

# THE BRIDGE



*With open arms  
for all!*

*All are welcome!*

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*“If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord,  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. Rom. 14:8*

THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 16	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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	<b><i>The Stigmata of Our Holy Father St. Francis &amp; Catechetical Sunday</i></b> 7:15 AM +People of the Parish 8:30 AM +Ron Boedart +Helen MacDonald +Elmer Stephen Wolter 10:00 AM +Joseph Cortellio +Vincent A. Caldarella +Amy Starr 11:30 AM +Mary Cariello	Sir. 27:30-28:7; Rom. 14:7-9; Mt. 18:21-35	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</a>
Monday, September 18	9:00 AM +Joseph Demeo	1 Tm. 2:1-8; Lk. 7:1-10	
Tuesday, September 19	9:00 AM (L)Thomas McGinn (L)Christine Cobuzzi	1 Tm. 3:1-13; Lk. 7:11-17	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 5:15 PM Dinner with Friends, Church Hall 7:00 PM Adult Enrichment RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, September 20	9:00 AM +Maryellen Bernard	1 Tm. 3:14-16; Lk. 7:31-25	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September 21	9:00 AM +Michael McGurkin +Jim Elsenbeck	Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt. 9:9-13	
Friday, September 22	9:00 AM +Larry Ackley +Betty Ann Goowin +Rita Neyer	1 Tm. 6:2c-12; Lk. 8:1-3	
Saturday, September 23	9:00 AM +Kelly Abodolrazek 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Mieczyslaw (Mickey) Kochanek	1 Tm. 6:13-16; Lk. 8:4-15 Is. 55:6-9; Phil. 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt. 20:1-16a	
Sunday, September 24	7:15 AM +Constance Radomski 8:30 AM +Peggy Keavney +Mary Ann O'Grady 10:00 AM +Marc Perugini +Shirley Cook +Virginia Kirk Flood 11:30 AM +Joseph Demeo +Helen Mac Donald	Is. 55:6-9; Phil. 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt. 20:1-16a	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb</a>

## St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 16	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 17	8:30 AM +Benefactors 10:00 AM +Frank McNamee +Joe DeMeo
Saturday, September 23	5:00 PM +People of the Parish
Sunday, September 24	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Joe DeMeo

## St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2<sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 16	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Anthony Brennan
Sunday, September 17	10:00 AM +Eugene Bacich
Saturday, September 23	5:00 PM +Larry King
Sunday, September 24	10:00 AM +Raymond C. Wiley



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

### *It's Always Something!*

I don't always quote scripture. Sometimes I quote Gilda Radner's Roseanne Roseannadanna from the original cast of Saturday Night Live. She would often end her news report saying, "It's like my father always said to me, he said to me, he said, Roseanne Roseannadanna; it's always something. If it isn't one thing – it's another. It's always something." I usually use the last part of that line when some feathers have been ruffled or something, by chance, goes wrong, like a pipe bursts, or a roof leaks. *It's always something!*

However, sometimes those "things" that happen are good. Today, I would like to update you on some of the good things that are happening in the parish.

- Despite losing one of our five nights, the Festival of Sea was a great success. After all the bills were paid, our Festival 2023 had a profit of \$52,044.67. Again, thank you to everyone who made that possible, from our volunteers to our sponsors, vendors, and guests. Thank you! Here's to next year. Remember, it will be an entirely new ride and games company and will be during the week of July 4th! Mark your calendars!
- We are bringing to a close this year's "Treasure" phase of our parish Stewardship campaign, The Joy of Sharing the Gospel. A separate note of appreciation with explanation of the details will be forthcoming. In brief, I have to say, you did it again! St. Francis Parish rose to the challenge. Through your generous pledges, our collections will, for the first time in a long time, be able to meet our operating expenses. In just a few weeks, as we celebrate our patron, St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4th, we will launch the "Time" and "Talent" phases of Stewardship. We will ask ourselves how we use our time. Time is our most valuable resource, but without a proper perspective, we might spend it foolishly. Do we use our time to build up God's Kingdom? How much time do we set aside to be with the Lord in prayer so we can build a better relationship with God? We will also ask ourselves how we share our talents with the parish community and the larger community. As St. Francis did, after he heard the call from the San Damiano Cross to "Go and rebuild my Church," we strive to do the same in our own day and time, and in doing so, we continue Jesus' call to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand.
- Last fall, at the presentation of the Annual Report to the parish, I shared with you that we were looking to sell two pieces of property in Surf City and the old "Central Supply," the original St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Beach Haven. They have been sold. Our debt to the diocese has been paid, and we have a nice little nest egg of about 4 million dollars to invest. The return on these investments will allow us to address the larger capital expenses of the parish. For the most part, this would include the repair and upkeep of our facilities. Living on Long Beach Island is wonderful, but we all know the harsh weather is a challenge to our structures, even if they are made of brick. I am most grateful for the help Joe Hummel provided facilitating the sale of these properties. They don't teach us any of this stuff in seminary! Thank you, Joe. I would also like to thank Arlene Morrison for her help, and Bill Hodgson and Island Realty for all the work they provided and their very generous service to our parish community.
- Concurrent with the sale of these properties, two sub-committees of the St. Francis Parish Finance Council have been formed: the St. Francis Parish Investment Committee and the St. Francis Parish Facilities Committee. These two committees will work in tandem with the Finance Council to coordinate the major projects of the parish moving forward. I am grateful for those who have volunteered their time to sit on these committees:

Parish Facilities Committee: Joseph Hummel, chair, Anne Nachman, Art Puzzaferro, and Michael Strunk.

Parish Investment Committee: Diedre Fitzpatrick, Thomas Lynch, Allen Magrini, Shawn Mahony, Joan Sawicki, Joseph Vaszily, chair, David Young.

My sincere thanks to our present St. Francis Parish Finance Council, Cecelia Fowler, Joseph Hummel, Stacey Kelsall, parish comptroller, Joseph Mack, chair, Jay Pojednic, Fr. Andrew Reitz, Joseph Vaszily, and Peter Williams, and Marie Maslanka, our Parish Secretary, for all of their hard work. Thank you to Angelo Rinaldi who sat on the council for almost three years but unfortunately moved away from the area. A special thanks to Joe Mack for leading the charge on the Stewardship campaign and Joe Hummel for his review of our facilities and maintenance department, which led to the creation of our new facilities committee.

As Roseanne Roseannadanna said, "It's always something." Here at St. Francis, there is always something going on, but that's only because of all the people who celebrate the Eucharist and with conviction go out and live it. You make my ministry so very easy!

Thank you!

May God continue to bless us 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](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: **\$30,000**

### This Week's Second Collection:

#### Debt Reduction

Did you know we have a mortgage? This collection will help us make our monthly payments and help bring down our debt. Thank you for your generosity.

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$29,728**

Needed: **\$38,000**

### Last Week's Second Collection:

**The Catholic University of America**

Collected: **\$7,455**



(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:** \$57,507.80 (58% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$56,272.80 (56% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 255

**Total Gifts:** 279

**Average Gift:** \$206.12

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. Clare Church

56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
	(L) Living +Deceased
Sunday, September 17	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 24	10:00 AM +Benefactors

### Get Updates on Closings sent directly to your phone:

1. Go to [Rainedout.com](http://Rainedout.com)
2. Search St. Francis Center, LBICC, INC.
3. Opt-in to your organization
4. Validate your phone number

## 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)



Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday" – a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

This year's theme is **"Come to Me All You Who Labor and are Burdened"** Matthew 11:28

By virtue of faith and baptismal anointing, in collaboration with the Magisterium of Christ and as a servant of the action of the Holy Spirit, the Catechist is:

A witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God

A teacher who introduces others to the mystery of God

An accompanier and educator of those who are entrusted to him/her by the Church

St. Francis of Assisi is blessed to have Catechists who have heard the call to serve the families of our Parish. Their devotion to share their faith with our community is inspiring. On Sunday, **September 17, 2023**, we will recognize the Catechists of our Parish and thank them for their ministry.

As we continue with the family-centered catechetical program, our commitment is to assist the parents as the primary educators of their children in their faith journey.

If you would like to become part of this most important work, please call the Family Faith office.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 164

"On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over:

'Jesus Christ loves you

He gave His life for you

He is living at your side everyday

To enlighten, strengthen and free you' "

Peace be with you,

Judith Clayton, Director Family Faith

## Gospel Inspirations:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? Seven times?" Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'"

"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

We are called to forgive as God forgives – over and over again – with love and patience.



