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for all!  
All are welcome!*

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, March 19	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Brenda Henahan 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation  5:00 PM +Christopher Michael Bagnato +Tom Wallerman	2 Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4:13- 16-18, 22; Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a Ex. 3, 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk. 13:1-9	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, March 20	8:30 AM +Michael Segledi 10:00 AM +James Kelley +Lillian Connolly 11:30 AM +Ryan Sterling +Gustavo Acosta +Andrew Noll	Ex. 3, 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk. 13:1-9	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, March 21	9:00 AM +Tenny Jerschkow	2 Kgs. 5:1-15ab; Lk. 4:24-30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday, March 22	9:00 AM +Bob Kleckner	Dn. 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Adult Faith Enrichment
Wednesday, March 23	9:00 AM +Walter Williams	Dt. 1:1, 5-0; Mt. 5:17-19	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, March 24	9:00 AM +Austin D'Souza +Domenica Robertozzi	Jer. 7:23-28; Lk. 11:14-23	
Friday, March 25	9:00 AM <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> +James M. Kempfski +Hank Casey	Is. 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb. 10:4-10; Lk. 1:26-38	6:00 PM Soup; 7:00 PM <i>Live-Streaming Stations of Cross</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Saturday, March 26	9:00 AM <i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i> +Theresa Byrne 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Agnes P. Thackston	Hos. 6:1-6; Lk. 18:9-14 Jos. 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32	
Sunday, March 27	8:30 AM +Florence Grant +Kim Scott +Ann Davey 10:00 AM +Michael Munkacsy +Betsey Connelly +Mickey Robertozzi 11:30 AM +Nicole Lynn Maurer-Karmade	Jos. 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32	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**  
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**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**

### Emergency Information

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861.  
There will be a recording.
2. Check Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)  
St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

### SOUP AND STATIONS

We will be needing donations  
of meatless soup in a crockpot  
to share at our Soup and Stations  
on **March 18, 25, & April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Please bring the soup to  
the church hall between  
**5:00pm and 6:00pm.**

Soup will begin at 6:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross.  
The Stations of the Cross will be *live streamed* for those not  
able to attend. [www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

Questions?

Contact JoAnne at 609-494-8861 Ext. 164.  
Peace and all good!



### Peace Prayer Project

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



## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

### War: What is it good for? Absolutely nothing. Say it again.

This is first line of the song, *War*. I first heard it in 1986 on Bruce Springsteen's *Live 1975-85* album, but it was actually written in 1969 by Norman Whitfield and Barrett Strong and originally sung by The Temptations. It was obviously a statement against the war in Vietnam, but sadly, its message has still not been heard.

On October 4, 1965, the Feast of St. Francis, Pope Paul VI, the first pope to visit and address the assembled nations at the UN urged the world to be peacemakers. He said, "It is enough to recall that the blood of millions, countless unheard-of sufferings, useless massacres and frightening ruins have sanctioned the agreement that unites you with an oath that ought to change the future history of the world: *never again war, never again war! It is peace, peace, that has to guide the destiny of the nations of all mankind!*"

Pope John Paul II stated before the 2003 war in Iraq that that war "would be a *defeat for humanity* which could not be morally or legally justified."

Last Sunday, in his address while praying the Angelus, Pope Francis, in his continuous appeal for an end to the war in Ukraine, said "In the name of God, I ask: Stop this massacre."

We hear these words against war in every generation, in every decade, because in every generation and in every decade, sadly, there is cause to repeat them again and again and again.

As of the writing of this letter we have not confirmed the time and day, but we will be hosting a "*Prayer for Peace*" here at St. Francis as we pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia, an immediate end to this war in Ukraine, and for an end to all wars, forever.

Once the details are finalized we will get that word out to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, I urge all of us to be peacemakers, to pray for peace, and to pray for the people of Ukraine.

