

# THE BRIDGE



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

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*Happy Labor Day*

THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 2	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Elaine O'Brien-Greer 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Donald DeLotto +Kristen Lynn Daley +Carol Marie Carroll +George DeMartine	1 Thes. 4:9-11; Mt. 25:14-30 Jer. 20:7-9; Rom. 12:1-2; Mt. 16:21-27	
Sunday, September 3	<b>Labor Day Weekend</b> 7:15 AM +Walter Pietras +Mary E. McKeever 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Jack West 10:00 AM +Irene D'Souza +Carolyn Ruble +Vincent A. Caldarella 11:30 AM +Jose Martinez +Edward Sweeney	Jer. 20:7-9; Rom. 12:1-2; Mt. 16:21-27	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</a>
Monday, September 4	9:00 AM <b>Labor Day</b> +Thomas McGinn	1 Thes. 4:13-18; Lk. 4:16-30	Parish and Center is CLOSED
Tuesday, September 5	9:00 AM +Tom Shields +JoAnn Leffers	1 Thes. 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk. 4:31-37	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, September 6	9:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Grugan (L)Catherine Hammill	Col. 1:1-8; Lk. 4:38-44	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September 7	9:00 AM +Bill Kunz +Connie Hnat +John P. Kelly	Col. 1:9-14; Lk. 5:1-11	
Friday, September 8	9:00 AM +James M. Kempfski	Mi. 5:1-4a; Mt. 1:1-16, 18, 23	
Saturday, September 9	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Mary Spillane	Col. 1:21-23; Lk. 6:1-5 Ez. 33:7-9; Rom. 13:8-10; Mt. 18:15-20	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, September 10	<b>Grandparent/Elderly Blessing</b> 7:15 AM +Nancy Ventoro 8:30 AM +Timothy Downing +William Kaiser +John Patrick Kelly II 10:00 AM +Richard Hans Gove +Edward W. Shanley +Mary Cariello 11:30 AM +Jose Martinez	Ez. 33:7-9; Rom. 13:8-10; Mt. 18:15-20	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</a> 1:15 PM Order of Franciscan Secular, Church Hall

### 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*

### 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.

The St. Francis Parish and Center will be CLOSED:



Monday, September 4  
in observance of Labor Day.

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 2	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Barbara Trunceletto
Sunday, September 3	8:30 AM +Joe Demeo 10:00 AM +Robert Satterfield +Mary, John, & Cindy Craig 11:30 AM +Alfred P. Geary
Saturday, September 9	5:00 PM +Keuper & Pollack Families
Sunday, September 10	8:30 AM +Eileen Marie Larkey 10:00 AM +Giovanna Giampiccolo +Cecelia & Vincent Gosford

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 2	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper +Russell Lipko +Joseph Reynolds
Sunday, September 3	8:30 AM +Mrs. Nancy A. Barone +Michael Clarke +Gregory Hammill 10:00 AM +Jack Maher (L)Eileen & Stephen McGlynn +Jocelyn & Joseph L. McGlynn 11:30 AM +Angelo & Rita Berretta +Libro & Esther Bonanni
Saturday, September 9	5:00 PM +Irene Sommers
Sunday, September 10	10:00 AM +MaryLou & Richard Flynn +Phyllis Makoujy

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

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](https://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)

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

*Labor Day Weekend – not just the end of summer*

In the early 19th Century, at the height of the Industrial Revolution, the average American worked 12 hours a day and often seven days a week simply to make ends meet. It was not uncommon for children as young as 5 or 6 to work in mills, factories, and mines. They, of course, earned even less than their adult counterparts. Raising the dignity of the worker, Labor Day was initiated by the labor movement in the late 19th century to recognize the contributions and achievements of the American worker. It became a federal holiday in 1894.

In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens* [Through Work], Pope John Paul II said, "Through work (humanity) must earn his daily bread and contribute to the continual advance of science and technology and, above all, to elevating unceasingly the cultural and moral level of the society within which he lives in community with those who belong to the same family." [LE ¶ 1]

Written in 1981, it is part of the largely unknown area of Catholic Doctrine known as Catholic Social Teaching, which addresses matters of human dignity and the common good. *Laborem Exercens* emphasizes the foundational church teaching that the dignity of the human person always comes first.

