

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



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*“...pray always without becoming weary.”*

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 15	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +James McFadden 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Judith Krol +Jack Planich +Harriet Ackermann	Eph. 1:15-23; Lk. 12:8-12 Ex. 17:8-13; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:2; Lk. 18:1-8	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge 10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, October 16	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Philip DeMarco 10:00 AM +Domenica Robertozzi +Gene Sweeney +Thomas Murphy, Jr. 11:30 AM +Benjamin Coppola, Jr.	Ex. 17:8-13; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:2; Lk. 18:1-8	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, October 17	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Eph. 2:1-10; Lk. 12:13-21	
Tuesday, October 18	9:00 AM +Robert Carpenter +Eva Santos +Henrietta Keating	2 Tm. 4:10-17b; Lk. 10:1-9	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, October 19	9:00 AM +Marijan Brletic	Eph. 3:2-12; Lk. 12:39-48	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Room 7:00 PM Life Ministry, BB Church Hall
Thursday, October 20	9:00 AM +Florence Grant	Eph. 3:14-21; Lk. 12:49-53	
Friday, October 21	9:00 AM +Bob Cooper +Joseph M. Keegan +Ralph Polifrani +John C. Thomson, Jr.	Eph. 4:1-6; Lk. 12:54-59	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, October 22	9:00 AM +Mae E. Kempfski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Suzanne Thompson Manahan +Mark J. Hrehocik +Benedetta DeVleeschower	Eph. 4:7-16; Lk. 13:1-9 Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Lk. 18:9-14	Women's Cornerstone, Maris Stella
Sunday, October 23	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Clarita Heredia +Austin D'Souza +Joseph Burke 10:00 AM +Mae E. Kempfski +James Serra +William Hester 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Robert Fallar	Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Lk. 18:9-14	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> Women's Cornerstone, Maris Stella

### Mass Schedule **CHANGE**

**October 15/16 Through November 19/20**

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

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM *in Brant Beach only*  
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM  
All Saints Vigil - Monday, October 31, 5:00 PM  
All Saints - Tuesday, November 1, 9:00 AM  
**Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM**  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

**St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED**

**St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED**

### Emergency Information

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

**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](http://www.hnp.org)

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

### Thank you, Thank you!

I cannot say thank you enough! Last weekend was great! The Spaghetti Dinner, Car Raffle, and the 12K & 18-Mile Run were all great! It was a busy weekend but it was a lot of fun! Believe it or not, those 18 miles have been run and spaghetti has been eaten for 50 years! That's a lot of pasta and a heck of a lot of miles!!

A great thank you goes out to Lorri and Joe D'Orsi for their fantastic spaghetti and meatball and sausage dinner. They add a little twist and offered sausages this year. What a great idea!! I makes for a much better gravy [sauce, to some.] It really was an incredible meal. We sold out so next year I would suggest you get your tickets early. Thank you to Olive Garden who provided the salad and their famous dressing! Thanks to JoAnne Reeder who provided us with wonderful dinner music and thanks to everyone who made a dessert so we could end our meal on a sweet note, even if you didn't win a car. A great thank you also needs to go out to the more than 40 volunteers who helped make the evening run so smoothly. Thank you! Thank you!

Of course, the end of the evening was the Car Raffle drawing. Thank you to Marie Maslanka for coordinating the raffle and her band of faithful servants, Rosemarie Kunz, Peggy Talbot, Arlene Padova, Marlene Siegle, Janice Hritz, and Ann Rodier. These women are truly amazing. If they were not patient before, they certainly learned it. They wrote the information on all the tickets sold online [845 x 5 tickets] and those sold by mail [1059 x 5 tickets] and folder all 17,500 tickets [3500 x 5.] God bless them! Thank you, Arian Selmani and Keel Agency for working with us to put the Car Raffle online. Your work with us continues to bring us into this new world of technology. Thank you! The lucky winners of our 2022 Car Raffle are:

Hyundai Venue	Joan Kretz, Morris Plains NJ
Honda Civic	Greg Cavallo, Ship Bottom NJ
Ford Bronco	David Marzo, LaGrange Pk IL
Ford Bronco	Mary Ann Fallows, Moorestown NJ
Nissan Frontier	Krista Kempfski, Randolph NJ

Thank you all for your support. If you purchased a car raffle book or joined us for pasta on Saturday, Thank you! Then at 10:00 AM Sunday morning the runners were off for the new 12K race or the 18 Mile Run! I can't imagine ever thinking I could do either! God bless those runners. Fr. Scott was there to bless them before the race started and Frs. Kevin, Scott, Andrew and I greeting them at the finish line. Thank you to the over 300 volunteers who helped make that happen! Thank you to everyone who created the meal bags or handed out water along the route or anything else in between that helped our runners. Once again, I was very impressed with the 45 + high school students who are part of the Interact Club from Southern Regional High School. Their advisor, Cheryl Conley, along with Don Myers, coordinated their efforts to offer assistance to all of the runners as they finished the race. What a great group of young adults! Thank you!

Thanks to Steve La Marco, the Director of Recreation and the Aquatics Center, and to your team for coordinating the 12K & 18-Mile Run. Thanks to Grace Tsokonas and all the center staff for the extra effort that is needed for this hallmark event for St. Francis Center.

Once again the Long Beach Township Beach Patrol worked overtime and the Beach Haven, Surf City, and Barnegat Light First Aid Squads were there ... just in case. And the all of the police departments on Long Beach Island did a great job to bring order to the boulevard and kept our runners safe. Thank you to the Beach Haven Police Department, Long Beach Township Police, Ship Bottom Police Department, Surf City Police Department, and Harvey Cedars Police Department.

Finally, thank you to the runners for participating in the 2022 12K & 18-Mile Run. Your dedication, commitment, and determination is inspiring to all. Each and everyone one of you are great examples to us that if we put our mind to it, we can do a lot more than we think we can.

May God continue to bless all of us with the courage and grace to keep running the good race, fighting the good fight, so we too may know the victory.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

## 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://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<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> 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 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  
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF  
Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship  
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM  
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813  
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)  
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153  
Community Center - (609) 494-8861  
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection:

#### 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.

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$28,000**

### Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$22,395**

Budgeted: **\$28,000**

### Second Collection:

#### St. Francis Children Services

Collected: **\$4,961**

### October 2nd Collection:

Collected: **\$15,569**

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

### October 2nd Second Collection:

#### Church Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Collected: **\$4,275**



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

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



***St. Francis of Assisi Parish***  
***Online Giving!***  
***[stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate](http://stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate)***



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal raised over \$6 million.

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal began February 19/20.

Goal this year is \$6.5 million.

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Total Pledged: **\$44,058.00** (44% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$43,197.00**

Total Donors: **180**

Total Gifts: **197**

Average Gift: **\$223.64**

***Thank you for your generosity***  
***in contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal.***

***It was greatly appreciated!***

***We look forward to your continued support.***

Visit the parish website for a

YouTube video on the

Annual Catholic Appeal by Bishop O'Connell at:

***[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal)***

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

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

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

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

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors.

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

*Maryann Barrek, (609) 661-4441*

*Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835*

*Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651*

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

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

## 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. In these experiences we support each other in our prayer and faith. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan ([klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)) for the link.

On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next **zoom** session - **November 2;**

Next **in-person** session - **November 12**

## Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited.

Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: **October 15, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room.**

## Praying the Rosary

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach

**Monday through Saturday, 8:20 AM**



## St. Francis Liturgical Community

### Family Faith

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

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

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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



### RCIA BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding as we continue our journey of Sacraments, Tuesday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>** the topic will be:

**“Baptism and Confirmation”**  
(presented by Sister Pat/Judy Clayton)

Join us at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing of the Parish Center, if interested, call Sr. Pat or Fr. Francis at (609-494-8813).

