

THE BRIDGE



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

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Because the loaf is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. 1 Cor. 10:17

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 11, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, June 10	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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	<i>Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</i> 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
Monday, June 12	9:00 AM +John V. Raftery +Donna Knode	2 Cor. 1:1-7; Mt. 5:1-12	
Tuesday, June 13	9:00 AM <i>St. Anthony of Padua</i> +Gary Redmond	Eph. 4:7, 11-15; Mk. 16:15-20	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, June 14	9:00 AM +Dr. Anthony D'Souza, Sr.	2 Cor. 3:4-11; Mt. 5:17-19	9:30 AM Bible Talks After Mass 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 5:15 PM Dinner with Friends, Church Hall
Thursday, June 15	9:00 AM +Jane Holland	2 Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt. 5:20-26	12:00 PM Employee In-Service
Friday, June 16	9:00 AM +Kerri Ann Pavan	Dt. 7:6-11; 1 Jn. 4:7-16; Mt. 11:25-30	
Saturday, June 17	9:00 AM +Elizabeth Beth Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <i>Father's Day with Special Blessing</i> +Fran Jennetté +Lori Ghio +John Louis Datino, Jr.	2 Cor. 5:14-21; Lk. 2:41-51 Ex. 19:2-6a; Rom. 5:6-11; Mt. 9:36-10:8	
Sunday, June 18	<i>Father's Day with Special Blessing</i> 7:15 AM +John L. Butler +Jeanne Butler Corey +Lisa Butler 8:30 AM +Eugene D'Amico +Edward Pottichen +Richard Cortellino +Marie Federico 10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Father's</i> 11:30 AM +Edward W. Shanley +Edward J. Shanley +Carl Filipovsky +Thomas Lynn	Ex. 19:2-6a; Rom. 5:6-11; Mt. 9:36-10:8	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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.

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

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 10	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, June 11	8:30 AM +Benefactors 10:00 AM +Richard Heuser +James M. Kempski
Saturday, June 17	5:00 PM +Ray & Mary Saunderson
Sunday, June 18	8:30 AM +Louise Muzin 10:00 AM +Intentions of All Father's

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 10	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +People of the Parish
Sunday, June 11	10:00 AM +Joseph Watters
Saturday, June 17	5:00 PM +Dr. John D. Barone +Joseph Reynolds
Sunday, June 18	10:00 AM +Intentions of all Father's

St. Clare Church *Closed through June 24/25*


St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign
Stewardship: *The Joy of Sharing the Gospel*



Many thanks to all the parishioners who have already made their "Increased Offertory" commitment! **The goal of having offertory collections equal operating expenses is the dream of every parish.** We know we can realize that dream at St. Francis of Assisi, because our parishioners have been so generous in the past. We have not reached our ambitious goal yet, but we are confident that with your support our offertory will grow and match our day-to-day operating expenses.

If you have not had the time to submit a Commitment Card, we have mailed you a reminder letter with a personalized Commitment Card. This is an opportunity to reflect upon and renew your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of our unique parish. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office to set up a meeting with one of our Friars or with a member of the Stewardship Committee...or include your questions on your Commitment card and we will get back to you. **We want to hear from you!**

In Observance of Juneteenth
National Independence Day
St. Francis Parish & Community Center
will be **CLOSED**
Monday, June 19th



A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Eucharist – Thanksgiving!

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks (εὐχαριστήσας - eucharistia), he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me". — 1 Corinthians 11:23–24

Last week I shared with you the news that the friars would be away for the week at a provincial-wide meeting. In doing so I had to postpone my thanks to our wonderful parishioners who spoke at all the Masses on Pentecost Weekend. As a part of the roll-out of our Stewardship program, I asked some of our fellow parishioners to speak at the Masses and share their thoughts on what they love about being a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. They each rose to the request and did a fantastic job. I am only sorry that I could not hear all of them.

When I introduced the parish to Stewardship a few weeks ago I shared the dictionary's definition of it as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” But it is more than that. It includes the sense of belonging to something larger than ourselves and a desire to ensure it succeeds. Everyone who stood before you at Mass two weekends ago shared their story and spoke about why they find St. Francis Parish so enriching and life-giving. Many of them told me that they were humbled to be asked to speak to the community. I was humbled by what they said. I was moved by their excitement to be a part of this faith community. Their feeling at home and being welcomed speaks volumes about the depth of our Christian hospitality, and their joy of being a part of a community that leads them to a closer relationship with God is the very reason we exist. We often hear so many negative things about our Catholic church. My spirit was lifted when I heard them speak [or read, in some cases] about their positive experience of being a member of our Catholic community. It is my hope is that as we embrace a stewardship model of church that excitement and life-giving message will increase for all our members and guests.

The three great solemnities of these past three weekends define us all. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body of Christ. The end of the Easter season brought forth the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and from within the great mystery of the Most Holy Trinity the Body of Christ is formed and becomes present in our midst in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and in the sacramentality of our Church, the Body of Christ.

