

# 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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*Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. Acts 2:3*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, May 27	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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 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
Monday, May 29	9:00 AM <b>Memorial Day Special Mass</b> +John T. "Jack" Maskowski +John Connelly +Cecilia Gosford	Acts 1:12-14; Jn. 19:25-34	Parish & Center is CLOSED
Tuesday, May 30	9:00 AM +John Daly	Sir. 35:1-12; Mk. 10:28-31	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212
Wednesday, May 31	9:00 AM +Jack Tevnan	Rom. 12:9-16; Lk. 1:39-56	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, June 1	9:00 AM +Annie Ingling	Sir. 42:15-25; Mk. 10:46-52	
Friday, June 2	9:00 AM +Alice Daniels	Sir. 44:1, 9-13; Mk. 11:11-26	
Saturday, June 3	9:00 AM +Jane Holland (L)+Cornerstone Men & Women 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté	Sir. 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33 Ex. 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Jn. 3:16-18	
Sunday, June 4	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 7:15 AM +Robert Slane 8:30 AM +Anna Collins +Kim Prihode 10:00 AM +Bruce Brodbeck +James McConnell +Rosa Clements 11:30 AM +Francis (Bud) Sterling	Ex. 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Jn. 3:16-18	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

### 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 +Joan Sinesi 10:00 AM +Karen Compareale +Millie & Anthony Cammarata
Saturday, June 3	5:00 PM +John McElduff
Sunday, June 4	10:00 AM +Patricia Kakstis

### 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

**St. Clare Church *Closed June 3/4 thru June 24/25***

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

Letter From the Pastor  
May 29, 2023

### ***Trifecta! Memorial Day, Pentecost, & Stewardship***

It is Memorial Day Weekend so we know summer has arrived! Welcome back to all those who have been away for the season! We also welcome those who might be visiting just for the weekend, especially anyone who is visiting us for the first time. I think we all would agree that LBI is the best place to be on Memorial Day weekend!

Tomorrow, our country will remember those men and women who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle in service of our country. We will be praying for them at our Masses this weekend and again tomorrow at our 9 AM Mass in the Brant Beach Church. We also remember the families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. No doubt their pain runs deep as they continue to live with the scars of war.

This weekend we also bring the Easter season to a close. The culmination of our 50 days of Easter celebration is the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and upon us! In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear that, like the breath of God that enlivened Adam, the Holy Spirit is breathed on the Apostles and all those gathered in the name of Jesus. We too, as believers in Jesus, are also sent to go out and proclaim the Gospel to all peoples. In a very concrete way, as our parish community takes on our Stewardship program, "*The Joy of Sharing the Gospel,*" we have the opportunity to reflect on how we do just that. How do we share our time, talent, and treasure, to help, as individuals and as a community, build the Kingdom of God in our time?

This weekend our parish community will also be celebrating Commitment Sunday as part of our becoming a Stewardship parish. After the homily, we will begin collecting the commitment cards that were mailed to you. If you did not receive a card in the mail and would like to become a steward of St. Francis parish, please feel free to fill out a card found in the pews, or on our website.

During the collection, please place your card in the collection baskets. If you have any questions, there will be someone at the doors of the churches after each of the Masses this weekend.

May God continue to bless our country and our church. We are grateful for all of the men and women who dedicated their lives to ensure that we could celebrate both our country and our church. May the heroic examples of both our soldiers and our saints inspire us to continue the work for freedom and justice of the Kingdom of God for 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](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: **\$52,000**

### This Week's Second Collection:

#### Friary Maintenance

St. Francis Parish has a large complex of buildings that includes the house where the friars live. It takes a great amount of personnel and financial resources to maintain and care for this old house. Thank you for your generosity.

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$23,967**

Needed: **\$28,000**

### Catholic Communication Campaign

Collected: **\$5,514**



(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)**



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

### 6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

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

**Pledged:** \$45,030.80 (45% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$41,683.80 (42% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 209

**Total Gifts:** 221

**Average Gift:** \$203.76

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the [stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal) for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
	(L) Living +Deceased
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 & Kempiski Families +Helen M. Kempiski +Cecelia Gosford
Saturday, June 3	5:00 PM +Thomas Keuper
Sunday, June 4	8:30 AM +People of the Parish 10:00 AM +Alfonso J. Passaro, Jr. (L)+Stein & Kempiski Families +Eileen Powers

## Family Faith

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



### WE NEED YOU

(Jesus calling)

Here are some compelling reasons to answer the call to be a catechist in the Family Faith program.

