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for all!
All are welcome!*

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 10, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ

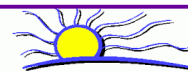
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, April 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation Palm Sunday 5:00 PM +Tom Wallerman +Domenica Robertozzi +Thomas R. Hilberth	Ez. 37:21-28; Jn. 11:45-56 Lk. 19:28-40; Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-1; Lk. 22:14-23:56	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge 10:00 AM Communal Penance with Individual Reconciliation
Sunday, April 10	Palm Sunday 8:30 AM +Thomas Lally +Philomena "Bella" Koes 10:00 AM +Suzanne McCanney +Bonnie Buckin 11:30 AM +Marie Waldren Ryder +John Connolly	Lk. 19:28-40; Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-1; Lk. 22:14-23:56	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30 OFS Fraternity Mtg., Church Hall
Monday, April 11	9:00 AM +Henry Scala	Is. 42:1-7; Jn. 12:1-11	
Tuesday, April 12	9:00 AM +Joan Cashes +Bryan Connelly	Is. 49:1-6; Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, April 13	9:00 AM +Deborah Diffenderfer +Gladys Fuydal +Edward W. Shanley	Is. 50:4-9a; Mt. 26:14-25	1:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Room 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 14	Holy Thursday 7:30 PM +Saverin "Sammy" D'Amico +Richard Cortellino +Bill Kunz	Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jn. 13:1-15	
Friday, April 15	Good Friday 1:00 PM <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 2:00-3:00 PM <i>Private Devotion [Silence]</i> 3:00 PM <i>Liturgy Passion & Death</i>	Is. 52:13-53:12; Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn. 18:1-19:42 Is. 52:13-53:12; Heb. 4:14-15, 5:7-9; Jn. 18:1-19:42	<i>Parish and Center is CLOSED</i>
Saturday, April 16	Easter Vigil 7:30 PM +Eugene & Lucille D'Amico +David & Kathleen Barndt	Gen. 1:1-2:2; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rm. 6:3-11; Lk. 24:1-12	<i>Parish and Center is CLOSED</i>
Sunday, April 17	Easter Sunday 8:30 AM +Angelo Fiore 10:00 AM +Anne Armstrong, ofs +Jerry Robertson +Dr. Richard & Mrs. Anne Gove 11:30 AM +Marie Duddy	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4; Lk. 24:1-12	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi <i>Parish and Center is CLOSED</i>

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, April 10	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> Palm Sunday 10:00 AM +Martha Stein
Sunday, April 17	Easter Sunday 8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +James M. Kempfski +Margo Werner +Lori Kennedy

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven, NJ

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, April 17	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> Easter Sunday 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>



SUNRISE SERVICE

for Easter Sunday, April 17th

6:00 AM on the Third Street Beach in Beach Haven

Mass Intentions: +Keith Pinto +Robert Graiff +Bert Minnella

Please note the Sunrise Service is in a different location than previous years.
Weather Info.: If it is raining the morning of Sunrise Mass, we will have Mass at 6:00 AM in St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Beach Haven. If rain begins during Sunrise Mass, we will move to the St. Thomas Aquinas Church to continue the Mass.

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

The Paschal Mystery: Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Holy Week is upon us. Today's liturgy begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem but it doesn't take long for the crowd to turn and the mood to shift when we begin to hear the Passion. The last three days of this week, known as the *Triduum*, is not only the climax of our Lenten journey, it is the climax of our entire faith. All the Feast

Days, Solemnities, and Memorials that we celebrate throughout the year are not nearly as important to us, and our faith, as our remembering of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the Crucifixion on Good Friday, and our ultimate Passover meal that is celebrated on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. There is no final blessing at the end the Mass on Holy Thursday because the Mass does not end until the Easter Vigil is over. The Triduum is the highest point of the entire liturgical year as we make present, once again, the *paschal mystery of Christ: his passion, death, and resurrection*. Without this everything else we do, everything that we are, would literally be meaningless. I invite you enter into the Paschal Mystery and to celebrate with us those three days – as one celebration – on *Holy Thursday at 7:30 PM, Good Friday at 3 PM, and the Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM*. I would also like to update you on a few other things.

