

THE BRIDGE



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

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

*"It is written
You shall worship the Lord,
your God, and him alone
shall you serve."*

Luke 4:1-13



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can visit our website at: <http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org>*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 6, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, March 5	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Jack Guld	Is. 58:9b-14; Lk. 5:27-32 Dt. 26:4-10; Rom. 10:8-13; Lk. 4:1-13	
Sunday, March 6	8:30 AM +Vince McHale +Betsy Connelly 10:00 AM +Russell G. Stein +Elana Madigan 11:30 AM +Ann T. Davey	Dt. 26:4-10; Rom. 10:8-13; Lk. 4:1-13	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 9:30 AM OFS Information Day, Sr Kate Rm. 1:15 PM Speaker from Birthright followed by OFS Fraternity Meeting, Church Hall
Monday, March 7	9:00 AM +Russell G. Stein	Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt. 25:31-46	
Tuesday, March 8	9:00 AM +Ronald Waranowicz	Is. 55:10-11; Mt. 6:7-15	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Planning Maris Stella
Wednesday, March 9	9:00 AM +James W. Forsythe, Sr.	Jon. 3:1-10; Lk. 11:29-32	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, March 10	9:00 AM +Louis F. "Sirrie" Purul +Thomas Lally +Andrew Noll	Est. C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt. 7:7-12	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Rm. 212
Friday, March 11	9:00 AM +William Kuchar	Ez. 18:21-28; Mt. 5:20-26	6:00 PM Soup; 7:00 PM <i>Live-Streaming Stations of Cross</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 6:00-8:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Retreat, Maris Stella
Saturday, March 12	9:00 AM +Mary Sarin +Betsy Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Jim Raylman +Paul Kubeck	Dt. 26:16-19; Mt. 5:43-48 Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil. 3:17-4:1 Lk. 9:28b-36	8:00 AM -7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Retreat, Maris Stella 9:45 AM Contemplative Meeting, Zoom
Sunday, March 13	8:30 AM +Bob Carpenter 10:00 AM +Irene Flanagan +Edmund Flyntz 11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil. 3:17-4:1 Lk. 9:28b-36	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**

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.

SOUP AND STATIONS



We will be needing donations
of meatless soup in a crockpot
to share at our Soup and Stations
on March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1st.



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

Questions?

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



Letter from the Pastor
First Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022

Time to Rearrange the Furniture

When I was a child I remember every year I would rearrange the furniture in my bedroom. I did not have much say as to how the rest of the house was arranged and decorated but I had some control over “my space.” I would put the bed to a different corner and maybe move the desk and chair so that the room had a whole new look. Of course that also meant that I needed to clean up! I would get rid of things I didn’t need any more or would never use. I’m not sure why but I do remember that I found it to be good. It certainly gave me a different perspective on my room but it also gave me a different perspective on life.

As a child I also never really liked Lent. It was always about giving something up. Lent equaled pain and suffering. No more eating in between meals, or no ice cream, or whatever the food of choice was for that year, to recognize that we are in Lent. One year I remember sneaking downstairs to eat an orange so that no one would see me. I didn’t quite make the connection of how those acts were connected to why we are asked give alms, pray more, or do penance.

Although my waistline now does not need any more potato chips, ice cream, or that late night snack, I have come to realize that Lent is not a “Catholic Diet Plan.” The older I get the more I realize how much control I do not have. I can’t stop the war in Ukraine. I can’t fix global poverty. I can’t stop cancer, dementia, or all the other ailments that we and our loved ones can get. I do, however, have some control over “my space” and I do believe that if I can change “my space” I can at least add something positive to the world. Now, I see Lent as a time to retreat where I look at my life, my relationship with God, and my relationships with others and ask how can I make them all better.

So rather than changing recipes and menus, perhaps it’s time to rearrange the furniture in our spiritual house. What can we do that will change things up a bit so we can see differently? What boxes need to be moved, or what habits need to change, or perhaps started, so we can become more attuned to God’s presence in our life. What clutter do we have in our lives that keeps us from seeing God or that keeps God from truly touching us. Can we bring that to the curb this Lent so that we can celebrate the hope in the Resurrection in a new way this year?

I pray that we will all be “filled with the Holy Spirit” and “led by the Spirit” during our forty days of Lent so we can know what truly feeds us, satisfies us, protects us, and gives us life.

