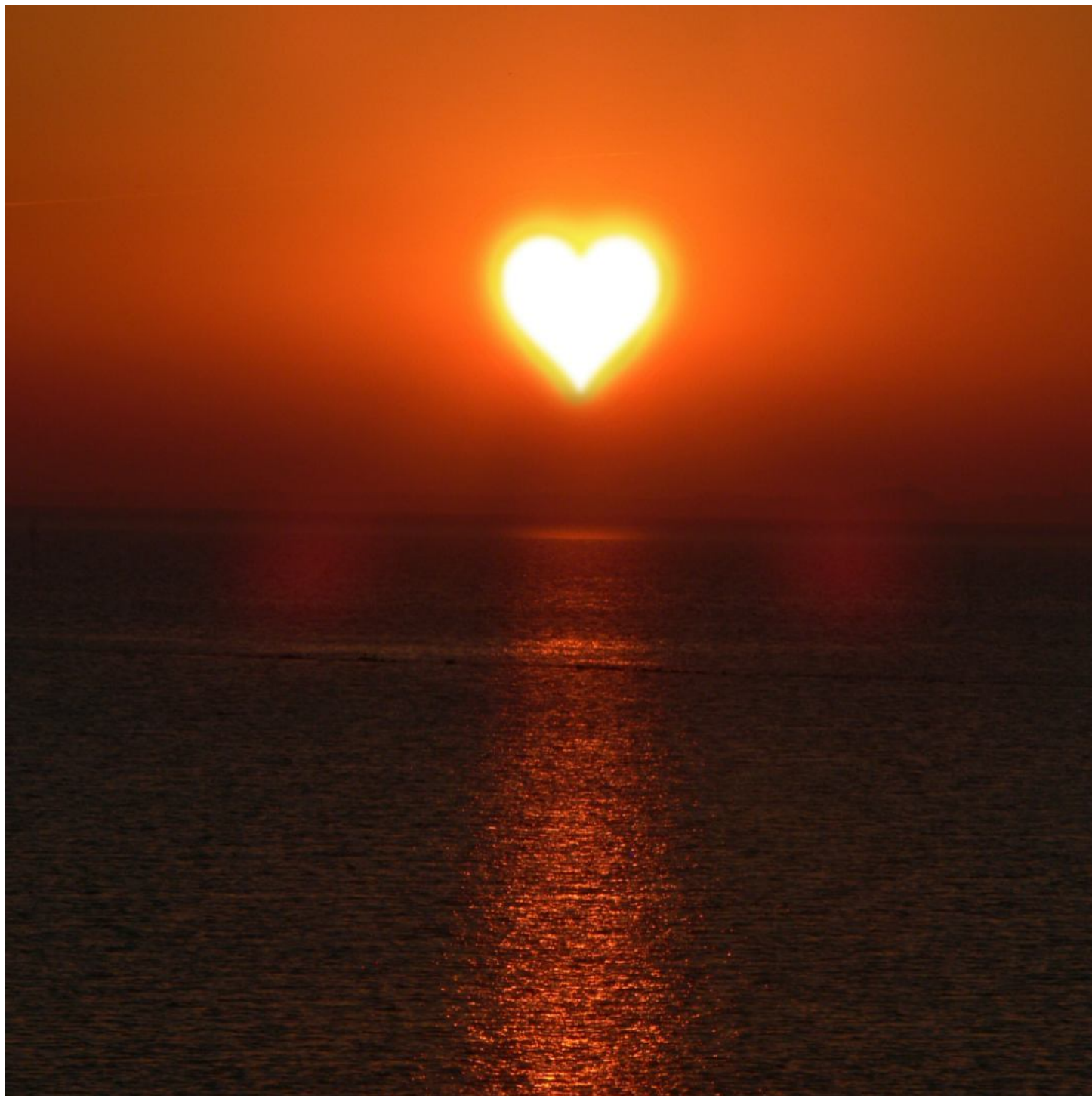


THE BRIDGE



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

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Parishioners who prefer to donate through our Online Giving Service, a secure and personalized way to give to the Parish, can visit our website at: <http://www.stfrancisparishlbj.org>