- **Your own faith will come alive**
  - You can participate in a new way in the life Jesus came to give us.
- **You become an active participant in an essential church responsibility**
  - Bring the message of faith to full bloom
- **Show your own family that you value the faith**
- **You will never regret saying "yes" to the call.**

The program here at St. Francis of Assisi provides the support and development for catechists through a variety of program offered in house by the director and Family Faith team. This includes:

- The Art of Catechesis
- Loyola Formation Series
- Virtus Training
- Prepared lesson plans and class activities
- In-service meetings

Please call me to discuss the program and answer questions or concerns you may have.

Come see our classes in action or attend one of our all parish events – Nativity Pageant or May crowning of the Blessed Mother.



ST. FRANCIS  
**Liturgy &  
Music &**

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!

You are invited to become a part of the ministry life here 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@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:mbeck@stfrancisbi.org)  
or 609-494-8813 ext. 159



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

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

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

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

Maryann Barrek, (609) 661-4441,  
Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835,  
Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,  
Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917  
Pat Simmons, (609) 661-1361.

### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. We meet by Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan ([klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](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**  
**June 10, 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: **September 16, 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 **June 14**, 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



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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!!!

We're Full !

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

## Gospel Inspirations:



“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

Jesus commissions us to carry on the work He started. With His blessing and His very breath, it is possible for us to proclaim boldly that God has done great things for us.

Forgive. Love. Serve.



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org)

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

## Mass Schedule - CHANGE June 3/4 through June 24/25

### 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/stfrancisparishlbj](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbj)

### 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, 10:00 AM




### St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

# SPECIAL EVENTS

**2023  
CAR RAFFLE**


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	<p><b>2023 KIA Forte LXS</b> Valued at: \$21,535.00</p>
	<p><b>2023 KIA Seltos LX AWD</b> Valued at: \$25,400.00</p>
	<p><b>2023 KIA K5 LXS</b> Valued at: \$27,100.00</p>
	<p><b>2023 Dodge Ram 1500</b> Valued at: \$32,790.00</p>
	<p><b>2023 Jeep Wrangler Sport</b> Valued at: \$33,485.00</p>

**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.



## 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

Barnet 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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Information

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

The **Festival of the Sea** is looking for Volunteers! You may have already received your mailer inviting you to join us this summer, but if not, you can pick up a Volunteer form at the front desk. The 2023 **Festival of the Sea** will begin on **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** and run through **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. We have Volunteer opportunities open for Booth Workers, Relief Workers, Traffic Control, Food Booth Workers, Ticket Sales, and Raffle Ticket Sales. We hope we can count on you in for this Summer's Festival. For more information on volunteering, please email [Mdibella@stfancislbi.org](mailto:Mdibella@stfancislbi.org)

## 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

Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

## 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.

ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE PRESENTS

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Join St Francis Counseling Service and Root Green Shoppe for a **FREE** evening of self-care! Light refreshments will be served.

Call us to register! Limited spots available.

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Wednesday, May 31st from 5pm-7pm  
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This event is supported by the State of New Jersey Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care (SAARC) Funds, administered by the Department of Children and Families.



## 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:

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

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via PayPal.

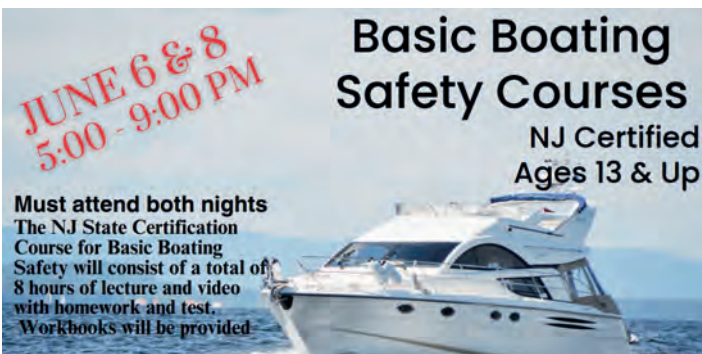
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- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
- Auto Ownership
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**JUNE 6 & 8**  
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Wednesday, **June 14**, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

We will experience His ever-present love through Centering Prayer, music, and movement. Let the Spirit move you!

Led by Bernadette Citarella. Donation: \$25 includes lunch.

#### PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Wednesday and Friday, **June 14 & 16**, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

#### SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKENDS

7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday, **June 9 – 11**

#### 7-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

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

**August 20 - 27, September 22 - 29**

#### 5 - DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

**July 21 - 26**, Friday to Wednesday;

**July 30 - August 4**, Sunday to Friday

#### 7 - DAY CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

**August 6 - 13**, Sunday to Sunday

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Sr. Pat 609-494-2917 or [pdotzauer@comcast.net](mailto:pdotzauer@comcast.net)

There is limited space for this retreat. Registration due **July 1.**

### 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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