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

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

The Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, December 11	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Norman Jay Santiago 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Jo Hellawell	Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt. 17:9a, 10-13 Zep. 3:14-18a; Phil. 4:4-7; Lk. 3:10-18	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, via Zoom Blessing of Infant Jesus from your home Nativity
Sunday, December 12	8:30 AM +RoseMarie B. Wirth +Jo Vennwald 10:00 AM +Edward Stein +Emma, Vincent & Sal Ferraro +Jim Morrison 11:30 AM +Dr. Richard & Mrs. Anne Gove +Kathryn Fiore +John & Lottie Bencivenga	Zep. 3:14-18a; Phil. 4:4-7; Lk. 3:10-18	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi Blessing of Infant Jesus from your home Nativity
Monday, December 13	9:00 AM +James M. Doyle +Richard "Dick" Arnold	Nm. 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt. 21:23-27	
Tuesday, December 14	9:00 AM +Glen Bray	Zep. 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt. 21:28-32	9:30 AM St. Anthony Novena 9:45AM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA
Wednesday, December 15	9:00 AM +Mark Lands +Jerry Michniewicz	Is. 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk. 7:18b-23	
Thursday, December 16	9:00 AM +Daniel Knode	Is. 54:1-10; Lk. 7:24-30	
Friday, December 17	9:00 AM +Dana McKenna	Gn. 49:2, 8-10; Mt. 1:1-17	5:00 PM Advent Prayer Service of Light Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Saturday, December 18	9:00 AM +Angela Gilbride 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Robert Carpenter	Jer. 23:5-8; Mt. 1:18-25 Mi. 5:1-4a; Heb. 15:5-10; Lk. 1:39-45	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, December 19	8:30 AM +Mary Karch +Bob Carpenter +Paul Martin Sulovski 10:00 AM +Jack Maher +Louise Soranno +Thomas Vincent Sharkey 11:30 AM +Robert Fallar +Eileen & Russ Parks +Anthony Mautone	Mi. 5:1-4a; Heb. 15:5-10; Lk. 1:39-45	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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



Mass Schedule - Until Further Notice

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

See Page 5 for additional Christmas Season Masses & Services

Blessing of the Infant Jesus



Please join in this special tradition by bringing your Infant Jesus from your home Nativity to any of the weekend masses on **December 11th** or **12th**.

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

The New Normal and Jesus Christ, Part 2
Last weekend's message was a reminder that we are not alone. Our Christian experience tells us that God is with us. That is the Christmas message. If we didn't believe that I'm not sure what all these jingle bells and St. Nicholas, now posing as Santa Claus, is all about. But, as Ronald Rolheiser said in his book, *The Holy Longing*, sometimes we "need someone who has some skin!" Last weekend's letter also included the

hope that you know that our parish community is here for you.

Actually, better said, that we are here for each other.

First and foremost, we are a community that gathers in prayer to offer thanks [εὐχαριστία (eucharistia), meaning thanksgiving] to God for all of the gifts that we have. As we offer thanks to God we also offer our prayers of praise to express our love of God, the source of all love. We pray for one another, for our families, friends, and for ourselves, and we pray for forgiveness and reconciliation, and we pray for peace.

When we gather to celebrate Eucharist, the "the source and summit of the Christian life." [Lumen Gentium, 11] we gather to celebrate who God is for us and who we are for one another. "The other sacraments, as well as with every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are tied together with the Eucharist and are directed toward it. The Most Blessed Eucharist contains the entire spiritual (blessing) of the Church, that is, Christ himself, our Pasch and Living Bread, by the action of the Holy Spirit through his very flesh vital and vitalizing, giving life to (men and women) who are thus invited and encouraged to offer themselves, their labors and all created things, together with him." [Presbyterorum Ordinis, 5]

One aspect of this parish that I have always found impressive is that our celebration of Eucharist as not just something that happens on Sundays, or at the 9 AM daily Mass, but it is something that happens all the time. Years ago, the friars, sisters, and the parishioners of this parish set a strong foundation of celebrating Eucharist and then offering it to our community and to the community at large. What we do flows from who we are. We are a Eucharistic people who then goes out to be Eucharist for others.

