

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 27, 2024
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 well 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 27, 2024 is **In Memory of Michael Romanic** By **Jim and Susan Steiner**

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.



Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 PM. Questions? Call Rosanne Venditto, 484-225-2080.



Feed Your Faith Holiday Orders

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

Relief For Those Affected by Recent Hurricanes

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 from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. 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.



Recently Baptized

We welcome to our parish family the following newly baptized child: Nicholas Ryan Yates II, son of Nicholas and Angela (LoBaido) Yates. We pray that our Lord will be with him all of his days guiding him through life's journey.



2024 Mass of Remembrance

Please see the registration form inside the back cover of this bulletin, registrations due this Monday.

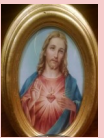
Mass Schedule

Monday, October 28, 2024 Saints Simon and Jude
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
7:00 PM Mary Jane Bernhard
Tuesday, October 29th
Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21
8:00 AM Gloria Aloia
Wednesday, October 30th
Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
8:00 AM People of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
Thursday, October 31st
Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
8:00 AM Intentions of George Khoury
7:00 PM Marie Epler **Vigil of All Saints**
Friday, November 1st **All Saints Day**
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a
8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. David Morrison
12:15 PM Theresa J. Pinter
Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd & 3rd
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
4:30 PM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members
8:30 AM James McGuire
10:30 AM Audrey Franko

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.



Parish Office Closing

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 1st for All Saints Day.

Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all Masses the weekend of November 2 and 3, 2024. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge these contributions in memory of:
Donna Koerbler
by: Colleen O'Hare, Stephanie & Jeff Drobins and Family
Christopher J. Volack
by Marie Volack
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord



Coat Drive Collection

Gently used coats, jackets, sweat shirts needed for men, women & children (scarves, hats & gloves and clean blankets also welcome). See tubs in the Lobby for donations.

Collection Dates: at each weekend Mass through Sunday, November 10th. Coats will be delivered to various charities in our area for distribution. (There will be no giveaway at St. Francis of Assisi this year.)

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee
St. Francis of Assisi Church

SJV UPDATE

The official newsletter of your parish school



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On August 26th, we warmly welcomed our students, who have since embraced SJV traditions like Bring Someone Special to Lunch and Staff Playdate. These events create a joyful, inclusive community, fostering laughter and enriching experiences to support student success this school year.

OUR SJV WALKATHON

The walkathon is a yearly event where students raise funds for the betterment of the school. This year, it was a success! We raised \$4,000 for student activities. We had a pep rally to celebrate, which included special guests like Central Catholic cheerleaders and Rex, our favorite bulldog!

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

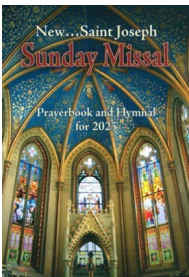
With October being the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, our students had the opportunity to pray the rosary weekly as a school with special intentions in mind.

Movie Club News

Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed our Cabrini Special Event including Mass, Pot Luck and the amazing movie! We were thrilled to have a great crowd. Thanks to everyone who brought delicious food to share, everyone who volunteered and helped set up, during and clean up- MOST ESPECIALLY Fran Lenahan, Teresa Racek, Phillip Stockdale and Elaine Papciak.

**"I trust in you, my Jesus. I place my poor soul in your hands
– mold me according to Your Divine will."**

Our next feature is The Bells of St. Marys - starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. Sunday, December 1st at 3 PM. Doors open at 2:30 PM. Please note the earlier time!



2025 St. Joseph Sunday Missals

A parishioner has purchased the 2025 St. Joseph Sunday Missals to be placed in each pew between the hymnals for our members to use and follow along with Readings, Responsorial Psalm and Gospel. They will be placed in the pews the first weekend in Advent. These Missals are to remain in the pews. However, a small number of the Missals has been ordered for those who still wish to purchase their own. They will be available to purchase at the Parish Office for the usual price of \$5, while supplies last.



**DESIGNER
HANDBAG BINGO
IS BACK!!!**

**Sunday,
November 10th**
Michael Kors, Vera
Bradley, DKNY, Coach
and MORE!!!!

Doors Open at 12 PM, First Game 1 PM. Food for Dine
In or Take Out. Tickets \$30, can be purchased at the
Parish Office. JOIN US!!!

Parish Breakfast

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



Thanks For Giving!



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

Holy Trinity's Basket Party

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall,
will hold their annual Basket Party on Saturday, Novem-
ber 2nd from 10 AM-7 PM (Sat. 9-10 AM reserved for
guests with disabilities) and Sunday, November 3rd
from 8 AM-1 PM. Tickets - 25 for \$5 on sale at the door.
Homemade food and baked goods will be on sale. Only
committee members may be present for the drawing.
Winners will be called and prizes will be available for
pickup Sunday, November 3rd evening and Monday, No-
vember 4th afternoon. Questions: email holytrinityrcc@
gmail.com or call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.

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-
10 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass). The next meetup is
November 2nd. For information call 505 688-8663.

**A reminder, for your safety and well-being,
please lock your car doors and keep any
valuables out of sight before coming into Mass.**



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ENROLL TODAY FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

Night at the Races at OLHC

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

Flame of Love Rosary

Now you can help release 53 Souls from Pur-
gatory by joining the Flame of Love Rosary
on Saturdays in the Adoration Chapel. In
November, you can help release 530 Souls for
every Flame of Love Rosary offered. Come
and find out how. Call 610-351-0835, or just
show up at 12 noon on Saturdays in the Chapel. The
Suffering Souls need you!



Mercy School Job Announcement

Mercy School For Special Learning has
immediate openings for paraprofession-
als. It is a 10-month position, part-time,
29 hours a week position. We are looking
for individuals enthusiastic about
working with students with special needs. Experience
preferred, but not required. Please contact Beth Grys,
Principal, at 610-797-8242 or bgrys@mercyschool.org.



**Liturgical Ministers Schedule
Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd & 3rd**

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	P. Stiles	N. Lamparella	M.K. McMahon
Eucharistic Ministers	J. DeLeo, F. & S. Koerbler	D. Issermoyer, S. & D. Gerancher	J. Young, T. Racek, D. Ruiz
Cantor	G. Rodriguez	M. Issermoyer	J. Fignar
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	V. Herman, M. Joliffe	E. Stano	J. Martinez, N. Schwenk
Sacristan	J. Johnson	T. Jacob	-----
Rosary	P. Rollins	F. Lenahan	L.A. Kocon



ST. JOHN VIANNEY REGIONAL SCHOOL PRESENTS...

Multicultural NIGHT

St. Francis of Assisi Church
Saturday, November 16th
4:30 PM Mass --- 5:30 PM Event

TICKETS:
ADULT: \$10
KIDS: \$5

CHILDREN UNDER 3 ARE FREE.

*JOIN US FOR A CULTURAL CELEBRATION
WITH MUSIC, FOOD, PERFORMANCES,
FACE PAINTING, DOMINOES, EXCITING
BASKET RAFFLES, AND MORE!*



**CONTACT MISSDURAN@STJOHNVIANNEYSCHOOL.ORG TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS OR CALL 610-435-8981**

Consecration of The Election To The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our Country may be accomplished, and all those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our Nation into conformity with the teachings of thy son.

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

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

O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.



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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

Your
Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Names of Deceased to be remembered from my
family/friends: (*Please print very neatly*)

Names of those who have died in the past year:

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