

THE BRIDGE



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

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



*Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
Mt. 17:1*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, March 4	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons +Davie Weiner 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Richard Bromer	Dt. 26:16-19; Mt. 5:43-48 Gn. 12:1-4a; 2 Tm. 1:8b-10; Mt. 17:1-9	9:30 AM OFS Lenten Retreat, Maris Stella
Sunday, March 5	8:30 AM +Anthony McHale +Conny Fitzsimons 10:00 AM +Phillip Palermo +Russell G. Stein 11:30 AM +Dick Chapman +Clare Shultis	Gn. 12:1-4a; 2 Tm. 1:8b-10; Mt. 17:1-9	<i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, March 6	9:00 AM +Phillip Palermo +Conny Fitzsimons	Dn. 9:4b-10; Lk. 6:36-38	
Tuesday, March 7	9:00 AM +Russell G. Stein +Conny Fitzsimons	Is. 1:10, 16-20; Mt. 23:1-12	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Plan., Surf City
Wednesday, March 8	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Jer. 18:18-20; Mt. 20:17-28	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00 PM The Chosen, BB Church Hall
Thursday, March 9	9:00 AM +Mieczyslaw (Mickey) Kochanek +Conny Fitzsimons +Davie Weiner	Jer. 17:5-10; Lk. 16:19-31	9:45 AM The Chosen, BB Church Hall 7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, March 10	9:00 AM +Andrew Noll +Thomas Lally +Conny Fitzsimons	Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office 6:00 PM Soup and Stations Men's Cornerstone Retreat, Maris Stella
Saturday, March 11	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Norman David Cella	Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32 Ex. 17:3-7; Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn. 4:5-42	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, <i>Zoom</i> Men's Cornerstone Retreat, Maris Stella
Sunday, March 12	8:30 AM +Mary Sarin +Jim Raylman 10:00 AM +Patrick Harrington +Marilyn DiLorenzo 11:30 AM +Gary Thorp +Conny Fitzsimons	Ex. 17:3-7; Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn. 4:5-42	<i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Mass Schedule through March 25/26, 2023

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

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, **March 12**

at 2:00 AM EST

turn Your Clocks AHEAD One Hour.



Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:

StFrancisChurchLBI

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA

Vocation Office vocations@osphil.org

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

(609) 597-3800 or visit: www.stmaryknights.org

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.

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Change: the One Constant

I am very happy to announce that Michele Beck is our new Director of Liturgy and Music. With JoAnne Reeder's retirement, I took this opportunity to reorganize the parish liturgical office. This new position will add some responsibilities to Michele's already busy schedule. However, since she has been working so closely with JoAnne over the years, I know the transition will be a natural fit.

As many of you know, Michele has been singing at St. Francis for over 25 years and has been the Director of Music for a bit more than 20 years. During that time, she has done amazing things with our cantors, choirs, and liturgical music here at St. Francis. I have no doubt that she will bring that same enthusiasm, dedication, and expertise to our entire liturgical life. The depth of her knowledge of the liturgy, along with her natural "liturgical sense," will only deepen our sense of ritual and common prayer.

To assist Michele in this new endeavor we have hired long time parishioner, Rosalie D'Amico, to the part-time position of Assistant to the Director of Liturgy and Music. Rosalie has volunteered countless hours over the years helping Michele organize the music for the choirs so she is very familiar with the workings of the office. We are very glad that she will be helping us to recreate our liturgical office.

Congratulations to Michele and Rosalie and thank you for your leadership.

Coincidentally, one of the first acts as the new Director of Liturgy and Music was to accept the donation of an Estonia 9' Concert Grand Piano. Our parishioners, **Heather and David Schnorbus**, were downsizing and asked if we would could use the piano at St. Francis. What an incredible gift to the parish! After a crane hoisted the piano from the third floor of their house, the movers gently placed the new piano next to the organ in St. Francis.

The history of the piano is also quite interesting. Although it was made in Estonia, this piano was originally the concert piano in the Communist Concert Hall in Sofia, Bulgaria. How about that for a turn around? It has gone from communist patriotic songs to Now Thank We All Our God! God is good!

As Divine providence would have it, the piano was used for the first time at St. Francis at Davie Weiner's Funeral Mass of Remembrance this past Friday. Nothing but the best for Davie!

Thank you, David and Heather, for your very generous gift to us. We promise to take great care of it!



