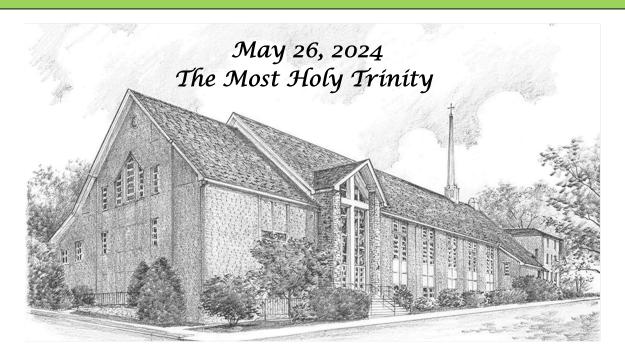
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Priests

Reverend Richard C. Brensinger, Pastor Reverend Kevin M. Gualano, In Residence

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Robert Young

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.

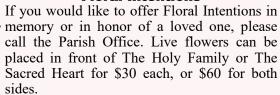


Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week May 26, 2024 is

In Memory of Louis "Skip" Giannelli
By Mary Ann Giannelli

Floral Intentions



The flowers in front of The Holy Family for the week of May 26, 2024 are In Honor of Mary Horvath, Sr. and Mary Horvath, Jr.

Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 28th</u> at 6:30 PM in the choir loft (please note change of day this week.) The choir will sing at 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, June 2nd. The choir will then break for the summer. See you in fall!



Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all Masses the weekend of June 1 & 2, 2024. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.

Parish Office Closing

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th to observe Memorial Day.



Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, June 3rd at <u>6:00 PM</u> in Heritage Hall. Enter through the Cedar Street ramp.

Goings and Comings

By now you probably have heard about the goings and comings that will take place soon at Saint Francis Parish. **Goings:**

- Fr. Rich Brensinger will be Chaplain and reside at Saint Christopher Catholic Newman Center, Kutztown University, in Kutztown.
- ▼ Fr. Kevin Gualano will be Parochial Administrator at Saint Rocco Parish in Martins Creek
- ♣ Deacon Bob Young will be Permanent Deacon at Holy Family Senior Living in Bethlehem

Coming:

Fr. Joseph Ganser is coming from Saint Margaret of Scotland, Reading, to become our Pastor at Saint Francis of Assisi.

All appointments will be effective June 18, 2024. See next weekend's bulletin for details on farewell receptions, and a welcoming reception for Father Ganser.

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 27, 2024 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

7:00 PM Elizabeth "Betsy" Nutting

Tuesday, May 28th

1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

8:00 AM Barbara A. Nagy

Wednesday, May 29th 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

Saint Paul VI, Pope

8:00 AM Charles R. Brensinger

Thursday, May 30th 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

8:00 AM L. David Zenz

Friday, May 31st The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56 8:00 AM Allen Strella

> Saturday and Sunday, June 1st & 2nd The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

4:30 PM Alfred A. Schlert, Sr.

8:30 AM Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members

10:30 AM Phyllis & Karl Dunst

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.

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June 2nd at 10:30 AM Mass

We will celebrate our parish children who received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at this Mass. We hope we can all attend to support our children on their journey to get to know Jesus better!!!

Help Wanted

Our parish is looking for someone to clean the rectory, daily Mass Chapel and Adoration Chapel one day a week. Please approach Father Rich for more details.





Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

BWAC Progress Report for St. Francis of Assisi, Allentown

Report Date: May 20, 2024

•	Parish Goal:	\$35,070.00
	Total Committed:	\$22,404.00
	Total Collected:	\$19,434.00
	Number of Donors:	101
	Average Gift:	\$ 221.82
	# of Registered Families:	1035



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Email: principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org

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We're Hiring! Join our Team!

St. John Vianney Regional School is looking to fill the following positions for the 2023-2024 School Year:

STEM Teacher Daily Substitute Teachers Extended Care Assistants

If you are interested in joining our dedicated and talented team, please contact Mrs. Beth Serrano, St. John Vianney Regional School Principal at mrsserrano@stjohnvianney-school.org or 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.



Knights of Columbus Calvary Council 528

United in Christ through the Eucharist Join Today – www.kofc.org For more info e-mail - D.Wunderler@Outlook.com





2024-2025 PREP

Weekly classes on Sunday, 9:45am – 11am, starting September 8, 2025

REGISTRATION is OPEN NOW!

for RETURNING & *NEW STUDENTS

PREP student materials fees are due at the time of registration. Cash or check only.

New Students - a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate is due at time of registration.

1 child \$90 / 2 children \$150 / 3 children \$200

*Add \$30.00 Bible fee for students entering 4th Grade Level

A LATE FEE OF \$25.00 PER STUDENT IF REGISTERING AFTER JUNE 26th.



If interested in registering your child for Religious Education classes, or volunteering, please contact me via email or phone at: Donna Sciacca, Director of Religious Education. prep@cathedral-church.org 610-432-7655



Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee Our monthly food drive will be on June 1st & 2nd. This month, we particularly need Juices & Coffee, Fruit, Vegetables, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Beans, Spam, Tuna, Canned Chicken

Breast, Condiments, Cereals, Macaroni & Cheese, Crackers, Cookies, Snacks, Chef Boy-ar-dee, Spaghetti Sauce, 4 packs of toilet paper, tissues, and Personal Care Products. We do not need Pasta. No glass jars, please. Also, please, no XL containers or outdated foods. Collection carts will be available in the vestibule of the church for your donations. Help is needed on collection weekends to help move the food donations from the vestibule area to the pantry after each Mass.



