

With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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

Confirmandi

Thomas Francis Ball

Marina Cecilia Bresley

Keegan Joseph Costello

Salvatore Jude DarConte

Braydan Robert Farrell

Nicholas Christopher Gallucci

Connor Sebastian Glines

Jessica Catherine Henry

Christopher Patrick Hughes

Nicholas Sebastian Hughes

Joshua Sebastian Kawka

Shayla Rose Kessler

Gregory Francis Kopenhaver

Addison Dorothy Leary

Carmela Ann Lis

John Augustine McGuire

Isabella Ann Millard

Shea Christopher O'Donnell

Chase Anthony Petrizzi

Jacklyn Valentine Placakis

Ava Teresa Ponikowski

Paul Ryan Reilly

Luca Sebastian Salluce

Paige Mary Shaw

Isabella Catherine Simpson

Jaxson Anthony Simon

Madelyn Rose Terzian

Gavin Peter Valiant

Olivia Mary Wyckoff

Aaron David Wyrsch

He breathe on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Jn. 20:22

St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ					
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS		
Saturday, April 29	(L) Living +Deceased 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		
Monday, May 1	9:00 AM +Barbara Knode	Acts 11:1-18; Jn. 10:11-18			
Tuesday, May 2	9:00 AM +Joseph Wright	Acts 11:19-26; Jn. 10:22-30	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena		
Wednesday, May 3	9:00 AM +Jean Anne Gallimore	1 Cor. 15:1-8; Jn. 14:6-14	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament		
Thursday, May 4	9:00 AM +William L. Douma	Acts 13:13-25; Jn. 13:16-20			
Friday, May 5	9:00 AM +Paul Wirth, Jr. +Suzie Lipko	Acts 13:26-33; Jn. 14:1-6			
Saturday, May 6	9:00 AM +Joseph Wright 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Mary Ellen Mathews	Acts 13:44-52; Jn. 14:7-14 Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt. 2:4-9; Jn. 14:1-12	5:00 PM First Eucharist		
Sunday, May 7	8:30 AM +Donna Weiss 10:00 AM +Julia & Sofia Wamsley +James Walsh +Rick Barbuto 11:30 AM +Patricia Riehl	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt. 2:4-9; Jn. 14:1-12	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, April 30	(<u>L) Living +Deceased</u> 10:00 AM +Matilda Stein +Clare Shaltis			
Sunday, May 7	10:00 AM +Mary Hayes +Vincent McHale			

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.

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 Aguinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

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*

A Letter From The Pastor...





Stewardship

Please let me first thank you for your prayers for me and the pilgrims from Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, while we were visiting Rome and Assisi. It was an incredible pilgrimage. Although the weather was predicted to rain for most of

our time in Italy, I am happy to say that God was watching out over us. It did rain and we even had a violent thunderstorm roll through Assisi one night, but it never rained when we were scheduled to be outside. As you know, while on pilgrimage, we spend a lot of time outside walking from one place to another. God took care of us! I'm so glad I sent Him the schedule! I do love being in Italy but it is good to be home. The warm welcome I received from so many of you made it even nicer to return. Thank you.

One of the problems of going away is the "To Do" list gets even longer. At the Masses last Sunday morning, after a night of heavy rains, I was quickly reminder that there is no easing back into reality. I stopped counting the number of leaks different people were telling me about in the St. Francis Church. So here we go...

Last fall, in the 2022 Annual State of the Parish Report, I mentioned that we would be starting a stewardship program in the Spring of 2023. In the next few weeks, you will be hearing more about stewardship as we lead into our introduction to the program on the weekends of May 21st and May 28th. Stewardship is about getting more parishioners involved in the everyday life and activities of our parish. It is about growing as a community as well as ensuring the future of our parish for generations to come.

In adopting a stewardship model, we acknowledge that all of our gifts – our time, our talents, and our treasures – come from God and like the early disciples, we share them with others for the good of the community. The title of our program is, "The Joy of Sharing the Gospel." Again, I ask for your prayers for the success of this program and for our wonderful parish here on Long Beach Island.

May God continue to watch over you and your families.

Peace and All Good. 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: schoolclosingsni.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.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: 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.

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

<u>Marriage</u>: In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE 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.

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

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: \$28,000

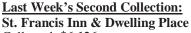
This Week's Second Collection:

Catholic Home Missions

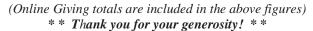
There are many places in the United States - Appalachia, the deep South, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states - where the Catholic Church struggles to keep parishes open, and form people in the faith. Many dioceses are very short of priests and religious and need money to help run parishes. Your generosity helps this worthy cause. Thank you.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$24,664** Needed: **\$25,000**



Collected: **\$6,126**





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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00 **Pledged**: \$36,662.00 (37% of Goal) **Paid**: \$32,932.00 (33% of Goal)

Total Donors: 190 Total Gifts: 197 Average Gift: \$186.10

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the *stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal* for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



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



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

Family Faith



Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153) *jclayton@stfrancislbi.org*

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179) Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)

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.