In addition to the celebration of all the Sacraments, the faith formation of our children and of our adults, and our music program that enlivens our celebrations, we also have other opportunities for you to explore your faith.

- Women's Cornerstone and a Men's Cornerstone for those looking for a retreat that offers a deeper dive into your spiritual life
- Men's Spirituality group, they meet in the center at 10 AM every 3rd Saturday of the month
- RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - for those adults who would like to become Catholic
- The Book Club – exploring our faith through contemporary literature
- Care Ministry - offers help to grieving families as they plan the funeral Mass for their loved one
- Survivors of Suicide – seeking comfort, wisdom, and solace with others who know that very unique pain
- Spiritual Direction – for those seeking a one-on-one mentoring in your spiritual life.

Of course, visiting the sick is open to all peoples as is an opportunity to speak with one of the friars, Sr. Pat, or anyone on our Pastoral Staff. Just call the Parish Office so we can schedule a time to meet.

And that is just the parish!

I would invite you to take a look at the St. Francis Community Center Fall & Winter Activities Schedule. If you like to play cards, pickle ball, basketball, or prefer to swim, there is something going on for you. Our Children's Services program helps working parents and our Senior Services seeks to assist us in our older years. One can find support in our Counseling Center or a therapy group, some of which help the survivors of sexual abuse or those who are grieving to loss of a loved one.

If you find that you are alone, and need someone with some skin, please review our bulletin, the parish and the center websites, and the St. Francis Center's schedule to see if we can be with you in another way.

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 Faith: For children ages six through eight. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

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

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

Parish Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation
Deacon Robert Cunningham
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor
Fr. John Frambes, OFM
Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF
Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Barbara Truncellito, Director, Parish Development

Parish Office - (609) 494-8813
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

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

Community Center - (609) 494-8861

Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

St. Francis of Assisi Parish & Center
 4700 Long Beach Boulevard
 Long Beach Island, NJ 08008



Christmas 2021 Giving Fund

Giving Levels	
Shepherd Level	\$25.00
Magi Level	\$35.00
Gold Level	\$50.00
Frankincense Level	\$100.00
Myrrh Level	\$500.00
Star of Wonder Level	\$1,000.00
Angel Level	\$5,000.00
Nativity Level	\$10,000.00
Manger Level	other



Dear Fr. Francis,

December 2021

Yes! I would like to contribute to the *Christmas 2021 Giving Fund* to support the ministries and services of St. Francis Parish and Center.

Shepherd Level
 Magi Level
 Gold Level
 Frankincense Level
 Myrrh Level
 Star of Wonder Level
 Angel Level
 Nativity Level
 Manger Level

Name: _____

How would you like the name of your loved one and your name to appear in our *Christmas 2021 Perfect Light Society*?

Address: _____

Email: _____

In memory/honor of:

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Donor: _____

★ If donating by check, please make the check payable to *St. Francis Parish*.

★ If you would like to donate by credit card, please visit our webpage www.stfrancisparishlbi.org and click the "Give" button.

★ If you donate with a check or credit card, please return this completed form so we can be sure to enroll you and your loved one in our "Christmas 2021 Perfect Light Society."

Your donation is tax deductible.

Weekly Reflections...



Ms. Judith Clayton, M.A., Director of Family Faith Religious Education

“And Wonders of His Love”

It’s almost Christmas...think of all the preparations you have made. Perhaps you have prayed, shopped, decorated, sent cards, cooked, cleaned...probably all of the above ...I know I have! All so that we might celebrate of the birth of the Christ Child. Somehow though, we still feel we are not quite ready. We keep thinking of something we forgot or we have second thoughts and wish we had made different plans. We find ourselves saying “well it’s too late now”...but...it’s not too late. It is just the right time. It is Christmas and Jesus is coming so that we might be at peace with where we are, with what we have done, and most importantly with who we are. Our best efforts have helped us to prepare for one thing: to let go and just welcome the New Born King with joy. Now is the time to sit down with others and enjoy the presence of Jesus “for God so loved the world” that God sent his only son to be our brother and Savior. The Christmas Creche reveals to us the Divine Presence. God comes in human form...in the unexpected...in humility and service. It is into a broken and wounded world that the Incarnation of God takes place. So how do we make our strength serve love? Maybe it could be by taking time to enjoy the Christmas lights and decorations with the family, or sharing a favorite Christmas story with a child, or going Christmas caroling with others. Now is the time to allow Jesus to share the “Wonders of God’s Love? With all of us.