Fr. Fran, Dave Schnorbus, Michele Beck

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/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 4:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

Baptism: The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

Family Faith: For children in grades one through eight. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

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

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

Parish Office

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Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861
Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554
Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407
Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861
Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760
Recreation & Aquatics - (609) 494-8861 ext. 105
Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

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Stewardship

Second Collection Today: **Franciscan Missionary Union**

The Franciscan Missionary Union helps missions throughout the world. Thank you for your support.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$18,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$21,362**

Budgeted: **\$18,000**

Last Week's Second Collection:

Human Concerns Project

Collected: **\$6,184**

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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




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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00

Pledged: \$14,120.00 (14% of Goal)

Paid: \$12,820.00 (13% of Goal)

Total Donors: 93

Total Gifts: 94

Average Gift: \$150.21

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Did You Know??

Did you know an **Accounting** Policy exists for the employees of the Parish and Center to follow? It requires each Department Head to submit and adhere to an approved budget, as well as to seek Executive Director (Center) or Pastor (Parish) approval before any expenditures are made. Any major spending that must be undertaken (whether repairs and maintenance, computers or systems, etc.) is reviewed and discussed by the Comptroller and Executive Director for the Center, or by the Comptroller, Pastor and Finance Council for the Parish, to determine the best way to proceed.

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

Family Faith

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

jclayton@stfrancislbi.org

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



WE NEED YOU

(Jesus calling)

Here are some compelling reasons to answer the call to be a catechist in the Family Faith program.

- **Your own faith will come alive**
 - You can participate in a new way in the life Jesus came to give us.
- **You become an active participant in an essential church responsibility**
 - Bring the message of faith to full bloom
- **Show your own family that you value the faith**
- **You will never regret saying "yes" to the call.**

The program here at St. Francis of Assisi provides the support and development for catechists through a variety of program offered in house by the director and Family Faith team. This includes:

- The Art of Catechesis
- Loyola Formation Series
- Virtus Training
- Prepared lesson plans and class activities
- In-service meetings

Please call me to discuss the program and answer questions or concerns you may have.

Come see our classes in action or attend one of our all parish events – Nativity Pageant or May crowning of the Blessed Mother.



SOUP AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for fellowship and a simple soup dinner and then Journey with Jesus to Calvary as we pray The Stations of the Cross

Friday March 10, 17 & 24

Each week we will reflect on 2-3 stations until we complete the journey

Soup 6:00 PM

Stations 7:00 PM

PRAY - FAST - GIVE

Please consider bringing a donation for the St. Francis Food Pantry

March 10: Diapers

March 17: Oatmeal

March 24: Coffee

Donations of a crock pot of soup are welcome and appreciated. Please bring your crock pot to the church hall between 5:00 and 6:00 PM.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God? Do you experience a desire to pray always? Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?

Spiritual Direction is not about problem solving. It is neither counseling nor therapy. It is about enhancing one's prayer life. Directors help people recognize and respond to God's will in their life experiences. One Director summed up the process this way, "All I do is listen. People already have a spiritual life; they are not starting here. Often they need relief from the pressure that they are not doing the right thing. I help them see the goodness in where they are on their journey, not where they think they're supposed to be." God is the real spiritual director.

The Diocese of Trenton has several training programs called an internship. These are two or three year programs focusing on deepening one's own spiritual life and on learning the dynamics of Spiritual Direction. Upon completion of the program a person receives a Certificate from the Diocese.

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors.

There is no charge for Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your life please call:

Maryann Barrek, (609) 661-4441

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

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. We meet by Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (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 sessions - **March 11**

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: **March 18, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Rm.**

Gospel Inspirations:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



Peter, James, and John heard the voice of God and witnessed Jesus' transformation into a heavenly spirit. When the vision was over, their regular daily life resumed.

Lord, help us be more aware of your presence with us during all the highs and lows of our lives. May our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving transform us this Lent.

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Bible Talks After Mass

Tom Troyano will be doing brief monthly talks on the bible after the 9:00 AM Mass. Next talk Wednesday, **March 8**, 9:30 AM, Brant Beach Church

Book Club

We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM. **Marriage of Opposites** by Alice Hoffman. Next meeting Tuesday, **March 28**, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

Knitting & Crocheting Circle

Meets **weekly on Fridays**, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, in the Family Faith Office. For more information please contact Fr. Scott at (609) 494-8813.

