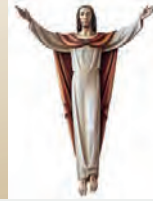


# THE BRIDGE



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

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*“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.” Mt. 9:37*

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 18, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, June 17	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Elizabeth Beth Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <b>Father's Day with Special Blessing</b> +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	<b>Father's Day with Special Blessing</b> 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 +Intentions of All Father's 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> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, June 19	9:00 AM +John L. Butler +Jeanne Butler Corey +Lisa Butler	2 Cor. 6:1-10; Mt. 5:38-42	Parish and Center is CLOSED
Tuesday, June 20	9:00 AM +James M. Kempski	2 Cor. 8:1-9; Mt. 5:43-48	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, June 21	9:00 AM +Phyllis Ryan +Rosemarie B. Wirth	2 Cor. 9:6-11; Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, June 22	9:00 AM (L)Gerry & Joe Rosone <i>60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i>	2 Cor. 11:1-11; Mt. 6:7-15	
Friday, June 23	9:00 AM +John L. Butler +Jeanne Butler Corey +Lisa Butler +Jerry Robertson	2 Cor. 11:18, 21-30; Mt. 6:19-23	
Saturday, June 24	9:00 AM + <i>Benefactors</i>  3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté	Is. 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk. 1:57-66, 80 Jer. 20:10-13; Rom. 5:12-15; Mt. 10:26-33	
Sunday, June 25	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Edmund Holdwright +Michael Asselta 10:00 AM +Sonny & Eleanor Tarsitano +Dr. Valerie Tarsitano Reddam +Cathi Bott Trangone 11:30 AM +Rita & Andrew Anzalone +Laura Tellez +Ada Oetjengerdes	Jer. 20:10-13; Rom. 5:12-15; Mt. 10:26-33	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

### 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.

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



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

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

Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:

**StFrancisChurchLBI**


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

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 17	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Ray & Mary Saunderson
Sunday, June 18	8:30 AM +Louis Muzin 10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Father's</i>
Saturday, June 24	5:00 PM +James Mongey
Sunday, June 25	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Cecelia Gosford +Vince Malandra

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 17	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Dr. John D. Barone +Joseph Reynolds
Sunday, June 18	10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of all Father's</i>
Saturday, June 24	5:00 PM +Irene (Flynn) Sommer
Sunday, June 25	10:00 AM +Kathleen Lynch +Harry & Josephine Clark

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

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



We offer an enthusiastic **thank you** to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Cards early. **Your generosity never ceases to amaze and encourage us!**

For those who haven't had the opportunity to make your commitment, we hope you will soon. Remember, a commitment is not like a pledge or a bill. It is a sacrificial gift that you will strive to fulfill.

Our 2023-24 budget depends in part on the success of this stewardship effort to increase our parish offertory. To be fair to everyone, our planning is based on an *equal sacrifice* from all of our parishioners...*and not on an equal amount.* We humbly ask you to complete and send us your Commitment card letting us know your plans for your offertory giving. We believe 100% participation is possible for St. Francis of Assisi Parish! Please don't forget to share your prayer intentions with our priests on the back of the card.

If you misplaced the card we mailed to you, no worries! You will be receiving another in the mail in the coming days or you can feel free to pick one up from the Narthex. You can return your card by mailing it or dropping it off at the Church Office or returning it with next week's offertory collection.

Thank you for your generosity and helping St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be the best that we can be!

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

### Happy Father's Day

A Happy Father's Day to all of our dads!! Did you know that Father's Day did not become a federal holiday until 1972? The beginnings of Mother's Day go back to the late 1860's after the civil war. It became a federal holiday in 1914. According to the History Channel, the State of Washington was the first state to have a statewide celebration of Father's Day in 1910. That came about because Sonora

Smart Dodd wanted to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day because she recognized the heroic actions of her widowed father who raised her and her five siblings. The idea of celebrating fathers slowly caught on and in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day but it wasn't until 1972 that Father's Day become a federal holiday.

