

First Eucharist Candidates

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In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. Jn. 14:19

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
DATE		READINGS	
Saturday, May 13	(L) Living +Deceased 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	Mother's Day with Special Blessing 8:30 AM +Lucille D'Amico +Dolores Pottichen +Donna Weiss +Angeline Newcamp 10:00 AM +The Intentions of All Mothers 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	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, May 15	9:00 AM +Dianne Verkade +Mark Warren	Acts 16:11-15; Jn. 15:26-16:4a	
Tuesday, May 16	9:00 AM +David Motherway	Acts 16:22-34; Jn. 16:5-11	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 9:45 AM The Chosen, Room 212
Wednesday, May 17	9:00 AM +Richard Pumphrey +Cecelia Gosford	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn. 16:12-15	9:30 AM Bible Talks After Mass 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacramen 5:15 PM Dinner with Friends, Church Hal
Thursday, May 18	9:00 AM +James M. Kempski +John V. Raftery	Acts 18:1-8; Jn. 16:16-20	
Friday, May 19	9:00 AM +Eugene D'Amico +Dennis Hughes +George Ann Esmerado	Acts 18:9-18; Jn. 16:20-23	
Saturday, May 20	9:00 AM Armed Forces Day +Richard Nigro +Mary Minnella +Lucia Minnella 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Ascension of our Lord - Vigil +Sally Rightley +Klara Huber	Acts 4:8-121; Jn. 14:12-17 Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23; Mt. 28:16-20	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm. 4:30 PM Blessing of Lifeguard, Aquatic Ctr.
Sunday, May 21	Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ 8:30 AM +Richard Quane +Joseph Wright 10:00 AM +Allison Mary Davis +Anne C. Gove +Marie Munkacsy 11:30 AM +Edward W. Shanley +Helen & Carl Filipovsky +John Joseph Reilly	Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23; Mt. 28:16-20	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <i>www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</i> Stewardship Campaign at all masses

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

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Sunday, May 14	(L) Living +Deceased 10:00 AM Intentions of All Mothers
Sunday, May 21	10:00 AM +Harry Joseph Scalione

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

A Letter From The Pastor...



Happy Mother's Day!

As many of you know, I have talked about my mother in a homily every once in a while. She is a great role model for me and for my family. Her dedication to us over the years, and to my dad for the 70 years that they knew

each other, 67 years married, has always been unquestionable and life giving. She is an inspiration to me and my brothers and sister, and at 95, I know she is an inspiration to so many other people.

But of course, you know, I am biased. We all are, especially when it comes to our mothers. There is no one in the world like our mothers. No one. No one else carried us in their womb, nurtured us through the years, or truly cares for us like our mothers. They have a special place in our hearts.

On this Mother's Day I share with you a prayer that my mother passed along to me. She was so moved by it that she wanted me to share it with you. It is written by Pedro de la Cruz and published by CatholicPrayerCards.

O God, you have fashioned creation in such a beautiful way that no one may enter this life except through a mother; how truly important and special moms are.

We ask you to bless all women that you have called to the holy vocation of motherhood.

May they persevere in every trial, rejoice in every blessing and never cease praying for their children. By their maternal encouragement, patient love, and good example, may they lead their children to the bliss of heaven.

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary most holy, be every mother's inspiration in all that they think, say, and do.

Amen

May God continue to bless our mother's and all those who are mother figures in our lives. We are grateful for your love.

Happy Mother's Day!

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 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.

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: St. Francis Children Services

St. Francis Community Center Children's Services is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Quality, year round programming is our commitment to the community. We appreciate your continued support.

Last Week's First Collection: Collected: \$24,750 Needed: \$28,000



Last Week's Second Collection: Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund Collected: \$6,697

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures) ** Thank you for your generosity! **

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)

Gospel Inspirations:



"'I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you....

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

Jesus assures his disciples and all of us that He lives on in us and we are part of the dynamic life of the Trinity.

Rejoice and be glad! Jesus lives on! Let us welcome Him into our hearts.



<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**: \$38,222.00 (38% of Goal) **Paid**: \$34,766.00 (35% of Goal) **Total Donors**: 195 **Total Gifts**: 203 **Average Gift**: \$188.29

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

Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

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(609) 597-3800 or visit: *www.stmaryknights.org*



ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sign-up sheets for Eucharistic Ministers (for all churches) for the period of July 1 through November 26 will be emailed and also available outside the Brant Beach sacristy on May 17. Responses are due back either in email or deposited in the black drop box outside the Brant Beach sacristy by May 24.

