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THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 31, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ			
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 30	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Marie Kay +Helen Scalia +Jerry Frohnhoefer	Rom. 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk. 14:1, 7-11 Dt. 6:2-6; Heb. 7:23-28; Mk. 12:28b-34	
Sunday, October 31	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Jean Cunningham +Cornelius Fitzsimons +Douglas MacFarlane 11:30 AM +Thomas Johnson, Jr. +Edward Flynn +Anthony Giodano +George Wilson, Sr.	Dt. 6:2-6; Heb. 7:23-28; Mk. 12:28b-34	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi After 11:30 AM Mass, Window Peeking
Monday, November 1	9:00 AM <i>All Saints</i> +John Sarin (L)+Stein & Kempski Families Emma Ferraro	Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; Mt. 5:1-12a	
Tuesday, November 2	9:00 AM <i>All Souls Day</i> (L)+Stein & Kempski Families	Wis. 3:1-9; Rom. 5:5-11 Jn. 6:37-40	9:30 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, November 3	9:00 AM +Dolores Moeller +Anna Maslanka 5:00 PM <i>Celebration for the Deceased</i>	Rom. 13:8-10; Lk. 14:25-33	10:30 AM Contemplative Living, <i>Zoom</i> 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Room
Thursday, November 4	9:00 AM +Ronald B. Donatucci	Rom. 14:7-12; Lk. 15:1-10	
Friday, November 5	9:00 AM +Thomas Johnson +Marge & John Daleo	Wis. 3:1-9; Jn. 6:37-40	
Saturday, November 6	9:00 AM +Harry Masterson, Jr. +Marty Bross 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +George 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> <i>www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</i> 1:00 PM OFS <i>Mass of Profession</i>

St. Thomas of Villanova Church13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf CityDATEMASS INTENTIONSSunday8:30 AM + Eranciscan Mass League

Sunday,
October 318:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League
10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2:00 AM EST Turn Your Clocks <u>BACK</u> One Hour



A Letter From The Pastor...



Happy All Hallow's Eve [Halloween] and Happy All Saints Day! October is over? Wow, that was fast!

I think it's becoming more obvious that the sun is setting earlier and earlier. I did like it when it was still light outside at 8 o'clock at night. But, time continues and the seasons change. On Long Beach Island we are probably more attuned to this cycle than some other communities because the shift in our population is so dramatic.

We know that last year was not a normal year in many ways. With Covid and the strong social distancing rules that were in place many people stayed on LBI throughout the winter. We responded and kept three churches open all year. This year, we were not sure what was going to happen nor what the crowds would be at our Sunday liturgies. We decided to keep St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Surf City open longer than usual to accommodate the crowds as well as to allow people the ability to be social distant as the pandemic continues. Many people asked the question, "How long would we keep the Surf City Church open?" I could not give them a good answer. Today I can.

JoAnne Reeder, our Director of Liturgy, with the great help of our ushers, coordinated a count of all those who attended the Masses on the weekends of October 16/17 and October 23/24. That information was helpful for us to see the seasonal decline in Mass attendance. It appears that the population cycle of the Island community is closer to the norm rather than the exception of 2020. Therefore, this weekend will be the last weekend with the two extra Masses in Surf City. Beginning next weekend, November 6/7, Mass will only be celebrated in St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.

The schedule will remain as it is now until the First Sunday of Advent: Saturday, 5 PM Vigil Mass, and Sunday, 7:15 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:30 AM. On November 28th, the 7:15 AM Mass will be dropped as it has in years past.

As the month of October ends we know that November 1st and 2nd brings us the wonderful celebrations of the Solemnity of All Saints and The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls), respectively. We will celebrate both at our 9:00 AM Mass on Monday and Tuesday. Because All Saints Day falls on a Monday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Therefore, there will be no Vigil Mass on Octobr 31st. These two celebrations have always been an integral part of bringing our Liturgical Year to a close. As the year comes to an end we remember all those who died with the certainty that the Light of Christ will shine again in the Incarnation that we celebrate on Christmas Day and the fullness of the Light of the World on Easter Sunday.

We also celebrate a Special Memorial Mass for those who have died within this past year. Because Tuesday, November 2nd, is Election Day, this Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday**, November 3rd at 5 PM in St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.

