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

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***"My kingdom does not belong to this world."***

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, November 20	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Margaret & Albert Virili +Thomas McGinn 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Nick Korcz	1 Mc. 6:1-13; Lk. 20:27-40 Dn. 7:13-14; Rv. 1:5-8; Jn. 18:33b-37	
Sunday, November 21	7:15 AM <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Harold Russell +Jack Ross +Alvin Blazik 10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families +Rocco Scarlotta +Noel & Judy Sharkey 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta (L)+Cornerstone Sisters +Lucille D. Maio	Dn. 7:13-14; Rv. 1:5-8; Jn. 18:33b-37	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, November 22	9:00 AM +Lillian C. Wirth +John & Rosa Primerano	Dn. 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk. 21:1-4	
Tuesday, November 23	9:00 AM +Therese & Eddie Hughes +Eleanor Patten	Dn. 2:31-45; Lk. 21:5-11	9:30 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, November 24	9:00 AM +Angelo Fiore	Dn. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk. 21:12-19	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, November 25	9:00 AM +Richard Finan +Joseph DiSpigno	Rv. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk. 21:20-28	
Friday, November 26	9:00 AM (L)Edward & Christine Broderick	Dn. 7:2-14; Lk. 21:29-33	
Saturday, November 27	9:00 AM +Daniel Knode 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Joseph DiSpigno	Dn. 7:15-27; Lk. 21:34-36 Jer. 33:14-16; 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2; Lk. 21:25-28, 34-36	
Sunday, November 28	8:30 AM +Jo Vennewald 10:00 AM +James M. Kempster +Nicholas Ballinger +Doug McFarlane 11:30 AM +John Weigl	Jer. 33:14-16; 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2; Lk. 21:25-28, 34-36	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

### 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**



### Mass Schedule CHANGE

**November 27/28 Until Further Notice**

#### St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM  
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM  
**Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM**  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

**St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - Closed for the Season**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - Closed for the Season**  
**St. Clare, Loveladies - Closed for the Season**

**See Page 5 for additional Masses & Services**

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

### End of Year Budget Report

The weekend of August 1, 2021, I introduced the parish to our Parish Finance Council and spoke of their role, in part, assisting me to manage “the temporal goods of the church.” As outlined in the Diocese of Trenton’s, “*Norms for Parish Finance Council*,” another role they have is to “assist in the publication of an annual financial report available to parishioners.”

We had planned on publishing the report to the parish in October once the community was gathered in one church. However, because of my father’s death the schedule was delayed. It does seem fitting to present the report to you as we end the Liturgical Year and prepare to begin again with Advent next Sunday.

Joe Mack, chair of the Parish Finance Council, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend to offer a general overview of the financial status of our parish. He along with the rest of the council have continued to meet with me on a monthly basis. The names and contact information of our Parish Finance Council are listed below. They

have all agreed to be available to answer any questions you may have about the parish finances.

The Parish Report Sub-Committee was chaired by Cecelia Fowler. She and the committee worked very closely with Stacey Kelsall, the comptroller for the parish and center. They also met on a regular basis to discuss and plan the report that is before you today. I think they did an excellent job explaining the numbers as well as setting the context of the financial state of the parish.

For those accustomed to reading financial reports please allow me to offer some brief explanations for those who are not. The parish operates on a fiscal year of July 1 – June 30. For comparison, this report shows the *actual* accounting [what we spent] for FY 19 [the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019,] FY 20, FY 21. Also included in the report is the budget that we created for FY 21 before that fiscal year actually began. At that point it was only a prediction of income and expenses. It was meant as a guide to make sure that we stayed within our means when purchasing services or items as well as making sure that our income was realistic and stable so to meet those expenditures.

That being said, there are a few things that I would like to bring to your attention.

First of all, I would like to say thank you! We ended the first full fiscal year within this Covid pandemic in the black! You will see on the bottom of the FY 21 Actual column that we ended the year with a surplus of \$198,699.21. That is great news! That surplus is due, in part, to some cutbacks and realignments, careful management by our directors, and a forgivable PPP [Paycheck Protection Program] loan of \$230,000, an SBA-backed loan that helped businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. But the real reason we were able to cross the threshold was because of you, our parish community, and your response to my appeal for help last year with the *Christmas 2020 Giving Fund*. Your contributions totaled \$317,000. *Without your incredibly generous response we would have ended FY 21 with a deficit of (\$118,300.79.)*

You will also notice that our actual expenses in FY 21 was \$17,912.49 less that what we had predicted we would spend. The budget also indicated that we would end the year with a deficit of (\$101,892.00). That is not that far off from where would have been without the *Christmas 2020 Giving Fund*.

