

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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“I am the way” Jn. 14:6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, May 6	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 10:00 & 11:30 AM First Eucharist
Monday, May 8	9:00 AM +Helen Honeybelle Goetz +Katie Esposito	Acts 14:5-18; Jn. 14:21-26	
Tuesday, May 9	9:00 AM +Cecelia Hanaway Gosford	Acts 14:19-28; Jn. 14:27-31a	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 9:45 AM The Chosen, Room 212
Wednesday, May 10	9:00 AM +Saverio "Sammy" D'Amico +J. Adolph Braun	Acts 15:1-6; Jn. 15:1-8	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, May 11	9:00 AM +Kathy Larson Gutowski	Acts 14:7-21; Jn. 15:9-11	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, May 12	9:00 AM +Patrick Saranno	Acts 15:22-31; Jn. 15:12-17	
Saturday, May 13	9:00 AM +George Holland 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <i>Mother's Day with Special Blessing</i> +Fran Jennetté +Benjamin Coppola	Acts 1:1-10; Jn. 15:18-21 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt. 3:15-18; Jn. 14:15-21	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, May 14	<i>Mother's Day with Special Blessing</i> 8:30 AM +Lucille D'Amico +Dolores Pottichen +Donna Weiss +Angeline Newcamp 10:00 AM + <i>The Intentions of All Mothers</i> 11:30 AM +John Smith +Pat Carlo +Laura Ruggiero-Oppermann	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt. 3:15-18; Jn. 14:15-21	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, May 7	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 10:00 AM +Mary Hayes +Vincent McHale
Sunday, May 14	10:00 AM <i>Intentions of All Mothers</i>

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

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. 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



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

Philip and Who?

This past Wednesday was the feast of Philip and James. Two apostles of Christ that have been linked together for centuries. This weekend we hear from Philip. We know that Jesus found him, along with Peter and Andrew, in Galilee, and Jesus directly said, "Follow me." He did and immediately went to Nathanael to spread the good news and said, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." [Jn 1:45] However, like most disciples – like most of us - Philip's understanding of Jesus ebbed and flowed. Today we hear Philip say to Jesus, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus' response was telling. He said, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?" Of course we know that Philip did come to fully accept Jesus as the Christ and was martyred for this belief. Tradition tells us that Philip was hung in Hierapolis, Turkey around the year A.D. 80.

But who was James? Honestly, we don't know much about him. To distinguish between him and the other apostle James, James the Greater, this James, son of Alphaeus, became known as James the Lesser. An interesting title but one that might lead us to be a bit too dismissive. We might not know a lot about him but we do know that he was chosen by Jesus to be an apostle and he also gave his life for his faith.

Reflecting on James the Lesser, I began to think about all the wonderful people who do evangelize but don't get any credit. How many faithful people live the beatitudes or feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, or visit the sick or imprisoned, and we don't know about it. I think the world is filled with many "James the Lessers." There won't be any books written about them nor will they be honored in the local town square but they are true followers of Jesus, and that is ultimate our call.

Recognition has nothing to do with it.

Some of you may have noticed that at times we now have music playing in the Center gym. Those who attended the Fish Fry may have realized that you can actually hear the person speaking into the microphone. Well, there is a reason for this. Two very kind and generous members of our parish community not only made the financial donation for a new microphone system but also donated their time to research the different options available to determine what would be best for the gym. Because they wish to remain anonymous I tip my hat and offer a grand thanks to them and all of our "lesser" saints among us. This is just one more reason why I believe St. Francis of Assisi is a great community of the faithful! Thank you all!

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 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: \$28,000

This Week's Second Collection:

Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund

For more than 50 years, the Parish has offered a number of scholarships to our area graduating seniors who have demonstrated noteworthy involvement in the Parish. We are truly grateful for their services and this is one way to show our appreciation. Subsequently, we will announce the winners in the bulletin.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$23,357

Needed: \$28,000

Last Week's Second Collection:

Catholic Home Missions

Collected: \$4,120

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



We are the
**BODY
of
CHRIST**
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00

Pledged: \$37,562.00 (38% of Goal)

Paid: \$33,850.00 (34% of Goal)

Total Donors: 193

Total Gifts: 200

Average Gift: \$187.81

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

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

Gospel Inspirations:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

.... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

We know the way because Jesus told us that He is the Way.
Jesus Christ is our G.P.S.