St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians tells the Church that we are the Body of Christ. “There is one body, but it has many parts... We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body.” [1 Corinthians 12:12-13] In verse 27, St. Paul adds, “Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.” As with a body, the Church is a living entity, and it exists in our time because we come together as a community of believers. Our Church's catechism teaches us that “The comparison of the Church with the body casts light on the intimate bond between Christ and his Church. Not only is she gathered around him; she is united in him, in his body. Three aspects of the Church as the Body of Christ are to be more specifically noted: the unity of all her members with each other as a result of their union with Christ; Christ as head of the Body; and the Church as the bride of Christ.” CCC 789

I offer my sincere thanks to Jim and Pat Heimlich, Bill Malone, Angela Ominski, Jen and Anthony Mauro, Jim and MaryEllen Moench, Tom Ball, Don Essig, Bill and Jean Roberts, Skip and Maddy Foley, Cathy Maxwell, Bobbi Greene, and Marie Logue for being such a great part of our community, and for having the courage to share their stories as members of the Body of Christ. Thank you all!

I would also like to thank everyone who has responded and committed themselves and their families to our Stewardship program. The response with your commitment cards has been tremendous. Thank you for committing to be a great part of this community, as we gather together to partake in, to be, and to become the Body of Christ in our time.

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

Emergency Information: Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: schoolclosingsnj.com and facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi.

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

Parish Registration: The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

Baptism: The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

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

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

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

Parish Office

Michele Beck, Director, Liturgy & Music
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation
Deacon Robert Cunningham
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor
Fr. John Frambes, OFM
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Sr. Pat Klemm, OSF (in-residence)
Marie Maslanka, Parish Secretary
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

Parish Finance Council

Cecelia Fowler	Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Angelo Rinaldi	Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Jay Pojednic	Joe Hummel
Joe Mack	Joe Vaszily
Peter Williams	Stacey Kelsall, Comptroller

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

St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861
Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554
Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407
Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861
Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760
Recreation & Aquatics - (609) 494-8861 ext. 105
Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$32,000

St. Francis Emergency Fund

The St. Francis Emergency Fund helps the parish & center continue its work especially when unforeseen disasters or repairs are needed. Thank you for your generosity.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$30,442

Needed: \$32,000

Last Week's Second Collection:

Utilities

Collected: \$9,029




(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00
Pledged: \$50,912.80 (51% of Goal)
Paid: \$44,916.80 (45% of Goal)
Total Donors: 228
Total Gifts: 240
Average Gift: \$212.14

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

Gospel Inspirations:



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

Three times in this scripture Jesus promises eternal life to those who receive Him in the Eucharist. This is not a symbolic act. This is the promise of eternal life for those who welcome Jesus' presence within them—body and spirit—in Holy Communion.

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)



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.

There is no tuition for catechists

Mass Schedule – 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/stfrancisparylbi

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**

The Chosen

Another in the famous series, “The Chosen” will be shown Tuesday, **June 13th** 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.

(note corrected date)

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction



(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director).

How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions

like these are the focus of spiritual direction or “soul care”. The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Pat Simmons, (609) 661-661-1361

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or “Divine Reading” and a period of silent prayer. We meet by Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan.chaplain@gmail.com) for the link.

On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

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 21**, 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 **July 13**, 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@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.

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 lfg_finelli@hotmail.com or
Marion Pierri at mdp93@comcast.net



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)



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.

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 usall are welcome.

Peace and all good!

**2023
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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.



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: _____

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

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.



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 upcoming 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

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.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

June 13

9:00 AM

St. Francis Community Center Gym

NEW FOR SUMMER 2023!

2 Month Summer Aquatic Center Membership
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June 1 - August 30 ONLY

\$100 / Person 12 months and older

No family rates and cannot be combined with any other discount

Mandatory Swim Team Parents Meeting:
Thursday, June 22nd at 4:00 PM
in the Community Center Gymnasium

OPEN GYM

through August 24

Thursday Nights

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

No Open Gym 8/10

Saturday Mornings

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

No Open Gym 8/12



PICKLEBALL

through August 23

Wednesday Nights

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

No Pickleball 8/9

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

St. Francis Community Center

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56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies



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

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:

Canned Vegetables, Canned Baked Beans, Canned Chicken, Oatmeal, Ketchup/Mustard, Coffee/Tea, Nutritional Drinks Shampoo, Soap, Laundry Detergent, Diapers Sizes 4,5,6

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

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



St. Francis Community Center's Preschool and Childcare are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

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

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4 - DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

August 14 – 18, Monday to Friday

Liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly.

Donation: \$350; \$75 non-refundable deposit

5 - DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

June 25 – 30, July 21 – 26, July 30 – August 4

Liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly.

Donation: \$425; \$75 non-refundable deposit.

7 - DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

July 2 – 9, July 12 – 19, August 20 – 27, September 22 – 29

Liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly.

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

A Centering Prayer retreat invites you to go more deeply into the silence and stillness, which facilitates growth in Contemplative Prayer and attentiveness to God's Word. 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.

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Monday, July 24 – Sunday, July 30.

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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

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