All in all, I think it was a very successful year, financially.

There are many people to thank for making that happen. Kudos to our directors who kept a watchful eye on their expenses. Thank you to Stacey Kelsall for her diligent care of our accounting, and many, many thanks to our Parish Finance Council for their dedication to our parish and sage advice to me during my first year as pastor of St. Francis Parish. A special thanks to Cecelia and the Parish Report Sub-Committee for their hard work preparing this report for you.

But of course, the greatest thanks goes out to you, our parish community. Your dedication and commitment to our parish community is the only thing that allows us to continue to be who we are for one another. Thank you! We are a great community and I am so happy to be back with you!

May God continue to bless you and your families. May we always know the riches we have in one another as we all walk together in and through the unfolding of God’s mysterious presence in our midst.

Please allow me to also wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. We have much to be thankful. God is good, and so are the people of God!

May you be blessed with peace and all good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

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Peter Williams	Peter is an usher at the 10 AM Sunday Mass. Please feel free to speak with him after Mass.	
Stacey Kelsall, Comptroller	609 494 8861	<a href="mailto:skelsall@stfrancisbi.org">skelsall@stfrancisbi.org</a>

# St Francis of Assisi Parish

## Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Fiscal Years Ending 6/30/2019, 6/30/2020 and 6/30/2021

		6/30/2019	6/30/2020	2021	6/30/2021
		Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
<b>Income</b>					
Parish Collections	1	\$1,823,334.61	\$1,585,663.88	\$1,729,779.00	\$1,874,811.47
Bequests and Non-collection Donations	2	\$621,951.44	\$61,897.97	\$57,000.00	\$53,373.96
Fundraising Income	3	\$402,011.32	\$407,758.80	\$343,565.00	\$400,472.00
Other Income	4	\$ 141,927.70	\$ 290,386.22	\$ 259,988.00	\$ 344,353.29
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$2,989,225.07</b>	<b>\$2,345,706.87</b>	<b>\$2,390,332.00</b>	<b>\$2,673,010.72</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Salary and Benefit cost (excluding maintenance)	5	\$ 957,221.94	\$ 1,050,873.15	\$994,003.62	\$1,003,596.66
Maintenance/Security Costs	6	\$ 537,117.17	\$ 549,988.55	\$486,565.88	\$502,256.95
Insurance	7	\$ 308,698.27	\$ 404,286.04	\$260,278.00	\$273,959.16
Diocesan Assessments		\$ 175,000.00	\$ 165,390.00	\$175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Fundraising Expenses		\$ 209,902.16	\$ 211,056.78	\$161,000.00	\$161,523.07
Operational/Other Expenses	8	\$ 693,379.07	\$ 560,117.38	\$415,376.50	\$357,975.67
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$2,881,318.61</b>	<b>\$2,941,711.90</b>	<b>\$2,492,224.00</b>	<b>\$2,474,311.51</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>		<b>\$107,906.46</b>	<b>\$(596,005.03)</b>	<b>\$(101,892.00)</b>	<b>\$198,699.21</b>

### Footnotes

1 Collections for year ended 6/30/21 includes the Christmas 2020 Giving Fund of \$317,000.

2 In March 2019, a large bequest of \$560,000 was received by the parish.

3 Fundraising includes Car raffle, Festival of the Sea, Spaghetti dinner, Fish n Chip Dinner, Beefsteak dinner, and Fashion Show. Please note that in year ended 2021, we did not hold the Festival, the Fashion Show or the beefsteak dinner, therefore the amount is lower.

4 Other income includes baptism, weddings, funerals, religious education tuition, faith to move mountains rebate, flower donations, poor box, votives, bulletin royalties and two PPP loans received in years ended 6/30/20 (\$158,953) and 6/30/21 (\$231,574).

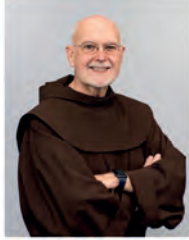
5 Salaries and Benefits cover 15 full-time (4 friars, 1 religious sister, directors, coordinators, parish office and accounting) and 27-30 part-time employees (cantors, musicians, deacons, summer priests, religious ed staff, receptionists) and contributes to a portion of the center's executive director's salary. Benefits (including payroll taxes, medical, pension, and 403b) represent 27% of this total.

