

THE BRIDGE



With open
arms for all!

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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(609) 494-8813
Mon. - Fri. 9 AM to 3 PM
(Closed for lunch 12 - 1 PM)

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

Community Center
(609) 494-8861

Counseling Services
(609) 494-1554

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be
found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



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St. Francis of Assisi Parish
is a Franciscan Faith Community of
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**St. Francis is a sending Parish to
St. Mary Academy**
609-597-3800 or visit:
www.stmaryknights.org

*“Moved with pity, (Jesus) stretched out
his hands and touched the leper...”*



Allegany Art
Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Gospel Challenge:

**Jesus not only healed the leper, he restored his dignity
as a person.**

How do I see and treat the “lepers” in my world?

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers ONLINE GIVING
Parishioners who prefer to donate through our Online Giving Service, a
secure and personalized way to give to the Parish, can visit our website at:
<http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org>

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, February 13	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Matilda Stein 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Rose Kane	Gn. 3:9-24; Mk. 8:1-10 Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45	
Sunday, February 14	8:30 AM +Bob Dunn (L)Joan Salata 10:00 AM +Vince McHale +Matilda Stein 11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion
Monday, February 15	9:00 AM +Dolores Moeller +Tom Laverty, III	Gn. 4:1-15, 25; Mk. 8:11-13	
Tuesday, February 16	9:00 AM +Anthony Chireco	Gn. 6:5-8, 7:1-5 10; Mk. 8:14-21	
Wednesday, February 17	Ash Wednesday 7:30 AM Prayer Service 9:00 AM Mass (L)+Stein & Kempinski Families +Michael Hedrich 12:00 PM Prayer Service 5:30 PM Prayer Service	Jl. 2:12-18; 2 Cor. 5:20-6:2; Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18	7:00 PM Scripture Study Zoom Mtg. 5:30 PM Live-Streaming Service www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Thursday, February 18	9:00 AM +Catherine P. Mahler	Dt. 30:15-20; Lk. 9:22-25	
Friday, February 19	9:00 AM +James & Helen Lamb	Is. 58:1-9a; Mt. 9:14-15	9:45 AM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA, Sr. Lounge Stations of the Cross - BB Church & 5:30 PM Live-Streaming Service www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Saturday, February 20	9:00 AM +Carmin Mangano 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Diane B. Pietrefesa	Is. 58:9b-14; Lk. 5:27-32 Gn. 9:8-15; 1 Pt. 3:18-22; Mk. 1:12-15	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, February 21	8:30 AM +Ronald Fuydal +Cindy Hoehl 10:00 AM +Jean Cunningham +Frank Beck 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	Gn. 9:8-15; 1 Pt. 3:18-22; Mk. 1:12-15	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion

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

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Saturday, February 20	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, February 21	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

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

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St. Clare's Church, Loveladies, NJ
Closed for the Season

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.

Faith Formation and Education: For children ages six through high school. 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.

January 2021

Registered:

John and Betty Pallante
James Brennan
Janice and Bob Stonaker
Helen and Robert Comba
The Mol Family

The Jaime/Jaffe family
The Carmino Family
Christine Moll
Isabel and Greg Fath

Baptized:

Mara Michele Medina

Charles Raymond Reso

Married:

Deceased:

Timothy Toner William McDevitt Frank Bodenchak

A Letter From The Pastor...



Ash Wednesday, Parish & Center Closings, & Covid Vaccine

Ash Wednesday is **February 17th**. We will be distributing ashes in a way that will be safe for everyone at our 3 *Ash Wednesday Prayer Service*: 7:30 AM, noon, and 5:30 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at the 9:00 AM. Mass. Please check the bulletin for more details.

Having arrived from St. Bonaventure University I was accustomed to lots of snow and deep cold. Here, however, we don't have to worry so much about the inches of snow but the feet of water above high tide when storms come barreling through. When we close the Parish & Center it is usually because the boulevard is, or is predicted to be, impassable and dangerous.

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Pastoral Letter

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At times the Parish & Center would be closed, yet, we would still have the 9:00 AM Mass. The friars and I discussed this, and we believe that if a danger exists to close the Parish & Center, it will also exist for those trying to get to the 9:00 AM Mass as well. For that reason, we will not celebrate the 9:00 AM Daily Mass if the Parish & Center are closed due to inclement weather. We do not want anyone to have to second guess if there will be Mass or not. The intentions for that Mass will be moved to the next day Mass is offered.

