

THE BRIDGE



*With open arms
for all!
All are welcome!*

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH • 4700 LONG BEACH BOULEVARD, BRANT BEACH, NJ 08008



“Truly this was the Son of God!” Mt. 27:54

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, April 1	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +James E. Kempfski +Bert Minnella 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Michael Rooney +Frank Esposito	Ez. 37:21-28; Jn. 11:45-56 Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14-27:66	10:00 AM Reconciliation Service with Individual Confession & Absolution Easter Flower Sale after Mass
Sunday, April 2	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss 10:00 AM +Timothy Hoover 11:30 AM +Derek Chapman +Daniel Adamo	Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14-27:66	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30 PM OFS Order of Secular Franciscans Easter Flower Sale after Masses
Monday, April 3	9:00 AM +Shirley Martin	Is. 42:1-7; Jn. 12:1-11	
Tuesday, April 4	9:00 AM +Betty Ann Goodwin +Rita Neyer	Is. 49:1-6; Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, April 5	9:00 AM +Eugene D'Amico	Is. 50:4-9a; Mt. 26:14-25	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 6	<i>Holy Thursday</i> 7:30 PM +Saverio "Sammy" D'Amico +Bill Kunz +Richard Cortellino	Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jn. 13:1-15	<i>Live-Streaming 7:30 PM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Friday, April 7	<i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 PM <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 3:00 PM <i>Liturgy</i>	Is. 52:13-53:12; Heb. 4:14-15, 5:7-9; Jn. 18:1-19:42	Parish and Center is CLOSED <i>Live-Streaming 3:00 PM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Saturday, April 8	<i>Easter Vigil</i> 7:30 PM +Eugene & Lucille D'Amico +David & Kathleen Barndt	Gn. 1:1-2:2; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom. 6:3-11; Mt. 28:1-10	<i>Live-Streaming 7:30 PM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Sunday, April 9	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord</i> 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss 10:00 AM +Anne Armstrong, ofS +Belinda Caputo +James M. Kempfski 11:30 AM +Marie Waldron-Ryder	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4; Jn. 20:1-9	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi Parish and Center is CLOSED

Mass Schedule CHANGE

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

Saturday, 7:30 PM Vigil; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM

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St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City

Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven

Sunday, 10:00 AM

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED



SUNRISE SERVICE
for Easter Sunday, April 9th

6:15 AM on the Third Street Beach in Beach Haven

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

In case of inclement weather, sunrise service will be moved indoors to St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Beach Haven

St. Thomas of Villanova Church

13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, April 2	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempfski Families
Sunday, April 9	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +George & Jane Holland

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, April 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League

St. Francis Parish and Center will be CLOSED
Friday, April 7; Saturday April 8; Sunday, April 9; and Monday, April 10.

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Letter from the Pastor
April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday was always a big celebration in my family. It did not rise to the level of Easter, of course, but we did drive into Brooklyn to have dinner at my grandmother's house with my aunts, uncles, and cousins, knowing that we would return the follow Sunday to celebrate Easter.

Besides the wonderful memories, it also impressed on me the importance of Palm Sunday and the week that follows. It is not any ordinary week. It is a special week. It was a holy week.

The week began today with the story of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and takes us to the Easter Vigil on Saturday. This week of celebration, prayer, and remembering, is the peak and the summit of our faith. As Christians, nothing would make sense without this week.

In many ways, it echoes the pattern of our life. Think about it. Our youthful spirit start with the initial joy of life. We celebrate life and life is good. Then, eventually, we meet life's challenges, pain, and suffering. At first it typically "rocks our world," if you will, and usually forces us to question what we believe and perhaps even who we are. In some cases, it even challenges our understanding of God and who God is. Sadly, some are ripped from their childhood belief because the pain is so great and can find no reconciliation between life and a good God. For those who do not believe, the story ends in despair.

For those of us who do believe, God's promise and presences carries us through it all. The joys of our life are celebrated by God and the hardships that ensnare us, we believe, are carried by God. This does not mean we are absolved of the burdens of fear and pain. The Garden of Gethsemane tells us even Jesus had to endure the deep pain of betrayal, injustice, and the worldly power struggles of his day. Yet, for those who believe, like Jesus, our faith tells us that God's victory is ours. The Resurrection is real and life endures. That is the mystery we celebrate this week: **Life Endures**.

