

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

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
January 26, 2025 is
In Memory of William Todora
By *Judith Knoll*

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 The Sacred Heart
for the week of January 26, 2025 are
In Memory of Gloria Moser**
By *Larry, Conchita and Sonia Moser*

Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 PM in the choir loft, and they will sing at 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 2nd.

Please Bring In Your Old Palms



Father Joe is collecting last year's old palms to burn for this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. Palms should be brought in by the end of January and placed in the receptacle in the foyer of church (parking lot side.)

Recitation of the Rosary

The Rosary will be recited before all Masses the weekend of February 1 and 2, 2025. The Rosary begins about 25 minutes before each Mass.



Men of St. Francis Parish Breakfast

BREAKFAST Will be held on Sunday, February 2nd. Breakfast is served at your table by our volunteer waitresses from 9:30 AM to Noon. Menu selections include: Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Ham, Toast, Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. Cost: Adults \$8.00, Children (ages 6-12) \$5.00, Age 5 and Under Free.



Sanctuary Memorial Fund

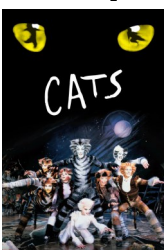
We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

Eugene "Rik" Hafeman

by: Gaspare & Susan Bianco

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord

Bus Trip to "CATS" at Fulton Theatre, Lancaster



Join us for a trip to see "CATS" at the historic Fulton Theatre in Lancaster, on Wednesday, July 9th, with a stop at Shady Maple for their lunch buffet prior to the show. Price of \$130.00 covers show, transportation, meal and driver tip. Respond to Stephanie at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102.

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 27, 2025

Saint Angela Merici

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

7:00 PM Faye Gatti

Tuesday, January 28th

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

8:00 AM People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Wednesday, January 29th

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

8:00 AM Scott A. Ramsey

Thursday, January 30th

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

8:00 AM Carmela Diaz

Friday, January 31st

Saint John Bosco

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

8:00 AM Rose Kennedy

Saturday and Sunday, February 1st & 2nd

The Presentation of The Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

4:30 PM William Todora

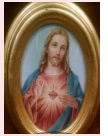
8:30 AM Christopher J. Volack

10:30 AM Gloria Moser

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park



Mark your calendar for Friday June 20, 2025 at 7:05 PM to see AAA Baseball between the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs (Phillies) and the Rochester Red Wings (Nationals). Enjoy the game, the Picnic

Buffet and post-game Fireworks Display with family, friends and fellow parishioners.

Monthly Food Drive



Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

Our next monthly food drive will be on **February 1st and 2nd**. This month, we need Juices & Coffee, Fruit, Vegetables, Jelly, Beans, Spam, Tuna, Canned Chicken Breast, Condiments, Cereals, Macaroni & Cheese, Crackers, Cookies, Snacks, Chef Boy-ar-dee, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, 4 packs of toilet paper, tissues, and Personal Care Products. 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.

Father Joe and the Outreach Committee are requesting your food donations all weekends until the end of March, due to the high demand for help from the community.

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



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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.

Positions Available

Saint John Vianney Regional School is seeking candidates for the following openings:

- ♦ Cafeteria Supervisor -3-5 days per week - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 - ♦ Substitute Teachers K-8
- Please respond to the school office at 610-435-8981.

St. John Vianney
Regional School
Open House



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for an Open House on
Sunday, January 26, 2025
1:00 - 2:30 PM
Grades PK-8th



Tour the school, meet with admissions, learn about the countless opportunities SJVRs has to offer, and ask us any questions!



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Our Weekly Stewardship

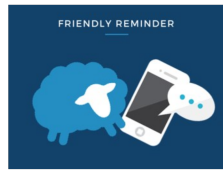
Weekend of January 18 & 19, 2025

Sunday in Pew	\$ 3,457.00
Sunday Online	\$ 2,066.00
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 947.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 20.00

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.

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.*



Flocknote

Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576

on your smartphone to get signed up with Flocknote!

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.) Text messages and emails can be easily sent to members during lock-downs, closures, and emergencies, as well as updates, event notifications, check-ins, prayer requests, and more.



Does Your Child/Grandchild Receive a Sacrament This Year?

Year? - First Penance/First Communion or Confirmation? We are planning a special Mass for them, along with a gathering after

Mass. Please contact Camille Stockdale for further details !!!! 484-547-6270



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in the Lehigh Valley Area

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ENROLL TODAY FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

St. Junipero Serra Club of Bethlehem

Tuesday, January 28th at St. Anne's Convent, Bethlehem. Rosary 6:00 PM, Mass 6:30 PM, Program Event 7:00 PM to foster, promote, and support vocations to Priesthood, Consecrated Life, Permanent Diaconate, through prayer, good works, and grow in personal holiness; all welcome. (Second and fourth Tuesdays)

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

We invite all to join us in the commemoration of the feast of St. Brigid; the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) is honored to celebrate on Saturday, February 1st, at the 4:00 Mass with the Immaculate Conception Church family, 501 Ridge Avenue, Allentown. In the generous spirit of St. Brigid, we will be accepting food donations for a local Food Bank. We hope that you will join us! Membership in the AOH/LAOH is open to all Catholics of Irish descent (birth or marriage). For more information, contact Maura O'Donnell Roszyk (LAOH) at lehighvalleyLAOHprez@gmail.com.