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, February 19	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +James & Helen Lamb 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Robert Novembre	Jas. 3:1-10; Mk. 9:2-13 1 Sm. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor. 15:45-49; Lk. 6:27-38	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Room
Sunday, February 20	8:30 AM +Vince McHale +Harry Arnold 10:00 AM +Matilda Stein (L)Bob Onufer 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	1 Sm. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor. 15:45-49; Lk. 6:27-38	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, February 21	9:00 AM +Ronald Fuydal	Jas. 3:13-18; Mk. 9:14-29	Parish and Center are CLOSED
Tuesday, February 22	9:00 AM +Anne Davey	1 Pt. 5:1-4; Mt. 16:13-19	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Sr. Lunch Room 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Planning Surf City
Wednesday, February 23	9:00 AM +Dolores Pottichen +Marie Sulkowski, <i>ofs</i>	Jas. 4:13-17; Mk. 9:38-40	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, February 24	9:00 AM +Jim Morrison	Jas. 5:1-6; Mk. 9:41-50	
Friday, February 25	9:00 AM +Richard Nigro	Jas. 5:9-12; Mk. 10:1-12	
Saturday, February 26	9:00 AM +Bryan Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Agnes P. Thackston +Gloria Carlo	Jas. 5:13-20; Mk. 10:13-16 Sir. 27:4-7; 1 Cor. 15:54-58; Lk. 6:39-45	
Sunday, February 27	8:30 AM +Sheldon London 10:00 AM +Sal Ferraro +Jane Huebner, <i>ofs</i> 11:30 AM +Joseph M. Keegan +Nancy Venturo	Sir. 27:4-7; 1 Cor. 15:54-58; Lk. 6:39-45	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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**

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



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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM



A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Happy Sunday Good People!

Thank you for welcoming John McCrone last weekend. I think the Fix-It Program is a win-win for everyone. He was very impressed by our parish and your response. In his thank you note to me he wrote, "I've received 3 calls from potential volunteers and one call for assistance. The ratio at your parish is upside down compared to the other parishes where I have made appeals. We normally would get 1 volunteer and three calls for assistance. You have a wonderful congregation that want to help those in need. Based on my experience in doing this, they are unique. Bravo, and thank you and your parishioners." I don't know about you, but I'm not surprised. You are a wonderful congregation and we do have a great community! Bravo to you!

Continuing with those kudos, in last week's bulletin I said I would share the details of the *Christmas 2021 Giving Fund*. Once again, you showed your true colors!

Your generous response to the *Christmas 2021 Giving Fund [2021 CGF]* totaled, \$244,950. To our parishioners and to all the friends of St. Francis Parish who contributed to this year's 2021 CGF **THANK YOU!!** Your generous spirit is truly amazing, but wait. It gets better!

You may recall when I gave the report last year I had a question about how the 2020 CGF might affect the actual Christmas collection. As already shared, last year's Christmas collection was \$86,007. That was \$132 shy of the year before. So no, the additional collection really did not affect the Christmas collection. A fun piece to note about that, one parishioner, after reading the bulletin, sent me a check for \$132 to make up the difference. Isn't that something? The goodness of people.

Of course, that question was there again this year, but knowing you, I wasn't too concerned. And I didn't have to be! This year our Christmas collection was \$105,101. **Wowie – as Sr. Kate used to say!** That is the largest Christmas collection we've had in a very long time, if not ever! Thank you, Thank you!

You have probably noticed in the weekly bulletin that our weekly collections continue to fall short of what we budget to collect on a given weekend, but your generosity with the 2021 CGF and the Christmas collection absolutely helped us move in the right direction. I recently met with Stacey Kelsall, our comptroller, for a mid-year budget review. We are both much more confident after these two collection. We may still not end up in the black by the end of the fiscal year [having a blizzard on a Saturday night didn't help!] but we are definitely much closer to a zero balance than the November predictions. I will keep you posted as we move forward, but I cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity of your time and your donations to our great parish. We are a great parish. Thank you for helping to make it so!

May God continue to bless you and your families. You are a blessing to St. Francis Parish and the world.

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

NB: Please note that the final list of the *2021 Perfect Light Society* is published on our website and Facebook page

The Director of Parish Development



ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal
2022

Our Bishop, David O'Connell, has recorded a wonderful greeting. You can view it on the Home page of our website and on our Facebook page (www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal). It's particularly uplifting as it speaks to our core values as Catholics. In a most loving way, it shows how this funding aids those who are at risk and need help. You can help. Please support the Annual Catholic Appeal with whatever you can afford. Help us help God's poor, whoever they might be, in our midst. It is the Love of Christ among us that allows us to live in His Light.