I do hope you can join us as we celebrate the three day *Sacred Triduum* that begins on **Holy Thursday at 7:30 PM**, continues at **3 PM on Good Friday**, and ends with the **Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM** on Saturday. These three celebrations are actually one continuous celebration. In that alone, it is unique. It is like no other celebration that we have throughout the year because it is the apex of what we believe and who we say we are. *God Triumphs! Life Endures!*

We will also celebrate the **Stations of the Cross at 3 PM on Good Friday** if you would like to prayerfully lead into the 3 PM Good Friday service. The **Easter Sunrise Mass** will be at **6:15 AM on the beach at 3rd Street in Beach Haven**. Unfortunately, there is a prediction of rain on Sunday morning. If that is the case, the Mass will be in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Beach Haven. Please check the bulletin for the entire Easter Sunday Mass schedule.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who so generously contributed to the *Franciscan Relief Fund* to aid the people of Syria and Turkey. The FRF has raised a total of \$227,278 of which, St. Francis Parish contributed \$7,262. Thank you for your great generosity and for your prayers for those who continue to suffer the cross of Christ in our day. May your generous spirit lift those who live in the shadow of the Cross and come to know the hope that comes to us through Jesus Christ Risen! Happy Palm Sunday! Happy Holy Week!!

Holy Thursday Vessels at Mass

We will be using a special Chalice and Ciborium at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. These vessels were given to the parish back in the 1970's by an anonymous donor whose sister was very active in the parish at the time. They are adorned with beautiful stones that reflect the beauty of God and God's creation. Please remember this benefactor in your prayers.

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 4:00 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 Office

Michele Beck, Director, Liturgy & Music.....mbeck@stfrancislbi.org
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Marie Maslanka, Parish Secretary.....mhuber@stfrancislbi.org
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861
Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554
Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407
Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861
Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760
Recreation & Aquatics - (609) 494-8861 ext. 105
Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

Parish Finance Council

Cecelia Fowler	201 264 5965
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM	609 494 8861
Angelo Rinaldi	609 661 9052
Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM	609 494 8861
Jay Pojednic	609 709 2007
Joe Hummel	609 868 2930
Joe Mack	609 492 1659
Joe Vaszily	
Peter Williams	603 714 4014
Stacey Kelsall, <i>Comptroller</i>	609 494 8861

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$25,000

This Week's Second Collection:

Friars and Sisters Vehicle Maintenance & Fuel

This collection will help with the cost of maintaining the vehicles and fuel expenses for the friars and sisters. We appreciate your support so we can be there for our parishioners when they need us.

Holy Land – Good Friday

This collection is taken up throughout the world for the maintenance of Shrines in the Holy Land. Thank you for being generous.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$16,762

Needed: \$22,000

Last Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Parish Ministries - Music

Collected: \$6,378

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00

Pledged: \$25,937.00 (26% of Goal)

Paid: \$22,809.00 (23% of Goal)

Total Donors: 158

Total Gifts: 162

Average Gift: \$160.10

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton.

Please visit the stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Gospel Inspirations:

“Truly, this was the Son of God!”



After all the betrayals by friends, religious leaders and even passersby, it is the centurion and the others Roman soldiers guarding Jesus who proclaim His divinity.

*We are called by Jesus to be a witness for Him.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosannah in the highest.”*

Family Faith

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

jclayton@stfrancislbi.org

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



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@osfphil.org

St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy

(609) 597-3800 or visit: www.stmaryknights.org

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.



PALM SUNDAY

April 1st & 2nd

Brant Beach Church: Saturday- 5:00 PM

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

Surf City Church: 10:00 AM Sunday

HOLY THURSDAY

April 6th at 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7th

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM

Good Friday Service: 3:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL

April 8th at 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th

Brant Beach Church: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Surf City Church: 8:30, 10:00 AM

Beach Haven: 10:00 AM

EASTER SUNRISE MASS

3rd Street, Beach Haven at **6:15 AM**

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction



(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director).

How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions like these are the focus of spiritual direction or "soul care". The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

Maryann Barrek, (609) 661-4441
Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835
Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651
Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917
Pat Simmons, (609) 661-661-1361

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. 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!

