

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, December 4	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +John Raftery +Susan Bulman 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Eugene Byrne +Mary DiFranco	Is. 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt. 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 Bar. 5:1-9; Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk. 3:1-6	10:00 AM Communal Reconciliation
Sunday, December 5	8:30 AM +Frieda Braun +Louis Tunnera 10:00 AM +Margaret & John Cahill +Margaret & John Sharkey +Ellen Theresa Sharkey 11:30 AM +Robert Fallor +Jimmy & Daniel Cancro	Bar. 5:1-9; Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk. 3:1-6	10:00 AM <b>Live-Streaming Mass</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 12:30 PM OFS Christmas Luncheon
Monday, December 6	9:00 AM +Eleanor Patten	Is. 35:1-10; Lk. 5:17-26	
Tuesday, December 7	9:00 AM +Gloria Shannon 6:00 PM <b>Vigil - Immaculate Conception</b> +Bill Lattanze	Is. 40:1-11; Mt. 18:12-14 Gen. 3:9-15; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk. 1:26-38	9:30 AM St. Anthony Novena 6:30 PM Men's Cornerstone Planning, SC 6:45 PM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA
Wednesday, December 8	9:00 AM <b>Immaculate Conception</b> +James M. Kempfski +Kathleen Snocker	Gen. 3:9-15; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk. 1:26-38	9:00 AM <b>Live-Streaming Mass</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, December 9	9:00 AM +Christine Azzato +Kathy Meyer	Is. 41:13-20; Mt. 11:11-15	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, December 10	9:00 AM +Louis Carlucci	Is. 48:17-19; Mt. 11:16-19	
Saturday, December 11	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 <b>Live-Streaming Mass</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> Blessing of Infant Jesus from your home Nativity

### Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

**Emergency Information:** Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: [schoolclosingsnj.com](http://schoolclosingsnj.com) and [facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi).

**Parish Registration:** The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Baptism:** Celebrated three times a month. Group Baptisms are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM. (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

**Faith Faith:** Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made ONE YEAR in advance.

**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.

### 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](http://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 2 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 11<sup>th</sup>** or **12<sup>th</sup>**.

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis J. Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

### Christmas 2021 Giving Fund

Dear Fellow Parishioner and Friends of St. Francis Parish and Center,

Last year I wrote to you explaining the financial situation of the parish and center and your response was tremendous. We collected \$317,000 because of your great generosity!

Wow! You surpassed every expectation I had ever imagined.

Between your response, some cutbacks, and careful management by our directors, the parish ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$198,699.21. That was great news!

People are coming back to Mass but still not like it was before Covid. Our Sunday collections continue to struggle to meet our budgeted needs. We are in a different situation than we were last year at this time but we are still in need of your help to meet our expenses in this fiscal year.

As of last Sunday, Nov. 28th, our Sunday collections were \$178,127.83 behind our budget schedule. Last year's surplus is almost gone.

The parish finance council and I have been working on ways to build a financially sustainable future for our parish but at this point I do need to reach out to you once again to ask for your help.

Any contribution you can make to our *Christmas 2021 Giving Fund* is most appreciated. You will see the form outlining the different levels of support in today's bulletin.

If you wish to make a contribution in memory of someone who is deceased, or in honor of someone who is living, their names, along with yours, will be enrolled in our *Christmas 2021 Perfect Light Society*. The names of those enrolled will be listed in our bulletin and our online social media outlets and you and your intentions will be remembered at all of our Christmas Masses.

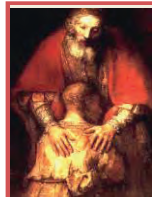
Please be assured of my prayers and gratitude, along with those of the other friars, Fr. Andrew, Fr. John, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Scott, as well as Sr. Pat, and all of our parish and center staff.

I again thank you for your generous response last year and kindly ask you to consider contributing to this year's *Christmas 2021 Giving Fund*. Thank you for your support and your belief in the mission of St. Francis Parish and Center.

May God continue to bless you with peace and all that is good.

Sincerely,

Fr. Francis J. Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor



**Advent**  
**Communal Reconciliation Service**  
Saturday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM  
in the Brant Beach Church.

