

# THE BRIDGE



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for all!  
All are welcome!*

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



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, February 5	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Ed Conlon 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM (L)Bunnie Bellotti (L)Ed & Jerry Naughton +Constance Radomski	1 Kgs. 3:4-13; Mk. 6:30-34 Is. 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Lk. 5:1-11	9:30 AM OFS Fraternity Retreat, Maris Stella
Sunday, February 6	8:30 AM +Christopher Bagnato +Dr. Anthony D'Souza, Sr. 10:00 AM +James E. Kempksi +MaryLou Cangelosi 11:30 AM +Susan Lombardo	Is. 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Lk. 5:1-11	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi</a>
Monday, February 7	9:00 AM +Jim Haggerty, ofm	1 Kgs. 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk. 6:53-56	
Tuesday, February 8	9:00 AM +Frank X. Meeks	1 Kgs. 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk. 7:1-13	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Planning Surf City
Wednesday, February 9	9:00 AM +James E. Kempksi	1 Kgs. 10:1-10; Mk. 7:14-23	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, February 10	9:00 AM (L)Fr. Joseph Radomski	1 Kgs. 11:4-13; Mk. 7:24-30	9:00 AM St. Blaise, Blessing of Throat 7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, February 11	9:00 AM +Joanne Cribben	1 Kgs. 11:20-32, 12:19; Mk. 7:31-37	
Saturday, February 12	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Dolores Moeller (L)DeMatteis & Naughton Families	1 Kgs. 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk. 8:1-10 Jer. 17:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20; Lk. 6:17, 20-26	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom
Sunday, February 13	8:30 AM +Bob Carpenter +Ann Davey 10:00 AM +Matilda Stein +Vincent Ferraro 11:30 AM +Jack Guld	Jer. 17:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20; Lk. 6:17, 20-26	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi</a>

### 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/stfrancispishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi)

**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**

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](http://www.hnp.org)

### 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**





Letter from the Pastor  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 30, 2022

### *Synod and Synodality*

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

Synod is a word we don't hear very often. Although it has deep roots in our Catholic tradition the idea of synod faded over the centuries. It was reestablished by Pope Paul VI in September of 1965 in his letter, *Apostolica Sollicitudo*, (Apostolic Concern,) a few months before the solemn ending of the Second Vatican Council on Dec. 8 of the same year. Pope Paul began his letter calling for the renewal of the synodal practice within the Church. *"The Apostolic concern leading Us to carefully survey the signs of the times and to make every effort to adapt the means and methods of the holy apostolate to the changing circumstances and need of our day, impels Us to establish even closer ties with the bishops in order to strengthen Our union with them "whom the Holy Spirit has placed [...] to rule the Church of God" (Acts 20:28). [AS 1]*

Subsequently, his successors have called for a Synod of Bishops every three or four years to discuss important issues within the church. Occasionally, the popes have also called for "extraordinary" synods to consult on issues that required immediate attention. Pope Francis has called three extraordinary synods: on the family, on young people, and the most recent, the synod on the Amazon, held in Rome in October 2019 out of special concern for the peoples of the Amazon, whose lives and environment, he believes are under grave threat.

It is obvious that Pope Francis likes the idea of synodality, that is, creating an opportunity to hear what people have to say about what is going on in their lives, in our world, and in our church. Although we are now well beyond the Christmas season we cannot forget the implication of the Incarnation is that God was, and is, found in our world and in our day. Synodality allows us to hear what other people are thinking. It does not change the truth that we have long held as a church but it might affect how we interpret that truth in our day.

The word synod, like many words in our church lexicon, have Greek roots. It is the merging of two Greek words, *syn*, which means "together with, jointly; at the same time," and *hodos*, "a way, path, road; a ride, journey. Pope Francis said in his address marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, "What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word "Synod." Journeying together – laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome – is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice." He went on to say, "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium."

Pope Francis has said that he wants to hear from every baptized Catholic. I'm not sure if that is going to happen but each parish throughout the world has been asked to offer the opportunity for anyone who wishes to participate to do so. I have asked parishioners Jennifer and Anthony Mauro to co-chair our parish's effort to listen to as many of our faithful as possible. The entire process will focus on the question, *"What have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the church?"*

As I have said to Jen and Anthony, I realize that we have to send the feedback we receive from you to Trenton, who in turn will send a report to Rome, but I think the beauty of this process is that *we* get to hear, on the local level, about our joys and our struggles in our journey with the church. By entering in the process, we are doing exactly what synod is, we journey together. Please stay tuned for more details on how St. Francis Parish will participate in the preparation for the Synod of Bishops that will be held in 2023.

There is plenty of information on the web. If you are interested in learning more about this very imaginative idea of Pope Francis on how we are to be church, please visit the diocesan website. <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/xvi-synod>

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

- i. [www.etymonline.com/word/synod](http://www.etymonline.com/word/synod)
- ii. *Ceremony Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops, Oct. 17 2015*
- iii. *Ibid*





## Appeals Box

### Second Collection:

#### Friars & Sister Stipends

Did you know that the salaries for the Friars and Sisters are paid for through your donations? Thank you for your generosity.

