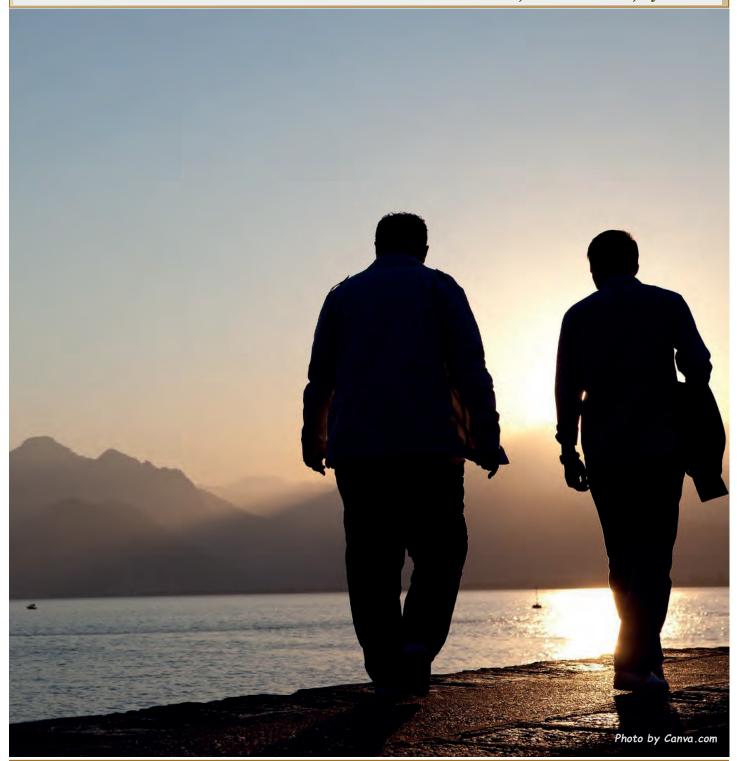
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With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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



"What are you discussing as you walk along?" Lk 24:17

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, April 22	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Beverly Klingler +Father Johnny Klingler 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Thomas Daniel Battle	Acts 6:1-7; Jn. 6:16-21 Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt. 1:17-21; Lk. 24:13-35	
Sunday, April 23	8:30 AM +William Ernst, Jr. +Sean Hendrickson +Oliver Butler 10:00 AM +Eileen McCabe +Kellen Bischoff +Paul Hand 11:30 AM +Nancy Marie Schmoll	Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt. 1:17-21; Lk. 24:13-35	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, April 24	9:00 AM +Patricia Campoli	Acts 6:8-15; Jn. 6:22-29	
Tuesday, April 25	9:00 AM +Mark Ferraro +Matilda Stein	1 Pt. 5:5b-14; Mk. 16:15-20	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212 5:15 PM Dinner with Friends, Church Hall
Wednesday, April 26	9:00 AM +Stanislawa Kochanek +Albert B. Virili	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn. 6:35-40	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 27	9:00 AM +Patrick Harrington +Donna Weiss	Acts 8:26-40; Jn. 6:44-51	
Friday, April 28	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Acts 9:1-20; Jn. 6:52-59	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, April 29	9:00 AM +Helen Semegen 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Saverio "Sammy" D'Amico	Acts 9:31-42; Jn. 6:60-69 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt. 2:20b-25; Jn. 10:1-10	5:00 PM First Eucharist
Sunday, April 30	8:30 AM +Mary Riley 10:00 AM +Fran Barnock +Paul Hand +Mary Peoples 11:30 AM +Stephen Hubbard	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt. 2:20b-25; Jn. 10:1-10	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 10:00 & 11:30 AM First Eucharist

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City		
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday,	(<u>L) Living +Deceased</u>	
April 23	10:00 AM +Martha Stein	
Sunday,	10:00 AM +Matilda Stein	
April 30	+Clare Shaltis	

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

Mass Schedule through May 20/21, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM **Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM**

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - Sunday, 10:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

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

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 YEARin 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.

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.

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

Praying the Rosary

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



St. Anthony Novena

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass



Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$25,000

This Week's Second Collection: St. Francis Inn & Dwelling Place

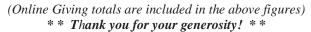
Your generosity over the years has helped us reach out to the hungry and the homeless men and women who are served by the St. Francis Inn of Philadelphia and the Dwelling Place in New York City. Thank you for your generous support.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$19,945 Needed: \$25,000

<u>Last Week's Second Collection:</u> Parish Operating Expenses

Collected: **\$6,695**





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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00 Pledged: \$31,907.00 (32% of Goal) Paid: \$27,952.00 (28% of Goal)

Total Donors: 185 Total Gifts: 191 Average Gift: \$167.05

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

for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

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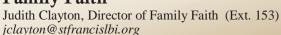
Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

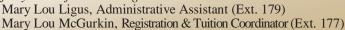
Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram: StFrancisChurchLBI

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

Family Faith

My Offering





In preparation for Easter, **grades one through four** had an opportunity to experience the events of the weeks before and after Easter. Children will be using the Easter Story Eggs to tell the story of the Resurrection. In addition, they will be introduced to the Pascal candle by making a representational candle. Grade five received their First Reconciliation with many family members participating in the Sacrament as well.

