

THE BRIDGE



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

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



"...but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had..."

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THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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

| DATE | MASS INTENTIONS | READINGS | EVENTS |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Saturday, November 6 | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Harry Masterson, Jr. +Marty Bross 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Gerald J. Carboy | Rom. 16:3-9, 16,22-27; Lk. 16:9-15 1 Kgs. 17:10-16; Heb. 9:24-28; Mk. 12:38-44 | |
| Sunday, November 7 | 7:15 AM +Letty Thomas +Harold Russell 8:30 AM +Katherine Byrne +Paul Farrell +Joan Mianowski 10:00 AM +Ellen Theresa Sharkey +Gerald Vile +Doug MacFarlane 11:30 AM <i>Annointing of the Sick</i> +Alice Catherine Reedy +Richard Hans Gove | 1 Kgs. 17:10-16; Heb. 9:24-28; Mk. 12:38-44 | 10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 1:00 PM OFS <i>Mass of Profession</i> |
| Monday, November 8 | 9:00 AM +John Connelly +John Primerano +Joan Mianowski | Wis. 1:1-7; Lk. 17:1-6 | |
| Tuesday, November 9 | 9:00 AM +Harold Russell | Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn. 3:13-22 | 9:30 AM St. Anthony Novena 9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation/RCIA 5:30 PM 1 st Grade Parent/Child Session |
| Wednesday, November 10 | 9:00 AM +William Douma | Wis. 6:1-11; Lk. 17:11-19 | 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 5:30 PM 2 nd Grade Parent/Child Session |
| Thursday, November 11 | 9:00 AM +Kathy Casey +James M. Kempfski +Mary English | Wis. 7:22b-8:1; Lk. 17:20-25 | 5:30 PM 3 rd Grade Parent/Child Session |
| Friday, November 12 | 9:00 AM +Joseph DiSpigno | Wis. 13:1-9; Lk. 17:26-37 | |
| Saturday, November 13 | 9:00 AM +Joseph DiSpigno 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Eugene Patten +Mariano Veal | Wis. 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk. 18:1-8 Dn. 12:1-3; Heb. 10:11-14, 18; Mk. 13:24-32 | 10:00 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge |
| Sunday, November 14 | 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Lucille D'Amico +Jo Vennwald +Constantine DeMeo 10:00 AM +Marc Perugini +Rita McAndrew +Doug MacMarlane 11:30 AM +Eileen Guerrero | Dn. 12:1-3; Heb. 10:11-14, 18; Mk. 13:24-32 | 10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 1:00 PM OFS <i>Mass of Profession</i> |

Mass Schedule CHANGE

November 6/7 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, 7:15, 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

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, **November 7, 2021**

at 2:00 AM EST

Turn Your Clocks **BACK** One Hour



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

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Watch Out for Texts or Emails

I wasn't in the parish for more than a month when a trusted parishioner called me and asked if I really needed gift cards. I said, "What are you talking about?" She explained that she received a text from me saying that I needed help. She also told me that she would get similar texts from Fr. Jim when he was the pastor.

I know folks have also received emails from me asking for gift cards, or help of some sort.

We all know that the internet has changed our world. It has changed how we interact with people, it has changed the way we shop and it has also changed the way that people can take advantage of us. Fraud is nothing new. Sadly, they have just found easier ways to access thousand if not hundreds of thousands of people at one time. I do have to give them credit. They know you are good people and of course you would want to help in as much as you can. I have, and I will, ask you for help and support but *I promise you I will NEVER ask for your help with a general email or with a text.* If I am stranded somewhere or too busy that I can't talk to you at that moment, please know that I will be OK! ;o)

I did a quick search online [ironically] for some tips to keep in mind if you are wondering if an email is legitimate or not. This is an abridged version so I would encourage you read the article online at [How to Tell If an Email Is Fake: 7 Tips to Spot a Fake Email \(sectigostore.com\)](http://How to Tell If an Email Is Fake: 7 Tips to Spot a Fake Email (sectigostore.com))

7 Tips for How to Tell If an Email Is Fake

1. **Inspect the email header to verify the sender's address is legitimate.** Mine will always be from @stfrancislbj.org.
2. **Watch out for uncommon use of the "bcc" field.** A serious email will most likely be directed to you, not "blind copied" in a group email.
3. **Always be cautious of embedded links within an email.** Some links embedded within emails may be legitimate but it's always safe to go directly to the business' website to access what you need. The link in within a fake email can take you places you don't want to go.
4. **Don't ignore unusual spelling and grammatical errors.**
5. **Ask yourself whether the language seems fishy, pushy, or urgent.**
6. **Ask yourself if the email attachments are unsolicited or unexpected.** Never open an attachment unless you know the email is definitely from a person you trust. If you are in doubt call the sender directly. Don't email them by hitting reply. It will most likely take you to the hacker!
7. **Be Vigilant (Even if the email is from a legit email address)** The above tips will help you to know if an email is fake when the attacks use a fake email address. But what if you get an unusual or unsolicited email from a friend or relative from their authentic email address? There are different types of malware and cyber-attacks that can corrupt a users' devices and send phishing emails on their behalf to other victims. There's no exact way to define an "unusual email," but just use your instincts. Something about the email may look or feel "off."