6 Maintenance/Security costs include salaries and benefits for 5 full-time and 6 part-time employees, cleaning and repairs, maintenance of buildings, and equipment, care of grounds, maintenance service contracts.

7 Insurance includes property and liability, flood insurance and worker's compensation.

8 Operational/Other include materials and supplies for the parish (office, music, religious, altar, technology, advertising, non diocesan collection expense, utilities, bank fees, etc.). In 2019 it also included donations to the St. Francis community center of \$116,000 and in 2020 of \$76,000 and in 2021 of \$0.

## Weekly Reflections...



Fr. John Frambes, OFM, Pastoral Associate

Bigger than Disney

Disney World with its Magic Kingdom makes a lot of people happy. It is its own place, set apart and refreshingly different from the real world. For some people the Kingdom of Jesus is also a fantasy, an illusion like the Magic Kingdom of Disney. The promise of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is so far beyond human beings that they assume that it cannot be true. So they look for something else.

In 1925 when Pope Pius XI created the Feast of Christ the King, he was thinking of the something else. On his mind were nationalism and secular ideologies which he believed threaten the well-being of humankind, the dignity of the human person, and the church.

Jesus never wanted to acknowledge that he was a King, but finally obliquely acknowledged it before Pilate. But he was very clear that his kingdom was like no other. "My kingdom is not of this world." It is not a place or an organization. It is grander than anything that might make a false claim on our loyalty and it defies everything that tears people down and rips communities apart, the things that worried Pius XI.

Those who are loyal to Christ the King resist whatever tries to take the place of God in human hearts and minds. Even more, they work to build up, to enlighten, to heal, to restore and to reconcile. They continue the mission of the Christ the King. These things Pilate and those like him could never understand.

Our own Saint Francis styled himself Herald of the Great King. As brothers and sisters in the Kingdom, aren't we heralds, too?

*Thy Kingdom come!*

John Frambes, ofm

## GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

*"My kingdom does not belong to this world."*

The kingdom of God is not a far off time or place; it is now, it is here, it is every time we give of ourselves to others. We are the kingdom of God.

*What am I doing to make God's kingdom present to those around me?*



## Appeals Box

### Second Collection Today:

#### Campaign for Human Development

We join Catholics throughout the country in sharing our resources with the poor and needy in the United States: the inner cities, rural areas, and Appalachia. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Last Week's 2nd Collection

##### Gift of Warmth

Collected: \$5,757

##### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$23,000

#### Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$23,000

Collected: \$21,523.50

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

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



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## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **415**

Donors: **303**

Raised: **\$63,135.00**

Collected: **\$61,032.84**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 1,597.16**



## The Rosary Project



**St. Francis Parish Women's Cornerstone** ladies are now collecting gently used rosaries to clean and re-package and send to hospital patients.

Please place your donation of used rosaries in the collection basket in the lobby of the Brant Beach Church and we thank you!

## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

**Emergency Information:** Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: [schoolclosingsnj.com](http://schoolclosingsnj.com) and [facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi).

**Parish Registration:** The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Baptism:** Celebrated three times a month. Group Baptisms are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM. (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

**Faith Faith:** Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made ONE YEAR in advance.

**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.

Read our bulletin online at  
[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org)



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



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

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA  
Vocation Office [vocations@osfphil.org](mailto:vocations@osfphil.org)

St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy  
(609) 597-3800 or visit: [www.stmaryknights.org](http://www.stmaryknights.org)

## Family Faith

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

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

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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



### Registration for 2021-22 year closes December 1.

Classes for all grades 1-8 are under way.

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

Grade 6 - November 30      These dates are 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Grade 7 - December 1

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

Contact Marion Pierri at [mpierri@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:mpierri@stfrancislbj.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@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislbj.org) or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

## Upcoming Advent and Christmas Season Masses & Services *November 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Advent Begins*