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, 9:00 to 10:00 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass). The next meetup is February 1st. For information call 505 688-8663.

Our Sure & Steadfast Hope

Join Sister M. Virginelle Makos for **Simply Prayer: Sure & Steadfast Hope**, a discussion about the importance of hope in our lives and faith. We will gather from 10 AM to 12 PM on Tuesday, February 4th, in the first-floor conference room (Blue Room) of St. Francis Center at Monocacy Manor in Bethlehem, Pa. Participants are welcome to join us for coffee at 9:30 AM. Freewill offerings will be accepted. Please register by phone, by calling 610-867-8890 or email lmartin@schoolsistersof.org.

For Young Adults: Fourfold Love Event

"A celebration of Gods Heart." All young adults are invited to enjoy an evening with the Commission for Young Adults discussing The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis. Father Eidle will be the speaker for the evening. Thursday February 13th 7-9 PM @ St. Elizabeth's, 618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall, PA 18052. Food and beverages will be provided. Please contact Zelenda Hodgskin with questions. zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org. To register: <https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/194669>

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 February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Lenten Retreat for Women

The Bishop's Commission for Women will be offering a Lenten Retreat for women on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The retreat is entitled Lent: A Time of Forgiveness and Healing. This full day retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Kutztown. The Keynote speaker will be Auxiliary Bishop Keith Chylinski of Philadelphia. Denise Yarrison from Hope's Garden and <https://youaremadenew.com/> will be the afternoon speaker. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert and Bishop Chylinski. There will be time for Adoration and Confession. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Space is limited, please register early. Please use the following link for details and to register: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing>

Camp Cadet with Pennsylvania Police Troop M

The Pennsylvania State Police Troop M will once again be hosting the annual Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet Program at Camp Fowler, 5851 Horseshoe Road, Orefield (Lehigh County). Camp Cadet will take place from Sunday, June 8, 2025, through Friday June 13, 2025. Camp Cadet is an overnight summer camp for boys and girls between the ages of 12 to 15 years old. The goal of Camp Cadet is to introduce cadets to the diverse criminal justice system and establish a positive relationship between law enforcement and youth, while living in an atmosphere similar to an actual State Police Academy. For those who are interested in attending Troop M Camp Cadet, registration can be done by going online and registering through this link: <https://www.troopmcamp-cadet.org/>. Registration is now open throughout February or until slots are filled. Contact: Trooper Nathan T. Branosky at nbranosky@pa.gov or (610) 807 - 3395.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, February 1st & 2nd

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Lector	L. Bauer	H. Moyer	M. Seltzer
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Evans, J. Fittipaldi, G. Rodriguez	L. Unger, P. Baker, A. Moyer	L. Moser, D. Ruiz, M.P. Tran
Cantor	M. Maramag	M. Issermoyer	A. Huynh
Organist	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso
Altar Servers	----	E. Stano	V. Huynh
Sacristan	J. Johnson	----	----
Rosary	M. Florentino	F. Lenahan	M. Shelley

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“Feed Your Faith” Gift Card Program

“*Feed Your Faith*” is the Parish’s easiest fund-raising 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



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

SOUPER BOWL & SANDWICH TAKE OUT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025
PICK-UP 9AM - 12 NOON

SOUPS: BROCCOLI CHEDDAR, CHICKEN NOODLE, VEGETABLE

SUBS: AMERICAN — HAM, AMERICAN CHEESE

ITALIAN — SALAMI, CAPICOLA, PROVOLONE

TURKEY — TURKEY, AMERICAN CHEESE

TUNA SALAD — TUNA, AMERICAN CHEESE

LETTUCE, TOMATO & ONIONS ON THE SIDE. BANANA PEPPERS AVAILABLE. 1 DRESSING/ MAYO PACKET PER SUB

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**
NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2025.



ITEM	PRICE	x	QTY	=	COST
BROCCOLI CHEDDAR (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
CHICKEN NOODLE (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
VEGETABLE (QUART)	12.00	x		=	
AMERICAN SUB	9.00	x		=	
ITALIAN SUB	9.00	x		=	
TURKEY SUB	9.00	x		=	
TUNA SALAD SUB	9.00	x		=	
			TOTAL	=	

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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