

THE BRIDGE



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

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



“When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.” Mt. 13:46

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 30, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, July 29	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Ron Califre	Ex. 24:3-8; Jn. 11:19-27 1 Kgs. 3:5, 7-12; Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 13:44-52	
Sunday, July 30	7:15 AM + <i>Benefactors</i> 8:30 AM +Marie Federico 10:00 AM +Richard Barry +Dr. Anthony B. D'Souza +Joseph Wright 11:30 AM +William Hennig	1 Kgs. 3:5, 7-12; Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 13:44-52	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, July 31	9:00 AM +Elizabeth Polifroni	Ex. 32:25-24, 30-34; Mt. 13:31-35	
Tuesday, August 1	9:00 AM +Arthur & Pauline Henry	Ex. 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt. 13:36-43	9:30 AM Book Discussion, Sr. Kate Rm. 9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, August 2	9:00 AM +George Marincevich +John Pantalon (L)Andrew Rooney	Sir. 24:1-4, 16, 22-24; Gal. 4:3-7; Lk. 1:26-33	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00 PM Book Discussion, Room 212
Thursday, August 3	9:00 AM +Joshefine Lissandrello +Raymond Purkis, Jr.	Ex. 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt. 13:54-58	
Friday, August 4	9:00 AM +James Carlsen +Bernard D'Andrea	Lv. 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt. 13:54-58	
Saturday, August 5	9:00 AM +Greg Grey 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté +Cory Fechner +JoAnn Leffers	Lv. 25:1, 8-17; Mt. 14:1-12 Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14; Pt. 1:16-19; Mk. 9:2-10	
Sunday, August 6	7:15 AM +Walter Pietras 8:30 AM +Edward J. McCaffrey +Victor & Joan Kari 10:00 AM +James McConnell +Katy Mancini +Cathi Bott Trangone 11:30 AM +Robert "Dig" Browning	Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14; Pt. 1:16-19; Mk. 9:2-10	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Mass Schedule - through September 2/3

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 -

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven -

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

St. Clare, Loveladies -

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

**9:00 AM Morning Mass moved to
St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City,
Monday through Saturday, August 7 - 12
due to the *Festival of the Sea*
Funerals moved also**

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)

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

Emergency Information

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861.
There will be a recording.
2. Check Facebook
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 29	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Sam & Jenny Hodulich
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM +Vincent Evelich 10:00 AM +Peter Fitzpatrick +Theresa Malandra +Eileen Baldassard 11:30 AM +Timothy Armstrong (L)Patrick Armstrong
Saturday, August 5	5:00 PM +Pollack Family
Sunday, August 6	8:30 AM +George Zoller (L)Thomas AJ McGinn (L)Kevin, Marianne & Theresa Byrne 10:00 AM +Giovanna Giampicclo +Salvatore & Carmela Distefano +Martha Lou Muller 11:30 AM +People of the Parish

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 29	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Linda Hudacsko +Ann McNeill +Maureen Hamilton
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM +Irene Sommer +Theresa Mooney 10:00 AM +Grace Schumann, ofS +Blake Barklage 11:30 AM +Josephine & Sam Valentino
Saturday, August 5	5:00 PM +Mary Ellen Mathews +Joseph Reynolds
Sunday, August 6	8:30 AM +Anton Van Saase +Augustine "Gus" J. Doyle 10:00 AM +John McElduff +Michael Clarke +Gregory Hammill 11:30 AM +Phillip Tabbachino +Robert Zakhar +Kelly Abdolrazek

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 29	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Mark Belli
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM +People of the Parish 10:00 AM +Benefactors
Saturday, August 5	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, August 6	8:30 AM +Benefactors 10:00 AM +People of the Parish

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Mother Teresa, the Festival, and Summer at the Beach

In my homily last weekend I read the poem, *Anyway*, which has been attributed to Mother Teresa. A number of people have asked for a copy so I have included here. It was actually written in 1977 by Dr. Kent Keith and entitled *The Paradoxical Commandments* when he was an undergraduate student. Mother Teresa somehow found it and had it inscribed on the dining room wall at her children's home in Calcutta, India. In 1997, Dr. Keith wrote a book, *Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments: Finding Personal Meaning in a Crazy World*.

Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy any way.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God; it is never between you and them, anyway.

If you are looking for something to do on Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, you might want to consider Swimming under the Stars. This is an open swim from 6 PM – 8 PM in our outdoor pool behind the Center. What makes it fun is there will be a complementary showing of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone on the big screen. Passes are \$10 and can be picked up at the Community Center Front Desk.

Next week we will host our annual Festival of the Sea, from Aug. 8-12, 6 PM – 10 PM. We are still in need of some volunteers. If you would like to help out, please call the Center during regular business hours. I do hope you can join us for the Festival, either as a volunteer or for just some good summer fun!

