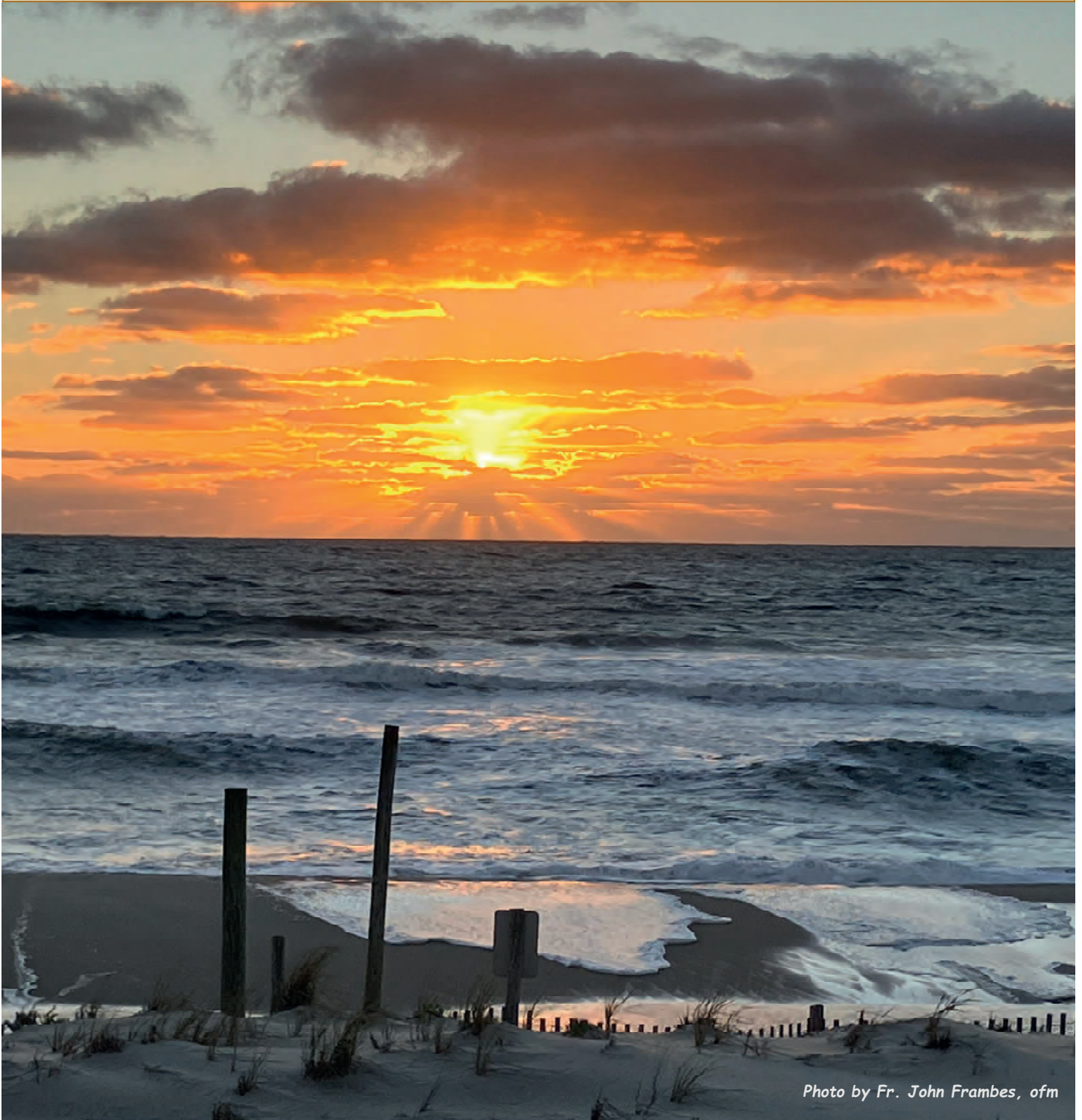


# THE BRIDGE



*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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*“Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Mt. 28:20*