Next meeting Friday, **March 10**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Meets **weekly on Tuesdays**, beginning at 7:00 PM,

Next meeting Tuesday, **March 7**, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church Hall

Order of the Franciscans Secular of's

Saturday, **March 4**, 9:30 AM, *Lenten Retreat*, Maris Stella.

All are welcome.

Scripture Study

Meets **bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, from 10:00-11:30 AM 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.

Next meeting Wednesday **March 15**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

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.

Next meeting **March 9**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Order of Franciscan Secular



OFS Easter Flower Sale

April 1 and 2

After all masses at

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

and

After 10:00 mass at

St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Surf City

Proceeds help support our various ministries.



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



Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA



What is “The Chosen”?

Many people have been following the series “The Chosen” but if you are not aware of it, here is a brief description:

“The Chosen” is a media project about Jesus, helping us see Jesus through the eyes of those who met Him. The project shows us how Jesus encounters various people and various situations and how He deals with them. Whether it is a struggling fisherman, someone who is not accepted by his family, a woman who seems to be possessed or a religious leader questioning his beliefs. This portrayal will show Jesus and his approach to these situations and more. Several of these Scripture based episodes will be shown in the Brant Beach Church Auditorium:

Wednesday, March 8, 15 at 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 9, 16 at 9:45 AM

(the episodes are the same as those shown the previous evening.)

There will be time after each showing to discuss the episode.

Adult Enrichment/RCIA Living A Laudato Si’ Lent 2023



‘Praise Be to You My Lord’
(Care for our Common Home)
(usccb laudato si’)

The first line of the letter from Pope Francis, focuses on the care for the natural environment and all people as well as questions of relationships between God, humans, and the Earth.

Living A Laudato Si’ Lent 2023
(usccb laudato si’)

As we continue into this Lenten season, let us reflect on how “Christian Spirituality...encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption.” (LS 222)

Here are additional examples to reflect upon for Living A Laudato Si’ Lent 2023:

March 5 – Second Sunday of Lent Practice deep enjoyment – savor slowly a piece of fine chocolate, a glass of wine, a deep breath.

March 6 – Pray for those most affected by climate change – animal species who lose their habitat.

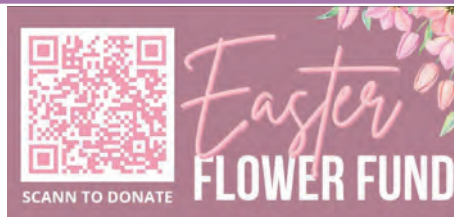
March 7 – Have you ever mentioned an ecological sin in confession?

March 8 – Pray for those most affected by climate change – children of future generations who will pay the price of our selfishness today.

March 9 – Check your coffee and tea are they Fair Trade Good for workers – Good for Earth.

March 10 – Give a donation to an environmental organization.

March 11 – Include an ecological message, perhaps a quote from Laudato Si’ as part of your signature as your E-mail.



EASTER FLOWER FUND 2023

Help us decorate the Brant Beach, Surf City, and Beach Haven churches from Palm Sunday through The Easter season!

Memorialize or honor a family member, friend, or a special occasion with your donation

**All donations will be recognized in our
2023 Easter Flower Fund Donor List**

This list will be updated weekly on our parish website. It will include the names of all donors and who the donations are in memory or in honor of.

Donations for Easter Flowers, plants, and Art and Environment supplies can be made in any amount.

or

You can donate toward the purchase of specific items to memorialize

DONATION AMOUNT	
\$100	Large Topiaries & Large Easter Wreaths
\$75	Flowers in Sanctuary Urns for Holy Thursday & Easter Season
\$50	Peace Lilies & Hydrangea
\$35	Ferns & Candle Rings

Ways to donate to our 2023 Easter Flower Fund

Easter Flower Fund Envelope found with your parish donation envelopes or at the doors of the church

Online donation on our website Scan the QR code or go to www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/easterflowerfund

Thank you for your generous support!

From,

The St. Francis Parish Liturgical Art & Environment Committee
Contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Join us for a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19—29, 2023

VISITING: ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHEBUS
PATMOS * SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI
Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey



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*Air/land tour price is \$3379 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact:
Fr. Andrew Reitz
Tel: (917) 275-5593
Email: areitz@stfrancislbi.org

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Employment Opportunity

Community Center Counseling Services

Positions: *Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor*

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.