Barbara Truncellito: Last week I shared with you the very sad news of the death of Barbara Truncellito, our long time parishioner and our Director of Parish Development. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated here at St. Francis on Thursday, April 28th at 12 noon. Visitation will be from 10 AM to 12 noon, also here in St. Francis Church.

The Synod of Bishops 2023: As you know, Pope Francis invited the entire church to enter into the preparation process for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. In doing so, he asked every baptized Catholic to enter into the process of listening and dialogue about our faith journey as Church. Our Synod 2023 Steering Committee did a great job organizing and implanting the different sessions that were available for our parish community. Overall, 113 people engage the question, "*What have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the Church?*" I was a participant in a diocesan-wide session and facilitated three other sessions here at St. Francis. I personally found each conversation to be affirming and up-lifting. It was very moving to hear the faith experience of other members of our community. It made my faith stronger and, I believe, brought us closer together in solidarity with one another as we all journey through this life together. If you were not able to take part of a synod meeting and would like to share your thoughts, the Diocese of Trenton has created a link for you to do so. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5YVPGPX>

I would like to take this opportunity to send out a great big *thank you* to *Jen and Anthony Mauro*, the co-chairs of the Synod 2023 Steering Committee. They did an outstanding job organizing the committee and leading us forward in this new process. I also want to thank the committee, *Marie Logue, Bobbi Green, Arlene Morrison, Victoria Vazquez, Fr. John Frambes, OFM, Michele Beck, and Judy Clayton*, as they took up the charge, in a very short period of time, to make sure the voices of St. Francis Parish were included in this universal Church conversation. Thank you also to those who volunteered to be *facilitators and recorders*. Because the groups were intended to be small we needed a lot of people to lead these small groups. Thank you for your great help. Finally, *thank you to all who participated*. Your faith and commitment to our church only makes us stronger! Once the committee has created the final report of our particular conversations I will share that with you as we all look forward to our bright future together.

Speakers: Finally, some people have been asking about when the new speakers will arrive for our Brant Beach Church. Unfortunately, the son of the owner of the company installing them has had some very serious health issues due to Covid. His son is improving, slowly, but this has created quite the backlog for him. At this point I am not sure exactly when they will be installed. I'll let you know when I know more.

May we all have a Blessed Holy Week!

Peace and All Good!
Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

Emergency Information

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861. There will be a recording.
2. Check Facebook www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

Praying the Rosary

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Monday through Saturday, 8:20 AM



St. Anthony Novena

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM



THE FRANCISCANS FRIARS STAY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE



While many are leaving the country, the Franciscan Friars in Ukraine have decided not to leave the people under any circumstances and will continue to minister to them in any way possible. They are desperate for food, medicine, and clothing.

The Friars of Holy Name Province are collecting funds through the **Franciscan Relief Fund** to aid and assist the Ukrainian people and our brothers in Ukraine.

If you would like to help the friars in Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, please visit

franciscanreliefund.org

or send your donation by check to

The Franciscan Relief Fund
HNP Development Office
129 West 31st Street
NY, NY 10001



Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Parish Operating Expenses

This collection will help pay our postage, printing, stationary expenses, copy machine rental & supplies needed. Thank you for your generosity.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$18,694**

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Second Collection:

Friars and Sisters Vehicle Maintenance & Fuel

Collected: **\$5,173**

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

*** Thank you for your generosity! ***



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022
What does LOVE have to do with it... everything!

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal raised over \$6 million.

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal began February 19/20.

Goal this year is \$6.5 million.

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Total Pledged: **\$20,814.00**

Total Collected: **\$17,402.00** (21% of Goal)

Total Donors: **104**

Total Gifts: **107**

Average Gift: **\$194.52**

*Thank you for your generosity
in contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal.
It was greatly appreciated!
We look forward to your continued support.*

Visit the parish website for a
YouTube video on the
Annual Catholic Appeal by Bishop O'Connell at:
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:
[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA
Vocation Office vocations@osphil.org

St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy
(609) 597-3800 or visit: www.stmaryknights.org

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

Emergency Information: Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website:
schoolclosingsnj.com and facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi.

Evacuation Information: In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

Parish Registration: The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

Baptism: The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

Family Faith: For children in grades one through eight. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

Marriage: In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE YEAR in advance. Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation classes. Weddings are performed on Friday or Saturday. Weddings are NOT performed on Sundays, the beach, Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day weekends.

