. Francis Senior Citizens Meeting

On Tuesday, November 12th, the Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 PM in Heritage Hall for a short meeting, bingo and cards. For more info, call Madeline Klotz at 610-395-7386.

Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM. Questions? Call Rosanne Choir Venditto, 484-225-2080.



Food Pantry

The Saint Francis of Assisi Food Pantry will be open to the public on Wednesday, November 13th

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, November 13th at 7:00 PM in Heritage Hall. All women 18 and over are

invited to participate. Guests are welcome so don't hesitate to ask your friends and neighbors. We will recite the rosary at the meeting. Call Michelle Evans 610-737-9469 with questions.

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.

Mass Schedule

Monday, November 11, 2024	Saint Martin of Tours			
<i>Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6</i>				
7:00 PM Donna A. Koerbler				
Tuesday, November 12th	Saint Josaphat			
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10				
8:00 AM Serafina Bernini				
Wednesday, November 13th	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini			
Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19				
8:00 AM People of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish				
Thursday, November 14th				
Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25				
8:00 AM Phyllis & Karl Dunst				
Friday, November 15th	Saint Albert the Great			
2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37				
8:00 AM Dominic Santanasto				
Saturday and Sunday, November 16th & 17th				
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32				
4:30 PM Reverend Msgr. Dennis A. Rigney				
8:30 AM Sunny Gergel				
10:30 AM Glenn (Gordy) Evan	ns			

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



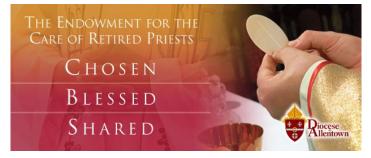
comes with special benefits. All are invited. Father Joe will hear confessions prior to the Monday 7:00 PM Mass, in addition to the Saturday confessions at 3:15 PM.



Men of St. Francis Meeting

The Men of St Francis will meet on Tuesday, November 19th 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.



Please Support the Retired and Infirmed Priests of the Diocese of Allentown

The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 14 & 15, 2024.



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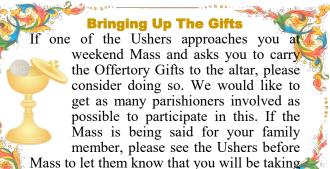
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St. John Vianney Regional School 210 N. 18th St., Allentown, PA 18104

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.

Attention Calvary 528 Members - We will be holding a vote Monday, November 11th to select a new home for council meetings. The meeting will be held at The Columbian Home located at 1519 Greenleaf St, Allentown PA 18102. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM with an opportunity to voice your opinion. All are welcome.



2025 St. Joseph Sunday Missals

the gifts up at the Offertory.

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.



Thanks For Giving!

During the month of November, food will be collected <u>every weekend</u> (November 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 November 2 & 3,	2024		
Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,176.00		
Sunday Online	\$ 2,629.00		
Second Collection in Pew (All Saints)	\$ 1,060.00		
Second Collection Online (All Saints)	\$ 145.00		
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 this 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.



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



Women's Discernment Group Diocese of Allentown

Women ages 21-35 discerning religious life, Mondays, November 11th and December 9th, 4 to 6 PM. Email for location gmgalassi46@gmail.com

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

Sacred Heart, Bath Community Breakfast

Sacred Heart and Knights of Columbus #14464 will be serving a Community Breakfast on November 17, 2024. All of your favorites will be served along with this month's special of Belgian Waffles with hot fruit. New cinnamon swirl breakfast cake! In the Church auditorium at 117 Washington St. Bath, Pa. Adults \$11, children \$5, under 6 free. Serving from 7 to 11 AM.

The Truth of Sex & Gender

The topic of gender and sexual identity has become increasingly important in our modern times. The Church provides wisdom for those seeking clarity, as well as guidance on how to express truth in the light of charity. On Nov. 17th at 3 PM at Assumption BVM Parish in Bethlehem, Fr. Nicolai Brelinsky will offer a presentation on what the Church affirms about human sexuality as well as how the faithful can confidently speak on this topic. Address: 4101 Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem. Call 610-867-7424 to register.

"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.



Movie Club

e Bells of St.Marys 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.

