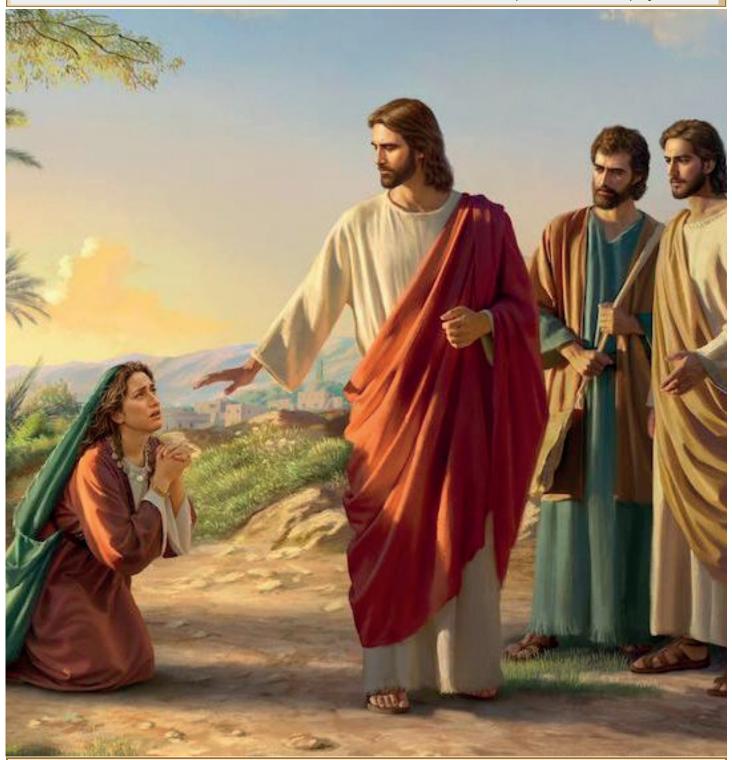
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With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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"Oh woman, great is your faith. Let it be done for you as you wish." Mt. 15:28

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, August 19	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Stephen Casale 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Thomas Lally +Donald DeLotto +Gladys May Jones	Jos. 24:14-29; Mt. 19:13-15 Is. 56:1, 6-7; Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt. 15:21-28	
Sunday, August 20	7:15 AM (L)Sr. Ellen Doyle OSU 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Megan Chuisano +Dr. Eugene Kelly 10:00 AM +Margaret Kohutanycz, ofs +Joseph Wright +Janice Ward 11:30 AM +William Hester +Anthony Aquino	Is. 56:1, 6-7; Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt. 15:21-28	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Monday, August 21	9:00 AM +Jeanne Sozzi +Ralph Jones	Jgs. 2:11-19; Mt. 19:16-22	
Tuesday, August 22	9:00 AM +Anna Martin	Jgs. 6:11-24a; Mt. 19:23-30	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, August 23	9:00 AM +Gerald Vile +Edward W. Shanley	Jgs. 9:6-14; Mt. 20:1-16	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, August 24	9:00 AM +Lucille D'Amico +Mary Pantalon +Wladyslaw Kochanek	Rv. 21:9b-14; Jn. 1:45-51	
Friday, August 25	9:00 AM +Mary Pantalon	Wis. 10:10-14; Lk. 19:12-19	
Saturday, August 26	9:00 AM +Margaret Hughes +Mary Jane Sabatini 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Vincent Caldarella +Margaret Anastasia-Hilferty	1 Cor. 1:17-25; Mt. 25:1-13 Is. 22:19-23; Rom. 11:33-36; Mt. 16:13-20	
Sunday, August 27	7:15 AM +Cathy Clancy Billings 8:30 AM +Joseph Cortellino +Mary Caporaso 10:00 AM +Dorothy Mae Smith +Nicholas A. Forlenza 11:30 AM +Joshua Jackson +Anna Marie Monteforte	Is. 22:19-23 Rom. 11:33-36; Mt. 16:13-20	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

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

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.

Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

facebook 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

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City					
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS				
Saturday, August 19	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +S. Alice Ruane, SSND +Thomas Keuper +John Besack				
Sunday, August 20	8:30 AM +Andrew Noll 10:00 AM +Sonia Vanderbilt +Thomas & Agnes Thackston +Andrew Noll 11:30 AM +People of the Parish				
Saturday, August 26	5:00 PM + Giuseppe Giampiccolo + Salvatore & Rafaella Giampiccolo				
Sunday, August 27	8:30 AM + Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM + James M. Kempski				

11:30 AM + Benefactors

+ Eileen Baldassard

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven						
MASS INTENTIONS						
(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Abigail Mae Rollenhagen						
8:30 AM +William McGovern +Robert Lempa						
10:00 AM +Kitty & Joe Heffernan +Michael Clarke +Gregory Hammill +Suzanne Kelly Crossley						
11:30 AM +J. Thomas McGlynn +Audrey Bogert						
5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League						
8:30 AM +Megan Chuisano 10:00 AM +Michael Clarke +Gregory Hammill 11:30 AM +Peter Carbone						

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday,	(L) Living +Deceased			
August 19	5:00 PM +Roberto G. Suguitan			
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Benefactors			
August 20	10:00 AM +Richard A. DiFilippo			
Saturday, August 26	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League			
Sunday,	8:30 AM +People of the Parish			
August 27	10:00 AM +Benefactor			

A Letter From The Pastor...





Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 20, 2023

Our Chalices Overfloweth!

You have probably noticed that we are now using new communal chalices for the distribution of the Precious Blood at Masses. Fr. Andrew, with the help of some very generous benefactors, was able to purchase

them for the parish in honor of these benefactors and his parents, Eugene and Helen Reitz.

These chalices are known as the *Spencer Chalice* and Connecticut handcrafters created this classic design with a satin finish pewter. Fr. Andrew ordered them from The Holy Rood Guild, a ministry of the St. Joseph's Abby, in Spencer, MA. The Holy Rood Guild is world renown for their beautifully crafted liturgical vestments. Their monks view their work as an expression of their "Cistercian monastic life of prayer and praise." Thank you, Fr. Andrew!

A number of you have stopped me since last Saturday to tell me that they checked their phones because they were not sure why I didn't call them after the drawing of the Progressive 50/50. I assured them that their phones were most likely fine. The winner of this year's Progressive 50/50 hails from Surf City. Like last year, there was the typical last minute "run" of people buying their chance to win. The total increased all week but at 9:55 PM on Saturday night the grand total was \$18,938. The luck winner was able to take home half of that ... minus taxes, of course.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of the volunteers, employees, and the great committee for all of the work they put into this year's Festival. Thank you, Thank you!

And thank you also those who were sponsors of the Festival of the Sea 2023. This year we had over 50 sponsors, from parishioners, to friends of St. Francis Parish, and some of our local business. Together they contributed just shy of \$30,000 to this year's Festival. Thank you one and all for your great generosity to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The names of our sponsors are posted on our website.

We don't have the final numbers yet for Festival but it was a banner year from day one. Every single night was better compared to 2021 and 2022. Unfortunately, Mother Nature interfered a bit and we had to cancel Thursday night's Festival. Despite the loss of one night our gross revenue for the entire week was only down by \$8,277 compared to last year. The "win" I see in that is the momentum is gaining. Now that we are moving the festival to July and will be using Campy's Amusements I have no doubt that momentum will only increase.

I hope that we all continue to enjoy this beautiful summer and constantly give thanks to God for all the good He has created! Blessings on you and your families with peace and all good.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM Pastor

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

Stacey Kelsall, Comptroller Peter Williams 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: Saint Mary's Academy

Catholic education in the Diocese of Trenton is funded primarily by tuition, as well as contributions from every parish. Our parish assessment this year is

\$120,000.00 and is used to support Saint

Mary's Academy Catholic School in Manahawkin that we co-sponsor with 4 other area parishes. This collection helps us meet that obligation. Thank you for your support.

My Offering

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$40,918 Needed: \$38,000

Last Week's Second Collection: St. Francis Parish Ministries: Music

Collected: \$13.848

(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:** \$55,032.80 (55% of Goal) **Paid:** \$53,464.80 (53% of Goal)

Total Donors: 251 Total Gifts: 271 Average Gift: \$203.07

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the *stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal* for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Congratulations!!

The winner of the Festival of the Sea Progressive 50/50 Raffle is Jay Carrick Surf City, NJ

> \$9,469 Ticket #28038

Thank you to all those who participated this year.

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153) jclayton@stfrancislbi.org

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179) Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)

Family Faith classes begin on September 26 and 27 for grades 1-7. Registration forms are available on-line or in the Family Faith office. Our office hours are Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm and we are closed for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00.

We ask that if you are a new family, please contact Mrs. Clayton directly for an appointment on extension 153. We like to welcome you and explain our program.

Classes are monthly on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. No Thursday evening classes are offered at this time.

Registration ends September 15, 2023 for the 2023-2024 year.

Through the Family Faith ministry, our parish offers families to be a part of a community of believers who care for one another and reach out in service to others. St. Francis of Assisi is your spiritual home where all are welcome.

Life's Journey in Faith

RCIA is a spiritual journey in faith to discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian and the joy and freedom that can result from journeying with Christ.

- Are you yearning for something more in your life?
- · Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic church?
 - Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
 - Are you unsure of what the next step is to becoming Catholic?
 - Have you always wanted to complete the sacraments of initiation?