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.

Parish Organizations

Do not forget to Advertise via Facebook, Instagram and Flock Note. Contact Camille Stockdale 484 547 6270 to share your group's news so it can be publicized parish

wide – Everyone wants to hear about everything exciting going on at St Francis!



Our church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission, ministries and programs.

Your generosity and support make our church's work possible!

Make donations, payments and pledges to our church via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.

Go to our parish website at <u>www.stfrancisallentown.org</u> for information to sign up.

Holy Family Senior Living Golf Tournament

The 20th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 14th, 2024 at the Southmoore Golf Club at 8am. Register at https://www.holyfamilysl.org/golf





Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of May 18th & 19th

 Sunday in Pew
 \$ 4,434.00

 Sunday Online
 \$ 2,473.91

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.

Spring Fling—Basket Raffle

Sunday, June 9th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM St. Paul's Parish Center 219 W. Susquehanna St., Allentown Raffles, Food & More!

St. Francis Retreat House

"A Heart of Compassion" A Weekend Retreat will be held at St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, June 7th to 9th. Journey with Boundless Compassion facilitators Joan Doherty, Sr. Meg Cole SSJ, and Peg Choinski as they explore various aspects of compassion. Register at stfrancisretreathouse.org or call 610-258-3053 x0 for more information.





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



Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced

Retro-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 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.HelpOur-Marriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, June 1 & 2nd

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	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>		
Lector	L. Bauer	R. Granitz-Jacob	PREP Students		
Eucharistic Ministers	J. DeLeo, M. Evans, J. Fittipaldi	P. Baker, A. Drovich, T. Fallon	M. Dietrick, L. Moser, J. Young,		
	•		B. Ocasio		
Cantor	M. Maramag	P. Rollins	Choir		
Organist	D. Badesso	D. Badesso	R. Venditto		
Cantor Organist Altar Servers	T. Bauer		C. & E. Stano, M. Gaudiuso		
Sacristan	J. Johnson	T. Jacob	T. Jacob		
Rosary	J. Quinn	M. Shelley	M. Gaudiuso		
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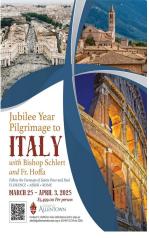
Pray For Our Seminarians

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.

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, 2025 – 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,



St. Elizabeth's Vacation Bible School **June 24 - 28, 2024**



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Get ready to SPLASH into fun this June at: "SCUBA" where we will "THANK GOD" for His many gifts! Welcome to the event that helps kids

discover what it means to be thankful for everything, every day. **SCUBA**

helps kids learn Scripture, team build, sing unforgettable Bible songs and enjoy tasty treats to name just a few! Daily adventures start at 8:45 AM and end at 12 Noon each day. Registration forms will be available at St. Elizabeth parish office or on our parish website, www.sercc.org or call 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Cost is \$20 per child or \$35 for a family. Early registration is recommended as we have limited supplies.

Volunteers welcome! 18 and older must have clearances.

Saint Elizabeth Whitehall Parish Festival June 7th & 8th



Come one, come all on Friday, June 7th from 6 - 10 PM and again on Saturday, June 8th from 5 – 10 PM for some delicious ethnic and festival foods, drinks, games and FUN! Friday & Saturday special is our famous Halupki Dinner! Saint Elizabeth's is located at Rt. 22 & Fullerton Ave.,

Whitehall. We will be hosting FREE live entertainment featuring: Friday - "Steel Creek" Country Band & Saturday - "Flirt'in With the Mob". Both nights we will have the Balloon Guy & Strolling Magician, for kids of all ages! We welcome all our Diocesan parishes to join us and partake.

FreeWill



If there's a will...There's definitely a way. Your will is your way to protect your loved ones, ensure your wishes are

and even make an impact with your legacy. FreeWill's free estate planning tool, available to all parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi, is a simple and cost-free way for you to chart your own was. Visit FreeWill.com/ Allentown Diocese to get started on your will. We hope you will consider remembering your Parish in your will.

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!!!

Next Movie Club—Sunday, June 9th Join us for a light hearted, faith-based

film - perfect for a June afternoon! "Church People" is the story of real people with real struggles and their unique paths to discovering what faith in Jesus is all about.



Doors Open – 3:30, Movie – 4:00 PM. Movie, snacks, door prizes, FELLOWSHIP – ALL FREE!

Heritage Hall – please enter using the Cedar Street ramp.

Quo Vadis and Fiat Davs Discernment Retreats



The Office of Vocations in the Diocese of Allentown is pleased to present Quo Vadis for young men and Fiat Days for young women on July 7-11 (two separate retreats for young men and women) Muhlenberg College, Allentown.

All high-school aged young men and women (14-18 years of age,

including newly graduated seniors) are invited to attend these discernment retreats to hear what vocation God might be calling them. Retreat activities will include time for fellowship, Mass, Adoration, presentations, talks, and activities each day rooted in prayer for the discernment of their vocations. The retreats will include Eucharistic Adoration, Outdoor Rosary Procession, daily sports and games, field trips, and meeting new friends and fellowship! Deadline to register is June 26, 2024.

For more information and to register for Quo Vadis, go to allentowndiocese.org/quo-vadis

For more information and to register for Fiat Days, go to allentowndiocese.org/fiat-days

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.



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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

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