St. Francis Parish is a Stewardship Parish. I ask our summer residents, our summer guests, and our online participants to also consider becoming a steward of St. Francis Parish. There are stewardship envelopes with commitment cards in the pews, at the doors of the churches, or you can find the information on our webpage, www.stfrancisparishlbi.org. Please prayerfully consider becoming a steward of the parish through your weekly, monthly, or one-time contribution to support your church away from home.

On behalf of all the friars, sisters, and Parish Staff, thank you for coming to worship with us and for your continued support of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

May God bless you and your families.

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM

Pastor

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel



We want to assure you that you do not have to increase your Offertory gift to be a Steward of our Parish. Stewardship is much more; it is about getting more folks involved in the ministerial, social and, for those who could, financial life of the Parish. We know that many of our weekly Offertory gifts come from loyal parishioners who are stretched financially...an Offertory increase may not be possible on a fixed income, especially while food prices are sky high.

When we launch the Time and Talent phase of

Stewardship this Fall, everyone will be invited once again to become a Steward and it will be as easy as being an Usher once a week or attending our famous Spaghetti Dinner or working at the Festival of the Sea. Stewardship can be fun!

N.B. We have been asked if year-end gifts to Stewardship would be accepted, when some folks will know better what they can afford. The answer is yes! Stewardship will be an ongoing effort for St. Francis of Assisi because it will make our Parish even more vibrant spiritually and socially and financially sound...well into the future.

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

Evacuation Information: In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

Parish Registration: The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

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

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

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

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

Parish Office

Michele Beck, Director, Liturgy & 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
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Sr. Pat Klemm, OSF (in-residence)
Marie Maslanka, Parish Secretary
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

Parish Finance Council

Cecelia Fowler	Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Angelo Rinaldi	Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Jay Pojednic	Joe Hummel
Joe Mack	Joe Vaszily
Peter Williams	Stacey Kelsall, Comptroller

Anyone who needs to contact the Parish staff or Finance Council can do so by visiting our website at: www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/contact

St. Francis Center

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

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$38,000**

This Week's Second Collection:

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.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$40,626**

Needed: **\$38,000**

Last Week's Second Collection:


Diocese of Trenton Retired Priest Fund

Collected: **\$14,022**




(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00
Pledged: \$53,502.80 (54% of Goal)
Paid: \$51,134.80 (51% of Goal)
Total Donors: 249
Total Gifts: 267
Average Gift: \$200.39

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY
AT SOUTHERN OCEAN MEDICAL CENTER
WE'RE BACK!!!

We will resume visiting patients at SOMC and distributing Eucharist in the early fall of this year.

Come to an information session in Room 102 of the Community Center on one of the following dates to learn more about the ministry and to apply to join:

Monday, August 14 at 9:45 AM
Thursday, August 17 at 9:45 AM

If you are not a Eucharistic Minister, but would like to serve, come to one of these meetings.

We will make arrangements to train you.

Please contact Bobbi Greene if you have any questions:
loguegreene@comcast.net

Family Faith

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

jclayton@sfrancislbi.org

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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



Life's Journey in Faith

RCIA is a spiritual journey in faith to discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian and the joy and freedom that can result from journeying with Christ.



- Are you yearning for something more in your life?
- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic church?
- Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Are you unsure of what the next step is to becoming Catholic?
- Have you always wanted to complete the sacraments of initiation?

St. Francis Parish invites you to come and journey! All are welcome...baptized or non-baptized...believer or non-believer. We are here to journey with you. Please call Fr. Andrew or Sr. Pat at the parish office (609-494-8861 ex157). Our journey begins in September.

"Dinner with Friends"

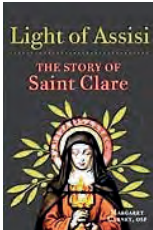
We are inviting all widows and widowers to join us at our monthly "*Dinner with Friends*" gathering. This is not a counseling program, but simply an hour or two of pleasant conversations, an informal dinner, and a healthy serving of laughter!

August gathering will be on Tuesday, **August 15th** at 5:15pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. The entrance to the hall is at the northern end of the church/hall building.

Feel free to attend whenever you can.

If you need a ride to/from the gathering, please call Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974 to arrange for your transportation. Feel free to attend whenever you can. This month's dinner is "bring your own". Hope you can join us! All are welcome!

