

# 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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*We hope these truths to be self evident. Mt. 10:37-42*

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, July 1	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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 & Sal 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>
Monday, July 3	9:00 AM +Joseph Hedrich +Frances M. Doyle	Eph. 2:19-22; Jn. 20:24-29	
Tuesday, July 4	9:00 AM <b>Independence Day</b> +Ronald Fuydal +Ray Corbett +Bridget Boland	Gn. 19:15-29; Mt. 8:23-27	Parish and Center is CLOSED 9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, July 5	9:00 AM +Mary Corcoran	Gn. 21:5, 8-20a; Mt. 8:28-34	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, July 6	9:00 AM +Louis Bunnick	Gn. 22:1b-19; Mt. 9:1-8	
Friday, July 7	9:00 AM +Richard Pumphrey	Gn. 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-27; Mt. 9:9-13	
Saturday, July 8	9:00 AM +Jane Barrington +Henry Scala 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté +Florence Bryne	Gn. 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt. 9:14-17 Zech. 9:9-10; Rom. 8:9, 11-13; Mt. 11:25-30	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, July 9	7:15 AM +Walter Radomski, Jr. 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Phyllis Gordon 10:00 AM +Lynn Gansley +Davie Weiner +Marie Munkacsy 11:30 AM +Elizabeth Leinhauser +Bernard James Mormella II +Frances Conroy	Zech. 9:9-10; Rom. 8:9, 11-13; Mt. 11:25-30	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</a>

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



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:



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

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)


### Emergency Information

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

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 1	(L) Living +Deceased 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
Saturday, July 8	5:00 PM +Pollack Family +Bunnie Bellotti
Sunday, July 9	8:30 AM +Robert Graif 10:00 AM +Margaret Wozny +Cecilia Gosford +Harry Hertzog 11:30 AM +People of the Parish

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 1	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper
Sunday, July 2	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +A. Klair McGlynn-Filarsky 11:30 AM +Carmella & Edward Wardell +Rose Titta +Joseph Reynolds
Saturday, July 8	5:00 PM +Mary Santoro +Martha Spinelli +Nancy Anderson
Sunday, July 9	8:30 AM +Trudy Kretchman +Kevin Quinn +Edward Leppert 10:00 AM +Frances Buterick +Marie Turi 11:30 AM +Ann & Rocco Loverro

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 1	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Elizabeth Feehan +Joseph & Kevin Feehan
Sunday, July 2	8:30 AM +Richard Doyle, ofS 10:00 AM +Wendy Pero
Saturday, July 8	5:00 PM +Benefactors
Sunday, July 9	8:30 AM +Deacon Roger Dinella 10:00 AM +Evelyn Borea

 The St. Francis Parish & Center will be CLOSED:  
Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Independence Day

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 2, 2023 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

If Memorial Day is the “beginning” of summer, I think it is safe to say that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is the peak of summer. From my experience here at St. Francis, it is always our peak in terms of the number of people who join us at our weekend Masses. It is a great summer holiday, and there is no better place to be than at the beach. Welcome to one and all and especially to our guests.

As a parish community, we are celebrating our stewardship program, “The Joy of Sharing the Gospel.” Stewardship is about careful and responsible management of that which is entrusted to our care. In our case, it is the stewardship of our parish.

The fundamental reason for our existence is that we are a community of faith that lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with God’s Grace strives to continue to build the Kingdom of God in our midst. Our parish life is dynamic and our liturgical celebrations are welcoming and enriching. As you can see from our bulletin as well as the St. Francis Center brochure, we carry that spirit beyond the weekends and reach out to the larger community in so many ways. Stewardship is about making sure that St. Francis of Assisi Parish continues for generations to come.

We are blessed to have four churches on the island to welcome our many guests. As you know, these churches open and close depending on the season. It is exciting to see the churches full and it is a joy to participate in robust celebrations with all the faithful. But when the season passes, like the receding tide, the crowds begin to diminish, yet our buildings remain, waiting for the next season’s guests.

The Parish Finance Council and I have created a two-pronged approach to help stabilize our finances and produce a sustainable future for our parish. The plan includes the creation of an endowment with the funds from the sale of three church properties and inviting the parishioners to become stewards of our parish. The endowment will be a great help to our parish but it is not enough to bridge the gap between operating expenses and our income.

It is for this reason that I appeal to our summer residents, our summer guests, and our online participants to consider becoming a steward of St. Francis Parish so we can continue to have a strong and vital Catholic presence on Long Beach Island.

There are stewardship commitment cards in the pews, at the doors of the churches, or on our webpage: <https://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/news/this-weekend-our-parish-begins-our-stewardship-program-the-joy-of-sharing-the-gospel>.


I ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a steward of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and consider a weekly, monthly, or one time contribution to support your church away from home.

May God continue to bless you and your families, our stewardship program, and, of course, May God continue to bless America. Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign

*Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel*



So, how do I explain **Stewardship** to a new Parishioner?

**First**, it's acknowledging that our gifts of time, talent and treasure come from God, and that as Christians we are expected to **SHARE** these gifts joyfully.

**Second**, it's about **OWNERSHIP**, that we the parishioners own the parish, not the Diocese or our wonderful Friars...that with ownership comes responsibility.

**Third**, it's about **EDUCATION**, and learning what it takes to run our parish and exploring how our unique gifts might address Parish needs.

**Fourth**, it's about **COMMITMENT** to not only to its Sacramental life, but also its Ministerial and social life, believing that our involvement will help create an even more vibrant parish than we enjoy today, as well as a spiritually and fiscally strong future.

\*\*\*\*\*If you have not yet committed to Stewardship, you will receive a final letter this week encouraging your involvement. Please consider the above as you decide whether to make this sacrificial commitment. If you received a letter and have already



## 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: \$55,000

### This Week's Second Collection:

Peter's Pence

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$30,332

Needed: \$35,000

### Last Week's Second Collection:

Parish Operating Expenses

Collected: \$9,962

(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/](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/)



**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:** \$54,762.80 (55% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$49,094.80 (49% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 240

**Total Gifts:** 255

**Average Gift:** \$214.76

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

## Gospel Inspirations:



**"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."**

**Whenever we offer someone hospitality, we are offering hospitality to Jesus. We are called to see Jesus in everyone we meet – especially those in need.**

**Who can I reach out to this week?**

## Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)

[jlclayton@stfrancislbi.org](mailto:jlclayton@stfrancislbi.org)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



### About our Program

St. Francis of Assisi Family Faith Religious Education program is a partnership approach to faith formation.

Today's families are very busy juggling home, work, sports, volunteering and carpooling to name just a few activities.

Although faced with this growing demand on their time, families still believe that a strong faith foundation is essential. Sharing faith with their children strengthens values and forms guidelines to navigate today's society.

Our ministry is characterized by welcome and engagement.

Family integrated catechesis is based on the belief that Faith has always been passed on through the Family.

Spiritual development requires support, guidance and community.

Our monthly adult and child classes, led by committed catechists, emphasize the tradition of passing on the faith through a community of believers.

Some benefits of this approach are:

- Realization that Faith development is a life-long journey
- Common experience about forming faith
- Discussion and learning continues at home
- Strengthens ties to parish community
- Support the families as the first and foremost teacher for their children.

This year we were able to introduce a program to assist special needs children with preparation for the reception of the Sacraments. Two of our catechists have specialized certifications and they created lessons to capture the children's interests and abilities.

The framework of the catechetical program consists of six fundamental tasks.

- Promote the faith
- Liturgical education
- Moral formation
- Prayer
- Develop Christian community
- Share the Faith

In addition to the regular classes, children participate in Sacramental workshops, retreats and evenings of Reconciliation.

In December all classes will attend and participate in the Nativity Pageant.

The year culminates in a procession to the church where Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven. Our closing prayer service is followed by a pizza party in the Church hall.

Thank you to all the Friars, catechists, parents, grandparents. Aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters who make Family Faith come alive for our children.

The Family Faith team is grateful to be a part of this vibrant ministry.

### **Mass Schedule - July 1/2 thru September 2/3**

#### **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/stfrancispishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi)

#### **St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City -**

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

#### **St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven -**

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

#### **St. Clare, Loveladies -**

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction



The "Direction" part of the term Spiritual Direction can be off-putting, even for us as directors. This process is not about one person telling the other what to do – "directing" them. Spiritual companionship

or soul-friending might be a better term. "Spiritual Direction" has stuck for some reason, but as Thomas Keating advises: "It is not so much being told what to do as being encouraged to do what we know God and our conscience are asking us to do." A spiritual director has been trained to listen to the person they are with in collaboration with the Holy Spirit. Thus, one often sees a picture of three chairs to symbolize the process, one for the director, one for the seeker and one for the Spirit! 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**

### 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. *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn. Next meeting Tuesday, **July 25**, 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@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.

### "Dinner with Friends" for Widows and Widowers

Our next dinner is on Tuesday, **July 18, 2023** at 5:15pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. Please bring your dinner and drink with you and enter through the church hall door that faces the boulevard, north end of building. If you need a ride to and from the dinner, please contact Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974. **Dinner With Friends** is not a Journey Through Grief Program, but rather an opportunity for those of us who have lost a spouse to gather for talk, laughter, and fellowship. You do not have to attend every dinner, but can come when you would like. Hope to see you soon! Peace and all good!

