

THE BRIDGE



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

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“A sower went out to sow.” Mt. 13:3

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, July 15	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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
Monday, July 17	9:00 AM (L) Seriously Mentally Ill	Ex. 1:8-14, 22; Mt. 10:34-11:1	
Tuesday, July 18	9:00 AM +Thomas Campagnolo	Ex. 2:1-15a; Mt. 11:20-24	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 5:15 PM Dinner with Friends, Church Hall
Wednesday, July 19	9:00 AM +Giuseppe Giampiccolo +Ann Capozzi	Ex. 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt. 11:25-27	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, July 20	9:00 AM +Hank Casey +Robert Reilly	Ex. 3:13-20; Mt. 11:28-30	
Friday, July 21	9:00 AM +James M. Doyle	Ex. 11:10-12:14; Mt. 12:1-8	
Saturday, July 22	9:00 AM +Raymond Kimble 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <i>Celebration of Grandparents & the Elderly with Special Blessing</i> +Joe Watters +Glenn Masucci	Sg. 3:1-4b; Jn. 20:1-2, 11-18 Wis. 12:13, 16-19; Rom. 8:26-27; Mt. 13:24-43	
Sunday, July 23	<i>Celebration of Grandparents & the Elderly with Special Blessing</i> 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Nancy Peteshel +Martha Rusnack 10:00 AM +Ann Barbera +Tony Rosone +Barbara Phalen 11:30 AM +Gail Rockware-Pasquale +Aurielo Casiano	Wis. 12:13, 16-19; Rom. 8:26-27; Mt. 13:24-43	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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/stfrancisparishlbi

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

Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:



www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:

StFrancisChurchLBI

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

Emergency Information

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

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 15	(L) Living +Deceased 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 +Teresa Prendergast
Saturday, July 22	5:00 PM +William & Elizabeth Ulmer +Adam & Stella Merkhoffer +James M. Kempiski
Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM +People of the Parish 10:00 AM +Russell G. Stein 11:30 AM +Agnes Mangelli

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 15	(L) Living +Deceased 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.
Saturday, July 22	5:00 PM +Richard Begley
Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM +Dr. John D. Barone 10:00 AM +Marilyn Groome 11:30 AM +Mary & Michael Longo +J. Thomas McGlynn

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 15	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, July 16	8:30 AM +People of the Parish 10:00 AM +Benefactors
Saturday, July 22	5:00 PM +Benefactors
Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Ann & James Beggs

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A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

A Continued Welcome to Our Visitors!

Fr. Andrew shared with the friars that after one of the Masses this past weekend, a summer visitor approached him and said, "Wow, people come to Mass here!" Yes, they do. As I said this past weekend at the Masses in Beach Haven, it really is wonderful to see the churches full again!! To all of our summer visitors, be it for the summer, a month, a week, or even just the day, Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. We are one parish celebrating in four churches: St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven, St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach, St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City, and St. Clare, Loveladies. As you can see, our parish bulletin is filled with a variety of events that engage our Sacramental life, where we are fed spiritually, as well as those events that fill some of our basic needs, like our Food Pantry, where the parish community helps to feed, physically, those who are hungry. One upcoming event I would like to point out is "Dinner with Friends" for widows and widowers. This is an opportunity for those who have lost a spouse to come together and enjoy an evening out. This is not meant to address the traumatic and profound grief one experiences at the death of a loved one. Our Counseling Center offers "Journey Through Grief" to help us walk through that painful time in our lives. Dinner with Friends is intended to be a social occasion where you can catch up with old friends or meet friends you didn't know you had yet. The next dinner is on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 5:15 pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. Please check the bulletin for more details. The St. Francis Center, located behind the main parish church in Brant Beach, also has a variety of offerings for our community. If you missed "Swimming under the Stars" this past week, there is another evening scheduled for August. I would encourage you to look up the St. Francis Center online and find out the wide variety of programs offered to the entire LBI community www.stfranciscenterlbi.org. Finally, 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. 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: 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, and may this summer continue to be a blessing to all of us.
 Peace and All Good!
 Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM

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



Commitment Cards continue to arrive since our Memorial Day Weekend introduction of Stewardship. We thank everyone who has made a commitment to date. Your generosity is amazing! We plan to wrap up this half of our Stewardship effort within the next two weeks and will publish the results of our parish wide effort. **It is not too late to make your Commitment.** You'll recall that our goal is to increase our Offertory by 13% and, thereby, match our planned operating expenses for fiscal year 2023-24...which hasn't happened in years!
We will launch part two of Stewardship in September, when you will have another opportunity to become a Steward! You will be asked to share your time and your talents to support our many Ministries that are crucial to both the spiritual and financial vitality of our St Francis of Assisi Parish. Again, thank you!