We will continue to use our Facebook page, parish website, and radio announcements to let you know if we will be closed. We will also be using a text messaging service, **RainedOut**, for a more convenient and faster way to spread the news. The only thing... *and there is always a thing...* you do need to sign up online if you wish to receive an email or text [or both.]

Don't worry, it's fairly straight forward and easy to do. If you do have any issues signing up, find someone younger than 15. I'm convinced it's their first language!

Here are the simple steps you will need to follow.

- 1) Go to rainedout.com
- 2) Click on the yellow box "Receive Messages"
- 3) In the dialogue box above the word "Search" type in LBICC. St. Francis Center, LBICC Inc. will appear.
- 4) Click on St. Francis Center, LBICC [in blue]
- 5) Click, Continue. *Do not worry about the fee. The emails are free. The Parish & Center will pick up the cost if you choose to receive texts.*
- 6) Click the box "Agree to Terms of Service."
- 7) Add your email address or your phone number in the appropriate box and click "Start Signup."
- 8) Rained out will send you a validation code to your phone or email address. To confirm the set up you will need to type that code on the website page. Done! Simple! Good!

Covid Vaccine: Perhaps you know this already, but on **February 4th**, St. Francis Parish & Center began hosting the LBI Health Department in the Brant Beach Church Hall as they continue their great effort to distribute the Covid-19 vaccine to our entire community. I would encourage everyone to get the vaccine. Because we do visit the sick the friars and Sr. Pat have begun the two-stage process. It was very easy.

You will need to sign up at www.lbihealth.com for an appointment. Click on the words "Covid-19" on the top right corner of their home page. The page has the latest information regarding Covid-19. On the bottom of the page, you will see "Register with V-Safe." That will take you through the steps to sign up for a vaccine. The LBI Health Department will continue to post appointments based on the quantity of vaccines they receive.

We do know that the roll-out of the vaccine has been chaotic throughout the country. Fortunately, it does seem that things are being put into place for a smoother road ahead. We pray for patience and fortitude.

Since this is a LBI Health Department initiative **I ask that you NOT call the Parish or Center** if you have any Covid related questions. Please visit their website or reach out to health department directly at (609) 492 1212.

We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic as we also offer prayers of gratitude for all of our first responders, health care workers, scientists, and everyone helping us all to heal and move beyond Covid.

Blessings of Peace and All Good!

Fr. Fran, OFM

Weekly Reflections...

"Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near; repent, and believe in the good news'" (Mark 1:14-15)

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of a nearly 95 day long journey through lent, the Triduum, and the Easter season which ends on Pentecost Sunday. For such a long trip we need nourishment and this year perhaps we need more than ever. Like all journeys, our trip begins with a single step. Many choose to begin by wearing ashes. We fast, care for others, and quietly offer alms. Rituals, psalms and penance are all part of our lenten journey. We long for these spiritual actions to not just be who we are during lent, but to become spiritual habits for a lifetime. We are called to conversion and we pray that we come to a closer personal relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters through our actions and prayers.

Through his Lenten messages and homilies, Pope Francis offers us guidance on some of the actions we can do for Lent: prayer, evangelize, help the poor, and take part in the sacraments. We will also share Lenten Journey Gospel Challenges on the covers of our church bulletins for the 5 weeks of Lent.

Ashes will be safely distributed on **Wednesday, February 17** in the Brant Beach Church. Services will be held at **7:30 AM, noon, and 5:30 PM (Live Streamed)**. Mass is at **9:00 AM**.

We invite you to Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 5:00 PM in the Brant Beach Church. Due to the Covid virus we have made some changes to assure safety. We will not be having a meal of bread and soup this year before the Stations, but you may wish to bring a can of soup to put in the St. Francis Food Pantry basket in the church lobby. The **Stations will be live streamed** for those not able to attend. Each week we will contemplate three of the Stations of the Cross through scripture, hymns and reflection. All are invited. Feel free to bring friends and neighbors!

Station Dates are Fridays, **February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 at 5:00 PM**.

"Inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the Holy Spirit, may we be able to follow in the footprints of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ..."

St. Francis of Assisi, "A Letter to the Entire Order." 120-121

Peace and all good,
JoAnne Reeder
Worship Coordinator

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

Are you 18 years of age or older
and would like to join the
Catholic faith Community?



Here at St. Francis classes are beginning
for anyone who would like to celebrate the
Sacraments of Baptism, and/or First Communion
and Confirmation.

Call Fr. Steve or Sr. Pat at (609) 494-8813 for more
information or to register.

A presentation entitled:
"Eucharist as Mandatum"
will be given on **Friday, February 19**
at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Lounge
by Fr. John Frambes, ofm
*Seating is limited so call
Sr. Pat or Fr. Steve to reserve your place.*

Ash Wednesday 2021



*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
Behold, now is the day of salvation,"*

Ashes will be safely distributed after all services and
Mass on **Wednesday, February 17th**. All services will be
held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Brant Beach.
7:30 AM – Service * Noon - Service * 5:30 PM - Service
9:00 AM – Mass

Lenten Regulations

1. The days of **FAST** (*only one full meal*) and **ABSTINENCE** (*no meat*) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. The pastor of a parish has the authority to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish. The Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.
2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).



Soup and Stations



Stations of the Cross

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World Marriage Day



The Diocese of Trenton will celebrate
World Marriage Day on **Sunday, February 14** and
National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2021.

We congratulate and pray for all married couples this month.
May your mutual love be a source of happiness and may God
continue to bless you all your days. To mark your anniversary, we
invite couples who are celebrating their **25th, 50th, or more** years
of marriage to send your names and the number of years married
this year to jreeder@stfrancisbi.org
We would like to print them in our church bulletin so our entire faith
community can celebrate your special milestone.
Peace and all good!

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

Barbara H. Angeline, ofs, (609) 384-6188,
Maryann Barrek, ofs, (609) 661-4441,
Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835,
Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,
Pat Simmons, ofs, (609) 661-1361.

Scripture Study

This group meets bi-monthly on Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. It is a **“zoom meeting”** led by Tom Troyano. No prior bible study background needed, just an interest in bible study and your own copy of the bible.

Call (609) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information.

Next scheduled zoom meeting: **February 17**

Men's Spirituality

The Men's Spirituality Group will meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, **February 20** in the Senior Lounge. Seating is limited. If interested, please contact Deacon Bob at: thatbrotherbob@aol.com or Fr. Steve at: skluge@stfrancisbi.org to reserve your place.

Parish Collections

Second Collection Today:

St. Francis Parish and Community Center

St. James reminds us that “Faith, by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (2:17). The Center is the helping hands of the parish, offering care and comfort to the needy. Thank you for your generosity as you put your faith to work.

Ash Wednesday, February 17 - St. Francis Food Pantry
Lent is a time of prayer, fasting & almsgiving. This collection helps you observe Lent by feeding the hungry. May God bless us through those we help.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Friars & Sister Stipends

Collected: \$3,048

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$15,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000

Collected: \$9,023

January 30/31 Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000

Collected: \$16,367.05

January 30/31 2nd Collection

Diocesan Assessment

Collected: \$2,593



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!**

stfrancisparishbi.org

Family Faith Formation



Judith Clayton, Director of FFF (Ext. 153)

jclayton@stfrancisbi.org

Eileen Bowker, Youth Minister (Ext. 178)

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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

In-person registration for 2021-2022 Religious Education Program will be on **April 21** from 1:00 to 6:00 PM in the Family Faith Offices, 2nd floor of the Community Center.

All classes will continue to be home based for the rest of this year.

Please remember to return the permission slip to allow for video or virtual learning (Grades 6-8 only).

SPECIAL EVENTS

WINNERS of the Crazy Over Apples Raffle

1st Prize: Apple iPad Pro 256GB

Value: \$899.00

Winner: S. Crapanzano, Cudjoe Key, FL, Ticket 498

2nd Prize: Apple Watch Series 6

Value: \$484.99

Winner: L. Findley, Hillsborough, NJ, Ticket 388

3rd Prize: Apple AirPods with Wireless Charging Case

Value: \$154.98

Winner: S. Matos, Manahawkin, NJ, Ticket 479

American Red Cross Blood Drive



Thursday **February 18**

1:00 - 6:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Please call the Community Center at (609) 494-8861 ext. 118 or visit: www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Postponed/Cancelled Due to Covid-19

Annual March Madness

Free Throw Contest

Cancelled



Fish & Chip Dinner

Postponed until June

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.



