

# THE BRIDGE



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

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH • 4700 LONG BEACH BOULEVARD, BRANT BEACH, NJ 08008



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*Not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Mt. 10:28*

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 25, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, June 24	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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>
Monday, June 26	9:00 AM +John Mulhern +Angeline Manzi	Gn. 12:1-9; Mt. 7:1-5	
Tuesday, June 27	9:00 AM +Barbara P. Bishop	Gn. 13:2, 5-18; Mt. 7:6, 12-14	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212
Wednesday, June 28	9:00 AM +Michael DiBernardo +Lynn-Long-Kenny Family	Gn. 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt. 7:15-20	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, June 29	9:00 AM +Arlene D' Souza +Paul McCarthy	Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm. 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt. 16:13-19	
Friday, June 30	9:00 AM +Thomas Campagnolo +Donna Pirozzi Stewart	Gn. 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt. 8:1-4	
Saturday, July 1	9:00 AM +Marie Davey  3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté +Stanislawa Kochanek (L)Troy Williams +John P. Cicchino	Gn. 18:1-15; Mt. 8:5-17 2 Kgs. 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom. 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt. 10:37-42	
Sunday, July 2	7:15 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 8:30 AM +Michael & Anne Schneider +Michael Spagna +Dr. Jack Qualter 10:00 AM +Mary & Sau Dimichino +Anne & Mario DeFilippis +Mary Ann & Frank Adamczyk +Gerald & Frances Rothstein 11:30 AM +John Cicchino +Shevaun Corbett Sylven +Ray Corbett +Marie Davey	2 Kgs. 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom. 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt. 10:37-42	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</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 24	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +James Mongey
Sunday, June 25	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Cecelia Gosford +Vince Malandra
Saturday, July 1	5:00 PM +Ernest Hibberd +Lorraine Gisel
Sunday, July 2	8:30 AM +Luz Gonzalez 10:00 AM +John & Mary McElvenny +William Hester +Emily Giovannetti 11:30 AM +Eugenia Vitocco Sacco

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 24	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Irene (Flynn) Sommer
Sunday, June 25	10:00 AM +Kathleen Lynch +Harry & Josephine Clark
Saturday, July 1	5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper
Sunday, July 2	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +A. Klair McGlynn-Filarsky 11:30 AM +Carmella & Edward Wardell +Rose Titta +Joseph Reynolds

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday/Sunday June 24/25	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> <b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday, July 1	5:00 PM +Elizabeth Feehan +Joseph & Kevin Feehan
Sunday, July 2	8:30 AM +Richard Doyle, <i>ofs</i> 10:00 AM +Wendy Pero

**Mass Schedule - CHANGE**  
**July 1/2 through September 2/3**

<b>St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach</b> 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 <b>Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
<b>St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City -</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven -</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
<b>St. Clare, Loveladies -</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

**A Letter From The Pastor...** 



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 25, 2023**

**Thank You for a Fashionable St. Francis!**  
This past Wednesday many of the pastoral staff and scads of faithful parishioners and friends were models in the parish's annual "St. Francis Fashion Show and Garden Party." **THIS WAS NOT EVEN IN THE SMALL PRINT WHEN I ENTERED THE FRIARS!! BUT...** it was a lot of fun!

We had a great turn out and of course the enter event was an incredible experience for everyone. This ticket-only event happened at *Bonnet Island Estate*. Three cheers to Chris Vernon and the staff at *Bonnet Island Estate* for their generous welcome and for gifting the parish the use of this beautiful venue. Thank you for your kindness and all your help with one of our great parish events.

I remember walking the catwalk when the Fashion Show was held in the Brant Beach Church Hall. We have come a VERY long way from those days.

A resounding THANK YOU to the committee that put all the pieces together and truly produced an event to knock your socks off... but don't worry... there were plenty of socks to replace them! Thank you to *Tina Kelsall*, committee chair, and to the committee: *Molly Casella, Amanda DeFusco, Michelle DiBella, Maureen Kastner, Toby McCarthy, Arlene Morrison, Nicole Picaro, Dot Pojednic, Lisa Suddeth, and Theresa Valeriani*. Their hard work and continuous effort to create something beautiful are truly appreciated not only by us at St. Francis but by everyone who attends. There is a reason this event sells out months before it even happens.

I would also like to thank the sponsors for their generous donations to this event. Their generosity helps us to continue to produce a top notch event year after year.

Thank you, also, to the many [*if not most*] of our local businesses. Their donations produced the 10 collections of items for the Chance Auction. From "Crusin' Around Town" to "Bone Voyage" the items in the Chance Auction valued over \$10,000. Ten lucky people went home with a lot more in the back of their cars than when they arrived! Please see our parish website for the list of our sponsors and donors.

Do you remember at the end of a TV program when a faceless voice would announce the sponsors and then they would say the name of the lead actor or actress and tell us that their "Wardrobe was furnished by..."? Well, roll the credits.

