E BRIDGE With open arms for all!

 All are welcome!

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



"If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world." Jn. 11:9

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, March 25	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Donald C. Keating +James M. Kempski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Hank Casey +Conny Fitzsimons	Is. 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb. 10:4-10; Lk. 1:26-38 Ez. 37:12-14; Rom. 8:8-11; Jn. 11:1-45	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm. 12:00 PM Confirmation Candidates Retreat 4:00 PM Confirmation Candidates Reconciliation
Sunday, March 26	8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Conny Fitzsimons 10:00 AM +Irene & Wayne Madsen +Marilyn & DiLorenzo 11:30 AM +Richard J. Barbuto +Gregory & Rose LoSapio +Thomas LoSapio	Ez. 37:12-14; Rom. 8:8-11; Jn. 11:1-45	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, March 27	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn. 8:1-11	
Tuesday, March 28	9:00 AM +Francis Brian Reilly +Joanne C. Murray +Conny Fitzsimons	Nm. 21:4-9; Jn. 8:21-30	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212
Wednesday, March 29	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons +Suzie Lipko	Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn. 8:31-42	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacramen
Thursday, March 30	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Gn. 17:3-9; Jn. 8:51-59	
Friday, March 31	9:00 AM +Thomas Foley +Ralph Jones	Jer. 20:10-13; Jn. 10:31-42	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office 4:30 PM Fish Fry, Center Gym 7:00 PM Reconciliation Service with Individual Confession & Absolution
Saturday, April 1	9:00 AM +James E. Kempski +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	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 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	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30 PM OFS Order of Secular Franciscans Easter Flower Sale after Masses

Mass Schedule CHANGE Palm Sunday, April 1/2, 2023

- 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
- St. Clare, Loveladies CLOSED

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday,	(L) Living +Deceased	
April 2	10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families	

Praying the Rosary

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



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 2^{nd} 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 3^{rd} 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 YEARin 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.

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

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.

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St. Francis Center		

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

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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.

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*

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection: Needed: \$22,000

This Week's Second Collection: St. Francis Parish Ministries - Music

Our Sunday celebration is at the heart of our life as a community of believers. One of the aspects of our Liturgy at St. Francis is the outstanding music program. In addition to coordinating quality music for all our Masses (19 in the summer) with good cantors & keyboard musicians, Michele Beck, our Music Coordinator, leads 3 inspirational choirs; the Adult, Teen/College & Children's Choirs. Thank you for your support of this very important part of our parish life.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$20,188** Needed: **\$22,000**

Last Week's Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services Collected: \$4,809



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures) ** Thank you for your generosity! **

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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00 Pledged: \$24,937.00 (25% of Goal) Paid: \$21,709.00 (19% of Goal) Total Donors: 151 Total Gifts: 154 Average Gift: \$161.93

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the <u>stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal</u> for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Gospel Inspirations:



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

We need water and food to live in this world but what we need for eternal life is a Messiah.

What we need, we have: a Savior. Trust Him!

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)



Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 AM "Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us."- Pope Francis

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



Te: (917) 275-5593 Email: areitz@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Pilgrimage This September! Registrations are being accepted now for this Pilgrimage! Information and Registration available from Fr. Andrew <u>areitz@stfrancislbi.org</u>. Spaces are limited! Register now!





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

Maryann Barrek, ofs (609) 661-4441 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. 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



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 Shawl. These mini shawls provide

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. *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Next meeting Tuesday, March 28, 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, March 31, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs 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

Newly Baptized, Registered, Married, Deceased

January, February 2023

<u>Baptized:</u>

Baker Dean Zwiren Willa Rose Cummings Ryder Kusznikow

<u>Registered:</u>

Daniel and Marianne Fontana The O'Malley Family Marianne Dunn Michael and Kathleen Done Gregory and Marie Krieger Rebecca Williamson Richard and Coleen Verruni Francis and Coleen Gil Karl and Kristen Talke Robert and Mary Coscia The Chung Family Robert and Amy Haines Peter Arkontaky The Bernath Family May Mazzola Marilyn Lucov Elizabeth Zerbe Maryanne Martin Clarence and Gloria Stone Sarah McCrudden

<u>Married:</u>

<u>Deceased:</u> William Hennig Nicholas Nicolini Sr. Shae Louise Abbott Scarlett Grace Mannarino

Bernadine Icklan Bob and Susan Dunn Charles Burns Frank and Sue Zabita Manny and Donna Cancel John and Catherine Gosline Danny and Lindsay Di Angelo Thomas Green Daniel Gallaudet Cronin and Catherine McTigue The Dennsteadt Family Joseph and Loretta Cocchiara Lawrence and Jill Koerner Anthony and Phyllis Mezzacappa Laura Drackwicz Tom and Barb Pisciotta The Martinez Family Spencer Robbins Robert and Patricia Powers Gabrielle Verruni

Richard Bromer Gail Wetmore

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

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

March 26 – <u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> – Light a candle and reflect on the words of The martyr of the Amazon, Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, "I light a candle and look at Jesus on the cross and ask for the strength to carry the suffering of the people and the suffering of our Earth."