*Rejoice!* **Romans 12:12**  
*Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, endure in prayer*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE**  
**OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2022**

Women's Cornerstone Invitation  
For Women of St. Francis Parish & Friends (18+)  
Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars

Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information:  
[lgf\\_finelli@hotmail.com](mailto:lgf_finelli@hotmail.com) or 609-332-8366



### 2022 Car Raffle Winners!

**Hyundai Venue**  
**Joan Kretz, Morris Plains, NJ**  
(Ticket #1363)



**Honda Civic**  
**Greg Cavallo, Ship Bottom, NJ**  
(Ticket #1302)

**Ford Bronco**  
**David Marzo, LaGrange Pk, IL**  
(Ticket #2750)



**Ford Bronco**  
**Mary Ann Fallows, Moorestown, NJ**  
(Ticket #3204)

**Nissan Frontier**  
**Krista Kempster, Randolph, NJ**  
(Ticket #1260)



### Gospel Inspirations:



*“...pray always without becoming weary.”*

The parable Jesus tells reminds us that God will provide justice to those who “call out to him day and night.”

*If we pray without ceasing, our whole lives become a prayer.*

*Life Ministry* invites you to an uplifting evening for Young Adults, their Friends and Family



### “Finding My Place in this World”:

A time of reflection, encouragement, music, and community

**Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**St. Francis Church Hall**

*Light refreshments provided*

Questions? Email: [terrafirmaest22@gmail.com](mailto:terrafirmaest22@gmail.com)

### World Mission Sunday 2022

We Celebrate World Mission Sunday Together Next Week!

Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank You!

**“To the ends of the earth”:** The perennial relevance of a mission of universal evangelization

“More and more, we are seeing how the presence of faithful of various nationalities enriches the face of parishes and makes them more universal, more Catholic. Consequently, the pastoral care of migrants should be valued as an important missionary activity that can also help the local faithful to rediscover the joy of the Christian faith they have received ... Christ's Church will continue to 'go forth' towards new geographical, social, and existential horizons, towards 'borderline' places and human situations, in order to bear witness to Christ and his love to men and women of every people, culture, and social status. In this sense, the mission will always be a mission ad gentes.”

## Employment Opportunity

\*Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 15 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.

### Family Support Services

**Position:** *Bilingual Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program- Part Time*

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

**Days:** Monday-Friday – Part Time

**Pav:** Starting \$15 per hour (depending on experience)

### Recreation- Pool

**Position:** - *Recreation Coordinator- Full time salaried position.*

Responsible for supervision of the recreation and pool activities. Must hold or be willing to obtain current Pool Lifeguard certificate, First aid and CPR/AED certificate, and Certified Pool Operator certificate. Responsible for the development, operation, and evaluation of all recreation programs and events.

Provide training and supervision for all Recreation staff.

**Days/Hours:** Monday-Friday- 40 hrs- some evening and weekend hours may be required

**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 weekends- Flexible schedule

**Pav:** \$14 per hour

### Counseling Services

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

**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.

### Parish- Religious Education

**Position:** *Registration/Tuition Coordinator*

This is a 12-hour part-time, weekday position, with a flexible schedule. The focus of this position is to streamline the registration process for families with children in the Family Faith programs, and to track tuition payments. Coordinator must be fingerprinted for the Diocese of Trenton, submit references and attend the workshop "Protecting God's Children for Adults". Applicant should be detail oriented and self-motivated with good organizational skills and computer experience (Word, Outlook, Parish Soft). Visibility is encouraged in parish and community events

**Pav:** \$13 per hour

### Parish

**Position:** *Director of Parish Development, Full time position*

This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events for the St. Francis Parish. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Applicants should have good communication skills and computer skills including, Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Applicants must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged. Days/Hours: Monday- Friday, with attendance at Evening/weekend events required.

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## Employment Opportunity - cont'd.

### Parish

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

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

Bachelor's degree required- Theology or Religious Studies or related field.

**Days:** Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required.

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

Please send resumes to [abodine@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancislbj.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



### Book Club

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. *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker. Next meeting Tuesday, **October 25**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room.