*War. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing  
Say it again, war. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing,  
come on*

*War is something that I despise  
For it means destruction of innocent lives  
And thousands words in mothers' cry  
When their son's go out to fight to give their lives*

*War. It ain't nothing but a heartbreaker  
War. Friend only to the undertaker*

*War is the enemy of all mankind  
The thought of war it just blows my mind  
Handed down from generation to generation  
Induction, destruction, who wants to die?*

*War has shattered many young men's dreams  
Made them disabled bitter and mean  
Life is too precious to be fighting wars each day  
War can't give life it can only take it away*

*Peace, love and understanding it all  
There must be some place for these things today  
They say we must fight to keep our freedom  
But Lord there's gotta be another way that's better than*

*War. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing  
Say it again, war. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing,  
come on now*

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



Greetings Parishioners and Friends,

Please let us introduce ourselves – Jennifer and Anthony Mauro, co-chairs of the Synod steering committee. We are honored to have been asked to be part of the Synod of Bishops process, as St. Francis of Assisi Parish has been our spiritual home for more than 15 years.

As you may have heard, Pope Francis has called for a Synod of Bishops to meet in 2023. The overarching objective is for the Church to become a listening Church. For us to listen to each other about our faith journeys.

As part of this process, the Pope wants to hear from as many Catholics (both practicing and drifting) as possible. To that end, our parish is organizing a Spiritual Conversation Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to encourage all parishioners and all baptized Catholics to gather and offer their insights and to encounter one another in prayer and active listening. Questions will be asked, and a synopsis of each conversation will be recorded via notetaking and sent to the Diocese. All participant names will be kept in confidence, and no names will be included in the report. The Diocese will then condense and send this information on to the Vatican.

The questions are as follows:

1. What have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the Church?
2. Consider the comments from the other participants in the first round. What resonated the most for you?
3. Reflecting on our conversation, how might the Holy Spirit be prompting you, and all of us as Church, to improve the ways we are able to journey together?

A group of parish volunteers have been trained as facilitators and notetakers. All parishioners and viewpoints will be welcomed and listened to. Open-mindedness and open-heartedness will lead to prayerfulness and a reaffirming spirit within each listening session. We hope for a large number of participants. ***We also encourage each parishioner who plans on participating to extend an invitation to any family member, friend or acquaintance who may not be actively practicing our faith.*** It is important that we hear from them. Understand that we will not look to evangelize but will only provide non-judgmental listening. Our prayers will be offered to the Holy Spirit seeking guidance, discernment and support for all shared views, opinions, suggestions and hopes given by each and every active participant.

There will be ***two Spiritual Conversation Meetings***, one held on **Sunday, March 13, after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center** and another on **Saturday, March 26, at 10 AM in the Brant Beach Church Hall**. There will also be a **Zoom meeting at 7 PM, Wednesday, March 23**. To sign up for one of these meetings, or for more information, email [synod.stfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:synod.stfrancis@gmail.com).

We pray now that the Holy Spirit will help you make the decision to participate and we extend our gratefulness in advance for you doing so.

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection:

St. Francis Parish Ministries: Music

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$20,000

### Last Week's Collection:

Collected: \$13,725.50

Budgeted: \$20,000

### Second Collection:

Church Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Collected: \$3,901



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

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



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Online Giving!  
stfrancisparishlbj.org/donate***



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal raised over \$6 million.

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal began February 19/20.

Goal this year is \$6.5 million.

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Total Pledged: **\$11,715.00**

Total Collected: **\$16,029.00**

Total Donors: **96**

Total Gifts: **98**

Average Gift: **\$163.56**

***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

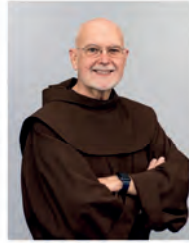
Annual Catholic Appeal by Bishop O'Connell at:  
[www.stfrancisparishlbj.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://www.stfrancisparishlbj.org/annual-catholic-appeal)

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## Weekly Reflections...



Fr. John Frambes, OFM, Pastoral Associate

“Father, what made you decide to become a priest?” It is a reasonable question to ask of someone who has committed himself to serve in this now counter cultural way. The answer is, of course, deeply personal; so realize when you ask this question that you are putting someone on the spot. But do not be afraid to ask.

In my mid-teens, I wondered about the priesthood. My reasons now seem embarrassingly naive, but I suppose that they were early hints of grace. After many twists and turns, I was finally ordained at the hands of a bishop with all the usual fanfare. By then I was already a Franciscan friar. It makes a difference.