Pastoral Visitations: Please notify the Parish Office if you or any of your loved ones are ill, homebound, in SOMC, nursing homes or rehabilitation centers.

Parish Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music

Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM

Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation

Deacon Robert Cunningham

Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM

Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor

Fr. John Frambes, OFM

Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM

Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF

Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship

Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM

Parish Office - (609) 494-8813

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

Community Center - (609) 494-8861

Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Franciscan Faith Community of *Holy Name Province* in the Diocese of Trenton. Find out more about Holy Name Province online at: www.hnp.org

St. Francis Liturgical Community



“Some women were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.”

Luke 24:13-35

Easter Flowers and Decorations Memorial Fund

We are having our annual Easter Flower Memorial Fund Drive which allows us to decorate the Brant Beach, Beach Haven and Surf City churches from Palm Sunday through the Holy Season of Easter.

The Art & Environment Team would like to thank you for your continued generosity and support which allows us to prepare the worship area in a manner that reflects our great joy and gratitude as we affirm our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life.

You may choose to memorialize or honor a loved-one, family member, friend or special occasion by making a donation toward the Easter flowers, decorations or Art & Environment.

The names of those memorialized or honored along with the donor names will be published in an Easter Flower booklet and in our online church bulletin for the Easter season.

Donations for Easter Flowers & Plants **May Be Made In Any Amount.**

Donations toward the purchase of other specific items to be memorialized:

\$100 Cherry Blossoms and large Easter Wreaths for the church sanctuary.

\$75 Flowers for Sanctuary Urns for Easter & Holy Thursday

\$50 Peace Lilies and Hydrangea

\$35 Ferns, & Candle Rings



To make a donation, please use the Easter Flower envelopes that were mailed to your home. Additional envelopes are available at the doors of the church or you may use a plain envelope with the following information:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY your name,
the name of the person being memorialized or honored,
and a **CONTACT PHONE NUMBER.**

The envelope can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the Center by **April 11, 2022**. Memorials not received for the first publishing of names will be published in a subsequent online Church Bulletin during the Easter Season.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Questions? Please call JoAnne Reeder at the center
609-494-8861 ext. 164



*Our sincerest thanks to Lorri and Joseph D'Orsi
Who so generously donated this Easter's beautiful Paschal candle
In loving memory of their daughter and son-in-law,
Danielle D'Orsi Caynor & Brian Caynor*

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach
5:00 PM; 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

St. Thomas Villanova Surf City
10:00 AM

Lenten Communal Penance Service with Individual Reconciliation

Friday, April 8 at 6:00 PM in Brant Beach

Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 AM in Brant Beach

Triduum

Holy Thursday - 7:30 PM (NO 9:00 AM Mass)

Good Friday -

(NO 9:00 AM Mass)

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

1:00-3:00 PM Private Devotion

3:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM

(NO 9:00 AM or 5:00 PM Masses) (NO confessions)

Easter Sunrise Mass - 6:00 AM

at 3rd St. Beach, Beach Haven

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven

10:00 AM

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City

8:30, 10:00 AM

Adult Faith Enrichment and RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Adult Faith Enrichment group
invites you to the

Easter Vigil, Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday, April 16th at 7:30 PM

in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.

The Good News of Easter:



*“Jesus remember me when you come
into your kingdom.”*

**Jesus answers the “good thief”. Today you will be
with me in paradise.”**

All he had to do was ask.

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)

jlclayton@stfrancislb.org

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



In preparation for Easter, grades one through four will have an opportunity to experience the events of the week before and after Easter. Children will be using the Easter Story Eggs to tell the story of the Resurrection. In addition, they will be introduced to the Pascal candle by making a representational candle using styrofoam, a sharpie, tissue paper and cloves for the nails at Jesus' feet and hands. Grade five received their First Reconciliation with many family members participating in the Sacrament as well.

Grade six will conclude their formal classes with instruction – The Messianic Fulfillment. Discussion will include the Gospel writers' meaning of "disciple", why the twelve were chosen, why Jesus had to die and the Emmaus story. The Encounter book will concentrate on God's plan and the important part each person has in His plan for salvation. He has a mission that only you can carry out. The Saint of the week is Elizabeth of the Trinity.

