

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



*“Do you want us to pull out the weeds?” Mt. 13:28*

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, July 22	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Raymond Kimble 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +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	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> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, July 24	9:00 AM +Richard Nigro +Russell G. Stein	Ex. 14:5-18; Mt. 12:38-42	
Tuesday, July 25	9:00 AM +William DeVece +Michael Bunnick	2 Cor. 4:7-15; Mt. 20:20-28	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212
Wednesday, July 26	9:00 AM +Edward Sarin	Ex. 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt. 13:1-9	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, July 27	9:00 AM +Laura Ruggiero-Oppermann +Bert Stahlberg	Ex. 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt. 13:10-17	
Friday, July 28	9:00 AM +William Hester +Diane Pietrefesa	Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 13:18-23	
Saturday, July 29	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Ron Califre	Ex. 24:3-8; Jn. 11:19-27 1 Kgs. 3:5, 7-12; Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 13:44-52	
Sunday, July 30	7:15 AM + <i>Benefactors</i> 8:30 AM +Marie Federico 10:00 AM +Richard Barry +Dr. Anthony B. D'Souza +Joseph Wright 11:30 AM +William Hennig	1 Kgs. 3:5, 7-12; Rom. 8:28-30; Mt. 13:44-52	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

### 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](http://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](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org)



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:



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

Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:

[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/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/stfrancisparishlbi](http://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 22	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +William & Elizabeth Ulmer +Adam & Stella Merkhoffer +James M. Kempski
Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 10:00 AM +Russell G. Stein 11:30 AM +Agnes Mangelli
Saturday, July 29	5:00 PM +Sam & Jenny Hodulich
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM +Vincent Evelich 10:00 AM +Peter Fitzpatrick +Theresa Malandra +Eileen Baldassard 11:30 AM +Timothy Armstrong (L)Patrick Armstrong

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

Sometimes it even rains on Long Beach Island!

Last weekend's Gospel was about the planting of seeds on fertile ground. This weekend Jesus returns to the garden once again and talks about the good seed that is planted yet the weeds grow as well. As a gardener I know about the weeds. I also know that many planned to be on vacation this week and had to contend with the summer rains, vital to gardens by the way, but not necessarily a welcomed guest when vacationing on the shore. As Jesus is inviting us to figure out how to live in the garden along with "the weeds" of our world, I do hope that our vacationers are also able to still enjoy your time away despite the rainy days. I suppose, like riding a bike, once we find that balance, we can ride on peacefully through it all. We continue to welcome all of our summer visitors and guest to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. For those of you who don't know, we are one parish but celebrate in four churches: St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven, St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach, St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City, and St. Clare, Loveladies.

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 those who are hungry. The St. Francis Center, located behind St. Francis Church in Brant Beach, also has a variety of offerings for our community. I would encourage you to visit the St. Francis Center online to learn more about how we serve the entire LBI community. [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org)

You will also see in the bulletin that our parish is celebrating our stewardship program, "The Joy of Sharing the Gospel." We believe that through careful stewardship we can continue to build a strong Catholic presence in the island and beyond.

I have asked our year round parishioners to become a steward of St. Francis Parish. In doing so, I have asked everyone to consider increasing their donation to the parish by 13%. This will help us tremendously to balance our budget and meet the challenges of the continual rising costs we all face.

I now ask our summer residents, our summer guests, and our online participants to also consider becoming a steward of St. Francis Parish. There are stewardship envelopes with commitment cards in the pews, at the doors of the churches, or you can find the information on our webpage, [www.stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org). Please prayerfully consider becoming a steward of the parish through your weekly, monthly, or one-time contribution to support your church away from home. Some people have asked if it's OK to make a one-time donation. Absolutely! At the doors of the church you can also find a brochure about a tax-efficient way of making a donation to our parish. Look for the brochure labeled, "The Qualified Charitable Distribution." This will allow you to make a donation without paying taxes!

On behalf of all the friars, sisters, and Parish Staff, I do thank you for coming to worship with us and for your continued support of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. May God bless you and your families, and may this summer, even those rainy days, continue to be a blessing to all of us.

Peace and All Good!  
Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
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**Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA**  
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 1-800-677-7788 [www.BeAFranciscan.org](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 22	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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
Saturday, July 29	5:00 PM +Linda Hudacsko +Ann McNeill +Maureen Hamilton
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM +Irene Sommer +Theresa Mooney 10:00 AM +Grace Schumann, <i>ofs</i> +Blake Barklage 11:30 AM +Josephine & Sam Valentino

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 22	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Benefactors</i>
Sunday, July 23	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Ann & James Beggs
Saturday, July 29	5:00 PM +Mark Belli
Sunday, July 30	8:30 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Benefactors</i>

## 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://www.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.



**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.

### 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 Vasziy
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

### **St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign**

*Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel*



On Memorial Day weekend, we launched Stewardship, "The Joy of Sharing the Gospel" ...based on our belief that all of our gifts come from God, and as good Christians, we must share them with others, and with our parish. We began by focusing on sharing your *Treasure*. Next, we will ask you to consider sharing your *Time* and *Talents* to serve our many Ministries. **Our ultimate goal is a financially secure and even more spiritually dynamic St Francis of Assisi Parish.**

Within the next two weeks, we will report the highlights of our program, which is not only helping to address our financial needs but is also increasing the sense of belonging to our community of faith. **Thank you** to everyone who has already submitted a commitment card. **Your generosity shows your willingness, as faithful stewards, to be a part of the ongoing mission of our parish.**

If you haven't made a financial commitment, it is never too late. You can find a commitment card in any of churches, on our parish webpage, or you can call the parish office for more information. We would be happy to send you our Stewardship brochure and a commitment card.