Over and over again, in joy and tragedy people renew the call to ordination. They say, “We need you to comfort, heal, celebrate, proclaim, and even prophecy; but especially to pray.” In short, they say, “We need you to be our priest.” The call and the ordination, therefore, are always fresh and so must be the response. It is often that one of us gets home to the friary from the hospital or from hearing confessions or something else and says, “I am glad that I was there.”

The shape of priesthood and my own ministry has kept changing in the forty plus years since I was first ordained. As with any deep commitment we make, I sometimes think, “Nobody ever told me it would be like this!” It is right that I should wonder what it means for the community of the church and for my own journey into God. It is more than I can express, but it has all been good and rich and amazing. And I am happy and grateful that the call to priesthood keeps coming.

Persistent problems with my vocal cords have kept me from celebrating mass and I sit in the congregation. It is a reminder that the ministerial priesthood is rooted in the priesthood of all the baptized. I think St. Francis would think it normal for me to be praying unnoticed in the crowd.

In this season of spiritual renovation, we turn away from sin, from what is not of God, and believe ever more deeply in the gospel. It is a good time for all of us to ask ourselves how God calls us to the life and witness that is ours. God calls you and me again and again. How should we respond?

John Frambes, ofm

## GOspel CHALLENGE:



***“If you do not repent, you will all perish”***

**In Lent, God is giving us yet another opportunity to repent—to turn toward God.**

***How can I best take advantage of this opportunity?***



## St. Francis Liturgical Community

### Liturgical Calendar for Lent 2022

All Liturgies in St. Francis of Assisi unless otherwise noted

- **Soup & Stations – March 18, 25 & April 1.**  
Soup at 6:00pm - Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.  
The Stations of the Cross will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend.  
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  - **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am.**
  - **Third Sunday of Lent – March 20<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **The Annunciation of the Lord – Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am.**
  - **Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
  - **Lenten Communal Penance with Individual Reconciliation**  
Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.  
Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.
  - **Palm Sunday - April 9/10 in Brant Beach 5:00pm, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am.**  
10:00am in St. Thomas Villanova, Surf City.
- Lent ends before the celebration of Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 AM at the Third St. Beach in Beach Haven.**

### Soup and Stations of the Cross

We will be having Soup and Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. Soup will be served at 6:00pm and Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00pm in the Brant Beach church. We will be having a meal of bread, homemade meatless soup and ice water in the church hall. It is a time to make our Lenten journey fruitful as we walk the way of the cross with our brothers and sisters and continue to grow in our personal relationship with God. The three pillars of lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Pope Francis tells us that "lent is a privileged time for prayer." Our prayer strengthens us for fasting and almsgiving as we put aside some of our own needs and provide for those in need during lent. At each of the five Fridays there will be baskets on the sanctuary steps for much needed items for the food pantry.

**Week Three March 18...**Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross with *Suffering*. Food Pantry needs diapers.

**Week Four March 25...**Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross for *Healing*. Food Pantry needs personal items...toothbrush, toothpaste.

**Week Five April 1...**Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross with *Mary, Mother of God*. Food Pantry needs canned ravioli.

The Stations of the Cross will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend. [www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

Please join us for a simple meal of soup as we begin our Lenten journey.

Please feel free to bring neighbors or friends. All are welcome!

## Eucharistic Minister and Lector Sign-up Sheets and Schedules Notice

### Spring 2022 for Beach Haven and Surf City

The new sign-up sheets and completed schedule dates for **April 9/10 through June 25/26, 2022** is as follows:

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- Sign-up sheets will be in file box by BB sacristy door on Friday, March 11.
- Completed sheets are due back by Friday, March 18.
- Schedules will be in the file boxes by the BB sacristy door on Saturday, **March 26**.

Please return all sign-up sheets in an envelope marked Parish Office/ Eucharistic Minister. They can be returned to the front desk or parish office. Or you can email them to JoAnne Reeder [jreeder@stfrancislbi.org](mailto:jreeder@stfrancislbi.org)



Peace and all good!