May this holy time fill you and your loved ones with Joy and Peace!

Judy Clayton
Director, Family Faith

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

“Teacher, what should we do?”

Jesus tells us, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.”



Do you ever find yourself too attached to something, money, a thing, an idea, to let go of it? Has that thing interfered with your relationship with God? How can you release that thing or idea and make room for God in your heart and mind?

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

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

Religious Retirement Fund

Did you know you help all retired priests, sisters and brothers? Please be generous.

Last Week’s 2nd Collection

Adult Faith Formation Programs

Collected: \$5,283

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$23,000

Last Week’s Collection

Budgeted: \$19,711

Collected: \$23,000



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **425**

Donors: **304**

Raised: **\$63,255.00**

Collected: **\$61,719.09**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 1,030.91**



New Format for Online Giving Through ParishSoft



STFRANCISPARISHLBI.ORG
Donate — ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

For those who have set up your weekly collection through **ParishSoft**, please be advised that they have upgraded their program. The donor information for all *weekly recurring donors has been migrated to the new format. You will, however, need to sign in with your user name and password. If you do not remember your password, please click the “forgot password” link for assistance.*

If you have previous made a contribution to ParishSoft, but have not set up a weekly recurring donation, you will need to reenter your personal information when making a donation online through **ParishSoft**.

Please also be advised that your donation history is recorded within our parish accounting. It may not, however, appear in your giving history when you view the new system.

All donation will be included in your end of year statement if your use ParishSoft or our envelope system.

We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Thank you for your support of St. Francis Parish.

St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)
jclayton@stfrancislbj.org
Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)
Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)
Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



Classes for all grades 1-8 are under way.

Contact Marion Pierri at mpierri@stfrancislbj.org or (609) 494-8813 ext. 177 for more information on the tuition process.

New families to our programs should contact our Director, Judy Clayton at jclayton@stfrancislbj.org or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to a talk on **"Prayer"** **Tuesday, December 14th** at 9:45 AM in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach. This will be an introduction to the mini retreat on the O Antiphons.

Upcoming Advent and Christmas Season Masses and Services

- **December, 11th/12th** - Please bring the **Infant Jesus** from your home nativity for a blessing at all Masses this weekend.
- **Friday, December 17th** at 5:00pm – An **Advent Prayer Service of Light** Contemplative readings, Scripture, and Hymns. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- **Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve. Masses in Brant Beach at 4:00pm and 6:00pm.** [Please note there is no 6:30pm Mass in Brant Beach] Mass in Surf City at 4:00pm. **Live-Streaming at 6:00 PM Mass only**
- **Saturday, December 25th at 10:00am Christmas Day Mass in Brant Beach.** [There is no 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evening.] **Live-Streaming Mass**
- **Sunday, December 26th The Most Holy Family.** Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am in Brant Beach Church.
- **Saturday, January 1st, 2022, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God,** 9:00am Mass. Not a Holy Day this year. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- **Sunday, January 2nd, Epiphany of the Lord,** Regular Sunday Masses in Brant Beach Church, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am
- **Sunday January 9th, Baptism of the Lord,** Regular Sunday Masses in Brant Beach Church, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Did you notice?

The first lector does not process out with the Lectionary at the end of Mass. It is meant to stay in the sanctuary. The Word of God remains with the assembled.

4th Annual Beef Steak Dinner

The St. Francis Parish made a total profit of
**** \$7,048.63 ****

Thank you to all those who attended, volunteered and donated to make this event a huge success.



