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for all!
All are welcome!*

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, April 2	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Carole Ann Liming 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Burt Hoyt	Jer. 11:18-20; Jn. 7:40-53 Is. 43:16-21; Phil. 3:8-14; Jn. 8:1-11	
Sunday, April 3	8:30 AM +John Connolly +Doucila Panella 10:00 AM +James E. Kempfski +Eric Halverson +Dolores Desheri O'Hara 11:30 AM +Ann T. Davey	Is. 43:16-21; Phil. 3:8-14; Jn. 8:1-11	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30 OFS Fraternity Mtg., Church Hall
Monday, April 4	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn. 8:1-11	6:00 PM Dinner; 7:00 PM Reconciliation for Confirmands
Tuesday, April 5	9:00 AM +Eugene D'Amico +Mary Alice Laird	Nm. 21:4-9; Jn. 8:21-30	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Adult Faith Enrichment
Wednesday, April 6	9:00 AM +Domenica Robertozzi	Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn. 8:31-42	10:30 AM Contemplative Living, <i>Zoom</i> 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 7	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Gn. 17:3-9; Jn. 8:51-59	
Friday, April 8	9:00 AM +Phillip M. Cote, Sr. "Mickey"	Jer. 20:10-13; Jn. 10:31-42	6:00 PM Lenten Communal Penance with Individual Reconciliation
Saturday, April 9	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation <i>Palm Sunday</i> 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 Lenten Communal Penance with Individual Reconciliation
Sunday, April 10	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 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

Mass Schedule - **Palm Sunday, April 9/10, 2022**

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach
 9:00 AM Daily Mass
 Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM
 Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City
 Sunday, 10:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - Closed for the Season
St. Clare, Loveladies - Closed for the Season



SOUP AND STATIONS

We will be needing donations
of meatless soup in a crockpot
to share at our Soup and Stations
on April 1st.



Please bring the soup to the church hall between
5:00pm and 6:00pm.
 Soup will begin at 6:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross.
 The Stations of the Cross will be *live streamed* for those not
able to attend. www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
 Questions? Contact JoAnne at 609-494-8861 Ext. 164.
 Peace and all good!

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.

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

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



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

Barbara, May The Angels Lead You to Paradise

This past Monday, March 28, we received the sad news that long time parishioner and St. Francis Parish's Director of

Development, Barbara Truncellito, passed away. Some 40 years ago Barbara purchased her house on Long Beach Island while still working in Manhattan. She commuted back to LBI on weekends and any other time she would get the chance. Her parents thought she was crazy when she purchased the house since her salary at that time was not that great. Like most of us, there was something here that caught her and she knew she wanted to live on the island. She found her home and her place here on Long Beach Island.

Barbara also found her home at St. Francis Parish. She often told stories of how the parish brought her closer to God and to the Church that she loved so much. Barbara was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister and an active member of our church for quite some time. I first met Barbara in the 90's when I was first assigned to the parish. I was a newbie priest and she was still going back and forth to Manhattan. She had a fire and charism then and she never lost it! She had a great love for our Franciscan spirituality and a great devotion to St. Francis Parish and Center.

On May 4, 2021, Barbara became the inaugural Director of Development for St. Francis Parish, and a member of the Pastoral Staff. She told me that she always wanted to work for St. Francis and was grateful to have the opportunity to bring her talents to serve our community. Because it was a new position, she had to be creative pulling together all the different fund raising initiatives of the parish. In less than a year, she had certainly made her mark and had moved us in the right direction.

Barbara was not tall in stature but because of her great energy and enthusiasm you always knew she was in the room. She was a loving and kind person and always ready to start something new if it made us better. Barbara will be greatly missed.

We do not have any details at this point regarding her funeral but I will let you know via our webpage and Facebook as soon they are finalized.

Barbara loved Long Beach Island and St. Francis Parish. She found her home here. We pray and believe that God blesses her now with the fullness of life in our true home.



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

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.

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

franciscanrelieffund.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:

Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services helps people, Catholic and non-Catholic, throughout the U.S. and the world especially in times of crisis. Please be generous.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$16,489.50**

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Second Collection:

Catholic Relief Services

Collected: **\$5,156**



(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.***

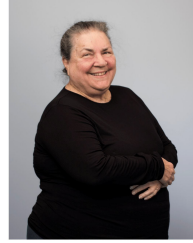
Visit the parish website for a

YouTube video on the

Annual Catholic Appeal by Bishop O'Connell at:

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal

Weekly Reflections...



Ms. JoAnne Reeder, Director of
Worship

Today's Gospel once again speaks to us about God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. Last week in Luke we heard about the Prodigal Son who asked his father for his inheritance and after receiving it, left home and quickly spent it all on a life of decadence. It was not too long before he found himself in great need and realized what he had done. He would go home to confess the sins he had committed against

his father and God. He did not expect a warm welcome, but his Father received him with great joy and happily shared all he had with him while his older son complained that it was unfair to him because he had been a dutiful son. The father reproached his older boy for being unhappy by the generous and loving acceptance of his brother by saying, "My son you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.....your brother was lost and now has come to life again."