Interest to note is that in Europe and Latin America fathers are usually honored on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. If you think it took a long time for fathers to be recognized in the United States, it wasn't until May 2013 that St. Joseph was finally added to the Eucharistic Prayers of our Church. Tradition has always told us that St. Joseph was a very patient father.

Many blessings on all of our fathers and all those father figures in our lives. May God continue to bless you all with Peace and All Good.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

### Bless Our Fathers

*Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless our fathers for the many times they reflected Your love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy.*

*We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.*

*We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.*

*Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people.*

*We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life be welcomed into Your loving embrace.*

*In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day on all of our fathers.  
Amen. - Tony Rossi [adapted]*

## 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/stfrancisparishlbi](http://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](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: **\$35,000**

### Saint Mary's Academy

Catholic education in the Diocese of Trenton is funded primarily by tuition, as well as contributions from every parish. Our parish assessment this year is \$120,000.00 and is used to support Saint Mary's Academy Catholic School in Manahawkin that we co-sponsor with 4 other area parishes. This collection helps us meet that obligation. Thank you for your support.

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$29,286**

Needed: **\$32,000**

### Last Week's Second Collection:

### St. Francis Emergency Fund

Collected: **\$8,160**




(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



**6.5 Million Diocesan Goal**

**St. Francis Parish Goal:** \$100,000.00  
**Pledged:** \$51,892.80 (52% of Goal)  
**Paid:** \$45,946.80 (46% of Goal)  
**Total Donors:** 231  
**Total Gifts:** 245  
**Average Gift:** \$211.81

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

## Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist



If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx [**host container**] to mass. If you forget your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.

## 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


## Gospel Inspirations:

“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”

**Our instructions from Jesus are to heal the world loving everyone - especially the sick, the troubled and the abandoned - as He has loved us: unconditionally and with no exceptions.**

*Love one another. Free of charge.*





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

## 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](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 - **Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 AM, Zoom**  
**Saturday, July 8, 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, **July 12**, 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next meeting Wednesday **June 21**, 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 **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@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.

*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 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

For more information contact  
Lauren Finelli at [lgf\\_finelli@hotmail.com](mailto:lgf_finelli@hotmail.com) or  
Marion Pierri at [mdp93@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:chumsley@comcast.net)

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

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

(Can accept 1/2 payment in June)



**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 [abuse@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuse@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.

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

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



*You're Invited*

*The Annual Garden Party by the Sea*  
A Fashion Show

*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](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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Swimming Under the Stars**

**St. Francis Outdoor Pool**

**\$10/Person**

**Wednesday, July 12**

**6:00 - 10:30 PM**



Our heated outdoor pool will be open for an evening of fun!

Enjoy a complimentary movie "MOANA" on the big screen!

(rain date July 13)

Light refreshments and

50/50 tickets will be available for purchase.

(There are no refunds)

## 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](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org) or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.



### OUTDOOR POOL HOURS

**June 26 - September 3**

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Monday-Friday)  
10:00 AM-5:00 PM (Saturday and Sunday)

**August 27 - September 3**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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

## Basic Boating Safety Course - NJ Certified

**Ages 13 & Up**

**June 20 & 22**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

**5:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Multi-Purpose Room, Aquatic Center**

*(Must attend both nights)*



## 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??

**St Francis Counseling Service** is offering three no-fee groups that will be starting in **July**. **"Surviving to Thriving"** is a support group for survivors of sexual assault. **"Parenting After"** is a support group for parents of children who have experienced sexual abuse. **"Journey Through Grief"** is a support group for those who have experienced a loss, resulting in the need to work through the grief process. Services are free, but registration is needed. Call 609-494-1554 for more information and to register.

## 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).

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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:

**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

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## Community Bulletin Board

### Francis House of Prayer

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#### 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 contemplative prayer periods. 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 contemplative prayer periods. Donation: \$600; \$100 non-refundable deposit.

#### 7 – DAY CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

**August 6 – 13**

A Centering Prayer retreat invites you to go more deeply into the silence communal Centering Prayer periods, and 20 minutes of Lectio Divina.

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

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For more information: [www.marisstella.org](http://www.marisstella.org) or call

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### Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

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