Children's Services-Teacher's Assistant

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's/Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement.

Prefer a background in early childhood education. (13-months to 5-years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.

Position: Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Days: Monday-Friday **Pav:** \$15 per hour

Summer Camp Counselor (Seasonal Position)

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's/Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement. Working with school age children 5 years to 13years of age.

Position: Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Days: Monday-Friday **Pav:** \$14.13 per hour

Must be 17 or older and be available 6/20/23 to 8/31/2023
First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.
Experience Preferred, but not required.

Family Support Services

Position: *Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program.* Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology, or related field is preferred. Prefer applicants who have experience working with children (0-5 years), knowledge of child development and parent-child relationships; non-judgmental and empathetic, knowledge about community resources, ability to establish personal/programmatic boundaries while providing supportive services, demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, and maintain confidentiality. Parent Educator will be required to travel throughout southern Ocean County for home visits and must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

Days: Monday-Friday – Full time

Maintenance Department

Position: Full time *Maintenance/Cleaning-* Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred, not required. Assist with scheduled and unscheduled building maintenance, grounds maintenance, setup/take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and must have valid driver's license.

Pav: Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience)

Days/Hours: Monday- Friday- Afternoon/Evening hours required (approx. 2pm-10pm).

Parish

Position: *Director of Parish Development.* Full time position
This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events for the St Francis Parish. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Applicants should have good communication skills and computer skills including, Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Applicants must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License.

Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

Days/Hours: Monday- Friday, with attendance at Evening/weekend events required

Cont'd. in next column

Employment Opportunity *cont'd.*

Position: *Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry,*

Full time position.

Previous experience as a volunteer or intern providing services in a parish youth ministry program preferred. Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and to our post confirmation young people to create a vibrant, inspiring, and relevant faith based program that will foster spiritual and faith based growth. Responsible for recruiting volunteers, coordinating outreach service projects and participating in other parish activities. Must be capable of administrative tasks such as developing and managing the program's budget. Must have excellent communication and leadership skills, and must be an active and participating Catholic. Bachelor's degree required- Theology or Religious Studies or related field

Days: Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

****Background check & fingerprinting required for all employees 18 yrs. & older.**

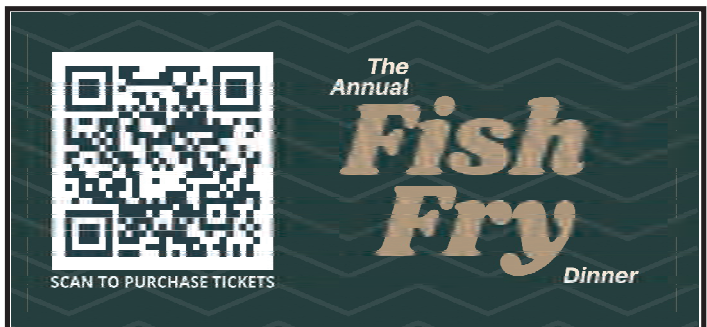
***Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 16 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) w/ company match, & more.**

*** Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable) and Employee Discounts.**

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



Friday, March 31

4:40 - 7:00 PM

Thistle of Kearny is back for another delicious Fish and Chip Dinner



Includes: dinner, beverage and dessert.

Dine-in or take-out available.

Take-out starting at 4:30 PM

Seating for Dine-in starts at 5:00 PM

Tickets are on sale online and at the Center's Front Desk

A limited amount of tickets will be available the day of the event.

There will be a 50/50 drawing.

