

# THE BRIDGE



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

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*“I’ll give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” Mt. 16:19*

THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 2023

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

| DATE                     | MASS INTENTIONS   | READINGS  | EVENTS  |
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| Saturday,<br>August 26   | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>9:00 AM +Margaret Hughes<br>+Mary Jane Sabatini<br>3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:00 PM +Vincent Caldarella<br>+Margaret Anastasia-Hilferty  | 1 Cor. 1:17-25;<br>Mt. 25:1-13<br>Is. 22:19-23;<br>Rom. 11:33-36;<br>Mt. 16:13-20 |   |
| Sunday,<br>August 27     | 7:15 AM +Cathy Clancy Billings<br>8:30 AM +Joseph Cortellino<br>+Mary Caporaso<br>10:00 AM +Dorothy Mae Smith<br>+Nicholas A. Forlenza<br>11:30 AM +Joshua Jackson<br>+Anna Marie Monteforte  | Is. 22:19-23<br>Rom. 11:33-36;<br>Mt. 16:13-20                                    | <i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i><br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</a> |
| Monday,<br>August 28     | 9:00 AM +Philip Foga<br>+John Matthews  | 1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b-10;<br>Mt. 23:13-22   |   |
| Tuesday,<br>August 29    | 9:00 AM +David Barndt<br>+Vincent Graziosa  | 1 Thes. 2:1-8;<br>Mk. 6:17-29   | 9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena<br>1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212   |
| Wednesday,<br>August 30  | 9:00 AM +Margaret Hilferty<br>+Sheilds Family   | 1 Thes. 2:9-13;<br>Mt. 23:27-32   | 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  |
| Thursday,<br>August 31   | 9:00 AM +Francis M. Bagnato<br>+Victoria Bagnato<br>+Larry Hritz  | 1 Thes. 3:7-13;<br>Mt. 24:42-51   |   |
| Friday,<br>September 1   | 9:00 AM +MariJan Fitulich<br>(L)Nick DeMartini  | 1 Thes. 4:1-8;<br>Mt. 25:1-13   |   |
| Saturday,<br>September 2 | 9:00 AM +Elaine O'Brien-Greer<br>3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:00 PM +Donald DeLotto<br>+Kristen Lynn Daley<br>+Carol Marie Carroll<br>+George DeMartine   | 1 Thes. 4:9-11;<br>Mt. 25:14-30<br>Jer. 20:7-9;<br>Rom. 12:1-2;<br>Mt. 16:21-27   |   |
| Sunday,<br>September 3   | <b>Labor Day Weekend</b><br>7:15 AM +Walter Pietras<br>+Mary E. McKeever<br>8:30 AM +Donna Weiss<br>+Jack West<br>10:00 AM +Irene D'Souza<br>+Carolyn Ruble<br>+Vincent A. Caldarella<br>11:30 AM +Jose Martinez<br>+Edward Sweeney | Jer. 20:7-9;<br>Rom. 12:1-2;<br>Mt. 16:21-27                                      | <i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i><br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</a> |

### Emergency Information

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

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



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:



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

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


| St. Thomas of Villanova Church<br>13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City |   |
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| DATE   | MASS INTENTIONS   |
| Saturday,<br>August 26   | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>5:00 PM +Giuseppe Giampiccolo<br>+ Salvatore & Rafaella Giampiccolo                              |
| Sunday,<br>August 27   | 8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i><br>10:00 AM + James M. Kempfski<br>+ Eileen Baldassard<br>11:30 AM + <i>Benefactors</i> |
| Saturday,<br>September 2   | 5:00 PM +Barbara Trunceletto  |
| Sunday,<br>September 3   | 8:30 AM + Joe Demeo<br>10:00 AM + Robert Saterfield<br>+ Mary, John, & Cindy Craig<br>11:30 AM + Alfred P. Geary                |

| St. Thomas Aquinas Church<br>2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven |  |
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| DATE  | MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Saturday,<br>August 26  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>   |
| Sunday,<br>August 27  | 8:30 AM +Megan Chuisano<br>10:00 AM +Michael Clarke<br>+Gregory Hammill<br>11:30 AM +Peter Carbone   |
| Saturday,<br>September 2  | 5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper<br>+Russell Lipko<br>+Joseph Reynolds   |
| Sunday,<br>September 3  | 8:30 AM +Mrs. Nancy A. Barone<br>+Michael Clarke<br>+Gregory Hammill<br>10:00 AM +Jack Maher<br>(L)Eileen & Stephen McGlynn<br>+Jocelyn & Joseph L. McGlynn<br>11:30 AM +Angelo & Rita Berretta<br>+Libro & Esther Bonanni |

| St. Clare Church<br>56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies |   |
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| DATE  | MASS INTENTIONS   |
| Saturday,<br>August 26                                  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>  |
| Sunday,<br>August 27                                    | 8:30 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i><br>10:00 AM + <i>Benefactor</i>   |
| Saturday,<br>September 2                                | 5:00 PM +Tom & Mary Castagnino  |
| Sunday,<br>September 3                                  | 8:30 AM + <i>Benefactor</i><br>10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> |

**Praying the Rosary** 


St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach  
**Monday through Saturday, 8:20 AM**

**St. Anthony Novena** 

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach  
**Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach  
**Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

The St. Francis Parish and Center will be CLOSED:  
 **Monday, September 4**  
in observance of Labor Day.