Pope John Paul II predicted that technology would change our culture in ways similar to those changes brought on by the Industrial Revolution itself. He spoke of our need to protect the environment. He asserted that all natural resources are a gift from God and for the use of all people. He welcomed the economic movement to the developing world but noted the great employment shift it would create.

Technology is a great benefit, but as a tool, not the master. People are more important than things [LE ¶ 12], and labor always takes precedence over capital. The rights of workers include full employment and wages and benefits that support the worker and their family. It also addresses the importance of unions, the dignity of agricultural work, the rights of disabled persons, and the challenges and benefits of emigrants seeking work outside of their native land. For Pope John Paul II, work is uniquely entwined with our spirituality in that we share in the activity of God, the creator, in our work and in our rest. [LE ¶ 25]

You can find Pope John Paul II's *Laborem Exercens* at the Vatican website: [www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_enc\\_14091981\\_laborem-exercens.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_14091981_laborem-exercens.html) It might be something good to read, or reread, over this Labor Day Weekend.

As we bid farewell to yet another summer, let us thank God for the work that we have done and ask Him to bless our work that is yet to be accomplished to make the Kingdom of God even more obvious for all people in our community, in our country, and in our world.

May God continue to bless you and your families with Peace and All Good!

Happy Labor Day!  
Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

Embrace Our Way of Life

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA  
Vocation Office [vocations@osphil.org](mailto:vocations@osphil.org)

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE  
Franciscan Vocation Ministry  
Br. Basil Valente, OFM  
129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403  
1-800-677-7788 [www.BeAFranciscan.org](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)



## 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: **\$52,000**

### This Week's Second Collection:

**Human Concerns Project**

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$36,494.52**

Needed: **\$38,000**

### Last Week's Second Collection:

**Air Conditioning Bills**

Collected: **\$12,628**


(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:** \$56,252.80 (56% of Goal)  
**Paid:** \$54,949.80 (55% of Goal)  
**Total Donors:** 253  
**Total Gifts:** 275  
**Average Gift:** \$204.56

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](mailto: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 1:00pm.

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.

## Gospel Inspirations:

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”*



Following Jesus means focusing our energy on what God values rather than what our world values.

*If we make a daily commitment to leave our ego behind and embrace Jesus' ideals, Jesus will be right there with us every day -- every step of the way.*

## 2024 MASS BOOK

The 2024 Mass book will open Monday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone wishing to have a Mass celebrated at any of the scheduled Masses during the year 2024 could visit the Parish Office in the Community Center.

Phone, mail & email requests will also be taken.  
Parish Office: 609-494-8813 ext. 154 or 155

Email: [gsibona@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:gsibona@stfrancislbj.org) or  
[mhuber@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:mhuber@stfrancislbj.org)

Mail: St. Francis Parish  
4700 Long Beach Blvd.  
Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008



**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.

## 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**

## 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. *Founding Mothers, Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cookie Roberts. Next meeting Tuesday, **September 26**, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

### Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday, **September 12**, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church

### Order of the Franciscans Secular of's

Sunday, **September 10**, 1:15 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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**2023 KIA Forte LXS**  
 Valued at: \$21,535.00



**2023 KIA Seltos LX AWD**  
 Valued at: \$25,400.00



**2023 KIA K5 LXS**  
 Valued at: \$27,100.00



**2023 Dodge Ram 1500**  
 Valued at: \$32,790.00



**2023 Jeep Wrangler Sport**  
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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.

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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spaghetti Dinner**

**Saturday, October 7, 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

St. Francis Community Center Gym

Join us for a night of delicious pasta, good company, and a chance to see the lucky Car Raffle winners.

Tickets for dinner and takeout are available now at the Front Desk.

**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)

## PILGRIMAGE TO EMERALD IRELAND



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FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

**11 DAYS: APRIL 16 - 26, 2024**  
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**FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT OR DETACH & MAIL TO:**

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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## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Pet Supply Donation Tuesday, September 1 thru Saturday, September 30

The Center & Parish will be collecting donations for our local animal shelter. NEW blankets, pet food, litter, baby wipes, laundry detergent, and all other pet necessities.


