

THE BRIDGE



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

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“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” Ez. 33:7

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 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, <i>Sr. Lounge</i>
Sunday, September 10	Grandparent/Elderly Blessing 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	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb 1:15 PM Order of Franciscan Secular, Church Hall
Monday, September 11	9:00 AM 9/11 Remembrance +Christopher Cramer +Michael McGurkin +Raymond Bock	Col. 1:24-2:3; Lk. 6:6-11	Mass Book Opens
Tuesday, September 12	9:00 AM +William L. Douma	Col. 2:6-15; Lk. 6:12-19	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Planning, SC
Wednesday, September 13	9:00 AM +Bob McKee	Col. 3:1-11; Lk. 6:20-26	9:30 AM Bible Talks After Mass 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September 14	9:00 AM +Edward J. Hudson	Nm. 21:4b-9; Phil. 2:6-11; Jn. 3:13-17	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, September 15	9:00 AM Our Lady of Sorrows +James M. Kempfski	1 Tm. 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn. 19:25-27	Family Faith, Registration Ends
Saturday, September 16	9:00 AM +(L)Mary Jo Clarke 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Florence Byrne +George & Jane Holland +Kristen Daley	1 Tm. 1:15-17; Lk. 6:43-49 Sir. 27:30-28:7; Rom. 14:7-9; Mt. 18:21-35	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, September 17	The Stigmata of Our Holy Father St. Francis 7:15 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 8:30 AM +Ron Boedart +Helen MacDonald +Elmer Stephen Wolter 10:00 AM +Joseph Cortellio +Vincent A. Caldarella +Amy Starr	Sir. 27:30-28:7; Rom. 14:7-9; Mt. 18:21-35	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

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/stfrancisparishlb

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/stfrancisparishlb
St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

Get Updates on Closings sent directly to your phone:

1. Go to Rainedout.com
2. Search St. Francis Center, LBICC, INC.
3. Opt-in to your organization
4. Validate your phone number

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 9	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Keuper & Pollack Families
Sunday, September 10	8:30 AM + Eileen Marie Larkey 10:00 AM + Giovanna Giampiccolo + Cecelia & Vincent Gosford
Saturday, September 16	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, September 17	8:30 AM + <i>Benefactors</i> 10:00 AM + Frank McNamee + Joe DeMeo

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 9	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Irene Sommers
Sunday, September 10	10:00 AM +MaryLou & Richard Flynn +Phyllis Makoujy
Saturday, September 16	5:00 PM +Anthony Brennan
Sunday, September 17	10:00 AM +Eugene Bacich

St. Clare Church 56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, September 10	(L) Living +Deceased 10:00 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday, September 17	10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi


Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:
[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

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

2024 MASS BOOK

The 2024 Mass book will open Monday, **September 11th**.
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@stfrancislbi.org or mhuber@stfrancislbi.org
Mail: St. Francis Parish
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008



A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

We Meet Lots of People Along the Way

We meet a lot of people here on Long Beach Island. Not too long ago, my niece called me and asked, “How far do you live from The Black Whale; You have to go there!” Her question and command were all in one breath. That was the night Taylor Swift was in town, and Beach

Haven turned into a mob scene. Although her visit to LBI made local and perhaps even national news, it did not excite me.

At the end of Mass last weekend, a very nice young couple introduced themselves to me. They explained they were from New Hampshire, and their mother/mother-in-law was from Houston. We laughed about the two extremes, New Hampshire and Texas, meeting in the “middle” right here in New Jersey.

He told me his name, Simeon Marklin, but it didn’t register. We chatted a bit more, and then he said, “I was probably the one who made your Paschal Candle.” With that, the pieces came together, and it clicked. Marklin Candles, based in Contoocook, New Hampshire, is the company we use to buy our candles. He was so proud of his work, and I thought it was great to meet the person who actually made it.

The Paschal Candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, represents the light of Christ in our midst. This connection to our celebration of Easter is why we light that candle at all Baptisms and all Funerals.

Taylor Swift did not excite me, but I was thrilled to meet Simeon, as his work is a vital part of our prayer and worship. We never know who we are going to meet, but we do know that we always have the potential to meet Christ in everyone who crosses our path. Today’s Gospel offers us a very good way to ensure that our relationships stay healthy and good so we can increase the chances of meeting Christ, even with those we don’t see eye to eye.

As we remember the 22nd Anniversary of 9/11, let us continue to work and pray that more and more people heed Jesus’ advice to reconcile with one another so we can truly come closer to seeing the light of Christ in our world and in one another.

May God grant us that Grace and continue to bless us all 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
Peter Williams	Stacey Kelsall, Comptroller

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

St. Francis Center

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

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$38,000**

This Week's Second Collection:

The Catholic University of America

This special collection is mandated by the Diocese of Trenton for the Catholic University. It was founded by the American Bishops and chartered by the Vatican and is distinguished as the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. The University's parish scholarship program offers annual scholarships to high school seniors accepted for undergraduate study at CU. This annual diocesan collection helps support this initiative.



Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$42,679**

Needed: **\$52,000**

Last Week's Second Collection:

Human Concerns Project


Collected: **\$16,567.05**

(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: \$57,252.80 (57% of Goal)
Paid: \$56,017.80 (56% of Goal)
Total Donors: 254
Total Gifts: 277
Average Gift: \$206.69

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.

Gospel Inspirations:



“Amen, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are about to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

Jesus calls every member of the Church to work together to make the Church ever more caring, forgiving and loving. We are called to pray together, to talk to each other.

Jesus, knowing you are in our midst, help us to welcome dialogue as a partnership with you.

Family Faith

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

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15th at 9:00 AM Daily Mass

We celebrate the Memorial of Mary, "Our Lady of Sorrows", on September 15th at 9:00 AM Daily Mass.