If you cannot make a financial commitment, that's understandable. **There will be an opportunity during the next phase of, Stewardship, The Joy of Sharing the Gospel, where everyone we will be asked to share some of your precious time and all of your God-given talents.** We are always looking for more people to welcome into our vibrant ministerial life here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

## Offertory Collection

### This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$38,000**

### This Week's Second Collection:

**Diocese of Trenton Retired Priest Fund**

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$33,613**

Needed: **\$38,000**

### Last Week's Second Collection:

**St. Francis Parish Ministries: Worship**

Collected: **\$9,123**

*(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)*

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



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



### *6.5 Million Diocesan Goal*

**St. Francis Parish Goal:** \$100,000.00

**Pledged:** \$53,362.80 (53% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$51,094.80 (51% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 247

**Total Gifts:** 265

**Average Gift:** \$201.37

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton.

Please visit the [stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund**

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., is again inviting parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton to support the second annual collection for the Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund scheduled for Masses **July 22 and 23**. The collection is part of the diocesan observance of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly -- established three years ago by Pope Francis to be held on or near the Feast of Jesus' own grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. The collection, which will be taken in all Catholic churches across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, will be used to help fund the needs of the retired and elderly priests of the Diocese whose numbers have now reached 85.

In announcing this year's collection, Bishop O'Connell stated, "As we celebrate the feast of the grandparents of Jesus, I am also mindful of the priests of the Diocese who have 'born the heat of the day' in our parishes and institutions, serving and ministering to us and who are now retired. They are truly our 'spiritual grandparents'. Many continue to offer Masses and share the Sacraments in our parishes.

"As Bishop, I invite all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, once again, to show the generosity for which I have come to know you so well by contributing to the annual collection for the retired, elderly and infirm priests of the Diocese. They, too, deserve our love and gratitude in their twilight years!"

## 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)



### Life's Journey in Faith

Are you an adult who has never been Baptized?

Are you baptized, but looking to receive

First Communion or Confirmation?

Are you just curious about what we believe as Catholic Christians?

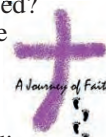
We are here to journey with you & help you discern where the Lord is calling you.

The RCIA process is intended as a journey where we come together and examine our lives in the light of the gospel and reflect on our relationships with God, others and self.

All are welcome...baptized or non-baptized... believer or non-believer.

Please call Fr. Andrew or Sr. Pat at the parish office (609-494-8861 ex157).

Our journey begins in September.



### Gospel Inspirations:

*"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"*

**The kingdom of God takes root in imperfect communities of "wheat and weeds" and in both an imperfect church and world. Good and evil live side by side.**

*God is our Master Gardener who will sort it all out in the end. And gather us into His barn—heaven.*



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### USHER/ MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY MEETING

All Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality and anyone that would like to join this ministry are encouraged to make every effort to attend one of the two meetings listed below:

**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**

or

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM**

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

Contact: Michele Beck at [mbeck@stfrancislbi.org](mailto:mbeck@stfrancislbi.org)

or 609-494-8813 ext. 159 with any questions.

## 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](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, September 6, 10:30 AM, Zoom**  
**Saturday, September 9, 9:45 AM, Sr. Lounge**

## Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



### Bible Talks After Mass

Tom Troyano will be doing brief monthly talks on the bible after the 9:00 AM Mass. Next talk Wednesday, **September 6**, 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 **August 2**, 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 **September 14**,

Light of Assisi  
THE STORY OF  
Saint Clare



**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](http://ThriftBooks.com), [EBay.com](http://EBay.com), [AbeBooks.com](http://AbeBooks.com)

## Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist



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



### 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: [lbidady23@gmail.com](mailto:lbidady23@gmail.com)

*Last time to make reservations would be July 24*

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Email: [areitz@stfrancislbi.org](mailto:areitz@stfrancislbi.org)

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# 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

Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's/Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement. 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

### Recreation/Pool (Year round)

**Position:** Pool Lifeguard – Part time 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:** \$14.13 per hour

**Position:** Swim Lesson Instructors Year-round part time 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

### Family Support Services

**Position:** In-home Bilingual Therapist (fluent English/Spanish) Full time Position - Therapist will travel throughout Ocean County to conduct therapy sessions with DCP&P referred clients in home. Applicants must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC, or LCSW. Clinical supervision provided at no cost to the employee. **Days:** Monday through Friday- 30-40 hours per week.

**Position:** Parenting and Anger Management Group Facilitator Full time position- Prepare and facilitate Parenting, Anger Management, and Parenting in Recovery Groups. Responsible for all aspects of program implementation and evaluation, including intake, assessment tools, reporting, and statistics. Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills, knowledge of factors which influence child abuse and neglect. Must have valid driver's license, and a minimum of Master's degree in Social Work or related field. **Days:** Monday – Friday 30-40 hours per week- Some evening hours required

### Parish

**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. 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– of 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– with potential for evening or weekend hours.

Please send resumes to [abodine@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancislbj.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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### Swimming Under the Stars

St. Francis Outdoor Pool  
\$10/Person



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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 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

## 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 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**

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

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*\*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.*

## 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.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.gov).

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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@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:mdibella@stfrancisbi.org)



## 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 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

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**Surviving to Thriving**

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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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## Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.

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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.

## 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 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

### 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**

Begin July 10th

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