What to do if an email is fake? Ignoring such fake emails won't be enough. You should delete phishing emails as soon as you get them, BUT before deleting them, you should *block the sender*. Click on the More (three vertical dots) option on the email. That should lead you to the option to block a sender.

You may also want to report the fake email to:

- FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC³)
- U.S. Federal Trade Commission
- The Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG):
reportphishing@apwg.org

For the complete article, please go to

[How to Tell If an Email Is Fake: 7 Tips to Spot a Fake Email \(sectigostore.com\)](http://How to Tell If an Email Is Fake: 7 Tips to Spot a Fake Email (sectigostore.com))

<https://sectigostore.com/blog/how-to-tell-if-an-email-is-fake-tips-to-spot-a-fake-email/>

This gives new insight it being sent out like sheep among wolves. Blessing on you and your goodness but know that not everyone out there does good things.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor



SAINT FRANCIS MUSIC MINISTRY
JOIN US! No audition required. All that you need is a love of music, singing, and praising GOD.

We are coming back together after a long time apart due to COVID. Our first season back will be to prepare for Christmas Eve Mass. Since the season is short and there is much to do, make sure you can commit to the rehearsals and Christmas Eve Mass listed below.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact MICHELE BECK at mbeck@stfrancislbj.org

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH CHOIR

Now accepting members 2nd grade through 12th grade. Rehearsals are at 5:30 PM in the Brant Beach Church
November 18, December 2,9,16 & 20

Youth Choir will sing at the 4:00 PM Brant Beach Christmas Eve Mass

ST. FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR

Rehearsals are at 7:00 PM in the Brant Beach Church
November 18, December 2,9,16 & 20
Adult Choir will sing at the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass



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.

Praying the Rosary

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Monday through Saturday
8:20 AM



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM



Weekly Reflections...



Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM, Pastoral Associate

Saints of God, the Lord be with you.

Today's Gospel [Mark 12:38-44] juxtaposes unscrupulous religious lawyers who are preoccupied with obtaining wealth and status, who "devour the houses of widows and recite lengthy prayers." On the other hand Jesus observes a poor widow who gives all she has to live on in order to support the Temple and all its attendants. Our first reading from the

First Book of Kings [17:10-16] highlights how God through the prophet Elijah cared for a poor widow during a famine. It seems to me, that the widow is the hinge that opens the Scriptures for us this weekend.

Women had no rights in the ancient world, and needed the support and protection of a husband in order to live. I don't think it a stretch to say that being a widow was one of the most precarious positions a woman could find herself in. What I find missing in today's Gospel is any comfort or support that the Temple gave to this, or any, widow.

Many of you reading this might be widows or widowers. I can never imagine losing a spouse. Like the widow in the first reading, you might be hungering for more than just bread, but for the companionship that is now missing. Like the widow in the Gospel you might be concerned about your finances. You might be mad at God, or your departed spouse and find it difficult to pray. And if you do pray, sometimes words and prayers might seem empty to you.

I'd like to remind you of a prayer said at a wake, "We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives DO NOT unravel with death." Talk to your spouse as you pray and ask for strength and guidance. Be patient with yourself. And as you struggle to reimagine your "new normal" I only hope that you turn to, and find, more than just words of comfort and support here. My prayer is that you find a loving and supportive presence here at St. Francis as well.

Fr. Stevek, ofm

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"...but (the poor widow) contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

It is not the size of the gift which measures its value but the depth of the self-gift from which it comes. Jesus is asking us to give our all...whatever gifts we have...our whole self.

How much of myself am I willing to give?



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 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.

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

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

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

Parish Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation
Deacon Robert Cunningham
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor
Fr. John Frambes, OFM
Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF
Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Barbara Truncellito, Director, Parish Development
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153
Community Center - (609) 494-8861
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

Parish & Center Administration Expenses

This collection will help with the expenses for personnel costs, employee benefits & liability insurance for the parish & center. Thank you for your continued support.