Peace and all good, Angela, Kathleen & JoAnne



Book Discussion to Celebrate the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

Light of Assisi: The Story of Saint Clare
By: Margaret Carney, OSF

Tuesday, **August 1** after the 9:00 AM Mass
St. Kate Room

&
Wednesday, **August 2**, 7:00 PM

Knight Conference Room, Parish Wing

For more information, contact Fr. Scott at ext. 152

Copies of the book can be purchased through:
ThriftBooks.com, EBay.com, AbeBooks.com

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 four 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:

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835,

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Pat Simmons, (609) 661-1361.

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan_chaplain@gmail.com) for the link. On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next session - **Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 AM, Zoom**

Saturday, September 9, 9:45 AM, Sr. Lounge

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Bible Talks After Mass

Tom Troyano will be doing brief monthly talks on the bible after the 9:00 AM Mass. Next talk Wednesday, **September 6**, 9:30 AM, Brant Beach Church

Book Club

We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in the Knight Wing Conference Room. (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM. *The Story Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Next meeting Tuesday, **August 29**, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

Scripture Study

Meets **bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, from 10:00-11:30 AM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **August 2**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next meeting **September 14**,

Gospel Inspirations:

"...the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."



When we decide to follow Jesus, our life should change.
How am I investing in my spiritual life?

Do you ever wish you could stop the world for a day, catch your breath and have a chance to reflect on what's really important in your life?

The 24-hour Cornerstone is designed to do just that.

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Francis Women's
Cornerstone Experience
 For women 18+



...Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his love endures forever.
Psalm 106.1

October 20th & 21st, 2023

For more information contact
 Lauren Finelli at lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or
 Marion Pierri at mdp93@comcast.net

PILGRIMAGE TO EMERALD IRELAND

HOSTED BY
 FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

11 DAYS: APRIL 16 - 26, 2024
 WATERFORD * KILLARNEY * CLIFFS OF MOHER
 GALWAY * CONNEMARA * KNOCK * SLIGO * DUBLIN

\$3549 PER PERSON FROM NEW YORK
 (Air/land tour price is \$3049 plus \$500 government taxes/airline surcharges)

FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT OR DETACH & MAIL TO:

Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
 4700 Long Beach Blvd.
 Brant Beach, NJ 08008
 Tel: (917) 275-5593
 Email: areitz@stfrancislbj.org

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

Did You Know??

Have you ever thought of volunteering at the St. Francis Community Center? St. Francis has many different volunteer opportunities currently available. We have events ongoing throughout the calendar year, including our 18 Mile Run & Holiday Craft Show. Our events support our Senior Services, Counseling, Family Support, Recreational, and Children's Services Departments. If you would like to obtain additional information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Michelle DiBella by phone (609) 494-8861 x107 or email at:

2023 CAR RAFFLE

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	2023 KIA Forte LXS Valued at: \$21,535.00
	2023 KIA Seltos LX AWD Valued at: \$25,400.00
	2023 KIA K5 LXS Valued at: \$27,100.00
	2023 Dodge Ram 1500 Valued at: \$32,790.00
	2023 Jeep Wrangler Sport Valued at: \$33,485.00

Only 3,500 Books Available
 Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only. Books cost \$100.
 Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles.
 Each book may carry more than one name.
 Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer.
 The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 7, 2023**
 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner,
 St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium.
 Winner need not be present.
 No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize.
 Winner responsible for taxes.
 Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

2023 Car Raffle

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate "Car Raffle" on the envelope or purchase online at stfrancisparishlbj.org/carraffle No phone purchases

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be on our mailing list? Yes/ No

of Books Requested (\$100 each) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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

Employment Opportunity

Community Center Counseling Services

Positions: Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor **Days:** Monday through Friday (Some evening hours required) Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). On-site clinical supervision is provided. **Must have Current Professional License:** LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

Children's Services-Teacher's Assistant

Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's/Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement. Prefer a background in early childhood education. (13-months to 5-years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus. **Position:** Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours) **Days:** Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$15 per hour

Recreation/Pool (Year round)

Position: Pool Lifeguard – Part time employment 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 – flexible schedule **Pay:** \$14.13 per hour

Position: Swim Lesson Instructors Year-round part time employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. Pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification are not required but preferred. For weekday lessons 8am-4pm, Age 4 years to adults **Days/Hours:** Monday-Friday, Hours range from 8-29 per week, (may occasionally exceed 29 hours) **Pay:** \$15 per hour

Family Support Services

Position: In-home Bilingual Therapist (fluent English/Spanish) Full time Position - Therapist will travel throughout Ocean County to conduct therapy sessions with DCP&P referred clients in home. Applicants must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC, or LCSW. Clinical supervision provided at no cost to the employee. **Days:** Monday through Friday- 30-40 hours per week.