Photos by: Rebecca Zeidman

The Rosary Project

St. Francis Parish Women's Cornerstone ladies are now collecting gently used rosaries to clean and re-package and send to hospital patients. Please place your donation of used rosaries in the collection basket in the lobby of the Brant Beach Church and we thank you!



Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbj.org



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



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

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:

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

This program calls out to those who desire to live more contemplatively in the world, to grow in union with God and others, and to become more aware, intentional and free. God liberates us and heals us through the practice of contemplative prayer. All our meetings, 1st Wednesdays and 2nd Saturdays starting in December and going through March are on zoom only. We'll resume live meetings in April 2022. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com

Next scheduled sessions: **December 11, 9:45 AM via Zoom**

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lounge 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: **December 18, 10:00 AM, Sr.**

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Book Club

Now through November 2021 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. Next scheduled meeting: **January 25, Sr. Lunch Room**

Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **January 4, 7:00 PM**, St. Thomas Church, Surf City

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **TBD**, Fraternity Meeting.

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.

Next scheduled meeting: **January 5, 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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

Next scheduled meeting: **January 13, Room 212**



"Art must make perceptible the world of the spirit, of the invisible, of God...." Pope John Paul II, Letter to Artists

Our annual Christmas Flower Fund Drive is now underway. You may memorialize or honor family members or friends by making a donation toward the Christmas & Advent flowers and art and environment items used in the Brant Beach and Surf City churches. The names of those memorialized or honored will be published during the Christmas season.

Please use the Christmas Flower envelopes that were mailed to your home. Additional envelopes can be found at the doors of the church or at the parish office or you may use a plain envelope.

Please print clearly your name, phone number [important] and the name/s of the person/s you wish memorialized or honored.

The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the center by **December 17th**.

Donations for Christmas Poinsettias, candles, and other Art and Environment items may be made in any amount.

Donations toward the purchase of other items needed;

\$50.00 or more - Large Green Garland, and Large Poinsettias

\$100.00 or more - Christmas Trees for the churches

The Art & Environment Team of St. Francis Parish is most grateful to our parishioners and friends who have so generously supported our fund drive through the years. Your donation is most appreciated. God bless you all.

Questions? Please call JoAnne Reeder 494-8861 ext. 164.

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.

Employment Opportunity



*All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off (w/ additional earning for years of service), 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.

Recreation/Pool

Position: Part-time Lifeguard (possibility for year round hours) Not Red Cross certified yet? We can train you!

For anyone interested in this position who is not a currently a Red Cross certified pool lifeguard, we can get you certified! Employment is for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. If interested please reach out to slamarco@stfrancisbi.org with any questions or for more information.

Days: Monday-Friday, and/or weekend – Flexible schedule

Pay: \$12 per hour (Increasing to \$13 per hour on January 1st)

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.

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

Please send resumes to
abodine@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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.

Effective January 1, 2022 PAAD and Senior Gold limits will increase by 10,000 each.

This increases the income eligibility limits established in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program to \$38,769 for single persons and \$45,270 combined income for married couples. Under the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program, income eligibility limits are \$10,000 higher than PAAD income eligibility limits. Therefore, the bill will increase income eligibility limits under the Senior Gold Prescription Discount program to \$48,769 for single persons and \$55,270 combined income for married couples. If you need assistance in filling out an application call Senior Services to schedule an appointment (609) 494-8861.

Are you in need of assistance with Dental, Vision, Pharmaceutical and Physicians co-pay cost? We are here to help! St. Francis Senior Services received a grant from the **Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia Mission Fund** to assist low-income seniors in need of dental and vision care and prescription and physician co-pay cost. Please call Linda Falb, Director Senior Service for information.
(609) 494-8868 ext. 111.

Please be advised we can no longer take donations of durable medical equipment or adult undergarments; we do not have the space to store them.

Thank you, Sr. 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) 494-8861 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

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:

Cereal, Canned Soup, Rice Side Packets, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Vegetables such as Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Detergent, Soap, Personal Products, Dish Detergent.

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*

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.

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 III REGISTRATION

**Monday, December 13
9:00 AM**

Classes begin **January 3, 2022**

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