All Saints Envelope - October 31/November 1

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Friars Education Support

Collected: \$4,831

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$23,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$28,000

Collected: \$16,057

(Online Giving totals are NOT included in the above figures)

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Online Giving!

stfrancisparishlbi.org

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **409**

Donors: **300**

Raised: **\$61,794.00**

Collected: **\$59,575.84**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 1,713.16**



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](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA

Vocation Office vocations@osfphil.org

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

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

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Amazon will donate 0.05% of the profits from your order to help support the
Center simply by signing-up for the Amazon Smile program!
<http://smile.amazon>

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You shop. Amazon gives.



Adult Faith Enrichment and

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Adult Faith Enrichment group

invites you to watch the movie

BABETTE'S FEAST

as a way to prepare for Thanksgiving.

Part 1 will be shown on

Tuesday, November 9th at 9:45 in the morning
in the Senior Lunch room.

Family Faith

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

jclayton@stfrancislbi.org

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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



Classes for all grades 1-8 are under way.

The schedule for our next parent and child sessions are as follows:

Grade 1 - November 9

Grade 2 - November 10

Grade 3 - November 11

Grade 4 - November 16

Grade 6 - November 30

Grade 7 - November 1

Grade 8 - November 29 - Confirmation Encounter 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Grade 5 - and any additional candidates -

First Reconciliation talk for parent and children receiving

Reconciliation for the first time will be November 15 - 7:00 PM in
the Brant Beach church.

Contact Marion Pierri at mpierri@stfrancislbi.org or
(609) 494-8813 ext. 177 for more information on the tuition
process.

New families to our programs should contact our Director, Judy
Clayton at jclayton@stfrancislbi.org or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

Men's Cornerstone Retreat



SAVE THE DATE !

2022 MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

This could be the time for you to take a break from
your busy schedule and reconnect to what really matters.

Friday, March 11th - 6:00 -10:00 PM

Saturday March 12th - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Maris Stella - Harvey Cedars

Please contact Jim Brady with questions or for
more information at sabrady@hotmail.com.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING

St. Thomas Church, Surf City

Tuesday, November 9th - 7:00 PM

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

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

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your daily life please call:

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

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

This program calls out to those who desire to live more contemplatively in the world, to grow in union with God and others, and to become more aware, intentional and free. God liberates us and heals us through the practice of contemplative prayer. We will continue meeting by *zoom* on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM for Centering Prayer and Lectio along with resuming our in-person sessions with presentations on the 2nd Saturday in November from 9:45 AM to noon. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lounge 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: **December 18, 10:00 AM, Sr.**

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Book Club

Now through November 2021 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. We will be reading "*Behold the Dreamers*" by Imbolo Mbue.

Next scheduled meeting: **November 30, Sr. Lunch Room**

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **November 7, 1:00 PM**, Brant Beach Church.
Mass of Profession, Luncheon to follow in 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.

Next scheduled meeting: **December 1, 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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next scheduled meeting:

November 11, Room 212

We now have new updated
Welcome & Mass Cards available
at the Parish Office.

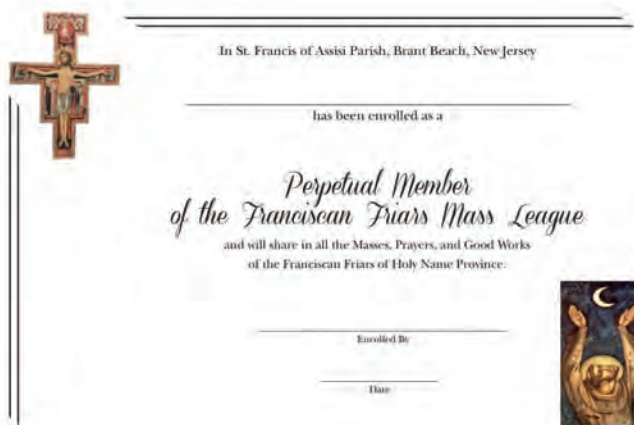
New Welcome to St. Francis Parish Card



New Mass Card



Perpetual Member of the Franciscan Friars Mass League



Employment Opportunity



Children's Services Toddler Room Teacher

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 and experience working with Toddlers (13 months-2 years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Position: Year-round, Full-time

Hours/Pay: \$13.00 w/ BA Degree in Early Childhood

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: \$12.00 per hour

Days: Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

Positions: Full-time Licensed Counselor and Full-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.

Front Desk

The Front Desk is seeking an afternoon/evenings and weekend receptionist. Applicants must have experience with customer service, answering telephones, and basic computer software knowledge. Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) is a plus. Applicants must be able to lift at least 40 pounds.

Position: Year round part-time

Day/Hours: Approximately 15 to 26 hours per week, including some weekends.