St. Francis Parish invites you to come and journey! All are welcome...baptized or nonbaptized...believer or non-believer. We are here to journey with you. Please call Fr.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship: The Joy of Sharing the Gospel



Dear summer vacationers. We are so happy that you join us for mass while vacationing on LBI. We hope you feel welcome at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

Did you know that we are now a "Stewardship Parish"? The white envelopes in the pews are samples of what we used to launch the program. Please take one and learn more about stewardship. You might want to take one for your home parish

Did you know that Stewards acknowledge that all their gifts of Talent, Time and Treasure

come from God and want to share their gifts generously with others. We began the program with treasure, asking our parishioners to make a modest increase in their weekly Offertory so we can meet operating expenses, which we haven't done in years. In the Fall, we will move to time and talent and give everyone an opportunity to learn about our ministries which need volunteers who can share their time and talents. Did you know we truly appreciate your generosity and we couldn't do what we do without your help. Your Offertory gifts enable us open and maintain three of our four churches for summer visitors. In the off season we need only four weekend masses. We increase that number to 16 in the summer! Without knowing it, you have been "summertime stewards" by sharing your treasure with us. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction



Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have four certified Spiritual Directors offering free Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

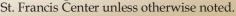
> Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835, Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651, Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917 Pat Simmons, (609) 661-1361.

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

Meetings:





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 13, 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 Story Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin. Next meeting Tuesday, August 29, 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 September 6, 10:00 AM, Room

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, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Gospel Inspirations:



"'Oh woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

The Canaanite woman has her petition answered because she persists. She believes Jesus can heal her daughter even though circumstances would discourage anyone with less strong faith.

Our lesson: persist in prayer. Believe.



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2023 KIA Forte LXS

Valued at: \$21,535.00



2023 KIA Seltos LXAWD

Valued at: \$25,400.00



2023 KIA K5 LXS

Valued at: \$27,100.00



2023 Dodge Ram 1500

Valued at: \$32,790.00



2023 Jeep Wrangler Sport

Valued at: \$33,485.00

Only 3,500 Books Available

Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only. Books cost \$100.



Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles. Each book may carry more than one name. Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer. The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner,

St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium. Winner need not be present. No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize. Winner responsible for taxes.

Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

2023 Car Raffle

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate "Car Raffle" on the envelope or purchase online at

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Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
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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

Employment Opportunity

Community Center (609-494-8861)

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. 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. 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.

Parish (609-494-8813)

Position: Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry, Full time position. Create faith-based programs for young adults and young people. Recruit volunteers. Coordinate service projects. Must be active Catholic with BA and Youth Ministry experience. 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. Building maintenance and grounds, setup/ take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and have valid driver's license. Pay: based on experience. Days/Hours: Monday-Friday with potential for evening or weekend hours.

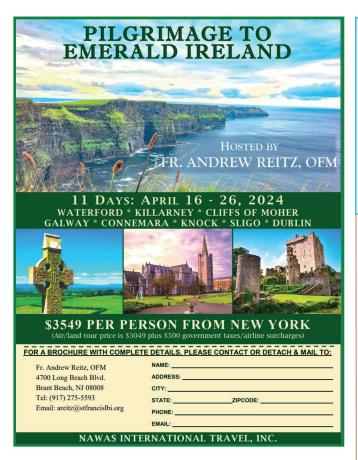
**Background check and fingerprinting required for all employees 18 yrs and older.

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.



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

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Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA Vocation Office vocations@osfphil.org



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PROMISE TO PROTECT

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

FUTURE BUS TRIPS INFORMATION



Broadway show

May date and show TBD

October 2024

Sight and Sound Lancaster PA "Daniel" October date TBD

Dates available soon Call: Cheryl Krzaczyk, 609-661-5229 or Mary Lou Ligus, 215-850-7809

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

St. Francis Community Center

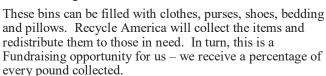
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St. Clare Church

56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies



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.

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

We are in DESPERATE need of all non perishable goods. Canned Goods: Vegetables, Beans, Chicken and Canned Meals

All personals products:

Soaps, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Deoderant, Toilet Paper

Coffee, Tea, Oatmeal, Snacks

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate via PayPal.

Family Support Services:

To learn more about our programs visit our website at http://stfranciscenterlbi.org

- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
- Auto Ownership
- Parents As Teachers
- Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



Information and Assistance, Telephone Reassurance Calls, Caregiver Assistance Options Counseling: Application Assistance for PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled), Meals on Wheels, SHIP Counseling (State Health Insurance Program), Energy Assistance, JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers) and many more. Socialization, Recreation, and Exercise programs are available - please call for availability.

The LBI Health Department is doing Blood Pressure Screenings the second Tuesday of each Month from 11:00 am - 11:30 am

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

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

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

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day
Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2
Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

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 <u>NEW THIS YEAR!</u>

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

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.

Declaración de Capacidad

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