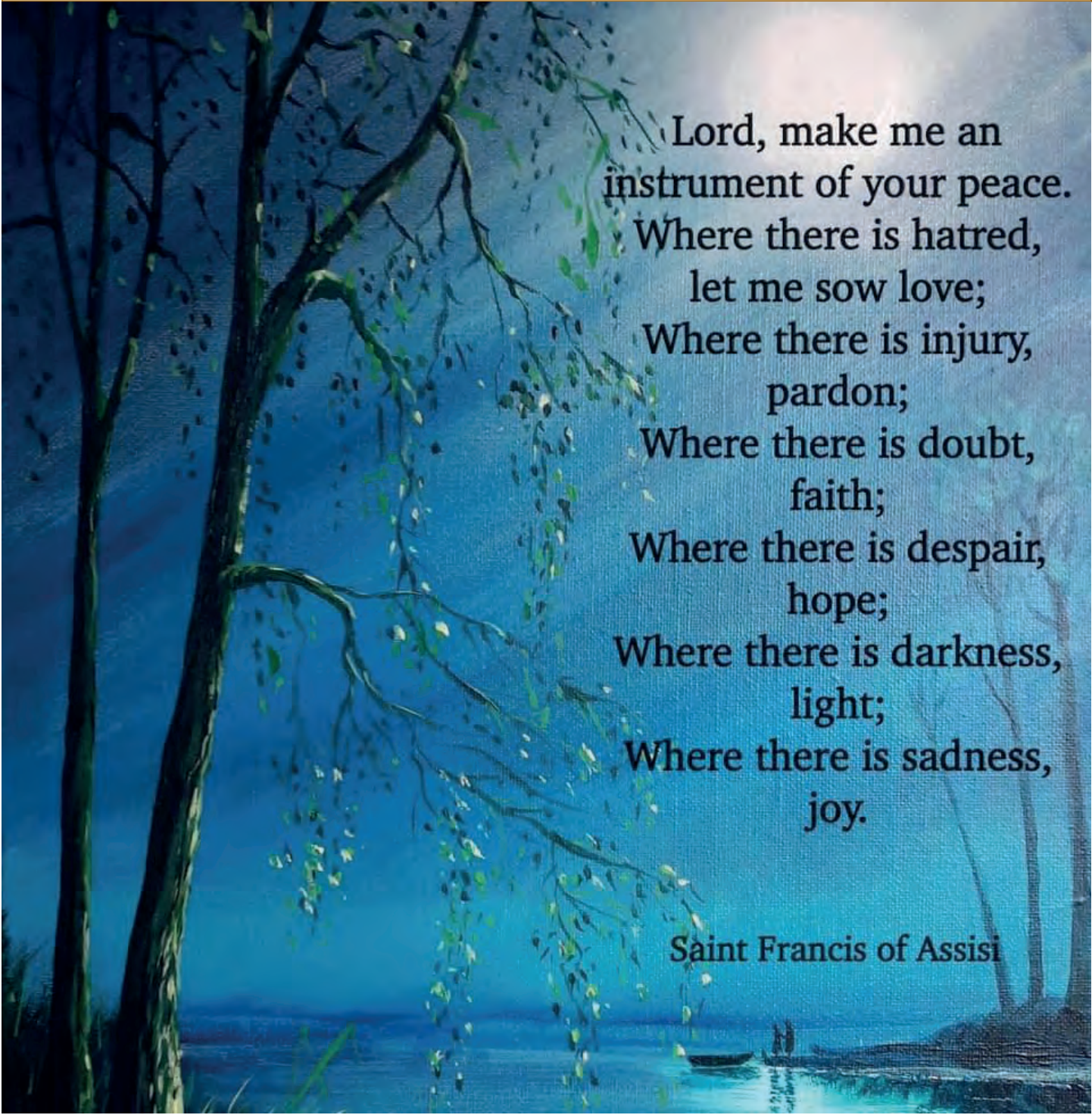


# THE BRIDGE



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

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



Lord, make me an  
instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
Where there is injury,  
pardon;  
Where there is doubt,  
faith;  
Where there is despair,  
hope;  
Where there is darkness,  
light;  
Where there is sadness,  
joy.