Are you a high school or college student with a story to tell about sexual assault through art or poetry?

Do you want to raise awareness about the importance of consent through a public service announcement poster?

SHARE YOUR ART WITH OCEAN COUNTY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT!

Send your artwork to Danielle at ddunne@stfrancisbi.org by March 27th to be entered for a sexual assault awareness month prize and be featured in sexual assault awareness month promotions!

By submitting artwork for the contest, participants grant St. Francis Counseling Service permission to use their likeness in a photograph, video or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

Artwork can be submitted as anonymous if needed.

This event was supported by the State of New Jersey Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care (SAARC) Funds, administered by the Department of Children and Families.



ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE

Covid Support Group

Staying Connected in a Socially Distant World

This FREE group is open to ages 18+ to provide support for anyone that has been affected by the change and challenges that have been brought forth by COVID-19.

Join us for a confidential space where we can stay connected and find support during these difficult times.

Virtual Meetings
Mondays 3PM - 4:30PM

Please call
(609) 494-1554 to register!
For further questions, please ask to speak with Jenna

The therapists from St. Francis Counseling Services, offers you their favorite energizing self-care activities to beat the winter blues.

Walking
Stargazing
Listening to music
Cuddling with my pets
Watching the sunrise or the sun set
Driving to random places
Visiting Barnegat Lighthouse
Decluttering
Laughing and talking with friends
Hiking in the woods
Yoga
Meditation



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- Name 5 things you see.
 - Name 4 things you hear.
 - Name 3 things you feel.
 - Name 2 things you smell.
 - Name 1 thing you taste.

Mindful drinking and eating
Asking for help
Making a date with yourself and keeping it!
Coloring
Eating healthy foods
Lunch with a friend
Cooking
Lighting a Scented candle
Exercising
Bike riding
Strength training
Weight training



St. Francis Counseling Service provides individuals, couples and families with affordable, professional psychotherapy services addressing a wide range of issues. Services are available to all regardless of race, sex, age, disability, income or religious affiliations. Master-level therapists provide all professional counseling services. All services are offered in English and Spanish. For an appointment call (609) 494-1554.

Surviving to Thriving

A Safe Space for Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault. Empower yourself - unlock the skills and tools necessary to move forward and thrive in this *free and confidential online support group*,

Tuesdays, time to be determined.

Open to all residents of Ocean County,
18 years or older.

Please call Bianca Valentini, LSW
to register and reserve your space,
(609) 494-1554.

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



During these uncertain times, although we do not know when our exercise, socialization and recreation programs will resume, please keep in mind we are here for you.

We are still providing the following:

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.

Please call (609) 978-6220 if you are in need of services.

Jersey Cares - Senior Shoppers Program

If you are 60 years or older and in need of food shopping services, you should know that the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and St. Francis Senior Services has partnered with a reputable nonprofit, Jersey Cares, to provide this service.

You can be assured your safety is our top priority and that all volunteers are fully vetted including background checks.

If you are interested in participating in this program please call St. Francis Senior Services at (609) 978-6220 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

St. Francis Community Center

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

St. Clare Church

56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies



These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.

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.

Spring Session I Registration Tuesday, February 16; 9:00 AM

Classes begin March 1

AQUATICS:

Water Tots, 4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate, Advanced Swim, Spring Swim Clinic, Lifeguard Training, Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics And Arthritis Water Exercise



RECREATION:

Tot and Tyke Basketball, Spring Basketball Clinic, All Level Yoga and Basic Boating Safety Course



Three Month Pool Membership

Single only, \$160. Flat rate, no discounts.



Yearly Center Membership

Adults (ages 18 through 59), \$60.

Senior Citizens (60 & up), \$40.

Yearly Combination (Center & Pool) Membership

Single only, \$330.

Senior Citizens (60 & up), \$305.

Pickleball

A cross between Ping Pong, Tennis, Racquetball and Badminton. Pickleball is played as a singles or doubles game. It's a great sport for teens and up including baby boomers and active seniors.