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, May 20	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM <b>Armed Forces Day</b> +Richard Nigro +Mary Minnella +Lucia Minnella 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <b>Ascension of our Lord - Vigil</b> +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	<b>Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ</b> 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> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> Stewardship Campaign at all masses
Monday, May 22	9:00 AM +Francis Byrne +Thomas Nee	Acts 19:1-8; Jn. 16:29-33	
Tuesday, May 23	9:00 AM +William Keefe +Dr. Richard R. Gove +Loretta McGinn	Acts 20:17-27; Jn. 17:1-11a	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, May 24	9:00 AM +Bill Cooper	Acts 20:28-38; Jn. 17:11b-19	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, May 25	9:00 AM +Theresa Byrne +Joseph Wright	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn. 17:20-26	
Friday, May 26	9:00 AM +Frank Ondrushek, Jr.	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn. 21:15-19	
Saturday, May 27	9:00 AM +William Wnek +Vinnie Rimmer 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <b>Memorial Weekend &amp; Pentecost Vigil</b> +Fran Jennetté +Margaret O'Brien	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn. 21:20-25  Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23	
Sunday, May 28	<b>Memorial Day Weekend</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 7:15 AM +Marie Grace Rigoglioso 8:30 AM +Judith Filoon +Richard Tatka (L) Silk & Faxon Families 10:00 AM +Gerald & Frances Rothstein +Richard Barbuto +Todd Barbuto 11:30 AM +Lenny Jackson +Daniel Higgins +Jay Spagna	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> Stewardship Campaign at all masses

### St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2<sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 27	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM+A.J. Cooper
Sunday, May 28	8:30 AM +Francis Brian Reilly 10:00 AM +Karen Compareale +Millie & Anthony Cammarata

### St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 27	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM+Elvira Belli
Sunday, May 28	8:30 AM +Benefactors 10:00 AM +People of the Parish



# A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

## Stewardship


This weekend, our parish begins our Stewardship Program, “The Joy of Sharing the Gospel.” I will be speaking at all the Masses in Brant Beach and I have asked Fr. Andrew to speak at the Mass in Surf City. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines stewardship as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” I think that says it perfectly. Stewardship is about ownership and it is about building a sustainable future of “something entrusted” to us, St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The fundamental reason for our existence is we are a community of faith that lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ and, by doing so, we continue to build the Kingdom of God in our midst. There is no question that St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a special community. We are a welcoming community, our liturgical life is rich, and our outreach to the larger community is unparalleled. Stewardship is about making sure that St. Francis of Assisi Parish continues for generations to come. When we as a parish choose to be a stewardship community, we commit ourselves to growing in our faith and learning more about Jesus through our prayer and our study of scripture. We are then called to go out and share that message with our neighbors and with the world. We also commit ourselves to learn about the parish, our ministries, our social events, as well as the parish finances. Finally, we also commit ourselves to ask how we can all help our parish with our time, talent, and treasure. When we choose stewardship, we choose to adopt a new mind-set, that we, as a community, are the actual owners of this parish and ask how we can make it better. The first phase of Stewardship, The Joy of Sharing the Gospel, begins this weekend. You will be receiving a brochure in the mail explaining our goal of increasing our offertory collection to help us meet our annual operating expenses. The second phase of stewardship, beginning later in the summer, will ask how you can contribute your time and talent to our many ministries, social events, and volunteer opportunities. I ask that you prayerful consider becoming a steward of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. May God continue to bless you and your families, and may God bless our Stewardship Program, “The Joy of Sharing the Gospel.”

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

 In Observance of Memorial Day  
St. Francis Parish & Community Center  
will be **CLOSED** Monday, **May 29**

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign

*Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel*



This week you will be receiving “**The Joy of Sharing the Gospel**” Stewardship brochure in the mail. The brochure will introduce the parish to our **Increased Offertory Program** designed to ensure that our offertory collections allow us to build a sustainable future for our parish.

We ask that you please read the brochure and prayerfully consider how you can help our Parish financially.

Next weekend, **May 27/28**, is **Commitment Weekend**. We invite all of our parishioners to complete their commitment card and drop it in the collection basket, mail it to the parish, or use the Parish website to complete the card online.

Our goal is 100% participation. Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**This solemnity is permanently transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the Diocese of Trenton.**

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> is now recognized as the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter.**

Read our bulletin online at  
[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org)

Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:  
[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

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

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, May 21	(L) Living +Deceased 10:00 AM +Harry Joseph Scalione
Saturday, May 27	5:00 PM +Thomas (Hap) & Anna Cerebe +Lawrence & Patricia Schipper
Sunday, May 28	8:30 AM +John Robert Dzwonek +Louis Bunnick +Michael Bunnick 10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families +Helen M. Kempski +Cecelia Gosford

## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

**Emergency Information:** Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website:

[schoolclosingsnj.com](http://schoolclosingsnj.com) and [facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](https://facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi).

**Evacuation Information:** In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

**Parish Registration:** The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

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

**Marriage:** In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE YEAR in advance. Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation classes. Weddings are performed on Friday or Saturday. Weddings are NOT performed on Sundays, the beach, Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day weekends.