Pro-life Leaders Dinner Meeting

Pro-Life Leaders from all parishes in the diocese are invited to meet and discuss their ministries on Sunday, December 8th in the Disciples Room at St. Thomas More. Allentown. Anyone who wishes to learn about starting a Pro-Life ministry at their parish is welcome to attend. There will be a potluck style dinner at 5:30 PM. Please bring something to share! Following dinner there will be a discussion about various parish initiatives and pro-life resources. Contact Maggie Riggins at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org, with questions.

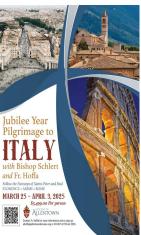
Save The Date—Women's Advent Retreat

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.

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.



Parish Nurses' Prayer Shawls If you or someone you know needs to feel the power of prayer through one of our prayer shawls, please contact the Parish Office.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, November 16th & 17th			
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30ÅM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	B. Beck	M. Issermoyer	M. Seltzer
Eucharistic Ministers	V. Herman, F. & S. Koerbler	J. & F. Lenahan, T. Fallon	J. Young, C. Wargo, J. Colom
Cantor	G. Rodriguez	P. Rollins	J. Fignar
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	J. Fittipaldi	C. Peischl	J. & J. Burgos
Sacristan	T. Jacob	P. McFadden	P. McFadden

St. John Vianney Regional School Presents

Nov. 16th Multicultural

4:30 pm Mass 5:30-8:30 pm Event Join us for a night of music, food, and community! St. Francis of Assisi Allentown, PA Sign up below or scan QR code to complete.

7	Student Name (Oldest: Grade: Phone Number:
	 I would like Adult seats x \$10 = \$ I would like Child seats x \$5 = \$ PAYMENT Cash (Attached with form) Check (make payable to St John Vianney Regional School Credit Card (contact Janis Geist in office for payment) Interested in donating food? Please check herel



The Friend Ship Ministry

St. Ann's Parish Life Center, 526 Fairview St., Emmaus, 2 to 4 PM on Sunday, November 17th (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.

Wreaths Across America Ceremony

The annual Wreaths Across America ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 14th @ 12 noon at Resurrection Cemetery, 547 North Krocks Rd, Allentown, PA 18106. Wreaths Across America is a nationwide event that honors veterans buried across the country, including Arlington National Cemetery. The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Remember the fallen; Honor those who serve; and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. We have several hundred volunteers that lays wreaths on the graves of 1700 veterans buried at Resurrection.

Consider sponsoring a wreath or volunteering. Go to https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/153365/ Overview/?relatedId=17119.



Pray For Our Seminarians

Father, in Your plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill Your church in the Diocese of Allentown with the spirit of courage and love. Raise 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.

Date Night at Folino Estate For Engaged and Married Couples

Catholic engaged and married couples are invited to an evening of romance and reflection at Folino Estate Winery in Kutztown, PA on Friday, January 24, 2025. The evening will feature a cocktail hour with live music and optional couples' portraits by Vargas Photography. A tasteful dinner buffet will follow along with an intimate New Year's reflection by guest speakers Greg and Heather Maigur. Each couple will get to take home a wine bottle favor at the end of the evening! Tickets are \$100 per couple, and space is limited to 25 couples, so reserve your spot today! Register at https:// www.allentowndiocese.org/date-night. Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage & Family Life, at rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org with any questions.

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Reconciliation

A Reminder: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish every Saturday from 3:15 to 4:00 PM, on Monday



evenings before the 7:00 PM Mass, or by appointment. Neighboring parishes have similar schedules, but check their website or call them to be sure of their times. Please avail yourself of the opportunity to receive this Sacrament. Reconciliation is not only for those who feel they have grave mortal sins, it is a way to receive grace from God. No matter how long it has been since your last confession, God will welcome you and help bring you peace.

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.



Attention Parish Groups

Please share any news of your group with Camille Stockdale so she can promote news, events, etc. on social media (FACEBOOK

and INSTAGRAM) Flocknote and our TV outside the Parish Office. Camille can be reached via email at stockp8792@- gmail.com. The more we can promote parish activities, the more chances of being heard and your message received!!!

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; <u>registration</u> <u>deadline February 4, 2025.</u>



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.

An Urgent Plea For Our Times

"Til now, nothing could blind Satan as much. And it is up to you not to reject my flame of Love, for this rejection would simply spell disaster."

these evil times. God bless you for your efforts.



We pray the Flame of Love Rosary in the Adoration Chapel every Saturday at noon. You are invited to pray with us and help Our Lady blind Satan in