Saint Francis of Assisi

*St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers ONLINE GIVING*

*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.stfrancisparishlbi.org>*

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, January 22	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Larry A. Patrizi +Mary Frances Ventresca	2 Sm. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk. 3:20-21 Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Lk. 1:1-4, 4:14-21	After 5:00 PM Mass IRA Presentation, Church Hall
Sunday, January 23	8:30 AM +James Rogan +John Schultz 10:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski +Richard O'Donnell (L)+Pham Family 11:30 AM (L)Kevin Kilgallen +Gustavo Acosta	Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Lk. 1:1-4, 4:14-21	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, January 24	9:00 AM +Edward Pottichen +Jack Matthews	2 Sm. 5:1-7, 10; Mk. 3:22-30	
Tuesday, January 25	9:00 AM +Stuart D. Snyder	Acts 22:3-16; Mk. 16:15-18	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Sr. Lunch Room 7:00 PM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Planning Surf City
Wednesday, January 26	9:00 AM +Agnes P. Thackston	2 Tm. 1:1-8; Mk. 4:1-20	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, January 27	9:00 AM +Eleanor Gorman	2 Sm. 7:18-10, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25	
Friday, January 28	9:00 AM +Kathy Casey	2 Sm. 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk. 4:26-34	
Saturday, January 29	9:00 AM +Alfonso Passano, Jr. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Christopher Michael Bagnato +Raif D'Amico (L)Brian Meter	2 Sm. 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk. 4:35-41 Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13; Lk. 4:21-30	
Sunday, January 30	8:30 AM +John Schultz +Eileen Blazik 10:00 AM +George O'Connell, Jr. 11:30 AM +Michael DeOlivera	Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13; Lk. 4:21-30	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</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/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**

**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**





Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

**Respect Life**

One of the aspects of St. Francis Parish that is so powerful to me is that I truly get the sense that we are a welcoming community. It is always difficult to enter into a new community, be it a parish, a neighborhood, or a new school. The transition into someplace new can be very difficult. It is my experience, biased as it is, that we are a welcoming community.

I believe that that is based on the fact that we respect everyone and accept people for who they are, without preconceived notions, judgements, or condemnation. As Franciscans we know we are all sinners (so how can we judge?) but we also know that “nothing can separate us from the love of God that comes to us through Christ Jesus.” [Romans 8:39] We are redeemed.

As we respect everyone, it does call to mind that this weekend marks the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. Since day one that has been a cause of division in our society, and in all likelihood, in our community as well. There are many reasons for this passionate divide and I think we all know where we stand. It is my hope that our position is solidly based on respect for all life: respect for the unborn, respect for the mother and respect for the father. All life is sacred.

Below is the Statement by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey on the new law, the Freedom of Reproductive Choice Act, approved by the state Senate on January 10, 2022. I believe their response is balanced and does in fact respect all life. Echoing the bishops, we too can offer a wide network of resources and support to those struggling to make this very difficult decision and seeking an alternative to abortion. If you find yourself in this very difficult situation, please call the parish office so we can help you.

Let us continue to pray that all of our actions, all of our laws, and all that we are, are always based in this paramount respect for life that comes to us from God.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

**Statement of the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey on the Passage of the Freedom of Reproductive Choice Act into Law**

The Catholic Bishops of New Jersey join to express our profound disappointment and deep concern about the passage of S49/A6260 - - the Freedom of Reproductive Choice Act, which codifies into state law an individual’s right to an abortion, including late-term abortions. This law departs from the fundamental Catholic teaching that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. Even more distressing is that the legal and ethical calculus that underlies this new legislation absolutely and forthrightly extinguishes the human and moral identity of the unborn child. Perhaps the legislators who rushed through this Act in the waning moments of their terms did not want citizens to understand fully its inhuman and lethal consequences.

We have failed as a society when a response to any pregnancy is fear rather than joy. Sadly, too often this fear is born out of the mother’s uncertainty she will not be able to provide for herself and her child the resources necessary to live a flourishing life. We must do better. Therefore, we urge all Catholics and people of good will to actively participate in breaking down the economic, employment, social, racial, and emotional barriers that lead mothers into thinking that abortion is a better option than life.

For our part, the Catholic Church is committed to broadening and increasing awareness about the abundant resources and programs we offer that include life-affirming health and prenatal care, emotional support, assistance in bearing and raising her child, and basic needs such as housing, food, and clothing to pregnant mothers seeking or considering alternatives to abortion.

- Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark
- Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M. Bishop, Diocese of Trenton
- Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan Bishop, Diocese of Camden
- Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney Bishop, Diocese of Paterson
- Most Reverend James F. Checchio Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen
- Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Bishop, Eparchy of Passaic
- Most Reverend Yousif Habash Bishop of Our Lady of Deliverance of Syriac Catholic Diocese

**January 22nd**  
Day of Prayer  
for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

**Peace Prayer Project**

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



## Appeals Box

### Second Collection:

#### Latin America

This collection, mandated by the Diocese, is our way of helping our sisters and brothers in Latin America.