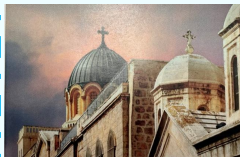
Grade seven will have a retreat as their last class. It will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The theme is "Filling Your Spiritual Tool Box". There will be special break-out sessions offering ideas on how the pre-Confirmation candidates can prepare as they move on to the last phase of Confirmation preparation in the Fall.

Confirmation for the 2022 candidates will be on **April 29th** at 4:00 pm. The presider will be Bishop O'Connell.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on **May 7th and 8th** and again **May 15th**.

Family Faith will close the year on **May 19th** will a prayer service and the crowning of the Blessed Mother.

Judith Clayton
Director, Family Faith



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land **A 10 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage** **November 30 to December 9, 2022** **hosted by Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM.**

The Bible comes alive as we visit Mt. Tabor, Tiberias, Nazareth, Cana, Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more.

\$3,199 per person from New York
(additional transportation charge from LBI).

Email or contact Fr. Andrew at
areitz@stfrancislb.org for a brochure.

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Book Club

We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in either Room 102 or the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM.

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Christopher Murray.

Tuesday, **April 26**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **May 1**, 12:30 PM *Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach Church Hall

Scripture Study

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 3:00 PM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information.

Wednesday, **April 13**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Room

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212).

Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Thursday, **June 9**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835,

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Pat Simmons, ofs, (609) 661-1361.

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. In these experiences we support each other in our prayer and faith. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan.chaplain@gmail.com) for the link.

On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next **Zoom** session - **April 6th**.

Next **in-person** session **April 9th** with Friar John Frambes presenting

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Steve to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: **April 23, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room.**

Employment Opportunity



*All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off (w/ additional earning for years of service), approx. 15 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) with company match, and more.

* Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable employees) and Employee Discounts

Children's Services Toddler Room Supervisor

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Bachelor's degree in early childhood education is required and experience working with Toddlers (13 months-2yrs of age) is preferred. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Position: Year-round, Full-time

Pay: \$14.50 per hour *A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding. More information will be provided in the interview*

Days: Monday-Friday

Children's Services Teacher's Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

Prefer a background in early childhood education and/or experience working with children. Must be 18 or older. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Positions: Year-round, Full-time

Pay: \$13.00 per hour *A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding. More information will be provided in the interview*

Days: Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

Positions: Full-time and Part-time Licensed Counselors
Full-time and Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish)
Licensed Counselors

Days: Monday through Friday (Some evening hours required)
Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). On-site clinical supervision is provided.

Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW

Bilingual Caseworker

Position: Full Time Employment. **Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish.**

Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills, familiar with factors which influence child abuse and neglect, valid driver's license, and a minimum of High School Diploma, preferred Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) or related field. Case worker will be required to travel throughout Ocean County for home visits and provide transportation to clients.

Days: Monday-Friday

Senior Services

Position: Full time Caseworker (Outreach and Information Assistance Worker)

Days/Hours: 40 hours a week- Monday-Friday

Pay: \$13 per hour

Must have Phone/Communication, Computer & Organization skills
Must have valid driver license. Due to COVID-19 restrictions most work is being conducted from the office however normally the position requires home visits with clients.

Maintenance- Housekeeping

Position includes: Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Must be able to lift 25lbs.
Part time position - Monday through Friday – up to 29 hours per week.

Pay: \$13 per hour

****Background check and fingerprinting required for all positions.**

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Fall/Winter Brochure** online at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

SESSION II CLASSES BEGIN

Tuesday, April 19th

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



Information and Assistance, Telephone Reassurance Calls, Caregiver Assistance Options Counseling: Application Assistance for PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled), Meals on Wheels, SHIP Counseling (State Health Insurance Program), Energy Assistance, JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers) and many more. Socialization, Recreation, and Exercise programs are available - please call for availability.

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Walk-ins are welcome!

Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to wear a mask.

The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers. *Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.

Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. **TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760** **carrier text message rates may apply**

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

**Detergent, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Body Wash, Hand Soap
Coffee, Ketchup, Mustard**

Canned Goods:

**Corn, Peas, Carrots, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Black Beans,
Kidney Beans, Chick Peas, Spaghetios, Beef Stew, Chicken**

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via PayPal.