Men's Spirituality Group

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

Next scheduled meeting: **April 15, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room**

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



Knitting and Crochet Ministry

We are pleased to announce that we now have Pocket Prayer Shawls, which can be found in the front lobby of St. Francis Church. With every stitch a prayer is offered for the person who will receive

the Pocket Prayer Shawl. These mini shawls provide comfort, support from God for those who receive one. These shawls are able to fit inside of a pocket.

These shawls can be given to anyone who needs comfort and support, such as a recent loss, illness, or a spiritual struggle.

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Bible Talks After Mass

Tom Troyano will be doing brief monthly talks on the bible after the 9:00 AM Mass. Next talk Wednesday, **April 19**, 9:30 AM, Brant Beach Church

Book Club

We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM. *Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen. Next meeting Tuesday, **April 25**, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

Knitting & Crocheting Circle

Meets **weekly on Fridays**, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, in the Family Faith Office. For more information please contact Fr. Scott at (609) 494-8813.

Next meeting Friday, **April 14**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

Order of the Secular Franciscans

Sunday, **April 2**, 12:30 PM, *Fraternity Meeting, BB Church Hall*

Scripture Study

Meets **bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, from 10:00-11:30 AM 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.

Next meeting Wednesday **April 12**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

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.

Next meeting **May 11**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Embrace Our Way of Life

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE

Franciscan Vocation Ministry

Br. Basil Valente, OFM

129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403



Join us for a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19—29, 2023

VISITING: ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHEBUS
PATMOS * SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI
Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey



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For More Information, Please Contact:

Fr. Andrew Reitz

Tel: (917) 275-5593

Email: areitz@stfrancislbj.org

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

NOW is the time to sign up for this Pilgrimage. Spaces are running out; just a few more left! Don't miss this fabulous Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul!

Fr. Andrew areitz@stfrancislbj.org.

**Adult Enrichment/RCIA
Living A Laudato Si' Lent 2023**
(uscgb laudato si')

Here are additional examples to reflect upon for Living A Laudato Si' Lent 2023:

April 2 – Palm Sunday – Plan your menu for Holy Week. Choose many meatless meals and eat as many organic, locally produced foods as possible.

April 3 – Talk to a friend, family member, co-worker about what it has meant to you to live Lent with Laudato Si'.

April 4 – Pray for those most affected by climate change – farmers whose livelihood is destroyed by irregular season changes.

April 5 – Spy Wednesday – Reflect on how we humans have betrayed each other thru selfishness.

April 6 – Holy Thursday – Today, be conscious as you eat because all meals are a Holy Communion.

April 7 – Good Friday
– “Jesus entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross.” (LS 99)

April 8 – Holy Saturday – Light a candle and renew your commitment to the vision of Laudato Si'.

April 9 – Easter Sunday – “Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope”.

Secular Franciscans

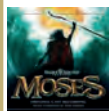


**OFS Easter Flower Sale
April 1 and 2**

After all masses at
St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall
and

After 10:00 mass at
St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Surf City

Proceeds help support our various ministries.



**Bus Trip: “Moses” at Sight & Sound
September 13, 2023**

\$195 all inclusive

Includes: 3:00 PM show, 11:30 AM lunch at Shady Maple, transportation, & tips.

2 pick ups: St. Francis LBI & Walmart, Manahawkin
Return home approximately 8:30 PM

Please make checks payable to: St. Francis Parish

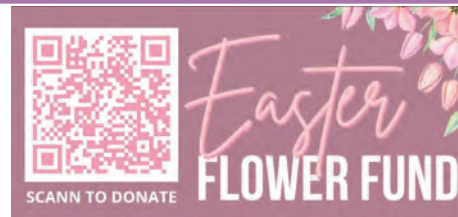
Mail to: Cheryl Krzaczyk, ofs, 111 E. 12th St.,
Ship Bottom, NJ 08008-4519

or call (609) 661-5229, email: chumsley@comcast.net

Mary Lou Ligus, ofs, (215) 850-7809

email: lbilady23@gmail.com

(Can accept 1/2 payment now to April 12 & 1/2 in June)



**EASTER FLOWER FUND
2023**

Help us decorate the Brant Beach, Surf City, and Beach Haven churches from Palm Sunday through The Easter season!