**Mass Schedule CHANGE**  
**September 10/11 through October 1/2, 2022**

**St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach**  
9:00 AM Daily Mass  
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM *in Brant Beach only*  
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**  
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven**  
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 10:00 AM

**St. Clare, Loveladies**  
Sunday, 10:00 AM *until September 24*

## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Parish Office

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

### Parish Finance Council

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

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

### St. Francis Center

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

## Offertory Collection

### This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$38,000**

### This Week's Second Collection:

#### Air Conditioning Bills

Due to the AC in our buildings, our bills are high! Please help us pay our electric bill. Thank you for your generosity.

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$32,685**

Needed: **\$38,000**

### Last Week's Second Collection:


#### Saint Mary's Academy


Collected: **\$8,633**



(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)


 We are the **BODY of CHRIST**  
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**6.5 Million Diocesan Goal**

**St. Francis Parish Goal: \$100,000.00**  
**Pledged: \$55,752.80 (56% of Goal)**  
**Paid: \$54,449.80 (54% of Goal)**  
**Total Donors: 252**  
**Total Gifts: 274**  
**Average Gift: \$203.48**

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the [stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal) for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

**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 pastor.

**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.

## 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)



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.



RCIA is a journey of faith for any unbaptized individual seeking to follow Christ, any baptized person from another Christian community and any Baptized Catholic looking to complete the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and/or First Communion).

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:

*“But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*



Imagine Jesus Christ asking us this question. How would we respond?

And how does knowing that change our lives forever?

## 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.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction



The “Direction” part of the term Spiritual Direction can be off-putting, even for us as directors. This process is not about one person telling the other what to do – “directing” them. Spiritual companionship or soul-friending might be a better term. “Spiritual Direction” has stuck

for some reason, but as Thomas Keating advises: “It is not so much being told what to do as being encouraged to do what we know God and our conscience are asking us to do.”

A spiritual director has been trained to listen to the person they are with in collaboration with the Holy Spirit. Thus, one often sees a picture of three chairs to symbolize the process, one for the director, one for the seeker and one for the Spirit! One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

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

### 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**

### Men’s Spirituality Group

The Men’s Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: **September 16, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Rm.**

### 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 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.

#### Order of the Franciscans Secular offs

Sunday, **September 10**, 12:30 PM, *Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach Church Hall.

#### 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 **September 6**, 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**, 7:00 PM, Room 212



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|  | <b>2023 KIA Forte LXS</b><br>Valued at: \$21,535.00       |
|  | <b>2023 KIA Seltos LX AWD</b><br>Valued at: \$25,400.00   |
|  | <b>2023 KIA K5 LXS</b><br>Valued at: \$27,100.00          |
|  | <b>2023 Dodge Ram 1500</b><br>Valued at: \$32,790.00      |
|  | <b>2023 Jeep Wrangler Sport</b><br>Valued at: \$33,485.00 |

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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.  
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 The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 7, 2023**  
 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner,  
 St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium.  
 Winner need not be present.  
 No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize.  
 Winner responsible for taxes.  
 Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



**2023 Car Raffle**

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate "Car Raffle" on the envelope or purchase online at [stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle](http://stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle) No phone purchases

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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to be on our mailing list? Yes/ No  
 # of Books Requested (\$100 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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:** Starting at \$15 per hour (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](mailto: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.
- \*We are a qualified employer for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM         | NAME: _____                  |
| 4700 Long Beach Blvd.         | ADDRESS: _____               |
| Brant Beach, NJ 08008         | CITY: _____                  |
| Tel: (917) 275-5593           | STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ |
| Email: areitz@stfrancisbi.org | PHONE: _____                 |
|                               | EMAIL: _____                 |

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**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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Red Cross Blood Mobile Tuesday,**  
**September 12; 1:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**St. Francis Church Hall**



You don't need a special reason to give blood. The need is constant and your donation is important for maintaining a healthy and reliable blood supply.

Please call the Community Center at 609-494-8861 ext. 118 or visit: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call: **800-RED-CROSS** or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

**REGISTER NOW!**

*Do you ever wish you could stop the world for a day, catch your breath and have a chance to reflect on what's really important in your life?*

The 24-hour Cornerstone is designed to do just that.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**St. Francis Women's Cornerstone Experience**  
For women 18+



...Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his love endures forever.  
*Psalm 106.1*

**October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

For more information contact  
Lauren Finelli at [lgf\\_finelli@hotmail.com](mailto:lgf_finelli@hotmail.com) or  
Marion Pierri at [mdp93@comcast.net](mailto:mdp93@comcast.net)

**Bus Trip: "Moses" at Sight & Sound**  
**Lancaster, PA**  
**September 13, 2023**  
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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 PayPal.

### Family Support Services:

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

- **Parenting & Anger Management Groups**
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- **Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families**

## Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

[www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org). We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. [www.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.gov).

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## Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



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The LBI Health Department is doing  
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Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

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