Everyone is welcome. If someone you loved died during this past year, please join us. You are most welcome. If you would like to support someone who lost a loved one this past year, please come. We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one to this Mass. During the offertory I will invite you to bring up your picture and place it in our Remembrance Memorial. The photographs will remain in the church during the month of November as we continue to remember and pray for all those who have gone before us.

The seasons change. The cycle continues. From death comes life and from within the darkness, our light will dawn.

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@stfrancislbi.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

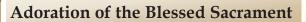
Mass Schedule - Until Further Notice

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach 9:00 AM Daily Mass Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 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 Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM - Last mass 10/31/21
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven Closed for the Season
- St. Clare, Loveladies Closed for the Season

Praying the Rosary

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



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

Weekly Reflections...



Winter's Coming Home

"Summer's gone, the leaves are falling down, the mellow sun is cooler, days are short, and nights are longer...it's certain that winter's coming home."

Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF, Pastoral

These words from the songs of the Monks of Weston Priory remind us that seasons are changing again. Spring seems to be the traditional season to rid our homes and closets of unnecessary clutter. However, fall might challenge us to do some decluttering too. Mother Nature herself is busy at this time doing her own "letting go". The leaf that was once so beautiful, its color transformed a branch that belonged to a tree. The tree and the branch that were home for the leaf are now barren. Life has changed but not ended. The leaf can speak to us of our own need to let go. Now might be the time to look into the inner closet of our heart and see what we need to let go. Would we experience greater freedom if we were able to surrender certain attitudes, harmful ways of thinking? Perhaps we need to relinquish resentments, bitterness or hostility. What is it that crowds out our joy, smothers our love, and takes away our peace? What kind of action would facilitate a winter decluttering of our hearts? This kind of cleaning involves risk and demands inner transformation. Here is where the gift of God's grace is freely given to us. As we reflect on the presence

of God in our lives, we are able to cherish the part of life that feels nourishing, satisfying, rewarding. It is like the plenitude of autumn's harvest. We also see what we need to let go, what can no longer be a part of our living in the presence of God. Here we experience the fecundity of God's grace and our lives are transformed into a deeper relationship with God and others. Here we experience the delight of letting go and become who we were truly called to be at our Baptism...daughters and sons of a loving God...the hands and feet and the heart of the risen Christ

"Lord, we are the people who long to see your face."

Blessings, Sr. Pat

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:



"You shall love the Lord your God...you shall love your neighbor as yourself..."

Jesus gave the definition for "Love" - love of God; love of neighbor; love of self...in that order.

How do I love?

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

Celebration for the Recently Deceased Members of the Parish

Our parish community will gather for a celebration for deceased parishioners on

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 5:00 PM St. Francis Church - Brant Beach

Family members and friends of those who have died during the past year are invited, as well as parishioners. visitors, and all who wish to gather with us to remember our loved ones.

If you wish, please bring a photo of your loved one which will be brought to the sanctuary during our Mass. The photos will remain in a memorial shrine in the church during November. If you are a visitor in our parish, we invite you to also bring a photo of a loved one who has died in the past year so that we may remember them. Please put a name and phone number on the back of the photo.

Any snapshot or photo that you bring will be welcomed. You will be able to pick up the photo in the sacristy after any weekday or weekend mass beginning November 20.

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

Friars Education Support

This collection helps Holy Name Province educate the friars in theology and pastoral care as they prepare to enter full time ministry. We are grateful for your generosity over the years. All Saints Envelope - October 31/November 1

Last Week's 2nd Collection World Mission Sunday Collected: \$5,933

This Week We Need: Budgeted: \$28,000

Last Week's Collection Budgeted: \$28,000 Collected: \$16,631.50

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

** Thank you for your generosity! **



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

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

<u>Emergency Information</u>: 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 2^{nd} Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3^{rd} 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 Formation and Education: For children ages six through high school. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

<u>Marriage</u>: 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.

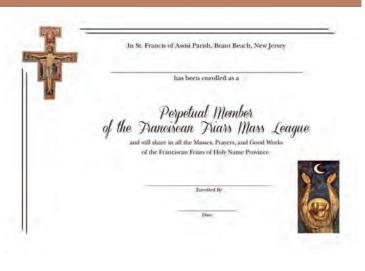
<u>*Pastoral Visitations:*</u> Please notify the Parish Office if you or any of your loved ones are ill, homebound, in SOMC, nursing homes or rehabilitation centers.

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

New Welcome to St. Francis Parish Card



Perpetual Member of the Franciscan Friars Mass League



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 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

Next scheduled sessions: November 3, 10:30 AM, via zoom

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.