Grade six will conclude their formal classes with instruction – The Messianic Fulfillment. Discussion will include the Gospel writers' meaning of "disciple", why the twelve were chosen, why Jesus had to die and the Emmaus story. The Encounter book will concentrate on God's plan and the important part each person has in His plan for salvation. He has a mission only you can carry out.

Grade seven will have a retreat as their last class. The theme is "Filling Your Spiritual Tool Box". There will be special break-out sessions offering ideas on how the pre-Confirmation candidates can prepare as they move on to the last phase of Confirmation preparation in the Fall. The retreat will conclude with an introduction to Adoration.

Confirmation for the 2023 candidates will be on **April 21**st at 4:00 pm. The presider will be Very Reverend David Blanchett

First Eucharist will be celebrated on **April 29**th at the 5:00 PM Mass and **April 30**th at the 10:00 and 11:30 AM masses.

Family Faith will close the year on May 10th with a prayer service and the crowning of the Blessed Mother.

Peace be with you this Easter season.

Judith Clayton

Director, Religious Education

Gospel Inspirations:



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

On the road to Emmaus Jesus comes to His disciples and fires up their faith by sharing Scripture and breaking bread with them.

Jesus comes to us today in Scripture and the Eucharist.

Jesus, thank you for staying with us in the bread that sustains us on our life journey.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





Spiritual Direction

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

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

Maryann Barrek, (609) 661-4441, 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 - May 3, 10:30 AM via Zoom;

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: May 20, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room

"Dinner with Friends"

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

April's gathering will be on **Tuesday. April 25**th at 5:15 PM in the Brant Beach Church Hall. The entrance to the hall is at the northern end of the church/hall building.

If you need a ride to/from the gathering , please call Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974 to arrange for your transportation.

This month's dinner will be a covered dish dinner. Homemade or store bought is fine! If you would like to get some ideas of what to bring, please contact Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974. Hope you can join usall are welcome.

Peace and all good, Angela, Kathleen & JoAnne

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, **May 17**, 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. *Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen. Next meeting Tuesday, April 25, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

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, April 28, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

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 April 26, 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 May 11, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Knitting and Crochet Ministry

We are pleased to announce that we now have Pocket Prayer Shawls, which can be found in the front lobby of St. Francis Church. With every stitch a prayer is offered for the person who will receive

• the Pocket Prayer Shawl. These mini shawls provide comfort, support from God for those who receive one.

These shawls are able to fit inside of a pocket.

These shawls can be given to anyone who needs comfort and support, such as a recent loss, illness, or a spiritual struggle.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Community Center are in accordance with the Diocese of Trenton in our commitment to he protection and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. These Diocesan policies are observed and posted in all public spaces throughout our Parish and Community Center buildings.

This initiative is outlined in the United States conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Charter.

Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist



If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx *[host container]* to mass. If you forget

your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.

Join us for a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19-29, 2023

VISITING: ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHESUS PATMOS * SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey



FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM \$3899 FROM NEW YORK*

Air/land tour price is \$3379 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact:
Fr. Andrew Reitz
Tel: (917) 275-5593
Email: areitz@stfrancislbi.org

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Spaces are running out; just a few more left! Don't miss this fabulous Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul!

Fr. Andrew areitz@stfrancislbi.org.



Bus Trip: "Moses" at Sight & Sound September 13, 2023

\$195 all inclusive

Includes: 3:00 PM show, 11:30 AM lunch at Shady Maple, transportation, & tips.

2 pick ups: St. Francis LBI & Walmart, Manahawkin Return home approximately 8:30 PM

Please make checks payable to: St. Francis Parish

Mail to: Cheryl Krzaczyk, ofs, 111 E. 12th St., Ship Bottom, NJ 08008-4519

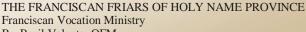
or call (609) 661-5229, email: *chumsley@comcast.net*Mary Lou Ligus, *of*s, (215) 850-7809

email: *lbilady23@gmail.com*(Can accept 1/2 payment in June)

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Employment Opportunity

Community Center Counseling Services

<u>Positions:</u> Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-time <u>Bilingual</u> (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor

<u>Days:</u> 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 able to relate well with children and families. 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

Summer Camp Counselor (Seasonal Position)

Be able to relate well with children and families. Working with school age children 5 years to 13 years of age.

Position: Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Days: Monday-Friday Pay: \$14.13 per hour

Must be 17 or older and be available 6/20/23 to 8/31/2023

First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.

Experience Preferred, but not required.

Family Support Services

Position: Parent Educator-Parents as Teachers Program. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology, or related field is preferred. Prefer applicants who have experience working with children (0-5 years). 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 – Full time

Maintenance Department

Position: Full time Maintenance/Cleaning - Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties.
 Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred, not required. Must have valid driver's license.
 Pay: Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience)

<u>Days/Hours:</u> Monday- Friday- Afternoon/Evening hours required (approx. 2pm-10pm).