All donations can be dropped off at the center front desk.



St. Francis Community Center  
4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp.  
(609) 494-8861



## Book Signing



**Monday, September 11**  
Local LBI Author and Resident,  
Susannah Marren (Susan Shapiro)  
1:00 - 3:00 PM, Brant Beach Church Hall  
\$30/Ticket

Please bring a nonperishable food item or a gift card. All proceeds to benefit the St. Francis Food Pantry. Includes signed copy of Maribelle's Shadow. Q&A with author and light refreshments. Tickets are on sale at the Community Center Front Desk, St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008, (609) 494-8861

### 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  
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### 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)

## 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 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**

## 51st Annual Long Beach Island Commemorative 18 Mile Run Fundraiser & 12K Run

Race starts at 10:00 AM in Holgate

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*The course is a straight, flat, point-to-point run heading North on Long Beach Blvd. Air temperature in October on LBI is approximately 65 degrees, winds general coming from the South.*

Applications are available at the Front Desk of the Community Center and a printable version online at [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org)

Final registration and race packet pickup will be held on Saturday, **October 7** from 2:00 to 7:00 PM in the Senior Lounge and on Sunday, **October 8** from 7:00 to 9:30 AM in the Center Gymnasium.

*Please register by **September 18<sup>th</sup>** to help us accurately order the proper amount of t-shirt sizes and medals for all of our participants.*

### **12 K Run**

Race starts at 10:10 AM in Holgate and finishes at 46th St., Brant Beach

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Entry Fee:**

**18 Mile Run, \$80; 18 Mile Run USATF-NJ Members, \$70; 12K Run/Walk, \$60**

## Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Fall/Winter Brochure** online at [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org) or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.



### **Fall/Winter Session I**

**Registration**

**September 8**

**beginning at 9:00 AM  
in the Gymnasium**

### **Are You Looking For A Place To Hold A Birthday Party?**

*St. Francis Community Center offers a wet and wild time!*

*Each party is two hours. We provide the party room, which includes: tables, chairs, full kitchen and garbage cans. You supply the party decorations, food and beverages.*

*Call the Aquatic Center today for more information  
Or to book a Party; 609-494-8861 ext. 187.*

*\*Parties are available September through May  
on Saturday's & Sunday's\**

## Did You Know??

Aquatic exercise is a fun way to focus on fitness in a gravity-reduced environment. The buoyancy of water is easier on the body and provides support for people with weakness, balance problems or pain. Additionally, the viscosity of water slows movement and provides resistance during exercise, making aquatic exercise a great workout. Exercise in an aquatic environment offers numerous options and techniques for almost all levels of physical ability. Exercise can be as basic as walking in the water to more high-level aerobic activities, such as deep-water running or swimming. Standing exercises often are performed in water that is waist to chest deep. These exercises can focus on improving range of motion/flexibility, balance and strength. Resistance training can be amped up by simply increasing the speed of movement or adding equipment, such as mitts, paddles, noodles or bands, to increase drag. Group aquatic exercise classes are a great way to socialize, build connections, find support, increase accountability and stay motivated to continue exercising. SFCC is lucky to have our very own competition sized indoor pool. We offer swim lessons, aquatic exercise programs and lifeguard trainings! We house both SRHS SWIM TEAM and BHS SWIM TEAM for their training season. In addition we run our own summer swim team that competes with local yacht clubs. This year our team had nearly won CHAMPS! Check out our schedules to join the fun.



## 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.

## 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.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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### Interfaith Health & Support Services, Inc.

56 Nautilus Drive in Manahawkin

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Friday, **September 22**

Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$40 (cash or check)

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Stunning bags (Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Cole Hahn, Marc Jacobs, Coach and Tory Burch) will be awarded to 12 winners. There will be an abundance of gift baskets raffled off, a 50/50 and door prizes as well. Lots of ways to win big! Coffee, tea and desserts are included in the ticket price. You may bring your own food; no alcohol. For more details: [www.InterfaithSOC.org](http://www.InterfaithSOC.org) (Must be 18 to participate)

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