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

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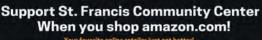
jclayton@stfrancislbi.org Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150) Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179) Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



Dear families: don't forget to register your children for the upcoming Family Faith year! We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

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

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



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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: November 3, Sr. Kate Meeting Rm.

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, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next scheduled meeting: November 11, Room 212

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

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.

Employment Opportunity



<u>Children's Services</u> 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

<u>Children's Services</u> <u>Teacher's Assistant</u> (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. <u>Positions:</u> Year-round, Full-time <u>Pay</u>: \$12.00 per hour <u>Days:</u> Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

Positions: Full-time Licensed Counselor and Full-time <u>Bilingual</u> (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

<u>Bilingual Caseworker</u>

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 <u>abodine@stfrancislbi.org</u> 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 & A Canned Food Item

All You Can Eat! Salad Filet Mignon Dessert 50/50 & Silent Auction



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.

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.

Did You Know??

St. Francis Senior Services is in the middle of renovating the offices and the Senior Lounge on LBI. We are looking to bring in new classes and activities for you to enjoy and enroll in. We are looking to start a Knitting/ Crochet Club, a Book Club and offer a beginner Computer Class. We are in need of a volunteer computer instructor and a volunteer Attorney to prepare wills, living wills and POAs for lower income seniors. If you would like to see a certain activity offered or are interested in any of the above, please call Linda Falb at (609) 494-8861.

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 Diary-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:

Baked Beans, Corn, String Beans, Beets, Peas, Carrots, Side Rice Packets, Taco Products, School Snacks for Kids, Pasta Sauce, 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: <u>http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate</u> via PayPal.

Family Support Services:

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

- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
- Auto Ownership
- Parents As Teachers
- Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families

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 12**th, **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!

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).

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

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

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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.

October is National Domestic Violence Month.

With the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, we are also hearing the title "The Shadow Pandemic" as it refers to the rise in intimate-partner violence in correlation to lockdowns and rising tension. While this is one of many ongoing concerns in our society as well as our direct community, it is important that we acknowledge and use this time to spread awareness and bring resources to anyone who may be in need of support.

At St. Francis Counseling Service, we serve all victims of crime through grant-funded individual counseling services. Not a victim of crime? We also offer services on an affordable, sliding-fee scale. We are happy to speak with you regarding services we provide or offer recommendations for more suitable services in our area. We are here to help!

You can reach us at (609) 494-1554 during the hours of Monday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, and Friday 9:00 AM -5:00 PM. Our 24 hour hotline is available by calling (609) 494-1090.

Community Bulletin Board

Maris Stella Retreat Center, Harvey Cedars, NJ

A Pre-Advent Day of Reflection: "Birthing Wonder... Advent Through the Lens of Scripture" Saturday, November 20, 10:00 AM -3:30 PM Optional Vigil Mass for Sunday is at 4:00 PM. Presenter: Fr. Steve Kluge OFM Cost: \$50.00 - Includes "Coffee and ... " Bring bag lunch – Drinks & snacks provided. Non-Refundable, Non-Transferable Deposit: \$25.00 -Registration due: November 5. Checks Payable to: Sisters of Charity Limited overnight accommodations available on Friday November 20 at an additional cost. Guests not vaccinated must wear a facemask/practice social distancing when indoors. dana.marisstella@gmail.com

> For more information or to register: call Sr. Pat (609) 494-2917 or dana.marisstella@gmail.com

Donovan Catholic 685 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753 (732) 349-0018

Your Future Starts Now There is Still Time to Apply for the Class of 2026! Applications due November 4, 2021 Placement Test on November 6, 2021 Scholarships & Financial Aid due November 19, 2021 DonovanCatholic.org Contact our Admissions Team at (732) 349-8801 ext. 2426

St. Francis Travel

Home Town Travel 128 Bartlett Ave., Bartlett Commons, Rt. 9 South, West Creek, NJ 08092 Call Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100 Email: hometowntravel@comcast.net



February 1-6, 2022 (Wait listed)

Imperial Cities with Oberammergau Passion Play

September 19-29, 2022

Rate of \$6,099 double occupancy includes: 16 meals, round trip air from Newark, sightseeing, Passion play and much more.

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or visit St. Francis Parish Website at: https://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/travel

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.

ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER

Available Funding





To find out your eligibility, contact us at

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