March 27 – Resolve not to buy anything new this week, except essentials like food.

March 28 – Natural disasters create the social chaos that promotes human trafficking. To act for climate justice is to fight human trafficking.

March 29 – Make sure your Easter chocolates are Fair Trade.

March 30 – Pray for those most affected by climate change – those who fish for a living whose livelihood is being destroyed by warming oceans and ocean acidification.

March 31 – Check your tire pressure. Low pressure tires use more gas per mile.

April 1 – Pray for those most affected by climate change – people who suffer from extreme heat and poor air quality.

Secular Franciscans



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

Proceeds help support our various ministries.



Bus Trip "Moses" Sight & Sound September 13, 2023 \$195

All inclusive: show, lunch, transportation, tips. 2 pick ups: St. Francis & Walmart. Call Cheryl Krzaczyk, OFS, (609) 661-5229 or Mary Lou Ligus, OFS, (215) 850-7809



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

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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 <u>any amount</u>.

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 <u>www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/easterflowerfund</u> Thank you for your generous support!

From,

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

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.



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 13 years 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.

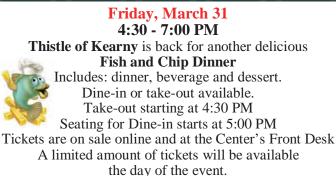
Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS







There will be a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Collecting desserts and drinks for the Fish & Chip Dinner. Drop of at the Center, March 28th.



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 Diary-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**

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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 http://stfranciscenterlbi.org

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

St. Francis Human Concerns Department is seeking donations of the following items for the Annual Spring Dinner Project!

FROZEN TURKEYS & HAMS CANNED PEAS, CARROTS, GREEN BEANS, MIXED VEGETABLES, BOXED SCALLOPED POTATOES BAGGED RICE AND PASTA SIDES

Please drop off all donations to the Food Pantry by Monday, April 3, 2023. If you are donating a frozen item, please inform the front desk or the Pantry volunteers.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support! Amazon Wishlist: https://a.co/9DjXuSc 16

St. Francis Community Center, LBICC 4700 Long Beach Blvd Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008 Office Phone: (609) 494- 8861 EXT. 197

Senior Services

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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.

> The LBI Health Department is doing **Blood Pressure Screenings** the second Tuesday of each Month

> > March 29 Gentle Parenting



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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. Services are 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.

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, I 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.

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

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.

Lifeguard Training - Hybrid Class Ages: 15 & Up This course is certified by the American Red Cross. You must have strong swimming ability. Bookwork will be completed online with some in-person days required for practical tests. Upon successful completion, participants will receive an American Red Cross Certification in Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED & Preventing Disease Transmission.

IN PERSON (required)

Wednesday, March 29, 5:00 - 6:00 PM Saturday April 1, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday, April 2, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Attendance at the listed dates and times is required. There will be no opportunities to make-up missed classes.

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

Community Bulletin Board

Family Promise of Southern Ocean County 1001 S. Main St., West Creek, NJ 08092

April 2 Bunny Hop 5K Fun Run & Walk

Family Promise of Southern Ocean County and Stafford Township are hosting the Bunny Hop 5K Fun Walk/Run in at the Stafford Township Municipal Complex in Manahawkin. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Southern Ocean County. Register to run or walk at https://www.raceforum.com/bunnyhop

Francis House of Prayer 84 Walnford Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501

Blessed and Anointed Monday, April 3 1:00 - 4:00 PM

The Chrism Mass is celebrated by the Bishop. During Mass, the oils of catechumens, the sick and the sacred chrism are blessed. Let us recount the blessing of our baptism, the healing and the call to be priest, prophet and king. Led by S. Marie. Donation: \$20

Zoom Only Triduum Morning Prayer **April 6 - 7 - 8**

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday draws from us deep gratitude. Communal Morning Prayer each day. Led by S. Marie. Donation: Love Offering.

Palm Sunday Overnight Retreat

April 1 – 2 4:00 PM Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday Liturgy, optional Centering Prayer periods and Spiritual Direction, Donation: \$100, dinner, breakfast and lunch included. Led by S. Marcy

Donovan Catholic High School

Spaghetti Dinner & Show Sunday, April 30

Two seatings, 1:00pm and 3:30pm. Tickets are \$17.00 and include spaghetti & meatballs dinner, salad, wine/ soda, dessert & coffee with special performances by the band and choir. Please email ddicosta@donovancatholic.org with any questions. Tickets can be purchased on www.donovancatholic.org, or at the school security



window during school hours.



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