*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 [lfg\\_finelli@hotmail.com](mailto:lfg_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)

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



**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.

**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.



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

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Swimming Under the Stars**

**St. Francis Outdoor Pool**  
**\$10/Person**



Our heated outdoor pool will be open for an evening of fun!  
 Enjoy a complimentary movie

**Wednesday, July 12**

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

**"MOANA"** on the big screen!  
 (rain date July 13)



**Wednesday, August 2**

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

**"Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone"**  
 on the big screen!  
 (rain date August 3)



Light refreshments and 50/50 tickets will be available for purchase.  
 (There are no refunds)

**Festival of the Sea**



As the months have been flying by, we are preparing for that wonderful time of the year the **Festival of the Sea!**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – Saturday, August 12, 2023**  
**6:00 -10:00 pm**

We need donations of canned sodas, cupcakes, brownies, and cookies.

Sodas may be brought to the Parish Community Center and placed in the front lobby marked **Festival of the Sea.**

Desserts may be brought to the Parish Community Center beginning **August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Please mark **Festival of the Sea** on all items.

Thank you for your support, and we hope that you and your family will join us for many fun filled evenings of fun!

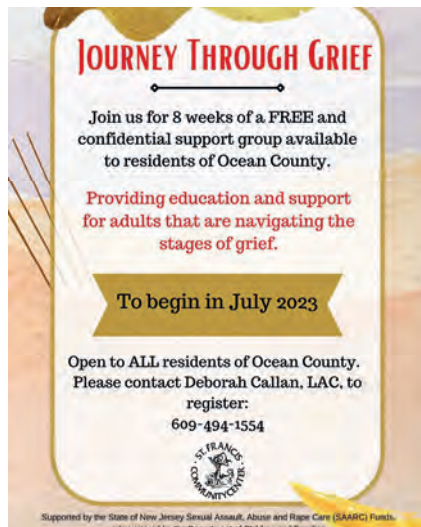
**Volunteers Needed!**

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



## 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.



**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF**

Join us for 8 weeks of a **FREE** and confidential support group available to residents of Ocean County.

Providing education and support for adults that are navigating the stages of grief.

**To begin in July 2023**

Open to ALL residents of Ocean County. Please contact Deborah Callan, LAC, to register:  
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## 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.

### TUESDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

#### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

Tuesdays are family fun nights!  
ALL activities require parents to remain with children from start to finish.

#### **\*JULY 11: Free Open Gym Basketball\***

For ages 5-13 from 5:30 to 8pm

#### **JULY 18: Crafts and Coloring**

We supply the crafts you bring the fun!

#### **JULY 25: Game Night**

We provide games, tables, groups can be formed. Make new friends while playing your favorite old board games!

#### **\*AUGUST 1: Free Open Gym Basketball\***

For ages 5-13 from 5:30 to 8pm

#### **AUGUST 15: Painting Kindness Rocks**

We supply the paint and supplies you bring your kindness.

#### **\*AUGUST 22: Free Open Gym Basketball\***

For ages 5-13 from 5:30 to 8pm

#### **CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENT/ GUARDIAN**

*\*Open gym basketball is free of charge for children ages 5 yrs. to 13 yrs. Gymnasium will be split and smaller hoops will be set up.*

**THIS IS NOT AN ORGANIZED GAME.**

*All Family Fun Nights are subject to change or cancellation Please Call St. Francis at 609-494-8861 for more information.*

## 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.



## Did You Know??

Senior Property Tax Freeze Applications must be filed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. The maximum household income is \$99,735 and you (or your spouse/civil union partner) were:

- 65 or older on December 31, 2021; or
  - Actually receiving federal Social Security disability benefit payments (not benefit payments received on behalf of someone else) on or before December 31, 2021
  - You lived in New Jersey continuously since December 31, 2011, or earlier, as either a homeowner or a renter.
- For more information, contact **Senior Services** at 609-494-8861 ext. 111.



## 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).

Masks will be required for 2 years and up - they will be encouraged to wear a mask throughout the day.

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## 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*

## Community Bulletin Board

### Francis House of Prayer

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#### 7-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

**July 12 – 19, August 20 – 27, September 22 – 29**

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

#### 5 – DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

**July 21 – 26, July 30 – August 4**

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

#### 4 – DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

**August 14 – 18**

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

#### 7 – DAY CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

Begins 7:00 PM – Ends 10:00 AM

**August 6 – 13**

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Appointments for services are required.

### Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (except holiday weekends) and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM. We are currently not taking any clothing donations. We offer free clothing to women in need. Vouchers are available at food pantries, churches, Stafford Community Center at the door. For further info call Madelyn. 609-276-3308.

## Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

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