Memorialize or honor a family member, friend, or a special occasion with your donation

**All donations will be recognized in our
2023 Easter Flower Fund Donor List**

This list will be updated weekly on our parish website. It will include the names of all donors and who the donations are in memory or in honor of.

Donations for Easter Flowers, plants, and Art and Environment supplies can be made in any amount.

or

You can donate toward the purchase of specific items to memorialize

DONATION AMOUNT	
\$100	Large Topiaries & Large Easter Wreaths
\$75	Flowers in Sanctuary Urns for Holy Thursday & Easter Season
\$50	Peace Lilies & Hydrangea
\$35	Ferns & Candle Rings

Ways to donate to our 2023 Easter Flower Fund

Easter Flower Fund Envelope found with your parish donation envelopes or at the doors of the church

Online donation on our website Scan the QR code or go to www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/easterflowerfund

Thank you for your generous support!

From,

The St. Francis Parish Liturgical Art & Environment Committee
Contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Thank You Parish Family!

In a little over 3 months, we collected over 300 rosaries.

Some of them were very old, some were brand new, all have been prayed over and have been sorted, cleaned, and are now being distributed to the hospital, nursing homes, on home visits and to the homeless at St. Francis Inn in Kensington in Philadelphia.

AND AGAIN, WE THANK YOU!



The Ladies of the Women's Cornerstone Rosary Project

(we will set up our basket in the Church again when our supply is depleted)

Soup and Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Fran Bossard and Gail Jordan for organizing our Lenten soup dinners. Thank you also to those who brought soup each week.

Employment Opportunity

Community Center Counseling Services

Positions: *Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor*

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.

Children's Services-Teacher's Assistant

Be able to relate well with children and families. Prefer a background in early childhood education. (13-months to 5-years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.

Position: Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Days: Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$15 per hour

Summer Camp Counselor (Seasonal Position)

Be able to relate well with children and families. Working with school age children 5 years to 13years of age.

Position: Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Days: Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$14.13 per hour

Must be 17 or older and be available 6/20/23 to 8/31/2023
First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.
Experience Preferred, but not required.

Family Support Services

Position: *Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program.* Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology, or related field is preferred. Prefer applicants who have experience working with children (0-5 years). Parent Educator will be required to travel throughout southern Ocean County for home visits and must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

Days: Monday-Friday – Full time

Maintenance Department

Position: Full time *Maintenance/Cleaning-* Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred, not required. Must have valid driver's license.

Pay: Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience)

Days/Hours: Monday- Friday- Afternoon/Evening hours required (approx. 2pm-10pm).

Parish

Position: *Director of Parish Development.* Full time position
This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising.

Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

Days/Hours: Monday- Friday, attendance at Evening/weekend events required

Position: *Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry.*

Full time position.

Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and to our post confirmation young people to create a vibrant, inspiring, and relevant faith based program. Must be an active and participating Catholic.

Bachelor's degree required- Theology or Religious Studies or related field

Days: Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

****Background check & fingerprinting required for all employees 18 yrs. & older.**

***Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 16 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) w/ company match, & more.**

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

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



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.grownjkids.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

Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

- Adult Education Program
- First Step to Self Sufficiency
- Next Step to Employment

All participants must be verified for eligibility through the Ocean County PIC Office. Programs funded through a grant provided by the Ocean County Department of Human Services.
For additional information call: (732) 281-8653

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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:

Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Baked Beans, Coffee, Canned Chef Boyardee/Chili, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, and Soap.