No collection this weekend, all masses were cancelled due to the weather.



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
**Online Giving!**  
[stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://stfrancisparishlbi.org)

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Total Raised: **\$69,995.00**

Total Collected: **\$69,626.42**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 368.58**

Total Donors: **312**

Average Gift: **\$200.42**



## 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

## Weekly Reflections...



Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM, Pastoral Associate

I could not help but think about February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Groundhog day, the Movie. Bill Murray is stuck in Groundhog day over and over. That's what it seems like to me as the ill effects of Covid continue in my life.

But there is hope around the corner. We seem to be half way to Spring time and of course Easter. That always represents the increase in the sun shining more during the day which helps my moral. I feel confident that we may be experiencing some days of snow but even there it seems the snow comes and then melts in a few days.

We are celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time. Later this week, we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes feast day. As many people are aware, the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes France on February 11, 1858. The message still seems to be a good intention even today: pray for the conversion of the world. When asked what her name was the Blessed Mother has been reported as saying Immaculate Conception. The evidence of dramatic healing was happened in many generations.

I am told that Pope John Paul II, made the observance of World Day of the Sick to bring attention to those who are sick but also the care givers. It was his suggestion to pray for that worthy intention. I did find it very interesting that even the UN also honors February 11<sup>th</sup> as World Day of the Sick.

Since I am in pretty good health, I would suggest this week we may show our gratitude by helping and comforting someone who is need of cheering up. How about a visit, a phone call, a nice card and note (thinking of you) to someone you know who is suffering from any kind of illness: physical, emotional or spiritual.

Next Weekend is Super Bowl Sunday, I must confess I was unaware of one major social problem related to this: A major Human trafficking event. It was one of my friends who enlightened me on this topic. One person interviewed called it a magnet for trafficking before and after the Super Bowl, the biggest in the world! Second to that I am told that there is an increase in the number of domestic violence cases reported as well. This was brought to my attention and I thought I would bring this to the attention of our parish. For those who care for more information I would suggest the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

## GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

*"Do not be afraid;"*



**Jesus reassured His apostles not to be afraid to follow His call.**

*What fears keep me from following Jesus more closely?*

## St. Francis Liturgical Community

### 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)



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.

6<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## 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/stfrancisparishlbj](https://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## "Called to the Joy of Love"



World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February and National Marriage Week USA (**February 7-14**) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme selected by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for National Marriage Week 2022. Inspired by the national Pastoral Framework, is "Called to the Joy of Love."

Here in the Diocese of Trenton, our parishes commemorate **World Marriage Day** and National Marriage Week in a variety of ways, but most importantly by incorporating prayers and blessings for marriage into the Sunday liturgy and by hosting various marriage-building activities in the parish.

For more information, please contact [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples)

## Celebrating Marriage



*Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism - read more at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) under "Resources".*

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

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

### Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **February 8**, 7:00 PM, St. Thomas Church, Surf City

### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Saturday, **February 5, 9:30 AM**, Maris Stella, Harvey Cedars, *Fraternity Day of Recollection*

### 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.

Wednesday, **February 16**, 3:00 PM, 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. Thursday, **February 10**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00 - 10:00 PM  
Saturday **March 12<sup>th</sup>** - 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](mailto:sabrady@hotmail.com)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

- 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 four 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:

*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](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)

Next scheduled **ZOOM** sessions: **Saturday, February 12, 9:45 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**

### Fix-It Program

Organized by Catholic Charities,  
Diocese of Trenton

Are you handy with the hammer and saw? Do you fix things around your house? How would you like to help some of our senior brothers and sisters who need help in their homes but are not able to do it themselves?

The **Fix-it Program** of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, helps seniors in Ocean County maintain independent living in their own homes.

Next weekend, Feb. 12 & 13, *John Mc Crone*, and our parishioner, *Richard Hall*, will be present at all the weekend Masses seeking volunteers for anyone who would like to help in this great ministry, as well as advertise the services of the **Fix-it Program**





# SPECIAL EVENTS

# **SUPER PLUNGE SATURDAY**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2022**  
**11:00AM**



**GRAB YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AT THE FRONT DESK!**

**\$30 / PERSON**  
**\$20 / STUDENT**

**REGISTER BEFORE FEB. 12 [A] 10:30AM**

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# **COMING SOON BEEFSTEAK DINNER**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**



**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

# **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

# **SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL FASHION SHOW**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22**  
**Bonnet Island Estate**

## 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.

## 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.



### Three Month Pool Membership

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

## Did You Know??

Our own Giovanni Mele, who works security at the front desk served in our US Army. He was a Corporal and did a tour in Danang, Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in July 1965. When you greet Giovanni at the front desk, please join me in thanking him for his service.

## 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.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.gov).

Masks will be required for 2 years and up - they will be encouraged to wear a mask throughout the day.

### Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day

Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2 Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

## 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\*\**

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