Those who have suffered the loss of a child can find comfort and inspiration from the strength of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose grief for her son never disturbed her faith.

We invite those who have suffered the loss of a child to add the name of your loved one to our Book of Remembrance which is located in the Brant Beach Church by the prayer candles.



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).

Please call Fr. Andrew or Sr. Pat at the parish office (609-494-8861 ext. 157).

Our journey begins on September 19th.

Reflection and discussion on
"What Makes Us Catholic"

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



PRAYER FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,
make me as willing as You to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.
Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.
Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the
grandchildren and youth so that,
in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.
Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2023

October 8, Ocean/Monmouth;
October 22, Burlington/Mercer



All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, **October 8** at 3:00 PM. Couples from Burlington and Mercer Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing on Sunday, **October 22** at 3:00 PM at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton.

For more information and to register for this event online visit us at: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing or call your local parish office. The registration **deadline** for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2023**



THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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) 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 - **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 offs

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 for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **September 20, 10:00 AM**, Room 102.

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, ofsf 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 Valued at: \$33,485.00

Only 3,500 Books Available

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

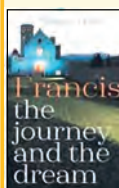


Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles.
Each book may carry more than one name.
Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer.
The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 7, 2023** at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium.
Winner need not be present.
No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize.
Winner responsible for taxes.
Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

2023 Car Raffle

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

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____ Would you like to be on our mailing list? Yes/ No
of Books Requested (\$100 each) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____



**Book Discussion to Celebrate
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**
Francis the Journey and the Dream by Murray Bodo, OFM
Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 PM
Conference Room in Parish Wing
Monday, October 2, after 9:00 AM Mass, Sr. Kate Room
For more info. contact Fr. Scott at ext.154
Copies of book can be purchased through
ThriftBooks.com; Abebooks.com; Ebay.com

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@stfrancislbj.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)

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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 to schedule an appointment. For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call: **800-RED-CROSS** or visit redcrossblood.org

Pet Supply Donation

Now through

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
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(609) 494-8861



The Annual SPAGHETTI DINNER

and Car Raffle Drawing

Tickets On Sale NOW!

18 Mile Run & 12k Runners receive \$5off
BYOB & Take Out Available

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

5:00pm

St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium

Adults: \$20

Children: \$10

TICKETS
AVAILABLE
ONLINE



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Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Walk-ins are welcome!

The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers.

**Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.*

*Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. **TO ENROLL TEXT***

"PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760** *carrier text message rates may apply*****

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

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

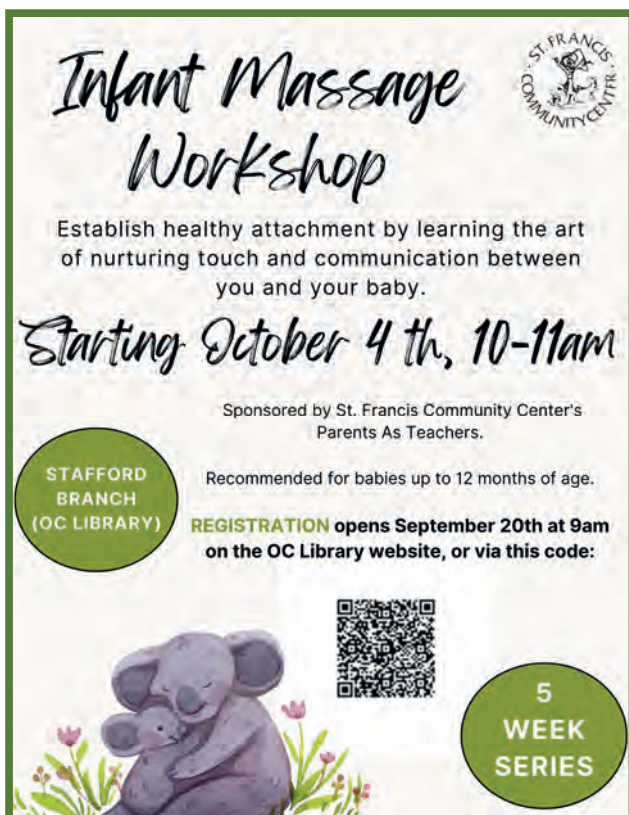
Coffee, Tea, Oatmeal, Snacks

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>

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Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Summer Brochure** online at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

Aquatics Session I

Starts September 19

Water Tots (ages 10 months - 36 months)

Water Tykes (ages 3 year old)

Little Dippers (ages 4 year old)

Little Paddlers 1 (ages 5 & up)

Little Paddlers 2 (ages 5 & up)

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



Race starts at 10:00 AM in Holgate

Sunday, October 8th, 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

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 18th** 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 8th, 2023

Entry Fee:

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

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

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

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

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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
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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.

Community Bulletin Board

Interfaith Health & Support Services, Inc.

56 Nautilus Drive in Manahawkin

Designer Bag Bingo

Friday, **September 22**

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

Tickets are \$40 (cash or check)

and must be purchased in advance at the Interfaith office at 56 Nautilus Drive in Manahawkin.

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 (Must be 18 to participate)

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Mass- 9:00am. will be celebrated in the church

with: Monsignor Ken Tuzeneu

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Admission: \$20.00 includes Box lunch - pay at the door

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Reservations: are necessary-must select a Box Lunch from selections listed on CWOZ Website www.cwoz.org. You can also register by phone-please leave your phone number, spell your last name and selection of Box Lunch at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, **September 26**. If you have any questions contact: *Mary Ann Collett, MSW, MA, CLEM, Co-founder/Director of Catholic Women of Zion cwoz@cwoz.org*

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Sunday, September 17 9:30 AM - Noon

Presentation on St. Teresa's *Interior Castle*

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