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

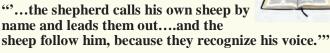
Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist



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.

Gospel Inspirations:



Let us be still and listen and familiarize ourselves with the voice of Jesus in order to hear Him calling our own name.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





Spiritual Direction



(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director).

How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions

like these are the focus of spiritual direction or "soul care". The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

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. 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

"The Chosen": more showings

We will be showing several episodes of "The Chosen"

that we have not shown before.

The first will be shown **Tuesday**, **May 9**and the second will be shown **Tuesday**, **May 16**.

Both will be shown in Room 212 of the Center after the 9:00 AM Mass, c. 9:45 AM.

Discussion and comments following the showings.

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. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Next meeting Tuesday, May 30, 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 May 10, 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

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel

A New Stewardship Program for St Francis of Assisi Parish



In a few weeks you will be hearing about our upcoming parish stewardship program. You read about it in the 2022 State of the Parish Report, mailed to you last fall. Stewardship is about getting more folks involved in the everyday life and activities of our parish, growing as a community, and ensuring the future of our parish for generations to come.

In adopting a stewardship model, we acknowledge that all of our gifts come from God and that as stewards we share them generously and joyfully with our community. We've titled our program, "The Joy of Sharing the Gospel."

We will celebrate the introduction of this program at our Masses on the weekends of May 21st and May 28th. More to come!

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.

Employment Opportunity

Community Center Counseling Services

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

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)

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 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.

Recreation/Pool (Seasonal)

Position: <u>Summer Seasonal Lifeguard</u> (possibility for year round hours) Summer 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 per hour

Position: Private Swim Lesson Instructors (possibility for year-round part time hours). Summer 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

Parish

Position: Mailroom Attendant, Full time with benefits
Responsible for handling all incoming and outgoing mail for the Parish and Center including bulk mailings. Must have a valid driving license, reliable transportation, and have vehicle insurance. This position requires you to bring mail to the post office in your own vehicle. Managing and placing orders for office supplies. Completing copy orders from all departments including folding for booklets and letters. Handle applications for raffle licenses. Must be able to lift 40 lbs. Will deliver packages/orders throughout the building to departments.

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday 40 hours per week Pay: \$14.

Position: Director of Parish Development, Full time position
Responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fundraising 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.

<u>Days/Hours:</u> Monday- Friday, attendance at Evening/weekend events required

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 participating in other parish activities. Capable of administrative tasks such as developing and managing the program's budget. Excellent communication and leadership skills, and be an active and participating Catholic. Bachelor's degree required- Theology or Religious Studies or related field Davs: Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

Employment Opportunity cont'd.

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. Assist with scheduled and unscheduled building maintenance, grounds maintenance, setup/take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and must have valid driver's license.

<u>Pay:</u> Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience) <u>Days/Hours:</u> Monday- Friday- Afternoon/Evening hours required (approx. 2pm-10pm).

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

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.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.

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, ofs, (215) 850-7809 email: *lbilady23@gmail.com*

(Can accept 1/2 payment in June)



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2023 KIA Forte LXS

Valued at: \$21,535.00



2023 KIA Seltos LXAWD

Valued at: \$25,400.00



2023 KIA KS LXS

Valued at: \$27,100.00



2023 Dodge Ram 1500

Valued at: \$32,790.00

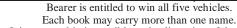


2023 Jeep Wrangler Sport

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.



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 stfrancisparishlbi.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:				

Embrace Our Way of Life

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA Vocation Office vocations@osfphil.org

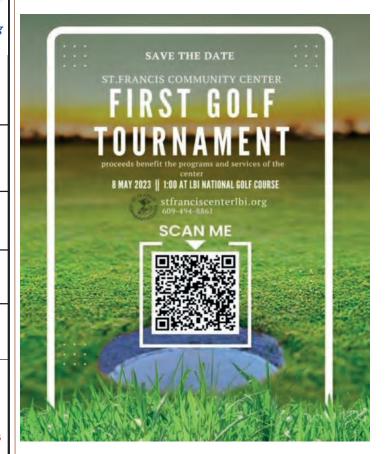


THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE

Franciscan Vocation Ministry Br. Basil Valente, OFM

129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403 1-800-677-7788 www.BeAFranciscan.org

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.naevc.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 years of age
- 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.
- The program operates from June 20th until August 25th

Employment & Career Services For information call ext. 407.

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

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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**

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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.

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