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.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





Spiritual Direction

The "Direction" part of the term Spiritual Direction can be off-putting, even for us as directors. This process is not about one person telling the other what to do –

"directing" them. Spiritual companionship or soul-friending might be a better term. "Spiritual Direction" has stuck for some reason, but as Thomas Keating advises: "It is not so much being told what to do as being encouraged to do what we know God and our conscience are asking us to do." A spiritual director has been trained to listen to the person they are with in collaboration with the Holy Spirit. Thus, one often sees a picture of three chairs to symbolize the process, one for the director, one for the seeker and one for the Spirit! 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 13, 9:45 AM, Sr. Lounge

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!

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 24, 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 June 8, 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 is 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

The Joy of Sharing the Gosp

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

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 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 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 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: 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

<u>Maintenance Department</u> <u>Position</u>: <u>Full time Maintenance/Cleaning</u>- 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). Cont'd.

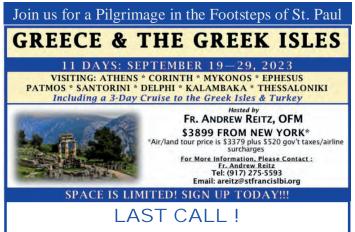
Employment Opportunity cont'd.

****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.



Fr. Andrew areitz@stfrancislbi.org



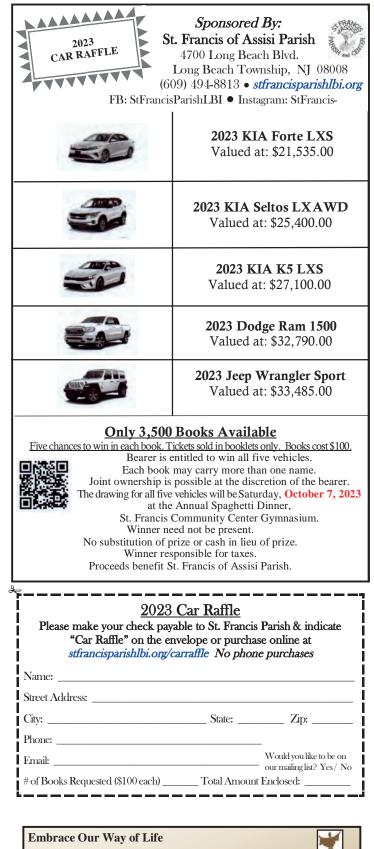
Bus Trip: "Moses" at Sight & Sound September 13, 2023

\$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: Ibilady23@gmail.com

(Can accept 1/2 payment in June)



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



Did You Know??

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

Our First Annual Golf Outing was 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.

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).

<u>www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org</u>. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. <u>www.grownjkids.gov</u>.

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

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.



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.



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

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: <u>http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate</u> 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

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

St. Francis Community Center

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

St. Clare Church



56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.

Community Bulletin Board

Francis House of Prayer

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

UNCEASING PRAYER -THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM Thursday, May 18, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

We will follow the advice of the pilgrim in the classic *The Way* of the Pilgrim whose mastery of the Jesus Prayer fulfilled his desire for unceasing prayer. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom \$25.

THE GIFT OF ASCENDING

Thursday, May 18, 1:00 - 4:00 pmCome, join our exploration, as we seek to find the presence of Jesus in Scripture, in nature, in silence, in life's events and in our own hearts. Led by Sister Marie Donation: \$20

Zoom Only

MARY, TEACH US TO PRAY

Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Let's go to her together asking her to share with us the lessons she shared with her Divine Son.

Led by Sister Marie. Donation: \$15

ANNUAL CLEANING PARTY

Tuesday, May 30, 9 AM to Noon or 1:00 - 3:00 PM Please come and help us clean Francis House. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies. Please choose a shift that is convenient for you and call 609-877-0509 with your choice. Thanks so much. Breakfast & lunch provided.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM May 19 May 31 June 14 & 16

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

Please check <u>www.FHOP.org</u> for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

Maris Stella Retreat Center Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008

Maris Stella Retreat Center - Harvey Cedars NJ -2023 Summer Retreats

Silent Guided Retreat: "Praying Again for the First Time" June 18 – June 24, 2023

"God brought me to a spacious place; God rescued me because God delighted in me." Ps.18 Are you longing for God? God is longing for you, too! Presenter: Virginia L. Collins-English

For more information: <u>www.marisstella.org</u> or call Sr Pat at 609-494-2917 or <u>pdotzauer@comcast.net</u> Registration due May 25.

Soroptimist Clothes Closet Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

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



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