Position: Parenting and Anger Management Group Facilitator Full time position- Prepare and facilitate Parenting, Anger Management, and Parenting in Recovery Groups. Responsible for all aspects of program implementation and evaluation, including intake, assessment tools, reporting, and statistics. Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills, knowledge of factors which influence child abuse and neglect. Must have valid driver's license, and a minimum of Master's degree in Social Work or related field. **Days:** Monday – Friday 30-40 hours per week- Some evening hours required

Parish

Position: Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry. Full time position. Previous experience in a parish youth ministry program. Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and young people to create a relevant faith-based program. Responsible for recruiting volunteers, coordinating outreach service projects and participating in other parish activities. Must have administrative tasks. Must be an active Catholic. Religious Studies Bachelor's degree required. **Days:** Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

Maintenance Department

Position: Full time Maintenance/Cleaning– of Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred. Assist with building maintenance, grounds maintenance, setup/take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and must have valid driver's license. **Pay:** Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience) **Days/Hours:** Monday- Friday– with potential for evening or weekend hours.

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbj.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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

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

*Seasonal employees working at least 10 hours per week are entitled to a free pool membership during the period of their employment.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Swimming Under the Stars

St. Francis Outdoor Pool
\$10/Person



Our heated outdoor pool will be open for an evening of fun!
Enjoy a complimentary movie

Wednesday, August 2

6:00 - 10:30 PM

“Harry Potter & The Sorcerer’s Stone”
on the big screen!



(rain date August 3)

Light refreshments and
50/50 tickets will be available for purchase.
(There are no refunds)

Festival of the Sea



As the months have been flying by, we are preparing for that wonderful time of the year the **Festival of the Sea!**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – Saturday, August 12, 2023

6:00 -10:00 pm

We need donations of canned sodas, cupcakes, brownies, and cookies.

Sodas may be brought to the Parish Community Center and placed in the front lobby marked **Festival of the Sea**.

Desserts may be brought to the Parish Community Center beginning **August 7th**.

Please mark **Festival of the Sea** on all items.

Thank you for your support, and we hope that you and your family will join us for many fun filled evenings of fun!

Volunteers Needed!

Contact Michelle DiBella at 609-494-8861 ext. 107

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

We are in **DESPERATE** need of all non perishable goods. **Canned Goods: Vegetables, Beans, Chicken and Canned Meals.**

All personals products:

**Soaps, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Deoderant, Toilet Paper
Coffee, Tea, Oatmeal, Snacks**

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

Family Support Services:

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

- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
- Auto Ownership
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Recreation & Aquatics

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

TUESDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

NEW THIS YEAR!

Tuesdays are family fun nights!

ALL activities require parents to remain with children from start to finish.

AUGUST 1: Free Open Gym Basketball

For ages 5-13 from 5:30 to 8pm

AUGUST 15: Painting Kindness Rocks

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AUGUST 22: Free Open Gym Basketball

For ages 5-13 from 5:30 to 8pm

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENT/ GUARDIAN

*Open gym basketball is free of charge for children ages 5 yrs. to 13 yrs. Gymnasium will be split and smaller hoops will be set up.

THIS IS NOT AN ORGANIZED GAME.

All Family Fun Nights are subject to change or cancellation
Please Call St. Francis at 609-494-8861 for more information.

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.


The LBI Health Department is doing
Blood Pressure Screenings
the **second Tuesday of each Month**
from 11:00 am - 11:30 am

in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111 for more information.



Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

Counseling Services offers trauma-informed, therapeutic sessions for individuals, couples, and families. Services are available in person or virtually and available: for adult and child victims of crime and sexual assault throughout Ocean County and are free of charge; for general mental health counseling on a sliding fee scale to residents of southern Ocean County (Lanoka Harbor and South) and support groups that are free of charge at our location in Brant Beach. For more information or to enroll in services, please contact us at: 609-494-1554. Monday 9am-5pm, Tuesday through Thursday 9am-9pm, and Friday 9am-5pm.



JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF


Join us for 8 weeks of a FREE and confidential support group available to residents of Ocean County.

Providing education and support for adults that are navigating the stages of grief.

To begin in July 2023

Open to ALL residents of Ocean County. Please contact Deborah Callan, LAC, to register: 609-494-1554

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ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE

Surviving to Thriving

Empower yourself! Unlock the skills and tools necessary to move forward and thrive in this free and confidential 8-week support group.

Join us for group counseling sessions that will provide a safe space for survivors of sexual abuse and assault.

Start date: July 2023

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ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE

PARENTING AFTER

Join us for 8 weeks of FREE and confidential group counseling sessions with parents that are learning to navigate the world after their child has been sexually abused or assaulted.

Gain support, develop emotional coping skills, and learn ways to understand and manage posttrauma behaviors and emotions.

To begin in July 2023

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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.

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Appointments for services are required.

Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

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

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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.



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

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