This week we hear the good news of the Gospel once again from Luke. When Jesus came down from the Mount of Olives, the Pharisees and the scribes brought a woman before him who had sinned and could, according to the law, be stoned. But Jesus now does something the Pharisees didn't expect. He asks which of them is so righteous that he should cast the first stone knowing full well that the Pharisees knew they themselves were sinners. The woman's accusers left and Jesus forgave the woman and gave her the chance to leave her life of sin and start over again.

Both of these Gospels show us that we can all fall short at times in following God's commandments, but if we ask and repent, Jesus always forgives us no matter how great the sin. These beautiful gifts of unconditional love, forgiveness and redemption are with us always. That truly is the Good News.

Peace and all good,

JoAnne Reeder
Director of Liturgy

GOspel CHALLENGE:



"Neither do I condemn you."

Jesus does not condemn us, he always gives us another chance.

Who am I to judge?

St. Francis Liturgical Community

Liturgical Calendar for Lent 2022

All Liturgies in St. Francis of Assisi unless otherwise noted

- **Soup & Stations – April 1.**
Soup at 6:00pm - Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.
The Stations of the Cross will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend.
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
 - **Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3rd.**
 - **Lenten Communal Penance with Individual Reconciliation**
Friday, April 8th at 6:00pm.
Saturday, April 9th at 10:00am.
 - **Palm Sunday - April 9/10 in Brant Beach 5:00pm, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am.**
10:00am in St. Thomas Villanova, Surf City.
- Lent ends before the celebration of Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 14th.
- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - April 17th 6:00 AM at the Third St. Beach in Beach Haven.**

Soup and Stations of the Cross

We will be having Soup and Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. Soup will be served at 6:00pm and Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00pm in the Brant Beach church. We will be having a meal of bread, homemade meatless soup and ice water in the church hall. It is a time to make our Lenten journey fruitful as we walk the way of the cross with our brothers and sisters and continue to grow in our personal relationship with God. The three pillars of lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Pope Francis tells us that "lent is a privileged time for prayer." Our prayer strengthens us for fasting and almsgiving as we put aside some of our own needs and provide for those in need during lent. At each of the five Fridays there will be baskets on the sanctuary steps for much needed items for the food pantry.

Week Five April 1...Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross with *Mary, Mother of God*. Food Pantry needs canned ravioli.

The Stations of the Cross will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend. www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

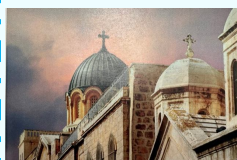
Please join us for a simple meal of soup as we begin our Lenten journey.

Please feel free to bring neighbors or friends. All are welcome!

Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist



If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx [*host container*] to mass. If you forget your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.



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@stfrancislbi.org for a brochure.

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



Help Wanted - Altar Server Ministry

CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS



Do you find mass boring? If you do, why not sign up to be an altar server. We need young people [after First Communion] to help with priests and/or carry the cross in the parade at the beginning and end of mass. The more you do during the mass, the more interesting mass becomes.

Have your parents contact Ms. Toby McCarthy via email toby121e@comcast.net or call/text (609) 923 5417.

Parents, don't worry...Ms. Toby will do the training, and your child will serve only ONE mass per month.

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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to a talk on
"Palm Sunday and Triduum"
Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 PM
in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.

Family Faith

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

jlclayton@stfrancisbi.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 7 and 8** and again **May 15**.

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

Judith Clayton
Director, Family Faith



*Photo of
Ukraine Prayer Service
Friday, March 25th
St. Francis Parish*



*"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

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

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, **April 3**, 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, ofsf 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@stfrancislibi.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 REGISTRATION

Monday, April 4th
9:00 AM

Session II begins 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:

Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Body Wash, Deoderant, Hand Soap

Canned Goods:

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

Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonaisse

Salad Dressing

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!

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.

Did You Know??

Over the last calendar year, the Sexual Violence Advocates of Ocean County accompanied 43 survivors and supported 39 calls to our hotline. That is a total of 82 individuals who received support and resources in Ocean County Hospitals.

As part of our efforts to increase awareness around the sexual violence, St. Francis Counseling Service and Ocean County Prosecutors Office are partnering with local businesses and organizations to "**Turn the Town Teal**" this April! Follow along using the hashtag **#OCNJSAAM2022** on Facebook or Instagram! If you are a business or organization that would be interested in participating, please contact us at 609-494-1554 and request to speak with Jenna Pluard.

For more information on additional services offered by St Francis Counseling, including individual, group, and family therapy options, please contact our office at: Counseling Service : 609-494-1554

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Lenten Weekly Holy Hour for World Peace

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Thursdays, April 7th, 2022

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Holy hour will provide an opportunity for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer for world peace.
No registration needed.

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.*

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