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*With open arms
for all!
All are welcome!*

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God so loved the world... Jn. 3:16

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, June 3	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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	Trinity Sunday 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> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, June 5	9:00 AM (L)Caitlin Scannell & Family	Tb. 1:3, 2:1b-8; Mk. 12:1-12	
Tuesday, June 6	9:00 AM + <i>Benefactors</i>	Tb. 2:9-14; Mk. 12:13-17	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, June 7	9:00 AM +Frances M. Doyle +Margaret L. Virili	Tb. 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk. 12:18-27	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, June 8	9:00 AM (L)Thomas & Claire Mulvaney	Tb. 6:10-11, 7:1bcd, 9-17, 8:4-9a; Mk. 12:28-34	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, June 9	9:00 AM +Barbara Marion	Tb. 11:5-17; Mk. 12:35-37	
Saturday, June 10	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté +Helen & Jerome Lala +Jan Scavo, <i>ofs</i>	Tb. 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk. 12:38-44 Dt. 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Jn. 6:51-58	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, June 11	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 7:15 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Richard Barbuto +Peter Anninos 10:00 AM +Richard Durante +Joseph Leo +Cathleen Trangone 11:30 AM +John Herrman +Eunice Essig	Dt. 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Jn. 6:51-58	<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
Saturday, June 3	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Thomas Keuper
Sunday, June 4	8:30 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 10:00 AM +Alfonso J. Passaro, Jr. (L)+Stein & Kempfski Families +Eileen Powers
Saturday, June 10	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, June 11	8:30 AM + <i>Benefactors</i> 10:00 AM +Richard Heuser +James M. Kempfski

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 3	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +John McElduff
Sunday, June 4	10:00 AM +Patricia Kakstis
Saturday, June 10	5:00 PM + <i>Benefactors</i>
Sunday, June 11	10:00 AM +Joseph Watters

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

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

We're Off

After the Masses this weekend all of the friars will be heading to Siena College just outside of Albany, NY. As many of you know, 6 provinces of the Order of Friars Minor [OFM] in the United States have been working to become one united province. [usfranciscans.org] For about 10 years we have been in discussions, had meetings, voted, had more discussions and more meetings. As we are

approaching the October 2023 timeline for the merging of the 6 provinces into one, the new U.S. Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Name Province will gather for what will be our last Chapter [meeting] as an independent province.

Holy Name Province was founded in 1901. We trace our roots back to the Franciscan missionaries who came to the U.S. in the mid-1800s. Some came to minister to the enormous amount European immigrants looking for a better way of life. Others came because of the political conflicts in Europe taking place from 1872 to 1878 [kulturkampf] mainly between Pope Pius IX and Otto von Bismarck, the leader of the Prussian government.

In 1855, Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, OFM, and three other Italian friars went to Western New York where they founded St. Bonaventure College, now St. Bonaventure University. Twenty years later, friars from Germany, led by Fr. Francis Koch, OFM, settled in Paterson, N.J. In 1901, these early foundations were regrouped and Holy Name Province was established. Our ministries primarily remained along the eastern seaboard, but we did have many missionaries, at one time, in Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Japan, and China, with a few missionaries even venturing off to Africa. At our peak we were well over 1,000 friars.

In New Jersey, many Catholic parishes within a 30-mile radius of Paterson, NJ were founded by our friars who lived at St. Bonaventure Church and Friary in Paterson. They would follow the "mission circuit" every weekend and then return to the friary in Paterson. The early days of our parish on Long Beach Island began in 1885 with the help of diocesan priests from Camden, Philadelphia, Lakewood, and for a brief time, the Conventual friars in Seaside Park. The care of the parish was transferred to the friars of Holy Name Province on June 7, 1928. Similar to the friars in Paterson, the friars living in Beach Haven served the two missions on Long Beach Island, St. Thomas Aquinas in Beach Haven, and St. Thomas of Villanova, in Surf City, and for almost 20 years served the year-round missions in Barnegat and Tuckerton. On Nov. 7, 1947, the charges of those two missions, St. Mary's and St. Theresa's, were transferred to the diocesan priests assigned to serve the people of Barnegat and Tuckerton. History is fascinating. I find it enriching to see where we came from and to look at where we are now. Creating history, however, does have its challenges. I will confess, it is not easy to say good-bye to Holy Name Province. It is difficult to see things pass. This realignment of provinces makes sense intellectually but emotionally it does pull at our hearts. But with confidence in Divine Providence, and knowing the history that has brought us to where we are now, we know that something beautiful will emerge.

