

THE BRIDGE



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

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“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened.” Mt. 11:28

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, July 8	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Monday, July 10	9:00 AM +Edward W. Shanley	Gn. 28:10-22a; Mt. 9:18-26	
Tuesday, July 11	9:00 AM +Don Dailey +Walter Pietras	Gn. 32:23-33; Mt. 9:32-38	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, July 12	9:00 AM +Marie Steven +George Holland	Gn. 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt. 10:1-7	9:30 AM Bible Talks After Mass 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, July 13	9:00 AM +Tom Battle	Gn. 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt. 10:7-15	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, July 14	9:00 AM +Richard J. Zajack	Gn. 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt. 10:16-23	
Saturday, July 15	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Anthony & Carmela Barletta +Joseph Filoon	1 Cor. 2:6-13; Mt. 5:13-19 Is. 55:10-11; Rom. 8:18-23; Mt. 13:1-23	
Sunday, July 16	7:15 AM +Gladys Fuydal +Johanna Griffin, <i>ofs</i> 8:30 AM +Thomas Lennon +Connie Morrissey 10:00 AM +Todd Barbuto +Richard Barbuto +Robert Ulesky 11:30 AM +Eunice M. Essig +Louis V. Bunnick +Harry Hertzog	Is. 55:10-11; Rom. 8:18-23; Mt. 13:1-23	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

Emergency Information

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

Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlb.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:



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

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 8	(L) Living +Deceased 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
Saturday, July 15	5:00 PM +Keuper Family +Frances Buterick
Sunday, July 16	8:30 AM +Anita Barnes 10:00 AM +Ronald P. Owen +Karen Beth Malandra 11:30 AM +Benefactors

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 8	(L) Living +Deceased 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
Saturday, July 15	5:00 PM +John C. Daly +Carol Marie Rainbow
Sunday, July 16	8:30 AM +Ada Oetjengerdes 10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +Stasha Seaton 11:30 AM +John Rooney +Ventricelli Family +Jeane Norton +Brother Jerome Cowan C.P.

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 8	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Benefactors
Sunday, July 9	8:30 AM +Deacon Roger Dinella 10:00 AM +Evelyn Borea
Saturday, July 15	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, July 16	8:30 AM +People of the Parish 10:00 AM +Benefactors

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Thank you, Bob.

The Gospel reading at a daily Mass about two weeks ago was from The Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6. Jesus instructed his disciples, telling them, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward."

Many of you may have known Bob Curry. Perhaps many of you did not. Over the past 20 years Bob worked tirelessly in our parish food pantry. His quiet, subtle presence helped direct and guide the countless number of dedicated and good-willed volunteers to make the food pantry such a successful outreach to the community. Bob was always respectful, caring, and very quiet about it all. He didn't do it for the accolades but because it is what we are called to do, "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick," also from the Gospel of Matthew [25:36-40.]

Bob entered the loving embrace of God to receive the Father's recompense on May 30, 2023. After his wife, Joanne, died in November of 2022, Bob moved to Lafayette Hill, PA to be closer to his children. It took a while for the news of Bob's death to funnel back to us. We had already felt his loss when he moved, but now we feel the grief that accompanies the death of our brother and friend.

We offer our prayers of great thanksgiving for both Bob and Joanne, for their goodness, and for their example. Thank you for sharing your lives with us. May you now know the fullness of life where there is no hunger, nakedness, or illness. May God grant you the reward given to God's good and faithful servants.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the St. Francis Food Pantry.

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, its 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 committed, we apologize. Our correspondence may have crossed in the mail. Be assured that a Thank You note will soon arrive.

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Office

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

Parish Finance Council

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

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

St. Francis Center

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

Offertory Collection

This Week's Second Collection: St. Francis Senior Services

The Senior Services Center stands out as one of our oldest and most comprehensive programs, meeting the needs of many older adults from Southern Ocean County on a daily basis. It is funded through grants, foundations, donations, and this special collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Due to an early publishing deadline, collection totals will appear in the next bulletin.



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

** Thank you for your generosity! **

PETER'S PENCE

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Our contribution will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit, www.usccb.org/peters-pence



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
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

Gospel Inspirations:



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Jesus invites us to bring our troubles to Him in prayer and promises to lighten our burden. When we accept Jesus as the Way, we will find the peace He promises.

Trust in the Lord and He will bring you peace.

Family Faith

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

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 - through 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

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

- 1: Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God?
- 2: Do you experience a desire to pray always?
- 3: Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?

Our parish has four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your daily life please call:

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835,

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Pat Simmons, (609) 661-1361

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. We meet by Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan.chaplain@gmail.com) for the link. On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next session - **Wednesday, September 6, 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 for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **August 2**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next meeting **July 13**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Employment Opportunity

Community Center Counseling Services

Positions: Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor

Days: Monday through Friday (Some evening hours required)
Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). On-site clinical supervision is provided.

Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

Children's Services-Teacher's Assistant

Prefer a background in early childhood education.
(13-months to 5-years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.

Position: Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Days: Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$15 per hour

Summer Camp Counselor (Seasonal Position)

Working with school age children 5 years to 13years of age.

Position: Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Days: Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$14 per hour

Must be 17 or older and be available 6/20/23 to 8/31/2023
First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.
Experience Preferred, but not required.

Recreation/Pool (Seasonal)

Position: Summer Seasonal Lifeguard (possibility for year round hours)
Summer employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools.
MUST currently possess Red Cross pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification.

Days: Monday-Friday, and/or weekend – flexible schedule

Pay: \$14 per hour

Position: Private Swim Lesson Instructors (possibility for year-round part time hours). Summer employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. Pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification are not required but preferred.

For weekday lessons 8am-4pm, Age 4 years to adults

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, Hours range from 8-29 per week,
(may occasionally exceed 29 hours) **Pay:** \$15 per hour

Parish

Position: Director of Parish Development, Full time position for organizing the fundraising initiatives and special events. Bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Must have good communication and computer skills including. Must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

Days/Hours: Monday- Friday, attendance at Evening/weekend events required

Position: Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry, Full time position. Previous experience in a parish youth ministry program. Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and young people to create a relevant faith-based program. Responsible for recruiting volunteers, coordinating outreach service projects and participating in other parish activities. Must have administrative tasks and must be an active Catholic. Religious Studies Bachelor's degree required.

Days: Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

Maintenance Department

Position: Full time Maintenance/Cleaning- Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred. Assist with building maintenance, grounds maintenance, setup/take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and must have valid driver's license. **Pay:** Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience) **Days/Hours:** Monday- Friday- Afternoon/ Evening hours required (approx. 2pm-10pm).

****Background check and fingerprinting required for all employees 18 yrs and older.**

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

*Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 16 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) w/ company match, & more.

* Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable) and Employee Discounts.

*Seasonal employees working at least 10 hours per week are entitled to a free pool membership during the period of their employment.

"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 20th & 21st, 2023

For more information contact
Lauren Finelli at lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or
Marion Pierri at mdp93@comcast.net



Bus Trip: "Moses" at Sight & Sound

September 13, 2023

\$195 all inclusive

Includes: 3:00 PM show, 11:30 AM lunch at Shady Maple, transportation, & tips.

2 pick ups: St. Francis LBI & Walmart
Return home approximately 8:30 PM

Please make checks payable to: St. Francis Parish

Mail to: Cheryl Krzaczyk, *ofs*, 111 E. 12th St.,
Ship Bottom, NJ 08008-4519

or call (609) 661-5229, email: chumsley@comcast.net

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

email: lbilady23@gmail.com

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

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 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 No phone purchases

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

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

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

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 7th.**

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

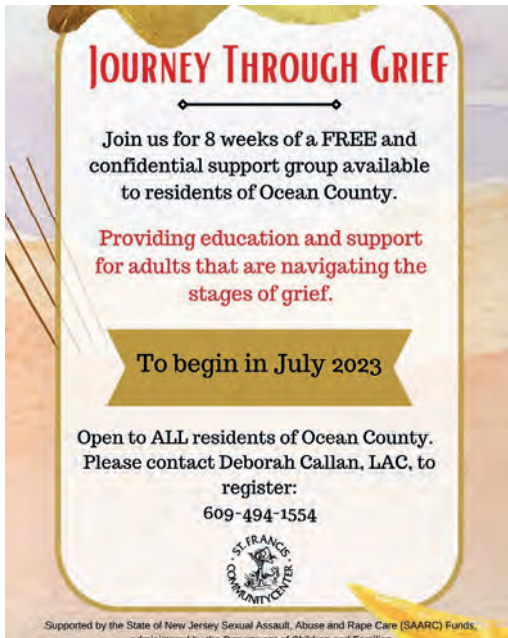
Thank you for your support, and we hope that you and your
 family will join us for many fun filled evenings of fun!

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:
609-494-1554

Supported by the State of New Jersey Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care (SAARC) Funds, administered by the Department of Children and Families.



ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE

Surviving to Thriving

Empower yourself! Unlock the skills and tools necessary to move forward and thrive in this free and confidential 8-week support group.

Join us for group counseling sessions that will provide a safe space for survivors of sexual abuse and assault.

Start date: July 2023

Open to all residents of Ocean County. Please call McKayla Wechkus, LSW, to reserve your spot:
609-494-1554

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Recreation & Aquatics

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

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!

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AUGUST 1: Free Open Gym Basketball

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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.*

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Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

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
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Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

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

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For information call ext. 108 or 109.



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The LBI Health Department is doing
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For more information, contact **Senior Services** at 609-494-8861 ext. 111

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