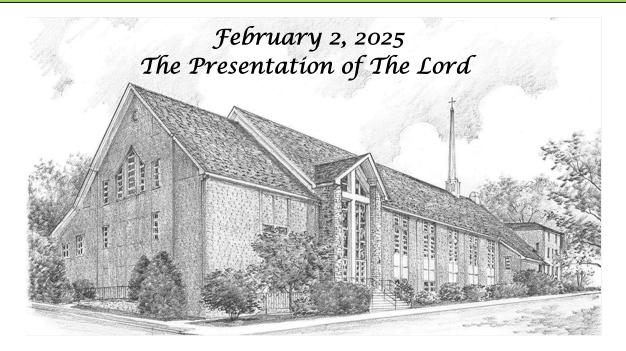
# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 <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.



## **Sanctuary Lamp Memorials**

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week February 2, 2025 is In Memory of Gloria Moser By Larry & Conchita Moser

#### **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 for the week of February 2, 2025 are In Memory of Clara Badesso **By Her Sons** 

#### **Choir Schedule**

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 PM in the choir loft.

## **Do You Like to Sing?**

We could use some additional cantors for our weekend Masses. If you would like to become a cantor, please contact Rosanne Venditto, our Choir Director/Organist at 484-225-2080.



#### **Men of St. Francis Parish Breakfast**



BREAKFAST Will be held this 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.

#### **St. Francis of Assisi Night at Coca-Cola Park**



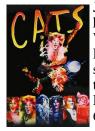
Mark your calendar for Friday June 20, 2025 at 7:05 PM to see AAA Baseball between the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs (Phillies) and the Rochester Red Wings (Nationals). Enjoy the game, the Picnic Buffet and post-game Fireworks Display

with family, friends and fellow parishioners.

#### **Outreach Committee**

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

#### 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, February 3, 2025 Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20 7:00 PM Joseph Koncsics **Tuesday, February 4th** Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43 **8:00 AM** Nancy Lewullis & son, Joseph Wednesday, February 5th Saint Agatha Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6 8:00 AM Fr. Luke Anderson, O. Cist. Thursday, February 6th Saint Paul Miki and Companions Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13 8:00 AM Special Intention Friday, February 7th Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29 8:00 AM People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Saturday and Sunday, February 8th & 9th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11 Sanctuary Memorial Fund Members 4:30 PM **8:30 AM** Eugene "Rik" Hafeman **10:30 AM** Beatrice & Roger Tracey

#### **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.



## Monthly Food Drive

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee **FOOD** 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.



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

Our group of faith-filled women will meet on Wednesday, February 5th 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. Call Michelle Evans 610-737-9469 with questions.



**Reminder: Parish Office Hours** Weekday Parish Office Hours are: Monday through Friday: 9 AM to 3 PM





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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.



**Does Your Child/Grandchild Receive a Sacrament This** Ommunion 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

## **January Winter Weekend Raffle Winners**

January 4th \$50 - Madeline Rodriguez January 5th \$500 - Colleen O'Hare January 11th \$50 - Mary Racek January 12th \$100 - Melissa Montero January 18th \$50 - Dennis Badesso January 19th \$100 - Myra Schuster January 25th \$50 - Laura Kerr January 26th \$100 - Betty Brennan Tickets can still be purchased in the Parish Office if you'd like to get in on the February and March drawings. **Congratulations to our January winners!!!** 



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of January 25 & 26, 2025					
Sunday in Pew	\$ 3,871.00				
Sunday Online	\$ 2,304.00				
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 1,066.00				
Second Collection Online	\$ 55.00				
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 secu	re. 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.

## Feed Your Faith Monthly Order

There are over 30 different stores in stock every day, and once a month, hundreds of different stores and denominations are available through our monthly order pro-

gram. To see the entire list of retailers, go to RaiseRight.com/shop and click home page. The next monthly order will be placed on this Monday, February **3rd.** To order, call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

## Trip to Marian Shrines, Fatima and Lourdes

Travel to Marian Shrines October 1-10, 2025 from Newark to Lisbon. First class hotels-double occupancydaily breakfast and dinner-excursions with guide-luxury bus for our group-luggage handling-entrance fees to historical places and religious interest included in program-transfer between hotels and airport in Portugal and Spain. Price \$4,300 includes taxes of \$140 as known on 12/31/24. For further information, contact group coordinator, Deacon Ricardo Reyes, 347-851-9815



## **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 @schoolsistersosf.org.

#### Mass for World Day of Consecrated Life

A Mass in honor of the World Day for Consecrated Life (February 2nd) will be celebrated at St. Thomas More, Allentown at 10:30 AM on Sunday, February 16th.

**Better Together Widow and Widower Social Group** 

Better Together Widow and Widower Social Group, community for widows and widowers to connect with others in the same circumstance, meets monthly at Assumption Church, 4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA., in the Jubilee Center. The next meeting will be on February 12th (Second Wednesdays) at 1 PM, 610-867-7424 x 16 for more info.

#### 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

## **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; registration deadline February 4, 2025.

## St. John the Baptist (Stiles) Tricky Tray

St. John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will hold their 19th Annual Tricky Tray/Basket Social on Saturday, February 15th, 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall. Ticket entries one day only! Tickets can be purchased at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. Park behind the hall. Need not be present to win. Kitchen open for take-out! Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Sunday, February 16th, between 2:00 and 4:00 PM at the hall. Any questions, please call 610-262-2260.

#### **Retrouvaille: Rediscover The Love in Your Marriage**



Tens of thousands of couples have ROUVAILLE healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). 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.

## **Cold Cash Bingo**

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua will hold their Cold Cash Bingo on Sunday, February 16th in their Parish Center. Doors and kitchen open at 11:30 AM with Bingo beginning at 1:00 PM. The cost for Bingo is \$15 which includes 15 games, six specials, and one jackpot round. To keep the cost at \$15 no outside food or drinks are permitted. The kitchen will be selling your St. Mary's favorites. Bring your daubers – no hardboards.

Reservations are encouraged by emailing kim.stmarys-122@gmail.com or calling 610-264-0332.

#### 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:// vouaremadenew.com/ will be the afternoon speaker. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert and Bishop There will be time for Adoration and Chylinski. 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/resourceswomen/lent-time-forgiveness-and-healing

#### **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!!!

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Saturday and Sunday, February 8th & 9th								
	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>					
Lector	B. Beck	R. Granitz-Jacob	J. Carrasquillo					
Eucharistic Ministers	J. DeLeo, L. Eberly, V. Herman	A. Drovich, T. Fallon, T. Racek	F. Lenahan, B. Ocasio, C. Wargo					
Cantor	A. Eaves	M. Maramag	G. Rodriguez					
Organist Altar Servers	D. Badesso	R. Venditto	D. Badesso					
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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 Macv'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







<u>SOUPS:</u> BROCCOLI CHEDDAR, CHICKEN NOODLE, VEGETABLE <u>SUBS:</u> 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.			tern III		
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	=	

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