### 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**



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)



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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)

## Family Faith

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

[jlclayton@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:jlclayton@stfrancislbj.org)

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



### FAMILY FAITH MARCH ACTIVITIES

Catholics celebrate a time in the Church when they follow more closely the way of Jesus. We take up spiritual practices and disciplines that help us identify with Jesus more as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

Our families in the Religious Education program will be reading and discussing scripture, Jesus' practice of prayer and learn what they can do as a family to prepare to journey the forty days. We will think about how we treat others. We will look beyond our own wants and desires. We will pay attention to the needs of others. We will look for some ways we can make changes in our lives to grow closer to God. During this season of Penance we will see that the Church looks simple and plain, little flowers or decorations. The priests wear purple vestments.

The art activity for the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades is to make a Lenten resolution egg. The children will choose something to do to make the world a better place and keep the egg chart to see how they are doing, as well as act out a skit about making choices. Grades 4 and 5 will re-enact the way of the cross.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children are working with their parents as they prepare for their First Eucharist. We will celebrate the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **March 21<sup>st</sup>**.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students/parents Bible study continues with session 6 of the Ascension Press "Encounter" program videos "Exile, Return and Maccabean Revolt", followed by a short review. Student/parent teams will use their Bibles to look up the upcoming Sunday Gospel and take time for a reflection. The Saint lesson is about St. Benedict of Palermo and includes a QR code with a video on his life. The theme for this class is Lent, handouts will include a QR code with a match game on the Stations of the Cross. We will use Loyola Press Art Print #20 an interpretation of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed after the Last Supper. There will be handouts and worksheets for more at home study on Lent.

Grade 7 Confirmation prep I candidates will be completing their candidate book this month. This session will focus on the meaning of Grace in their lives, how the will and actions of the Holy Spirit inspire the use of their gifts.

As Matthew Kelly, author of Decision Point another book used in this class says "Be Bold, Be Catholic".

The final Decision Point lesson discussion "10 Great Ways to be Catholic"

10. It is unique and original
9. We care for the suffering
8. We have history and mystery
7. We have the Saints
6. We believe in the power of prayer.
5. It is universal
4. We defend human rights
3. We are invited to get involved and be a part of a great mission
2. The Eucharist
1. You don't say no to God when he invites you.

**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)

## 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.

## 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.

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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to a talk on "Gospel Challenge and Scrutinizes" **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.

## 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.

*Pachinko* by Min Jim Lee.

Tuesday, **March 29**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **April 3**, 12:30 PM *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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Wednesday, **March 30**, 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, **June 9**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

## 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, ofsf, (609) 204-3835,*

*Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,*

*Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917*

*Pat Simmons, ofsf, (609) 661-1361.*

## An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. In these experiences we support each other in our prayer and faith. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan ([klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)) for the link.

On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next **Zoom** session - **April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Next **in-person** session **April 9<sup>th</sup>** with Friar John Frambes presenting

## 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: **March 19, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room.**

## 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  
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**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.

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**Pay:** \$13 per hour

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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 II REGISTRATION

**Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM**

Session II begins April 19<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

## 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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- Children must have completed Kindergarten to attend Vacation Club Parent Registration is Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM and a parent or legal guardian must be present. Due to COVID only Ocean County children who attended an Ocean County school will be enrolled this year.



## 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 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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## Community Bulletin Board

### Maris Stella Retreat Center

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### Lenten Weekly Holy Hour for World Peace

Maris Stella Chapel

**Thursdays, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Holy hour will provide an opportunity for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer for world peace. No registration needed.

### Day of Reflection: "Spirituality in Film"

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

This interactive workshop will encourage participants to consider how film as a medium can explore worship, faith and doubt, and the glory of the natural world. We will use film clips and brief writing prompts. We will also provide a suggested list of films to view. **Presenters: Laura Winters and Lynne McEniry**, Seton Associates of the Sisters of Charity. *Limited Overnight Accommodations available at an additional cost.*

**Costs: \$60.00** – Bring Brown bag lunch. "Coffee and" provided in the morning. **Non-Refundable Non-Transferable Deposit: \$25.00** **Registration due April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** For more information or to register: logon to [www.marisstella.org](http://www.marisstella.org) or call Sr Pat (609) 494-2917 or email [pdotzauer@comcast.net](mailto:pdotzauer@comcast.net)

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## Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

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## Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

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