Please keep all of our friars in your prayer. May we always focus on the proclamation of the Gospel and let God take care of the rest.

Peace and All Good!
Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM Pastor

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 Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship: *The Joy of Sharing the Gospel*



Stewardship Corner

The week before Pentecost, Fr. Fran asked the parish to adopt a stewardship model that recognizes the need for everyone to contribute something – be it their time, talent, and treasure - according to their ability. Our first phase focuses on the financial commitment of our parishioners and guests to help support our parish and close the gap in our operating budget. Your commitment to our parish through this Stewardship Program will continue to energize and strengthen us as a community. Commitment

Cards can be found in the church pews, at the doors of the churches, as well as on our parish website. [www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/stewardship] If you have completed a hard copy of the commitment card you can place it in the collection basket during Mass, mail it to the parish office, or drop it off at the Parish Center. The online forms will automatically be included. The second phase of our Stewardship Program will take place in a few months when we will invite everyone to consider how they share their time and talent to ensure that St. Francis continues to be a vibrant parish and a place of inspiration and joy. Our goal of 100% participation is ambitious, but we believe realistic based on your past generosity and commitment to your Parish. Thank you for supporting this important Stewardship effort.



ST. FRANCIS
Liturgy & Music

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!

As we embark on our stewardship program, *The Joy of Sharing the Gospel*, we are asking everyone to reflect on what gifts you can share with your parish. The gift of time and talent is a valued resource here at St. Francis Parish. In this spirit, we are inviting year-round and summer residents 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.

Beginning in July, we have a strong need for EMs for the 11:30 Masses in Brant Beach and Surf City and all Masses in Loveladies.

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@stfrancisparishlbi.org or 609-494-8813 ext. 159

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/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, 10:00 AM

St. Clare, Loveladies - **CLOSED**

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/stfrancispishlbi.

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, <i>Comptroller</i>

Anyone who needs to contact the Parish staff or Finance Council can do so by visiting our website at: www.stfrancispishlbi.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

Newly Registered, Married, Baptized, Deceased

March/April/May 2023

Registered:

Pietro and Sandra Gallelli	Gerald and Mary Ann Byrne
The Barbieri Family	Karen Geiger
John Woolston	Joe and Marge Schellato
Ronald and Olga St. Laurent	Ciro and Susan Basile
Lisa Mazzola	Amy Gallaudet
Richard and Pamela Lutes	The Drago Family
The Moritz Family	Fred and Barbara Dilkes
Anthony and Barbara Sileo	William and Kathy MacGregor
Jeff and Virginia Chiesa	Lori O'Donnell
Tom and Mary Carden	The Mlodgenski Family
Jeff Binz	Michele Inman
Graham Walkley	Tom Schnitzler
Marie Ferrara	Margaret and Charles Taibi
The McNally Family	Logan Marro
Kayla Bertolino	Joseph Ingui
The Denner Family	

Married:

James Michal and Julia Kuhn
Nicholas Riepe and Christina Petrelis
Anthony Miele and Lauren Goldsmith
Michael Connolly and Melissa Gullstrand Haneke

Baptized:

Jameson Cole Meehan	Meadow Kimberly Vassallo
Fallon Ann Foss	Damian Richard Reilly
Brogan Joyce Baker	Joseph Angelo Drago III
Brielle Raine Bohnczyk	Jack Louis Bazerque
Grady Patrick Craig	Luciana Grace Stockton-Rossini
Scarlett Maeve Foley	

Deceased:

Davie Weiner	Francis X. O'Connor
Joseph Watters	Marie Munkacsy
Joseph Wright	Gary Taylor
Diane Fleishinger, <i>ofs</i>	Jenny Koziol
Robert Gallagher	Antonius Van Saase
John Daly	George Sansverie
Jan Scavo, <i>ofs</i>	John Herrman
Kathy Larson-Gutwoski	Virginia Maples
Wanda Glemser	Carol McGill
James Bighan	

"Dinner with Friends"

We are inviting all widows and widowers to join us at our monthly *"Dinner with Friends"*. This gathering is an hour or two of pleasant conversations and an informal dinner. Please bring your dinner with you.

June's gathering will be on **Wednesday, June 14th** at 5:15pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. The entrance to the hall is at the northern end of the church/hall building on the boulevard side.

If you need a ride to/from the gathering, please call Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974 to arrange for your transportation. Hope you can join us ... all are welcome. Peace and all good!

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:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."



It is through the Son that we have come to know God, to believe, and to be saved. And what we have learned is that God's very essence is relationship, is extraordinary love.

Perhaps God needs to be three persons so that love has someplace to go.