## Upcoming Advent and Christmas Season Masses and Services

- Saturday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am Brant Beach Church. **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Reconciliation.** [Please note there is no Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> as advertised in church envelope brochure.]
- Tuesday, **December 7<sup>th</sup> Vigil** at 6:00pm and Wednesday, **December 8<sup>th</sup> Feast Day** at 9:00am for **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation.** Both liturgies in Brant Beach Church. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- **December, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>** - Please bring the **Infant Jesus** from your home nativity for a blessing at all Masses this weekend.
- Friday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00pm – An **Advent Prayer Service of Light** Contemplative readings, Scripture, and Hymns. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- Friday, **December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am **Christmas Day Mass** in Brant Beach. [There is no 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evening.] **Live-Streaming Mass**
- Sunday, **December 26<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Family.** Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am in Brant Beach Church.
- Saturday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God,** 9:00am Mass. Not a Holy Day this year. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- Sunday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Epiphany of the Lord,** Regular Sunday Masses in Brant Beach Church, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am
- Sunday **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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**



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](http://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.*

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

*For God has commanded that every lofty mountain  
be made low,  
and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to  
level ground,  
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of  
God...*

*for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his  
glory,*

*with his mercy and justice for company. Bar. 5: 7,9*

Just when we thought the light was getting brighter “omicron” seems to be ready to knock on our door! Yet another variant of the Covid virus is making its way around the world. Of course, the news media picks it up, as they should, since we are better off knowing about it than not knowing about it. The head in the sand strategy rarely works. But if your thoughts were anything like mine when you first heard the story, you too asked, “When will it end?”

The truth of the matter is we just don’t know when it will end, Covid, that is. It is seemingly becoming our “new normal” ... at least for now. If Covid has taught us anything, it is that there is still a lot that we don’t know.

There is, however, a lot that we do know. We know we are tired of living in the shadow of fear and the pain of isolation. We know that we want it to be over so we can get rid of these blessed masks forever. We also know that the science behind how best to contain the spread of the virus is pretty accurate: *wash your hands [a lot,] wear masks, avoid touching your face, maintain social distancing, stay home if you are not feeling well, and get vaccinated.* That has definitely slowed the spread of the virus but yet we also know that it doesn’t stop it completely.

Apart from “omicron” there has been a steady uptick of infections and hospitalization in our area and around the country. Unfortunately, this is not the time to let our guard down. As the weather gets colder and we spend more time inside I’m sure this trend will continue. Remembering the Church’s long standing tradition of pursuing of the common good, *I would strongly suggest that when gathering for Mass please try to be as socially distant as possible and wear a mask for your own protection as well as those around you.*

These December days are the darkest of our year – literally. The shortest light hours in one day, Dec. 20, is 9 hours 22 minutes, compared to the longest light hours in one day, June 21, is 14 hours 59 minutes. But I think Covid, and everything else going on in our world, has put us all into a deeper darkness.

Hopefully, today’s readings offer us some inspiration. The Book of Baruch, as well as today’s Gospel passage from Luke, tell us that the painful depths of our life will be filled, the winding and difficult road that we are on will be made straight, and God is leading us by the light of his glory, even in our darkness.

The God we believe in shared that good news thousands of years ago and shares it with us today. Although we may be in the dark – physically, mentally, and perhaps even spiritually – be assured that you are not alone. We are not alone. God is with us, and, hopefully you know in your heart of hearts that in our parish community, we are there for one another too.

No one said Advent waiting would be easy. I think this year we know that better than most. Let’s hold on tight, pray hard, and reach out to one another in support – wearing a mask of course – so to live the hope of this Advent season. The hope that comes from God alone.

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection Today:

#### Adult Faith Formation Programs

Living the Christian experience as an adult offers a host of challenges. As we mature physically & emotionally, we understand that our faith & spirituality also needs to grow & develop in order to deepen our Baptismal commitment. St. Francis Parish has a well rounded program of retreats, classes, and other forums that help people to gain insight & deepen their appreciation of their faith. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Last Week’s 2nd Collection

#### Parish Ministry - Family Faith Formation

Collected: \$5,677

#### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$23,000

#### Last Week’s Collection

Budgeted: \$23,000

Collected: \$17,043.50

#### November 20/21 2nd Collection

#### Human Development

Collected: \$5,367

#### November 20/21 Collection

Budgeted: \$23,000

Collected: \$22,581.50



*(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)*

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



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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**

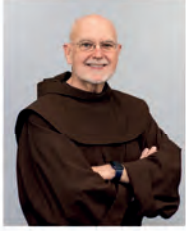


## Peace Prayer Project

Remember to pray the  
Peace Prayer of St. Francis  
every Wednesday at noon!