- Saturday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am Brant Beach Church. **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Reconciliation.** [Please note there is no Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> as advertised in church envelope brochure.]
- Tuesday, **December 7<sup>th</sup> Vigil** at 6:00pm and Wednesday, **December 8<sup>th</sup> Feast Day** at 9:00am for **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation.** Both liturgies in Brant Beach Church. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- **December, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>** - Please bring the **Infant Jesus** from your home nativity for a blessing at all Masses this weekend.
- Friday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00pm – **An Advent Prayer Service of Light** Contemplative readings, Scripture, and Hymns. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- Friday, **December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve.** Masses in Brant Beach at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. [Please note there is no 6:30pm Mass in Brant Beach] Mass in Surf City at 4:00pm. **Live-Streaming at 6:00 PM Mass only**
- Saturday, **December 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am **Christmas Day Mass** in Brant Beach. [There is no 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evening.] **Live-Streaming Mass**
- Sunday, **December 26<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Family.** Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am in Brant Beach Church.
- Saturday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God,** 9:00am Mass. Not a Holy Day this year. **Live-Streaming Mass**
- Sunday, **January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Epiphany of the Lord,** Regular Sunday Masses in Brant Beach Church, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am
- Sunday **January 9<sup>th</sup>, Baptism of the Lord,** Regular Sunday Masses in Brant Beach Church, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Did you notice?

The first lector does not process out with the Lectionary at the end of Mass. It is meant to stay in the sanctuary. The Word of God remains with the assembled.

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

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to  
**“Mary and the Scriptures”**  
**Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45 PM  
in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.  
Fr. Steve will be the presenter.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center

### Presents:



### Spiritual Direction



We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

*Maryann Barrek, ofs, (609) 661-4441,*

*Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835,*

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

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

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

### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

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

Next scheduled sessions: **December 1, 10:30 AM**, via *zoom*

**December 11, 9:30 AM**, Sr. Lounge

### 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**

#### Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **December 7, 6:30 PM**, St. Thomas Church, Surf City  
*(Please note time change to 6:30 PM)*

#### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **December 5, 12:30 PM**, Brant Beach Church. *Fraternity Meeting.*

#### Scripture Study

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 3:00 PM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: [tomtroyano@comcast.net](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next scheduled meeting: **December 1, Sr. Kate Meeting Room**

#### Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

Next scheduled meeting: **December 9, Room 212**

## 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.

**Pav:** \$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.

**Pav:** \$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

**Pav:** 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](mailto:abodine@stfrancisbi.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## SPECIAL EVENTS



## Spaghetti Dinner



**We made \$3,900.00!**

Thank you again to the  
**Sea Shell Resort and Beach Club**  
and all who volunteered  
in making this comeback event  
successful and fun.



## 4th Annual Beefsteak Dinner December 3, 2021

Door open at 5:30 PM

Dinner served at 6:15 PM

Don't forget to bring a canned good!

All you can eat

Salad Filet Mignon Dessert

50/50 and Silent Auction

\$40

Wine pull. Over 100 bottles of wine

\$1,000 worth of gift cards  
to local restaurants in silent auction

Last day to purchase tickets is **November 30.**

Get them while you can.

No take out.

No purchase at the door.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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## 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](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org). We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. [www.grownkids.gov](http://www.grownkids.gov).

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

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## 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.

## Did You Know??

Did you know that in 2022, **St. Francis Community Center** will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? Yes, the Center has been open and serving the surrounding communities since 1972. Within the Community Center there are many departments providing a wide variety of services including, year-round Childcare Services and a Summer Camp, Education and Career Support Services, Counseling Center, Family Support Services and Food Pantry, Senior Services and Outreach, Volunteer opportunities and a Recreation Department which operates 3 heated swimming pools, one which is open year-round to the public. Please stop in for our current Brochure or visit us online @ [stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://stfranciscenterlbi.org), to see a much more in depth description of all we have to offer and stay-tuned for some

## Recreation & Aquatics

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

## Co-Ed Recreation Basketball League

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## Family Support Services

### Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

*Walk-ins are welcome!*

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

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

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

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

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

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via PayPal.

### Family Support Services:

To learn more about our programs visit our website at <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org>

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## Community Bulletin Board

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#### Employment Opportunity

IHSS of Southern Ocean County is looking for a new Executive Director. The director supervises all programs and services and manages the office in Manahawkin and the staff at the Little Egg Harbor office. Successful candidates will have some experience in the not-for-profit service area or social work or faith community ministry. Bachelor's degree preferred. 35 hrs. per week, flexible, paid vacation and holidays. \$50K+ annual salary. More info. about Interfaith may be found at <https://interfaithsoc.org>. Resume and letter of interest to Marie Logue, VP IHSS: [loguegreene@comcast.net](mailto:loguegreene@comcast.net) by **November 26, 2021.**

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St. Francis Center/LBICC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Our federal tax ID number is 22-2003458. We have provided supportive services to the community for over 45 years and with your help we will continue to do so. Our online donations are processed by PayPal so it's fast, easy and secure. We are only able to process online donations from NJ residents only.

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