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

### Parish 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](http://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:

**ASCENSION ENVELOPE**

### **Catholic Communication Campaign**

The National Catholic Communication Campaign, in partnership with the communications office of the Diocese of Trenton, is an important Catholic voice in the media: educating, entertaining, inspiring and informing the public about Gospel values. Your donation helps continue the work of bringing the Good News to people everywhere.

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$20,078**

Needed: **\$28,000**

### Last Week's Second Collection:

**St. Francis Children Services**

Collected: **\$5,753**



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

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



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



**6.5 Million Diocesan Goal**

**St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00**

**Pledged: \$38,522.00 (39% of Goal)**

**Paid: \$35,066.00 (35% of Goal)**

**Total Donors: 198**

**Total Gifts: 208**

**Average Gift: \$185.83**

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton.  
Please visit the [stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal)

## Mass Schedule - **CHANGE**

**Memorial Day Weekend *May 27/28, 2023***

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

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

**Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM**

[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

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

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

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

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

### **St. Clare, Loveladies -**

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

## Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)  
jclayton@stfrancislbj.org  
Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)  
Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



## Gospel Inspirations:

“And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



We are never alone. When we do not know where we are going or what we should do, we have only to remember that Jesus is with us always. And He asks us to continue His work: “...to make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

*This week how can we best share Jesus' message with others?*

## Emergency Information

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



ST. FRANCIS  
**Liturgy &  
Music**

## ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**REMINDER:** Sign-up sheets for Eucharistic Ministers (for all churches) for the period of **July 1 through November 26** were emailed and made 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**.  
You are invited to become a part of the ministry life here

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!

at Saint Francis Parish.  
Eucharistic Ministers are an important part of our liturgy as they help to serve the Body and Blood of Christ to our community. EMs are needed in all four churches. Training will be held in the church where you will minister. Please consider joining us as our busy summer season is approaching.  
Contact Michele Beck at [mbeck@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:mbeck@stfrancislbj.org)

## 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](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)) for the link. On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next session - **June 7, 10:30 AM, 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**

## 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, **June 14**, 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **May 24**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

### Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next meeting **June 8**, 7:00 PM, Room 212



## 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:** Director of Parish Development, Full time position for organizing the fundraising initiatives and special events. Bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Must have good communication and computer skills including. 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 in a parish youth ministry program. Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and young people to create a relevant faith-based program. Responsible for recruiting volunteers, coordinating outreach service projects and participating in other parish activities. Must have administrative tasks and must be an active Catholic. Religious Studies Bachelor's degree required.

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

#### Maintenance Department

**Position:** Full time Maintenance/Cleaning- Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred. Assist with 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@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancislbj.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



Hosted by

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@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:areitz@stfrancislbj.org)

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

## Thank You !

Fr. Andrew [areitz@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:areitz@stfrancislbj.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](mailto:chumsley@comcast.net)

Mary Lou Ligus, ofs, (215) 850-7809

email: [lbilady23@gmail.com](mailto:lbilady23@gmail.com)

(Can accept 1/2 payment in June)

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Franciscan Faith Community of *Holy Name Province* in the Diocese of Trenton. Find out more about Holy Name Province online at: [www.hnp.org](http://www.hnp.org)

### Embrace Our Way of Life

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA  
Vocation Office [vocations@osphil.org](mailto:vocations@osphil.org)



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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](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)

**2023  
CAR RAFFLE**

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**2023 KIA Forte LXS**  
 Valued at: \$21,535.00



**2023 KIA Seltos LXAwd**  
 Valued at: \$25,400.00



**2023 KIA K5 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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*



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



## 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](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org). We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. [www.grownkids.gov](http://www.grownkids.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

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## 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.

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## Did You Know??

Did you know that **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**? **1 in 5** U.S. adults experience mental illness each year. **1 in 20** U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year. **1 in 6** U.S. youths aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.

**St Francis Counseling Service** offers general mental health counseling services to the Southern Ocean County area and an intake can be completed by calling 609-494-1554.



## Family Support Services

### Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

**Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

*Walk-ins are welcome!*

*The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers. \*Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.*

*Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. **TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760** \*\*carrier text message rates may apply\*\**

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

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Wednesday, **May 31**, 7 – 8 PM

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation and Mary has a powerful spiritual lesson to teach us. Let us join with one another in prayer and proclaim the greatness of our Lord.

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### **ANNUAL CLEANING PARTY**

Tuesday, **May 30**, 9 AM to Noon **or** 1:00 – 3:00 PM

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.

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

**May 31 June 14 & 16**

### **SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKENDS**

7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday

**June 9 – 11**

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**June 2 – 9, June 18 – 25, July 2 – 9, July 12 – 19**

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**July 21 – 26**, Friday to Wednesday

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