## Weekly Reflections...



Fr. John Frambes, OFM, Pastoral Associate

Currently the Big Bang theory is the most popular way to explain the beginning of the Universe according to science. It also compliments a religious understanding of Creation: at one moment God said, Let there be.... And then it was. First there was nothing and then at the word of God, it all began. It was an explosion of divine creativity.

Science deals with the material universe, matter and energy. I also imagine a Big Bang of spiritual creation. It coincides with the beginning of the material universe, permeates it and drives it, expanding creation to completion.

In the Creed we profess that God is the maker of all things visible and invisible. The invisible is more than the dark matter of astrophysicists, but is spirit that permeates and animates all of creation.

We can read St. Paul's letter to the Philippians today (Phil 1:4-6, 8-112) as describing the continuation of the spiritual Big Bang. *And this is my prayer, that your love may increase ever more and more.* There is the Big Bang of God's love in Jesus Christ. Now the one who began a good work in us will continue it in us until the day Christ Jesus returns. The Big Bang goes on. The dawn from on high breaks upon us.

John Frambes, ofm

## GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."*

In the Gospel, Luke tells us to prepare the way of the Lord.

*What do you have to clear out to make room for Jesus in your heart and mind and being?*



## Family Faith

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

[jclayton@stfrancislbj.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislbj.org) or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

## New Format for Online Giving Through ParishSoft



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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 you use ParishSoft or our envelope system.

We are sorry for the inconvenience.

*Thank you for your support of St. Francis Parish.*

## 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!



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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to *"Mary and the Scriptures"* **Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45 PM in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach. Fr. Steve will be the presenter.

## Support St. Francis Community Center When you shop amazon.com!

Your favorite online retailer just got better!  
Amazon will donate 0.05% of the profits from your order to help support the Center simply by signing-up for the Amazon Smile program!  
<http://smile.amazon>





*“Let us prepare the way of the Lord.”*

Our annual Christmas Flower Fund Drive is now underway. You may memorialize or honor a family member or friend by making a donation toward the Christmas and 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.

Please return all envelopes by **December 17<sup>th</sup>**.

*Donations for Christmas Pointsettias, 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 Pointsettias*

*\$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. May God bless you all.

Questions? Please call (609) 494-8813 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

- 1: Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God?
- 2: Do you experience a desire to pray always?
- 3: Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your daily life 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*

### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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, **December 7, 6:30 PM**, St. Thomas Church, Surf City

#### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **December 5, 12:30 PM**, Brant Beach Church. *Prayer Service and Christmas Luncheon*

#### 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next scheduled meeting: **January 5, Sr. Kate Meeting Room**

#### Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Next scheduled meeting: **December 9, Room 212**

## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>)

### 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](mailto: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.

### **MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT:**

St. Francis Senior Services staff are trained State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors for assistance in Medicare A, B, C or D information. Do you know the difference? Medicare A primarily pays for a stay in the hospital, or a skilled nursing facility, B is for doctor's services and outpatient services such as lab tests, C pays for the Medicare Advantage or managed care alternative to traditional Medicare and D of course is the prescription drug plan.

Soon Medicare beneficiaries will once again need to make a decision about their prescription drug coverage. Medicare Part D open enrollment period **runs through December 7<sup>th</sup>**. During this time, people with Medicare can sign up for a prescription drug plan or switch their current Medicare Part D plan in order to have the best coverage beginning January of 2020. And yes, it's best to check each year for changes. Open enrollment is also the perfect time to review your Medicare Advantage plan with a SHIP Counselor to be notified of any changes. What if you cannot afford a Medicare Part D plan? There is federal assistance available for people with Medicare who have limited income and resources. If you qualify, you can receive assistance with premiums, deductibles and prescription co-payments. For an appointment please call (609) 978-6221. We have 3 locations to serve you; LBI, Manahawkin and Berkeley.

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



## 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\*\*

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### 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>

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## 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](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org). We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. [www.grownkids.gov](http://www.grownkids.gov).

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## Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the Fall/Winter Brochure online at [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://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

## Co-Ed Recreation Basketball League 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Co-Ed League Evaluations

Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>



- Grades 2 & 3, 4:30-5:15 PM
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