### Knitting & Crocheting Circle

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

Next meeting Friday, **October 21**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

### Order of the Franciscans Secular offs

Sunday, **November 6**, 12:30 PM *Spiritual Life, Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information. Next meeting Wednesday, **October 19**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Rm.

### 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, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

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)


# SPECIAL EVENTS

**November 1**  
1:00pm- 6:00pm


Brant Beach Church Hall  
4700 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach Twp, 08008

Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
to schedule your  
appointment

 **American Red Cross**  
Together, we can save a life



**WARNING:**  
**BLOOD CRISIS**





**Annual Christmas Craft Show**

**Saturday, November 19**  
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Sunday, November 20**  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Start your Christmas shopping early by shopping  
and supporting a wide array of local vendors.

 4700 Long Beach Blvd.  
Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008  
609-494-8861

**Order of Franciscan Secular**

*Bus Trip to Tropicana  
Classic Hits & Holiday Show  
Motown, Pop, Rock & Doo Wop  
Featuring "Modern Gentlemen"*

**Thursday, December 1, 2022**  
**\$125**

includes: bus, show, \$25 slot credit, bus driver tip.  
Bus will pickup:  
8:45 AM St. Francis north side parking lot  
9:15 AM Walmart parking lot (Garden Center).  
[ Return: 6:00 PM to Walmart; 6:30 PM St. Francis ]  
Make checks payable to OFS for \$125.  
Mail to: Cheryl Krzaczek, ofs, 111 E 12th St., Ship Bottom,  
New Jersey 08008-4519  
Email [chumsley@comcast.net](mailto:chumsley@comcast.net) Cell number 609-661-5229  
*Benefits Apostolates of the Secular Franciscans*






**Beefsteak Dinner**  
**Friday, December 2, 2022**  
**\$40**

Dave Sodano Entertains  
**50/50 Prize Auction Cork draw**  
BYOB and a Food Bank Item  
Doors open at 5:45 PM; Dinner at 6:15 PM  
Groups of 6 or more can save a table

**Dakota & Elle Christmas Concert**  
**Friday, December 9**  
**7:00 PM**  
**St. Francis Church Hall**  
**\$30 / Person**

A 50th Anniversary Christmas Concert!  
Enjoy music from the tenor / soprano duo  
Dakota and Elle while they perform sacred  
and classical Christmas music. Wine and  
cheese to be served during intermission  
with a meet and greet.  
Seating is first come first served.  
Tickets on sale now at the Front Desk.

## Did You Know??

Each year, over 1,000 people volunteer countless hours of service in order to help others. Our volunteers make things happen throughout our community, and inspire all of us with their compassion, energy, enthusiasm and stamina. If interested in volunteering, volunteer applications can be found online at: [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org) or at the Front Desk of the Community Center. The Center and parish would like to welcome our new Volunteer Coordinator, Cheryl Jones to our team!

## 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\*\**

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

#### Canned Goods:

**Vegetables, Baked Beans, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, Soup, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Beef Stew**

**Pasta Sauce, Small Bags of Rice, Oatmeal, Nutritional Drinks, Coffee/Tea, Shelf Milk**

**Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Body Wash, Diapers Sizes 5 & 6**

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

### Family Support Services:

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

- **Parenting & Anger Management Groups**
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## Community Bulletin Board

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## Cultural Competency Statement

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

## Declaración de Capacidad

El Centro St. Francis reconoce una comunidad culturalmente diversa y hace un compromiso con los principios de multiculturalismo como un medio para entender, aceptar, valorar y apoyar la diversidad cultural. El término Multicultural se aplica ampliamente para incluir asuntos de minorías o estado de marginalización con respecto a raza, etnicidad, cultura, estado socioeconómico, uso del inglés como segundo idioma, género, orientación sexual, discapacidad, religión, espiritualidad y vejez. El Centro St. Francis propone desarrollar programas y prácticas que ayuden al personal, miembros de la junta directiva y voluntarios a reconocer, aceptar y afirmar las diferencias y similitudes entre la gente así como proveer servicios que apoyen e incluyan a todos los miembros de la comunidad.

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