## Adult Faith Enrichment RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Knight Wing Conference Room 212 in the Parish Office**

Reflection and discussion on  
**"What Makes Us Catholic"**

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



## THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mark your calendar with these important dates  
as we prepare to celebrate our patron saint.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**

Join us outside the front entrance of the Brant Beach Church  
*Rain Location: The blessing will be held in the Center gymnasium*  
Donations for the Animal Shelter will be accepted

### ReCLAM THE BAY- Clam Nursery Demonstration

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM**

**directly after the Animal Blessing**

Join us by the bay behind the St. Francis Aquatic Center  
The St Francis ReClam the Bay team will demonstrate what happens in a clam nursery and why. The half hour presentation will provide opportunities to see the clams up close in three stages of growth and also to view the baby oysters in our upweller.

### WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

**September 30 & October 1 at all Weekend Liturgies**

### THE TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM**

Join us in the Brant Beach Church for the Transitus Service of  
St. Francis of Assisi.

### FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM Mass**

Join us in the Brant Beach Church for daily mass  
as we celebrate the feast of our patron saint.  
Light refreshments will be served in the church hall  
following our liturgy.

## 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 26-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.  
*Psalms 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)

**Brochures/forms available in Churches and the Center**

## "Dinner with Friends"

We are inviting all widows and widowers to join us at our monthly **"Dinner with Friends"** gathering, an hour or two of pleasant conversations, an informal dinner, and a healthy serving of laughter! The September gathering will be on Tuesday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 5:15pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. The entrance to the hall is at the northern end of the church/hall building.

If you need a ride to/from the gathering, please call Angela Ominski at 609-618-9974 to arrange for your transportation. Feel free to attend whenever you can. This month's dinner is "bring your own". Hope you can join us! All are welcome!

Peace and all good,  
Angela, Kathleen & JoAnne

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction



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

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835,  
Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,  
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 sessions - **Wednesday, October 4, 10:30 AM, Zoom**  
**Saturday, October 14, 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, **October 11, 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

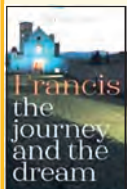
Next meeting Tuesday, **October 10, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church**

### 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 20, 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 **October 12, 7:00 PM, Room 212**



**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  
[ThriftyBooks.com](http://ThriftyBooks.com); [Abebooks.com](http://Abebooks.com); [Ebay.com](http://Ebay.com)



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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](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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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.

## 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

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. 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- 35 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 35 hours per week- Some evening hours.

### Educational & Career Services

**Position:** Full time WFNJ Employment Specialist/Case Manager-Toms River Location. Responsible for managing a caseload of job seekers. **Qualifications:** A Bachelor's degree (BA or BS) Experience working with adult populations. **Multiple positions available full-time and part-time for a new Senior Employment Assistance Program.** **Positions:** Full time Program Specialist- overseeing Senior Employment Assistance Program. **Position:** Full time and part time Case Manager - Guide job seekers in acquiring the skills, knowledge, and experience. **Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree (BA or BS) is required. Experience working with adult populations

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

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

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

### **VOLUNTEER FOR PRISON MINISTRY:**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS



### **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.

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## 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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**Desserts needed for the Spaghetti Dinner**

**Volunteers needed.**

Please contact Michelle DiBella at (609) 494-8861 ext. 107



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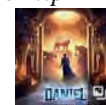
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## Family Support Services

### 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\*\**

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Canned Beans & Vegetables, Canned Chicken, Beef Stew, Chili, Spaghetti O's, Soup, Oatmeal, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Rice, School Snacks Cookies, Crackers, Nutritional Drinks, Shampoo, Detergent

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

## Infant Massage Workshop

Establish healthy attachment by learning the art of nurturing touch and communication between you and your baby.

**Starting October 4th, 10-11am**




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**REGISTRATION opens September 20th at 9am on the OC Library website, or via this code:**

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## Recreation & Aquatics

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

### 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)

Little Sharks (ages 8 & up)

Competitive Swim Fish (ages 8 & up)

Fall Swim Clinic

Transitional (ages 5 - 11)

Advanced (ages 12 & up)

Aquatic Zumba Aerobics

Aquatic Zumba / Arthritis Aquatic Exercise

Aquatic Aerobics

Deep Water Aerobics

Aqua Bootcamp

Lifeguard Training-Hybrid Class (ages 15 & up)

### 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

### **Volunteers needed.**

Please contact Michelle DiBella at (609) 494-8861 ext. 107

## 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).

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  
**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.



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

For info: [www.InterfaithSOC.org](http://www.InterfaithSOC.org) (Must be 18 to participate)

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

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Reservations: are necessary-must select a Box Lunch from selections listed on CWOZ Website [www.cwoz.org](http://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](mailto:cwoz@cwoz.org)

### Maris Stella Retreat Center

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