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$20,000

### Last Week's Collection:

Collected: \$18,948.50

Budgeted: \$20,000

### Second Collection:

#### Friar's Infirmary

Collected: \$4,399



***St. Francis of Assisi Parish***  
***Online Giving!***  
***stfrancisparishlbi.org***

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **428**

Donors: **306**

Raised: **\$63,860.00**

Collected: **\$62,557.09**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 797.91**



Read our bulletin online at

[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org)



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)



Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:  
[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA

Vocation Office [vocations@osfphil.org](mailto:vocations@osfphil.org)

St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy

(609) 597-3800 or visit: [www.stmaryknights.org](http://www.stmaryknights.org)

**Do You Have an IRA ?**  
**Are You Older Than 70 1/2 ?**  
**Would You Like To Withdraw \$\$\$ From Your**  
**IRA TAX FREE...**  
**( and Help Our Parish in the Process? )**  
**LEARN HOW ON**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 5:00 PM Mass**  
**in the**  
**Brant Beach Church Hall**  
**Presentation by Parishioner Andy Matthews**

## GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring  
glad tidings to the poor... to let the  
oppressed go free."*



When Jesus announces that he is the Messiah, he says that he has come to give good news to the poor, to restore sight to the blind, and to free the oppressed.

*How can I share the good news of Jesus Christ in a way that brings joy to the poor and freedom to the oppressed?*

**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!  
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## St. Francis Liturgical Community

### Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)  
[jclayton@stfrancislb.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislb.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@stfrancislb.org](mailto:mpierri@stfrancislb.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@stfrancislb.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislb.org) or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to a talk on  
"Eucharist...The Mass"  
**Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.

### 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.

### 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.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

Maryann Barrek, ofs, (609) 661-4441,  
Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835,  
Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,  
Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917  
Pat Simmons, ofs, (609) 661-1361.

### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

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:

**Wednesday, February 2, 10:30 AM;**  
**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**

### The Rosary Project

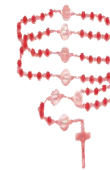
Dear Parish Family,  
We will **temporarily suspend** collecting rosaries until we deplete what you have already so generously given.

Over 135 rosaries were donated. These will be given out to hospital patients and others along with an instruction card on praying the rosary.

Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your donations and support.

*The Ladies of Women's Cornerstone*

(The collection basket will be removed on **February 1st.**)



## 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, **January 25**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

### Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **January 25**, 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 2**, 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, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more

## 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)

### **Embrace Our Way of Life**

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE  
Franciscan Vocation Ministry  
Br. Basil Valente, OFM  
129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403  
1-800-677-7788 [www.BeAFranciscan.org](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)



## 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](https://facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi).

**Evacuation Information:** In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

**Parish Registration:** The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

**Baptism:** The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 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.

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

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

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

## Parish Staff

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

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

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

Community Center - (609) 494-8861

Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

## 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@stfrancislb.org](mailto:slamarco@stfrancislb.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@stfrancislb.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancislb.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Save the Date!

### Super "Plunge" Saturday February 12, 2022, 1:00 PM

An alcohol-free event!

Join us for the **18th Annual Ocean Plunge** on Super Bowl Sunday! Are you part Polar Bear? Do you have what it takes to brave the icy cold Atlantic Ocean in February? Save the date and meet us on the 48th Street beach (Brant Beach).

Pre-Registration is required. \$30 per person, \$15 per student. Registration Forms will be available online at: [www:stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org) and at the Center soon.

## Special Events Coming Up at St. Francis Parish

Annual Fish Fry  
Friday, April 8

Beefsteak Dinner  
Friday, June 3

Annual Fashion Show,  
Cedar Bonnet Island  
Wednesday, June 22

Details to follow.

## 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.

## Pickleball

*A cross between Ping Pong, Tennis, Racquetball and Badminton. Pickleball is played as a singles or doubles game. Players use oversized ping pong paddles and a whiffle ball. The game is played on a badminton sized court that is divided by a 34 inch high net. Pickleball is a great sport for teens and up including baby boomers and active seniors.*

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
12:15-3:00 PM

**Saturdays**  
9:30 AM-12:30 PM  
in the Gymnasium

**\$5 Drop-in or \$30 for a book of 10 passes**  
Passes available at the Front Desk  
of the Community Center



## 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



## Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



Information and Assistance, Telephone Reassurance Calls, Caregiver Assistance Options Counseling; Application Assistance for PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled), Meals on Wheels, SHIP Counseling (State Health Insurance Program), Energy Assistance, JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers) and many more. Socialization, Recreation, and Exercise programs are available - please call for availability.

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

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

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

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

Thank you, Sr. Services

## Jersey Cares - Senior Shoppers Program

If you are 60 years or older and in need of food shopping services, you should know that the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and St. Francis Senior Services has partnered with a reputable nonprofit, Jersey Cares, to provide this service.

You can be assured your safety is our top priority and that all volunteers are fully vetted including background checks.

If you are interested in participating in this program please call St. Francis Senior Services at (609) 494-8861 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.



## Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

**Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

*Walk-ins are welcome!*

*Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to wear a mask.*

*The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers. \*Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.*

*Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. **TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760** \*\*carrier text message rates may apply\*\**

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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.*

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