The wardrobes for the *St. Francis Fashion Show and Garden Party* were furnished by

- *Sur La Plage*, 1002 N Bay Ave, Beach Haven
- *Wildflowers by the Lighthouse*, 410 Broadway, Barnegat Light
- *Sink'r Swim Men's Shop and Sink'r Swim Women's Shop*, 11205 Long Beach Blvd, LBT
- *Queen's City, Inc*, 615 N Bay Ave., Beach Haven

If you patronize one of the stores or those on our donor list please thank them for supporting St. Francis of Assisi Parish. We are all grateful.

And for our modern age, thank you to Arian Selmani of *Keel Marketing Agency* for our online presence and advertising.

Here's to next year's "*Garden Party by the Sea*." Remember, if you would like to join in the fun, get your tickets early. They sell out quickly.

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](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**

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$29,982**

Needed: **\$35,000**

### Last Week's Second Collection:

**Saint Mary's Academy**

Collected: **\$8,565**



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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

### SECOND COLLECTION- PETER'S PENCE

This weekend our second collection is for Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html)



**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:** \$52,662.80 (53% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$46,814.80 (47% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 236

**Total Gifts:** 251

**Average Gift:** \$209.81

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

## Family Faith

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



## Gospel Inspirations:

*“Even all the hairs on your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*



**As He prepares His disciples for the hardships they will encounter, Jesus reassures them that God will be with them always. God cares so much for us that He even knows the number of hairs on our heads.**

*When we are afraid, we can remind ourselves that God is near and knows and loves us completely. Be not afraid.*



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

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

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

## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign

*Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel*



While we introduced our Parish an “Increased Offertory” effort only one month ago, there are signs that our weekly collections are already increasing. To those who have already completed and returned your Commitment Cards and to those who have already increased their weekly gifts, “Thank You” for your early response and greater understanding of our Parish’s financial needs. Completed

Commitment Cards continue to arrive daily; our hope is that we will achieve our 13% offertory increase and, thereby, match our planned 2023/24 operating expenses.

If you have not yet decided to make your commitment, we paraphrase the words of Pope Francis...**let us not reflect on giving as a subtraction but rather as spiritual multiplication.** Your decision and generosity will demonstrate your willingness to be a faithful Seward of St. Francis of Assisi and its ministries.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



## Spiritual Direction

This weekend one of the parish spiritual directors will be available after most Masses to share a brochure about this ministry and respond to what interest or questions you may have about spiritual direction. Please take a brochure, read and share it! Like to know more? You can also 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) 661-661-136

## 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 **July 5**, 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@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancisbi.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.

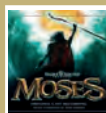
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**St. Francis Women's  
Cornerstone Experience**  
For women 18+



...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\\_fnelli@hotmail.com](mailto:lgf_fnelli@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)

Last time to make reservations would be  
**July 24**

### Embrace Our Way of Life

**Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA**  
Vocation Office [vocations@osfphil.org](mailto: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](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)

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**2023  
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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.

**2023 Car Raffle**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**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)



**Festival of the Sea**

**August 8 - August 12**  
**6:00 - 10:00 PM**

**St. Francis Parish & Community Center**

**Volunteers Needed!**

Contact Michelle DiBella at 609-494-8861 ext. 107

**Cultural Competency Statement**

The St. Francis Center recognizes a culturally diverse community and makes a commitment to the principles of multiculturalism as a means of understanding, accepting, valuing, and supporting cultural diversity. The term Multicultural is applied broadly to include issues of minority or marginalized status as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, use of English as a second language, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, spirituality, and the elderly. The St. Francis Center proposes to develop programs and practices that assist staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize, accept, and affirm differences and similarities among people and provide services that are supportive and inclusive of all members of the community.

## 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??

**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.

## 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.

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**Thursday Nights**

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*No Open Gym 8/10*

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**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*

## Declaración de Capacidad

El Centro St. Francis reconoce una comunidad culturalmente diversa y hace un compromiso con los principios de multiculturalismo como un medio para entender, aceptar, valorar y apoyar la diversidad cultural. El término Multicultural se aplica ampliamente para incluir asuntos de minorías o estado de marginalización con respecto a raza, etnicidad, cultura, estado socioeconómico, uso del inglés como segundo idioma, género, orientación sexual, discapacidad, religión, espiritualidad y vejez. El Centro St. Francis propone desarrollar programas y prácticas que ayuden al personal, miembros de la junta directiva y voluntarios a reconocer, aceptar y afirmar las diferencias y similitudes entre la gente así como proveer servicios que apoyen e incluyan a todos los miembros de la comunidad.



## Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

*Walk-ins are welcome!*

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

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

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

**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

## 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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- 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*

## Community Bulletin Board

### Francis House of Prayer

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#### 4 - DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM - Ends 10:00 AM

**August 14 - 18**

Liturgy, spiritual direction, and contemplative prayer periods

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

#### 5 - DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM - Ends 10:00 AM

**July 21 - 26, July 30 - August 4**

Liturgy, spiritual direction, and contemplative prayer periods are

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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 are

included. 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 and stillness. Communal Centering Prayer periods, and 20 minutes of Lectio Divina.

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

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Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

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