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. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

<u>Days/Hours:</u> Monday- Friday, attendance at Evening/weekend events required <u>Position:</u> <u>Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry</u>, Full time position.

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. 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.

*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.

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



Recreation & Aquatics

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

Aquatics

Water Tots, 4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate & Advanced Swim Lessons. Aquatic Aerobics, Aquatic Exercise, Deep Water Aerobics, Arthritis Aquatic Exercise and Spring Swim Clinic

Recreation

Tot & Tyke Basketball, All Level Yoga

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

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



WHAT THE TECH

What the Tech?! is a newly formed volunteer opportunity that connects the tech-savvy youth with older individuals in need of 'techspertise'!

If you are 50+ and would like to attend, please contact St. Francis Senior Services. All are welcome, for any and all tech questions!

If you would like to VOLUNTEER and use your IT, interpersonal, and communication skills to help older people acquire digital skills, please reach out to Katherine Pelican.

> St. Francis Senior Services 609-494-8861 ext. 109 Katharine Pelican 551-427-1107.

Employment & Career Services For information call ext. 407.

•Adult Education Program •First Step to Self Sufficiency •Next Step to Employment

All participants must be verified for eligibility through the Ocean County PIC Office. Programs funded through a grant provided by the Ocean County Department of Human Services. For additional information call: (732) 281-8653

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.

TURN THE TOWN TEAL

Did you know that teal is the color for sexual violence prevention? Join us in April to raise awareness and show that our community is a safe place for survivors to seek support!

Community organizations, businesses and individuals are welcome to participate!

Facebook: @OCNJ Prevention Instagram: OCNJ Prevention #OCNJSAAM2023

Please contact us to receive your teal light bulb! Limited quantity available.

St. Francis Counseling Service 609-494-1554 or *jplusard@stfrancislbi.org*





When survivors of sexual assault present to the hospital, their clothing is often taken for evidence, St. Francis Counselling Service and the Sexual Assault Response Team of Ocean County are accepting donations of NEW clothing items so survivors have clothes to go home in.

Needed items include stretch pants or joggers, tshirts, children's underwear, and small blankets for children. Items should be in a variety of sizes and gender neutral colors. Please use our QR code to view our Amazon Wish List!





All donations can be dropped off in the Community Center Lobby Monday through Friday 9am - 6pm or sent to:

St. Francis Community Center ATTN: Delaney Cronin 4700 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

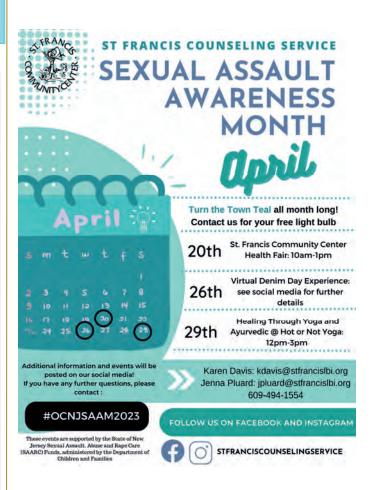
For more information or questions please contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or deroninestfrancislbi.org, Thank you for all your support!



St. Francis Counseling Service Presents
Virtual Denim Day

In Honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 26th, 2023

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and we honor survivors of sexual violence by observing **Denim Day** which is April 26th! Denim Day began in 1999 after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned. The justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. Since then, wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape. Please join St Francis Counseling Service in honoring Denim Day by taking a picture of you in your denim and tagging us on social media-(stfranciscounselingservice on facebook and instagram). Our 24 hour confidential sexual violence hotline is available by calling 609-494-1090.



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 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:

Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Baked Beans, Coffee, Canned Chef Boyardee/Chili, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, and Soap.

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
- Auto Ownership
- Parents As Teachers
- Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families

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.grownjkids.gov.

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

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

Full Day and Work Day Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2 Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

Did You Know??

- · Vacation Club is a summer camp for school age children from age 5½-13
- Children must have completed Kindergarten to attend Vacation Club · The program offers a variety of activities designed to promote the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of children, while allowing them
- to grow in confidence and self-esteem. It provides a comprehensive array of activities in arts and crafts, cooking, sports, daily swimming and weekly fieldtrips
- Some themes that the campers will be participating in this year are: "Under the Sea", Construction Zone", "Art Week" and much more!

 With an additional fee for field trips campers will be visiting: "Bricks 4 Kidz"
- "Round the Corner Art", "Petting Zoo" to name a few.
- Parent Registration is April 24th at 4:00 and a parent or legal guardian must be present
- · The program operates from June 20th until August 25th

Community Bulletin Board

Donovan Catholic High School

Spaghetti Dinner & Show Sunday, April 30

Two seatings, 1:00pm and 3:30pm. Tickets are \$17.00 and include spaghetti & meatballs dinner, salad, wine/soda, dessert & coffee with special performances by the band and choir. Please email *ddicosta@donovancatholic.org* with any questions. Tickets can be purchased on



www.donovancatholic.org, or at the school security window during school hours.

Francis House of Prayer

84 Walnford Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501 609-877-0509

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

May 3 & 19, May 31 & June 16

Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

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