Pay: \$12 per hour

Recreation/Pool

Position: Year-round Part-time Lifeguard for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. MUST currently possess Red Cross pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification.

Days: Monday-Friday, and/or weekend – Daytime shift coverage needed.

Pay: \$12 per hour

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. Case worker will be required to travel throughout Ocean County for home visits and to provide transportation to clients.

Days: Monday-Friday

Pay: starting \$15 per hour (depending on experience)

****Background check and fingerprinting required for all positions.**
****All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off, life insurance, 403B (retirement plan) with company match, and more.**
**** Part-time positions are offered paid sick time and employee discounts.**

Please send resumes to
abodine@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Craft Show & Sale

Saturday, November 20,

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM &

Sunday, November 21,

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Francis Community Center Gym

Chance Auction on Saturday, **November 20**
with items donated by the Crafters.

Admission: \$2

This Craft Show should be your first stop for holiday shopping. Enjoy many delightful new crafts as well as old favorites.



4th Annual Beefsteak Dinner



Friday, December 3

St. Francis Community Center Gym

Seating begins at **5:30 PM**

Dinner served at **6:15 PM**

Tickets: **\$40**

BYOB

*Bring a Canned Food Item
for the Food Pantry*

All You Can Eat!

Salad Filet Mignon Dessert

50/50 & Silent Auction

Tickets can be purchased over the phone
using a credit card or in person at the
Community Center Front Desk.

Reservations can be made ahead for parties of six or more.
Contact Amanda DeFusco at (609) 494-8861 ext. 118.



Recreation & Aquatics

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

Co-Ed Recreation Basketball League

(2nd - 8th grade; ages 7 - 14)

**Registration thru
December 3rd at 5:00 PM**



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.

MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT:

St. Francis Senior Services staff are trained State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors for assistance in Medicare A, B, C or D information. Do you know the difference? Medicare A primarily pays for a stay in the hospital, or a skilled nursing facility, B is for doctor's services and outpatient services such as lab tests, C pays for the Medicare Advantage or managed care alternative to traditional Medicare and D of course is the prescription drug plan.

Soon Medicare beneficiaries will once again need to make a decision about their prescription drug coverage. Medicare Part D open enrollment period **runs through December 7th**. During this time, people with Medicare can sign up for a prescription drug plan or switch their current Medicare Part D plan in order to have the best coverage beginning January of 2020. And yes, it's best to check each year for changes. Open enrollment is also the perfect time to review your Medicare Advantage plan with a SHIP Counselor to be notified of any changes. What if you cannot afford a Medicare Part D plan? There is federal assistance available for people with Medicare who have limited income and resources. If you qualify, you can receive assistance with premiums, deductibles and prescription co-payments. For an appointment please call (609) 978-6221. We have 3 locations to serve you; LBI, Manahawkin and Berkeley.

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

Thank you, Sr. Services

Jersey Cares - Senior Shoppers Program

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

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

If you are interested in participating in this program please call St. Francis Senior Services at (609) 978-6220 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

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.grownkids.gov.

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

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

Full Day and Work Day

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

Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

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

Cultural Competency Statement


The St. Francis Center recognizes a culturally diverse community and makes a commitment to the principles of multiculturalism as a means of understanding, accepting, valuing, and supporting cultural diversity. The term Multicultural is applied broadly to include issues of minority or marginalized status as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, use of English as a second language, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, spirituality, and the elderly. The St. Francis Center proposes to develop programs and practices that assist staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize, accept, and affirm differences and similarities among people and provide services that are supportive and inclusive of all members of the community.

ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER


Available Funding

Utility Assistance for Ocean County Residents

St. Francis Community Center has funding available through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) grant to assist community members with electric and gas bills.



To find out your eligibility, contact us at
(609) 494-8861 ext 197



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***

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Cereal, Canned Soup, Rice Side Packets, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Vegetables such as Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Detergent, Soap, Personal Products, Dish Detergent.

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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Family Support Services - Thanksgiving Project

In 2020, Human Concerns provided approximately **275 families** with a Thanksgiving Holiday meal.

We are currently planning for our annual Thanksgiving project.

The following items are needed: **Frozen Turkeys, Yams, Instant Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce and Canned Vegetables (Corn & Green Beans).**

Please drop off all donations to the Food Pantry on or before **Friday, November 12th, 2021.**

Shop Rite in Manahawkin will collect Turkeys or Hams earned through the Price Plus Club Holiday Promotion at their store for St. Francis Human Concerns. Please visit the Courtesy Desk to donate your turkey or ham. Your generosity allows us to support our community members in need during the holiday season. Thank you!



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Fund Development Meeting

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