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Office

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

Parish Finance Council

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

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

St. Francis Center

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

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$38,000**

This Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Parish Ministries: Worship

Our Sunday liturgy is the heart of our life together as a parish. Each week, we gather as the Body of Christ to be nourished by the Word of Life and fed by the Bread of Life. Thanks to your generosity, our four Churches are nicely appointed, cool in the summer and warm in the winter. We have a dedicated and faith-filled worship staff to coordinate the details of our celebration: music, environment, and the multitude of liturgical ministries. This collection helps to cover the expenses of the liturgical life of the Parish community. Thank you!

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$37,532**

Needed: **\$38,000**

Last Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Senior Services

Collected: **\$11,476**

July 1, 2, 4 Collections:

Collected: **\$41,940**

Needed: **\$55,000**

July 1, 2, 4 Second Collections:

Peter's Pence

Collected: **\$14,160**

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00
Pledged: \$53,282.80 (53% of Goal)
Paid: \$50,782.80 (51% of Goal)
Total Donors: 246
Total Gifts: 262
Average Gift: \$203.37

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

Gospel Inspirations:



“...some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

Once having received God's grace we must nurture it thereby creating a fertile environment for our faith to grow and flourish. We can ask God to help us weed out what keeps us from living a more abundant life.

What can I do this week to nourish my faith? How might I sow seeds of faith in another?

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)



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.



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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING

All EMs and anyone that would like to join this ministry are encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting listed below (if you did not attend one of the other scheduled meeting last week):

Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00PM

*Meeting will be held in the
St. Francis, Brant Beach Church.*

Contact: Michele Beck at mbeck@stfrancislbj.org
or 609-494-8813 ext. 159 with any questions.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction



(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director). How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions like these are the focus of spiritual direction or "soul care".

The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

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

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835

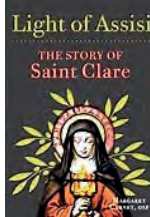
Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917 Pat Simmons, (609) 661-1361

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**
Saturday, September 9, 9:45 AM, Sr. Lounge



Book Discussion to Celebrate the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

Light of Assisi: The Story of Saint Clare
By: Margaret Carney, OSF

Tuesday, August 1 after the 9:00 AM Mass
St. Kate Room

&

Wednesday, August 2, 7:00 PM
Knight Conference Room, Parish Wing

For more information, contact Fr. Scott at ext. 152

Copies of the book can be purchased through:

ThriftBooks.com, EBay.com, AbeBooks.com

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, **August 9**, 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 **September 14**,

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!



Bus Trip: "Moses" at Sight & Sound September 13, 2023

\$195 all inclusive

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

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

Please make checks payable to: St. Francis Parish

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

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

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

email: lbilady23@gmail.com

Last time to make reservations would be July 24

Did You Know??

Have you ever thought of volunteering at the St. Francis Community Center? St. Francis has many different volunteer opportunities currently available. We have events ongoing throughout the calendar year, including our 18 Mile Run & Holiday Craft Show. Our events support our Senior Services, Counseling, Family Support, Recreational, and Children's Services Departments.

If you would like to obtain additional information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Michelle DiBella by phone 609-494-8861 x107 or email at : mdibella@stfrancislbi.org

**2023
CAR RAFFLE**

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2023 KIA Forte LXS
 Valued at: \$21,535.00



2023 KIA Seltos LXA WD
 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: _____



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.

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, 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.

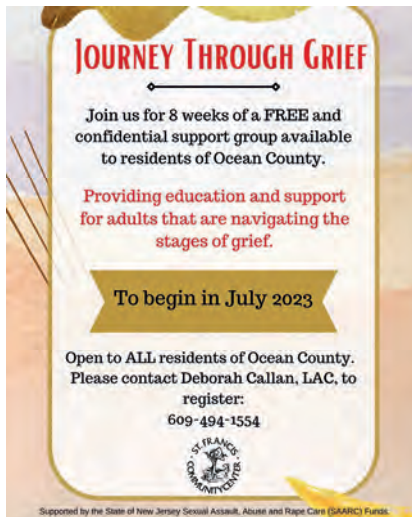
Thank you for your support, and we hope that you and your family will join us for many fun filled evenings of fun!

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.



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

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To begin in July 2023

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Surviving to Thriving

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

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Join us for 8 weeks of **FREE** and confidential group counseling sessions with parents that are learning to navigate the world after their child has been sexually abused or assaulted.

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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 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.

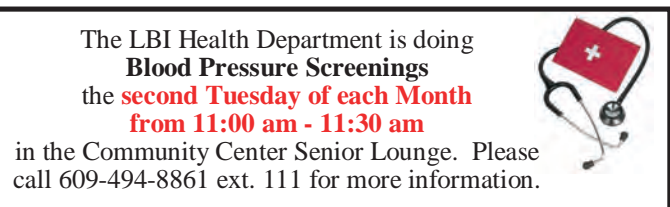
All Family Fun Nights are subject to change or cancellation. Please Call St. Francis at 609-494-8861 for more information.

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
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in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111 for more information.



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.grownjkids.gov.

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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

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>

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Back to School Sign Up

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Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm

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- Must be an Ocean County Resident

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