Barbara Truncellito
Director of Parish Development

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 begins February 19/20.
Goal this year is \$6.5 million.

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Total Raised: \$ **500.00**

Total Collected: \$ **500.00**

Total Donors: **2**

Average Gift: **\$252.50**

**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

Peace Prayer Project

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



Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Human Concerns Project

Our Family Support Services Department is an important component of our efforts in homelessness prevention. Our services include workshops on parenting support, violence prevention, anger management, the Food Pantry, utilities assistance, auto ownership of Ocean County & annual projects. Grants, donations & this collection support this crucial work. Thank you for your generosity.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$13,072.50**

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Second Collection:

St. Francis Parish Center

Collected: **\$4,453**



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
stfrancisparishbi.org

Celebrating Marriage



Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism - read more at usccb.org under "Resources".

"Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter - appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

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

President's Day



The St. Francis Parish and Center will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, February 21st** in observance of Presidents Day.

Weekly Reflections...



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

We remember the Baltimore Catechism

The Catechism is usually seen as this textbook of questions and answers about the faith. Many years ago, as preparation for Confirmation, it was to be memorized in case the Bishop asked any of these questions of the candidates.

A little background information:

In the early church prior to the advent of the printing press, Catholic teaching would be an oral experience.

In the 1500's information was able to be fixed in print and the Church adopted this approach.

In 1884 the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore decided to publish a national catechism containing 421 questions and answers in 37 chapters. The "Baltimore Catechism" gave unity to teaching and understanding the faith. Its impact was felt right up to 1962 and the Second Vatican Council. In 1985, The American Bishops expressed the need for a universal catechism, the outcome being the Catechism of the Catholic Church (*Print 1992*). A new edition, which contained some modifications, was released in 1997.

Recently there was an interesting article in *Our Sunday Visitor* about a new visionary approach to understanding the Catechism. Three young Catholics embarked on a mission to inject life into the catechism through a new digital initiative that came to be called Real+True. Through their eyes they saw that the heart of the Catechism is Jesus. Their focus is to speak directly to people on-line. Through the videos, they hope to spark interest in emphasizing fundamental human questions and encounters with Christ.

This project is a four year understanding with completion of Part 1 in 2022.

Maybe this Catechism project has piqued your interest. Well, don't let that interest fade. Here are a few ways to dive right into the new content that is constantly being created by Real+True.

Visit their website: realtrue.org

Follow them on social media:

Facebook: [@realplustrue](https://www.facebook.com/realplustrue)

Instagram: [@real_plus_true](https://www.instagram.com/real_plus_true)

Twitter: [@realplustrue](https://twitter.com/realplustrue)

TikTok: [@realplustrue](https://www.tiktok.com/@realplustrue)

YouTube: [Real+True](https://www.youtube.com/Real+True)

GOspel CHALLENGE:



"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

Jesus tells us to do good to everyone – no exceptions.

Who do I find difficult to "do good" to? Why?

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)



When our in-person parent/child classes resume in February, our classes from grades one to five will be discussing different sacraments. For grade one they will experience a re-enactment of Baptism initiated by our Pastor with a follow up activity. Grade two will talk about the Last Supper, do an art project and watch a video in preparation for First Communion. Grade three is talking about all sacraments and creating a sacrament game. Grade four is talking about Reconciliation and forgiveness. They will be using an activity pamphlet to learn more about the Sacrament. Grade five is preparing for Reconciliation with an examination of conscience activity. There are examples for discussion and a prayer service.

All classes begin at 5:30 PM with temperatures taken and masks worn by all, parents, children and catechists.

6th grade students/parents Bible study will resume with session 4 of the Ascension Press "Encounter" program videos on the Old Testament: Desert Wanderings and Conquest and Judges. Student/parent teams will be using their Bibles for a Bible search as well as looking up the upcoming Sunday Gospel. The Saint lesson is about St. Helena, there is a QR code which contains a very informative video/movie on St. Helena. The Theme for this class is Celebrating Mass with a puzzle activity. There will be handouts and worksheets for more at home study of the Mass.

Our seventh grade families will discuss the question, "If you decided to commit your whole life to doing good what would you do?" Through scripture reading this question will be explored in light of the teachings of Jesus. Continuing with the preparation process for Confirmation the candidates will discover that the Apostles began the Church's public ministry at Pentecost, ritual actions of the Sacrament, ways in which Baptism and Eucharist are connected to Confirmation. The saint lesson will be on Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille. Closing prayer will be the Daily Examen.