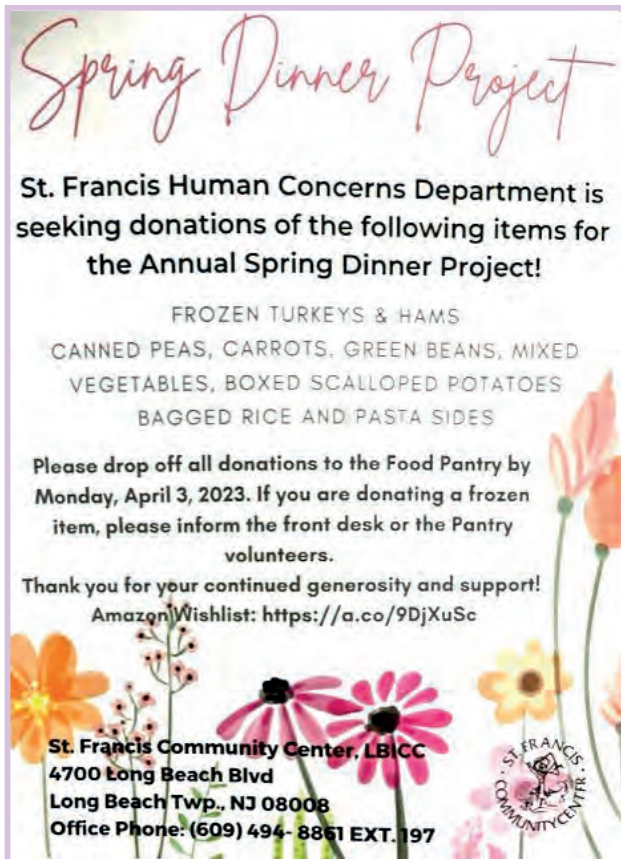
Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via PayPal.

Family Support Services:

To learn more about our programs visit our website at

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- *Parenting & Anger Management Groups*
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Spring Dinner Project

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Thank you for your continued generosity and support!
Amazon Wishlist: <https://a.co/9DjXuSc>

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Senior Services

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The LBI Health Department is doing
Blood Pressure Screenings

the **second Tuesday of each Month**
from 11:00 am - 11:30 am

in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111 for more information.



WHAT THE TECH

What the Tech?! is a newly formed volunteer opportunity that connects the tech-savvy youth with older individuals in need of 'techspertise'!

If you are 50+ and would like to attend, please contact St. Francis Senior Services. All are welcome, for any and all tech questions!

If you would like to VOLUNTEER and use your IT, interpersonal, and communication skills to help older people acquire digital skills, please reach out to Katherine Pelican.

St. Francis Senior Services
609-494-8861 ext. 109
Katharine Pelican 551-427-1107.

Recreation & Aquatics

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

REGISTRATION

SESSION II

Tuesday, April 11, 9:00 AM

Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

Counseling Services offers trauma-informed, therapeutic sessions for individuals, couples, and families. Services are available in person or virtually and available: for adult and child victims of crime and sexual assault throughout Ocean County and are free of charge; for general mental health counseling on a sliding fee scale to residents of southern Ocean County (Lanoka Harbor and South) and support groups that are free of charge at our location in Brant Beach. For more information or to enroll in services, please contact us at: 609-494-1554. Monday 9am-5pm, Tuesday through Thursday 9am-9pm, and Friday 9am-5pm.

TURN THE TOWN TEAL

Did you know that teal is the color for sexual violence prevention? Join us in April to raise awareness and show that our community is a safe place for survivors to seek support!

Community organizations, businesses and individuals are welcome to participate!

Facebook: @OCNJ Prevention

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609-494-1554 or jplusard@stfrancisbi.org

Did You Know??

Did you know.... that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and that **St. Francis Counseling Service** is the lead sexual assault advocacy, prevention and counseling agency for all of Ocean County? In 2000, sexual violence coalitions across the country voted to designate the color teal as the official color of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the teal ribbon was adopted as a symbol of awareness and prevention. St Francis Counseling Service honors survivors of sexual assault during the month of April by "Turning the Town Teal"-if you would like to join us, either as a local business, organization or individual, please call the office at 609-494-1554 to receive your free color changing lightbulb and teal kit (while supplies last!). As always, you can reach the 24 hour Confidential Sexual Violence Hotline by calling 609-494-1090.

Community Bulletin Board

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*Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 2
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Saturday, April 16, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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DONATE THROUGH APRIL FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

When survivors of sexual assault present to the hospital, their clothing is often taken for evidence. St. Francis Counseling Service and the Sexual Assault Response Team of Ocean County are accepting donations of **NEW** clothing items so survivors have clothes to go home in.

Needed items include stretch pants or joggers, t-shirts, children's underwear, and small blankets for children. Items should be in a variety of sizes and gender neutral colors. Please use our QR code to view our Amazon Wish List!



All donations can be dropped off in the Community Center Lobby Monday through Friday 9am - 6pm or sent to:

St. Francis Community Center
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