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



Liturgical Calendar for Lent 2022

All Liturgies in St. Francis of Assisi unless otherwise noted

- **Soup & Stations – March 4, 11, 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.
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
 - **First Sunday of Lent – March 6th.**
 - **Second Sunday of Lent – March 13th.**
 - **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturday, March 19th 9:00am.**
 - **Third Sunday of Lent – March 20th.**
 - **The Annunciation of the Lord – Friday, March 25th - 9:00am.**
 - **Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27th.**
 - **Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3rd.**
 - **Lenten Communal Penance with Individual Reconciliation**
Friday, April 8th at 6:00pm.
Saturday, April 9th 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 14th.
- **Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - April 17th 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 this year beginning on Friday, March 4th. 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 One March 4...Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross with St. John XXIII. Food Pantry needs personal items...soap, shampoo.

Week Two March 11...The Mystery of the Cross, Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis. Food Pantry needs canned pork and beans.

Week Three March 18...Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross with Mary, Mother of God. Food Pantry needs diapers.

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

Week Five April 1...Praying the 14 Stations of the Cross for Healing. Food Pantry needs canned ravioli.

The Stations of the Cross will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend. 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!

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscbb.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



Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist



If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx [*host container*] to mass. If you forget your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Black & Native American Missions

This diocesan mandated collection helps us to live in solidarity with African & Native American Catholics throughout the United States. Thank you for your support.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$19,309.49**

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Second Collection:

Franciscan Missionary Union

Collected: **\$4,142**

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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

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: **\$ 5,005.00**
Total Collected: **\$ 5,005.00**
Total Donors: **25**
Average Gift: **\$192.69**

*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!



Weekly Reflections...



Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM, Pastoral Associate

Here we are at the beginning of Lent. Are you a person who “gives up something” or a person who “takes on something” during this season? The question is: why do you do this? Yes, it is Lent and we have always been encouraged to do something, but I think we need to take a few moments to ask ourselves: “How is this going to make me a better Christian? Am I going to grow in awareness, or become a more committed Christian? “

The Gospel reading for this First Sunday of Lent is the Gospel of the temptations of Christ. It is always interesting to me that Jesus was tempted. As a human, Jesus shows us that we can resist any temptation, big or small, in our lives. Temptations are a choice which, if taken, lead us down a road that leads to nothing positive. Temptations are powerful and may look good in the beginning, but stop and think before you give in. By giving in you may harm yourself and others. Temptations are desires, urges, inclinations that prevent us from achieving what will really help us. Lent is a time when we can come to know our strengths and weaknesses and work on them.

Lent seems to be a long period and it is, but like everything, it can slip away from you unless you become more conscious that it provides marvelous opportunities for your personal growth and happiness. One of the Psalm responses that we will hear during this season is “If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.” The Lord has good things for all of us and Lent can be a good time for us to learn how to listen. Listening with the heart not just your ears, helps us understand others and understanding helps us be more compassionate and less judgmental. Listening from the heart also helps us understand ourselves. Sometimes we wonder “why do I do what I do” and “why do I react so quickly?” It is the Lord who can calm us down and allow us to see our good qualities as well as those that need to be softened. So take advantage of this Lenten season that is filled with many blessings for each of us.

Fr. Andrew Reitz, ofm

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:



“Jesus ... was led by the Spirit ... to be tempted by the devil.”

What is my most persistent temptation?

How can I close my eyes to temptations and only turn to that which strengthens my relationship with God?

St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

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

jlclayton@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.

February 2022

Baptized:

Joel and Julian Castillo

Camila Mateo and Cristal Flores

Registered:

John and Janine Greenwood

Joseph and Karin Finelli

Thomas and Alice Bent

David and Lynne Goldstein

James and Luellen Henderson

Frank and Barbara Ferrara

Robert and Dawn Darvas

William and Catherine Hester

The Bucci Family

Amanda Rodriguez

Michael Novelli

Married:

Deceased:

Michael Mnkacsy

Barbara Malandra

Betsy Connelly

Mary Beth Fellona

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

Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **March 8**, 7:00 PM, Maris Stella

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 16**, 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.

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: **Saturday, March 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: **March 19, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Rm.**

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



Cell Phone Drop Off



Please help

St. Francis Parish & Center

by dropping off your old *Cell Phones*

in the lobby at St. Francis Center.

Please NO accessories, chargers, etc.

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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group

invites you to a talk on

"Christian Social Principals"

Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM

in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.



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.

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.

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@stfrancislbj.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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 609-494-0917 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
FISH & CHIPS
CHICKEN & FRIES

We are in need of desserts for the Annual Fish Fry.

- Cookies
- Cupcakes
- Brownies

Email Amanda at adefusco@stfrancisbi.org or Ellen Dombrowski at emdombrowski@gmail.com

Fun Fiftieth Facts
 St. Francis Center's first activity brochure was published for the summer of 1973. Here is a picture of our first LOGO!

Garden Party By the Sea

Fashion Show

Cedar Bonnet Island
 Wednesday, June 22

THE ANNUAL **BEEFSTEAK Dinner**

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

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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