Our Confirmation candidates will gather on **January 31** for their workshop on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our Pastor Fr. Fran will speak on the ways in which ritual actions in the Sacrament

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.

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/stfrancisparishlbj.

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.

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

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 Irishman's Daughter by V. S. Alexander.

Tuesday, **February 22**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **February 22**, 7:00 PM, St. Thomas Church, Surf City

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **March 6, 9:30 AM**, *OFS Information Day*, Sr. Kate Rm.;

1:15 PM Speaker from Birthright of Ocean County followed by *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, **March 2**, 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.

The **Secular Franciscans** will have a speaker, Lynn Monboeau, from **Birthright of Ocean County** at our **March 6, 2022**, fraternity meeting.

She will be speaking about how we can help support mothers and their babies.

Anyone from the parish is welcome to attend this meeting.

We will be meeting in the

Brant Beach Church Hall at 1:15 PM.

All are welcome!

We will be collecting:

Baby lotion

Baby body wash

Baby clothes sizes 0-3 months and 3-6 months (boy or girl)

Baby bottles

Gift cards to: Walmart, T.J.Max, Target



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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to a talk on

"Lenten Spirituality and the San Damiano Cross"

Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM

in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.

There will be NO class on February 22.

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

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, will be on Zoom for both Wednesdays and Saturdays through March then back in person for April through July 2022. Email Kathy Egan for more information

at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com

Next scheduled **ZOOM** sessions: **Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 AM**

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: **February 19, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch**

REGISTER NOW !

2022 ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

This could be the time for you to take a break from your busy schedule and reconnect to what really matters.

Friday, **March 11th** - 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Saturday **March 12th** - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Maris Stella - Harvey Cedars

Brochures with pertinent information are available at the Church entrances.

Please contact Jim Brady with questions or for additional information at sabrady@hotmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thistle Catering of Kearny is BACK!!!

SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2022
4:30-7:00PM
\$25 ADULT / \$12 CHILD

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE FRONT DESK.
 CALL 609-494-8861 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
FISH & CHIPS
CHICKEN & FRIES

Photo: Thistle Catering Facebook

THE ANNUAL
BEEFSTEAK
Dinner

JUNE 3, 2022
5:30 PM
 ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER GYM



Garden Party By the Sea

Fashion Show

Cedar Bonnet Island
 Wednesday, June 22

A huge THANK YOU to all of our generous sponsors for this weekends Super Plunge! Long Beach Township Beach Patrol Fantasy Island Amusement Park Causeway Glass Company Blue Claw Seafood Market Long Beach Township Police Department Harvey Cedars Shellfish Company Bay Village Viking Village Inc. - Barnegat Light NJ State Trooper NCO & Henry J. Mancini and Associates



Super Plunge – February 12, 2022



Photo courtesy of Jim Lowney



Fr. John Frambes



Photos courtesy of Amanda DeFusco

For your convenience, you can view a video of the Super Plunge on our facebook page at: www.facebook.com/stfrancislbj

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@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.

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.



Three Month Pool Membership

Single only, \$160. Flat rate, no discounts

Did You Know??

As the high school swim season comes to a close, we'd like to congratulate the Southern and Barnegat boys and girls swim teams on their great seasons! Many of our own lifeguards and swim instructors here at the St. Francis pool are athletes and coaches for both of the school teams. Excellent job by everyone for their accomplishments this year!

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.grownkids.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

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.

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

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

Community Center Donations



St. Francis Center/LBICC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Our federal tax ID number is 22-2003458. We have provided supportive services to the community for over 45 years and with your help we will continue to do so. Our online donations are processed by *PayPal* so it's fast, easy and secure. We are only able to process online donations from NJ residents only.

If you would like to recognize a donation to the Center in someone's name, donation cards are available at the front desk of the Center and at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Cultural Competency Statement

The St. Francis Center recognizes a culturally diverse community and makes a commitment to the principles of multiculturalism as a means of understanding, accepting, valuing, and supporting cultural diversity. The term Multicultural is applied broadly to include issues of minority or marginalized status as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, use of English as a second language, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, spirituality, and the elderly. The St. Francis Center proposes to develop programs and practices that assist staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize, accept, and affirm differences and similarities among people and provide services that are supportive and inclusive of all members of the community.

Community Bulletin Board

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