**Monday, Wednesday & Friday
12:15-3:00 PM**

in the Gymnasium

\$5 Drop-in or \$30 for a book of 10 passes

Passes available at the Front Desk
of the Community Center

Family Support Services

Food Pantry Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

By Appointment Only

St. Francis Human Concern Food Pantry is operating by appointment only. Food Pantry hours will remain Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 171 or 172 to schedule your appointment. Upon arrival for your appointment, you will be asked to park in a designated parking spot in the first row of parking spaces in front of the building. Please call when you arrive.

Pantry based text alerts

We now have a text message alert system which will alert you to any changes to the food pantry and any projects going on.

TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760

****carrier text message rates may apply****

Pantry procedures are subject to change at any time and clients should call St. Francis Community Center at (609) 494-8861 or check Facebook for the most up to date information about the food pantry.

****If you are experiencing any symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, PLEASE STAY HOME & make arrangements for someone else to pick up food for you! ****

St. Francis is asking for donations for the food pantry.

Items needed (Personal Products):

Laundry detergent

Shampoo

Body Wash/Soap

Deodorant

Hand Soap

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Toilet Paper

Gift Cards to Walmart, ShopRite, Acme & Target

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. <https://a.co/00HTAhy>

or can be dropped off at the Community Center.

Parenting and Anger Management Groups

St. Francis Community Center and locations throughout Ocean County. To register, please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197.

Funded by the Department of Human Services.



Auto Ownership Program

The Auto Ownership Program at St. Francis Community Center is looking for donated vehicles. Donated vehicles are provided to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients for whom transportation is a major barrier to employment. Cars are donated, repaired, and turned over to clients involved in a work or training activity of the Ocean County TANF program. All donations will receive a letter and 1098c form for tax purposes.

Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197 if you are interested in donating.

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.

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St. Francis Adult Basic Education FREE Distance Learning Classes

*Registration & Testing will be held
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Classes are provided by the Ocean County Consortium through a grant from the Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development.
(Classes are subject to change)

Did You Know??

Educational & Career Services provides adult education to residents of Ocean County 16 years of age and older who are in need of a High School Diploma, English as a Second Language or to increase their literacy or math skills. The program also provides assistance with employability skills, job search, computer skills, resume writing and credentials.

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HOME TOWN TRAVEL & CELEBRITY GROUPS **CURRENT SCHEDULE**

San Juan to Cape Liberty - May 1-6, 2021

Celebrity Summit Fly Newark to San Juan. 5 night getaway with a stop at St. Maarten and 3 relaxing days at sea returning to Cape Liberty. Aqua class cabin, nightly dinner Blu, gratuities and unlimited beverage package.

Newport, Charleston & Bermuda - May 15-26, 2021

Celebrity Summit (R/T Bayonne). Ports: Newport, RI (full day), Charleston, SC (overnight), Kings Wharf, Bermuda (three days/two nights) with three days at sea (one between each destination). \$300 onboard credit.

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Ports: Sea day, Halifax, NS, two sea days, Qaqortoq, Greenland, overnight in Reykjavik, Iceland and half-day in Akureyri, Iceland, sea day, Kirkwall, Scotland and a sea day before arriving in Southampton.

Seattle to Vancouver - September 3-10, 2021

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Self Help Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Due to COVID-10 please call (609) 641-8855 for updated meetings and locations.

AA HOTLINE (609) 494-5130

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Preschool

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Position: Year-round full time with benefits, Part time (with potential for full time) and substitute.

Pay: Hourly rate based on degree.

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday

Publication Relations/Special Events Coordinator

Must be able to work a 40 hour week, which will include various nights and weekends. Applicants will write press releases and prepare information for the media and community to promote events and programs for the Community Center and Parish. Will update the Community Center Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts, while facilitating all updates and entries to the parish and center websites. Edit the weekly bulletin for the parish and generate a Community Center brochure 3 times per year. Managing Special Events and its Volunteers for the Community Center and Parish is a key component in this employment opportunity. Applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Publisher, Word, and Excel. Must have Valid Driver's License and be able to lift at least 30lbs. Expertise in communication, social engagement, and understanding others. Benefits and Paid Time Off are offered.

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