Proceeds to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

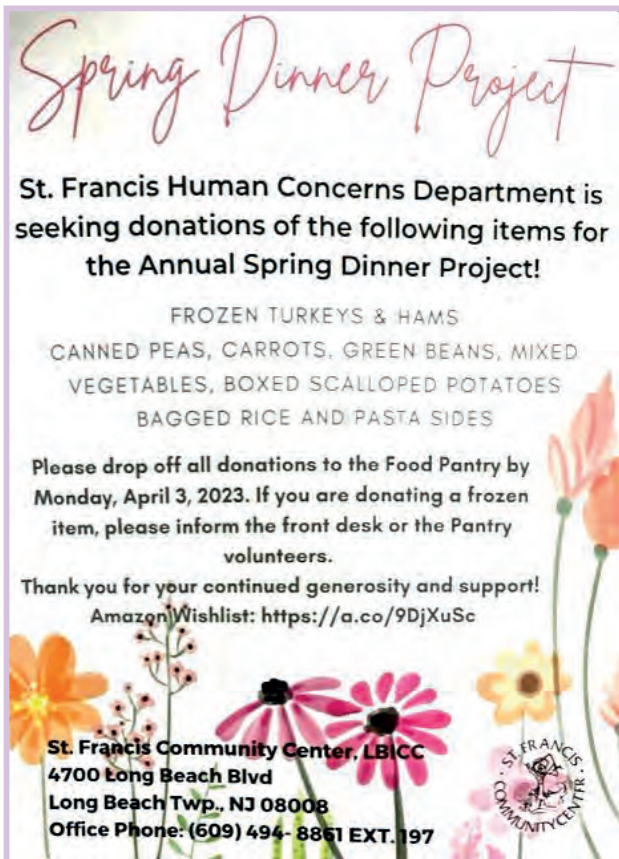
Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Baked Beans, Coffee, Canned Chef Boyardee/Chili, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, and Soap.

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>

- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
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Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



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The LBI Health Department is doing **Blood Pressure Screenings** the **second Tuesday of each Month** from **11:00 am - 11:30 am** in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111 for more information.



Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Spring Brochure** online at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

Lifeguard Training - Hybrid Class

Ages: 15 & Up

This course is certified by the American Red Cross. You must have strong swimming ability. Bookwork will be completed online with some in-person days required for practical tests.

Upon successful completion, participants will receive an American Red Cross Certification in Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED & Preventing Disease Transmission.

IN PERSON (required)

Wednesday, **March 29**, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday **April 1**, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, **April 2**, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Attendance at the listed dates and times is required. There will be no opportunities to make-up missed classes.

Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

- Adult Education Program
- First Step to Self Sufficiency
- Next Step to Employment

All participants must be verified for eligibility through the Ocean County PIC Office. Programs funded through a grant provided by the Ocean County Department of Human Services. For additional information call: (732) 281-8653

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



St. Francis Community Center's Preschool and Childcare are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownjkids.gov.

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

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Services are currently being offered via telephone or various online platforms. We have openings for new clients at this time. Please call (609) 494-1554.

TURN THE TOWN TEAL

Did you know that teal is the color for sexual violence prevention? Join us in April as we decorate our community in teal to show support for survivors of sexual abuse and assault.

Our goal is to raise awareness and show that our community is a safe place for survivors to seek support!

Community organizations, businesses and individuals are welcome to participate!

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Community Bulletin Board

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, **March 10** 9:30 AM – Noon

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Revived by the Eucharist

Wednesday, **March 15** 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

During the Eucharistic Revival we want to be "revived" by the Eucharist. Join Fr. Bill Lago for a presentation on a few ways to refocus our intentionality in receiving the Eucharist. The day will include silent reflection and conversation along with lunch and conclude with a celebration of the Mass. Led by Fr. Bill Lago; Donation: \$35, Zoom \$25.

7-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM **March 24 – 31**

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FIX IT PROGRAM



The *Fix It Program* is coordinated through Catholic Charities' Community Services program in Ocean County. Volunteers, many of them retired seniors themselves, provide minor repairs and yard clean-ups to Ocean County residents ages 60 and older.

Ocean County: 200 Monmouth Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701 - 732-363-5322 x 3234

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to perform minor home repairs for seniors in Ocean County with our **Fix-It** Program. Volunteers do many of the same simple tasks they would do in their own homes. This is a great opportunity for both skilled and unskilled volunteers to give back to their communities.

Please contact **Fix-It Program Coordinator**
Judy Minetree at 732-363-5322 x3234

Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (except holiday weekends) and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM. We are currently not taking any clothing donations. We offer free clothing to women in need. Vouchers are available at food pantries, churches, Stafford Community Center at the door. For further info call Madelyn. 609-276-3308.

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Join Us on **April 2** for the **Bunny Hop 5K Fun Run & Walk**. Family Promise of Southern Ocean County and Stafford Township are hosting the Bunny Hop 5K Fun Walk/Run in support of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign on Sunday, April 2 at the Stafford Township Municipal Complex in Manahawkin. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Southern Ocean County. Register to run or walk at <https://www.raceforum.com/bunnyhop>

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