Family Support Services:

To learn more about our programs visit our website at <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org>

- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
- Auto Ownership
- Parents As Teachers
- Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families

Family Support Services First Annual Spring Dinner Project

The Human Concerns Department is excited to announce our First Annual Spring Dinner Project.

We are planning to provide meals to approximately 150 local families.

The following items are needed:

**Frozen Turkeys, Frozen Hams, Boxed Scalloped Potatoes,
Bagged Rice or Pasta Sides, and Canned Vegetables
(Corn, Peas, & Green Beans).**

Please drop off all donations to the St. Francis Food Pantry on or before **Monday April 11th, 2022**. If you are donating a frozen item, please drop off Monday-Friday between 9AM & 4PM. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

Manahawkin Shop Rite will hold Hams and Turkeys earned through the Price Plus Club Holiday Promotion. At check-out, please inform the cashier that you would like to donate your Holiday Promotional Ham or Turkey to St. Francis Food Pantry.

Your continued generosity allows us to support our community members. Thank you!

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



St. Francis Community Center's Preschool and Childcare are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownkids.gov.

Masks will be required for 2 years and up - they will be encouraged to wear a mask throughout the day.

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day

Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2 Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

Services are currently being offered via telephone or various online platforms. We have openings for new clients at this time. Please call (609) 494-1554.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM for short) and St. Francis Counseling Service is the lead sexual assault agency in Ocean County for advocacy, prevention and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and other violent crimes. Look around Ocean County and you will notice that businesses and organizations are **Turning the Town Teal** in honor of this month! Teal is the color for this month and the church has a few lighted additions to its decor, as well as information at the entrances, to raise awareness.

Our program will be hosting three events that are available to the general public, in addition to several events within school communities throughout the county. The first is a Yoga/Reiki information session at the Reiki and Wellness Center in Manahawkin. It will be on **April 13th** at 6 PM and registration is necessary. Please call 609-494-1554 to register as space is limited. The second is Caffeine and Consent at the Union Market and Gallery in Tuckerton. It will be a tabling event from 10 AM to 2 PM with giveaways and information on **April 22nd** (Earth Day). The third event is a walk on **April 30th** at Winding River Park in Toms River in honor of National Crime Victims Rights Week at 9:30 AM. All events are free to the public and attendance is encouraged to raise awareness.

Call 609-494-1554 for more information or to access counseling services. Our 24 hour Confidential Sexual Violence Hotline is available at all times by calling 609-494-1090.

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For information call ext. 407.

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Did You Know??

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week.

We are happy to announce that The Annual Volunteer Breakfast will be back this year. Please join us on Thursday April 21, 2022 from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Senior Lunch Room to celebrate all of your hard work and dedication. The staff at St. Francis Parish and Community Center appreciates each and every one of our generous volunteers. Whether you volunteer weekly at the Food Pantry, delivering meals or help at Special Events or selling Car Raffle tickets you are definitely appreciated each and every day.

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Community Bulletin Board

Maris Stella Retreat Center Harvey Cedars, NJ

Day of Reflection: "Spirituality in Film"

Saturday, April 23rd, 2022, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

This interactive workshop will encourage participants to consider how film as a medium can explore worship, faith and doubt, and the glory of the natural world. We will use film clips and brief writing prompts. We will also provide a suggested list of films to view. **Presenters: Laura Winters and Lynne McEniry**, Seton Associates of the Sisters of Charity. *Limited Overnight Accommodations available at an additional cost.*

Costs: \$60.00 – Bring Brown bag lunch. "Coffee and" provided in the morning. **Non-Refundable Non-Transferable Deposit: \$25.00**
Registration due April 10th, 2022. For more information or to register: logon to www.marisstella.org or call Sr Pat (609) 494-2917 or email pdotzauer@comcast.net

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St. Mary Academy warmly invites you to their **20th Anniversary Gala, Friday, May 13, 6:00 – 11:00 PM, at the Waterfront in Lacey.** There will be complimentary wine and beer cocktail hour from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (cash bar remainder of the evening), dinner, gift auction and music throughout the evening. Cost of tickets are \$75.00 if purchased before March 20 and \$100.00 if purchased afterwards. **For more information, please contact St. Mary Academy at (609) 597-3800.**

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