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)



Family Faith would like to congratulate the 30 Confirmation candidates. Some of the newly confirmed will now be serving the parish as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and choir members. We thank the parishioners who took prayer cards and prayed for our First Communion children and Confirmation candidates. As part of their final preparation for First Eucharist the children attended a gathering where they learned about vestments and the Last Supper. Each child crafted a replica of a chalice to have for their home prayer space.

Our closing activity for the year will be a prayer service crowning of the Blessed Mother and a pizza party for their families.

As the summer months approach, take time to see God everywhere at work in the world, in the sunrise and sunset, or the rolling ocean, time spent with family and friend on a vacation, or a new baby in the family. Every ordinary event can be seen as the extraordinary gift of God.

Some suggestions: 5 ways to create a faith filled environment:

- On-line resources for parents
- Leave faith-related books and magazines where they can be seen (don't forget the car)
- Create a household altar where family members can place meaningful objects. Tell about the objects – or let them speak for themselves.
- Don't be afraid to say "Hallelujah" or "Praise God" when something good happens.
- If you don't have the answer to your child's problem, say so. Then take it to God together.
- Wedge holy cards in mirror frames. Tuck prayers under pillows. Years later, they'll be fondly remembered.

On-line resources for parents:

- 3-Minute Retreat – 3 minutes a day, 24 hours of peace. Loyola's online retreat invites you to experience a daily prayer break with Scripture and reflection.
<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-rereats-daily-online-prayer>
- Special Needs – a special needs website that provide informative articles, videos from experts in the field of special needs, and other resources for families with children with special needs.
<http://www.loyolapress.com/special-needs>
- Family Fun – engaging questions to speak fun and creative family conversations. Hours of family fund and faith-talk are just a click away. <http://www.loyolapress.com/family-fun>
- Sunday Connection – the Sunday connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.
<http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection>
- Additional Resources – Ignation Spirituality.com. You can also find Loyola Press on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment 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!

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"

Our monthly meeting and dinner for all who are widowed will be held at 5:15pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall on **Wednesday, May 17th** at 5:15pm. Please bring your dinner with you for this meeting. All are welcome to come to any gathering whenever you can. This is a wonderful group of people and we hope anyone who has been widowed will consider joining us for dinner and conversation.

If you are in need of a ride to and from the gathering, please contact Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974.

Peace and all good!

"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

What is Stewardship and why are we Initiating this Program



In the U.S. Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter, "*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*," they tell us that "A Christian Steward as one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with an increase to the Lord." Being a Steward is a

conscious act of humility, recognizing that all that we have comes from God and that we have a responsibility to nurture our gifts and to share them joyfully with others.

We are initiating Stewardship, "The Joy of Sharing the Gospel," because of its success in other parishes throughout the Country. Stewardship increases parishioner involvement and commitment and results in a more joyful, stronger parish ready to accept whatever challenges the future holds.

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

St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Community Center are in accordance with the Diocese of Trenton in our commitment to the 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

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

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 13years 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: Summer Seasonal Lifeguard (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.

Days/Hours: 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

Days: Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

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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.

Pay: Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience)

Days/Hours: 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 * EPHEBUS
PATMOS * SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI
Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey



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

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

LAST CALL !

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 Krzaczuk, 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)

**2023
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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 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.

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
stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle No phone purchases

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

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

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 1-800-677-7788 www.BeAFranciscan.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

**SUMMER SOLSTICE
CRAFT SHOW**

*Saturday,
June 10*

**9:30 AM -
4:00 PM**

ADMISSION \$2

St. Francis Community Center Gym
 Shopping, fun, food, music and more!

*You're
Invited*

**The
Annual Garden
Party by the Sea
A Fashion Show**

Bonnet Island Estate
 June 21, 2023
 2:00pm - 4:30pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE AT THE FRONT DESK MAY 1, 2023
 TICKET PRICE - \$55

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN
 FOOD FASHION PRIZES

Did You Know??

St. Francis Community Center has some fun upcoming events planned for May and June!

Our First Annual Golf Outing is on Monday, May 8th at LBI National Golf Course. A big thank you to all our sponsors and players. Next up will be our Summer Solstice Craft Show, on Saturday, June 10th, which includes up to 70 talented local artists & craft vendors. The summer is quickly approaching, and we will have a lot of exciting things happening at the St. Francis Community Center. We will have two Swimming Under the Stars nights planned, featuring Moana & Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. We will also be introducing our Free Family Fun Nights. Keep your eyes peeled for more information to follow in our summer brochure coming to your households by the end of May.

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.



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

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.

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

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