Let us do our best to live lives full of love, joy and peace and thereby reflect God's love for all of us.

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$32,000**

Utilities

All of us are concerned about the rising cost of utility bills. We here at St. Francis are not immune from those increases and we need your assistance to ensure that we cover our utility expenses. Please be generous.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$40,173**

Needed: **\$52,000**

Last Week's Second Collection:

Friary Maintenance

Collected: **\$11,702**

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00

Pledged: \$50,520.80 (51% of Goal)

Paid: \$44,698.80 (45% of Goal)

Total Donors: 225

Total Gifts: 237

Average Gift: \$213.17

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

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) 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

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. **Circling the Sun** by Paula McLain. Next meeting Tuesday, **June 27**, 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 **June 7**, 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

The Chosen

Another in the famous series, "The Chosen"

will be shown Tuesday, **June 23rd**

after the 9:00 AM Mass (c. 9:45 AM)

and 7:00 PM in Room 212 at the Center.

This episode shows the drama of the sending forth of the apostles two by two. It is an interesting episode and there will be a discussion after each showing. Take this opportunity to grow in your understanding of what life was like in the New Testament times.

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@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.



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

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.



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)

*Do you ever wish you could stop the world for a day,
catch your breath and have a chance to reflect on what's
really important in your life?*

The 24-hour Cornerstone is designed to do just that.

SAVE THE DATE!
**St. Francis Women's
Cornerstone Experience**
For women 18+



...Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his love endures forever.
Psalm 106.1

October 20th & 21st, 2023

For more information contact

Lauren Finelli at lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or

Marion Pierri at mdp93@comcast.net

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

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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 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.



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

2023 Car Raffle

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate
 "Car Raffle" on the envelope or purchase online at
stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle No phone purchases

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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

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

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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

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.



Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Summer Brochure** online at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

JUNE 6 & 8
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Basic Boating Safety Courses

NJ Certified
Ages 13 & Up

Must attend both nights
The NJ State Certification Course for Basic Boating Safety will consist of a total of 8 hours of lecture and video with homework and test. Workbooks will be provided.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

June 13

9:00 AM

St. Francis Community Center Gym

NEW FOR SUMMER 2023!

2 Month Summer Aquatic Center Membership
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

June 1 - August 30 ONLY

\$100 / Person 12 months and older

No family rates and cannot be combined with any other discount

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.

Did You Know??

Did you know **The Front Desk** of The Community Center intakes approximately 400 new participants into our computer data base each year? The Front Desk then creates the address labels for our tri-yearly brochure mailings, which promote the Community Center's programs and events. Our most current Brochure is always available online at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org. Some of our up-coming events include the Summer Solstice Craft Show on Saturday, **June 10th** from 9:30am-4pm in the Center Gymnasium and then summer registration for all aquatic and recreation classes begins on Tuesday, **June 13th** at 9am in the Center gymnasium. We will be having TWO, that's right TWO, Swimming Under the Stars events this year, one featuring the Disney movie Moana and the second movie is Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. We're introducing a Tuesday Family Fun Night this summer and of course, Coach Manzo and Coach Pamp will be back for summer basketball and Camp Games. Great things are always happening here at St. Francis Community Center, follow us on Facebook at [stfrancislbi](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancislbi) and Instagram at [StFrancisCommunityCenter](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisCommunityCenter).

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.grownjkids.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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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***

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.

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

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

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Monday, **June 12**, 9:30 AM – Noon

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GOD'S EVER-PRESENT LOVE IN MOTION

Wednesday, **June 14**, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

We will experience His ever-present love through Centering Prayer, music, and movement. Led by Bernadette Citarella. Donation: \$25 includes lunch.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Wednesday, **June 14** & Friday, **June 16** 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

5 – DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

June 25 – 30, Sunday to Friday; **July 21 – 26**, Friday to Wednesday

July 30 – August 4, Sunday to Friday

Liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Donation: \$425; \$75 non-refundable deposit.

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

Liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Donation: \$600; \$100 non-refundable deposit.

7 – DAY CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

August 6 – 13, Sunday to Sunday

The schedule provides many communal Centering Prayer periods, which are usually preceded by 20 minutes of Lectio Divina.

Donation: \$600; \$100 non-refundable deposit with registration.

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

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Monday, July 24 – Sunday, July 30.

Directed: Private prayer, mass and meet each day with a Spiritual Director.

Private: Private prayer, mass and quiet time away.

Spiritual Director: Anita M. Constance, SC

For more information: www.marisstella.org or call

Sr. Pat 609-494-2917 or 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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