

THE BRIDGE



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

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH • 4700 LONG BEACH BOULEVARD, BRANT BEACH, NJ 08008



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*“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.
Mt. 20:1*

THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 23	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Kelly Abdolrazek 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	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Monday, September 25	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Ezr. 1:1-6; Lk. 8:16-18	
Tuesday, September 26	9:00 AM (L)Kevin, Theresa & Marianne Byrne	Ezr. 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk. 8:19-21	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212 7:00 PM Adult Faith/RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, September 27	9:00 AM +Maryellen Bernard	Ezr. 9:5-9; Lk. 9:1-6	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00 PM Book Discussion, Room 212
Thursday, September 28	9:00 AM <i>Our Lady, Untier of Knots</i> +Bert Stahlberg	Hg. 1:1-8; Lk. 9:7-9	
Friday, September 29	9:00 AM +Phyllis Ryan +Albert B. Virili (L)Christine Cregan	Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn. 1:47-51	
Saturday, September 30	9:00 AM +Ro Downey 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation <i>Weekend Celebration Feast of St Francis</i> 5:00 PM +Judith K. Krol +Jack Planich +Harriet Ackermann +Thomas Guterl +Lois Burke	Zec. 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk. 9:43b-45 Sir. 50:1, 3-4, 6-7; Gal. 6:14-18; Mt. 11:25-30	10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals 10:45 AM ReClam the Bay
Sunday, October 1	<i>Weekend Celebration Feast of St Francis</i> 7:15 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 8:30 AM +Joseph DeMeo +Maria Critelli 10:00 AM +Christopher Bagnato +Francis Michael Bagnato 11:30 AM +Renee Sweeney	Sir. 50:1, 3-4, 6-7; Gal. 6:14-18; Mt. 11:25-30	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 23	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Larry King
Sunday, September 24	10:00 AM +Raymond C. Wiley
Saturday, September 30	5:00 PM + <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday, October 1	10:00 AM +Nancy A. Barone

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 23	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday, September 24	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +John Michaels
Saturday, September 30	5:00 PM + <i>Benefactors</i>
Sunday, October 1	8:30 AM + <i>People of the Parish</i> 10:00 AM +Joe DeMeo

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

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

It's Always Something, Part 2.

Remembering Roseanne Roseannadanna from last weekend here are a few more "things" to share with you.

For those who attend St. Francis Church, or at least driven by the church, you could not help but notice that the gardens around the church and the center have been redone. The entrance to the Aquatic

Center had been neglected for so long. It was so overgrown and was in need of a good overhaul. The confirmation for that was after many of the overgrown plants were removed someone asked me when we got the statue of St. Francis in front of the pool. I smiled and said that it had been there for almost 20 years. The gardens around the church had also become crowded and overgrown that the decision was made to rework those gardens as well. The irrigation system at the church had served its last sprinkle. Parts of it worked but most of it didn't so that was upgraded and or replaced. We never had an irrigation system around the Aquatic Center so one was installed there as well.

I would like to thank Paul Chambers along with Willie and John Paul Grundy for their care of the church gardens for so many years. Willie and JP followed their father's lead. Jack Grundy worked the gardens for many years before his health prevented him from continuing. Thank you Paul, Willie, JP, and Jack for the countless hours spent working in our gardens.

A thanks is also needed for Lisa and Bill Tyson and Joe and Lorri D'Orsi for their work in the garden project here in Brant Beach. They have worked closely with Reynolds, Island Irrigation, and me to make sure this project would add that graceful beauty to our church and center. I cannot thank them enough for the time and talent they have contributed to this project. We have always had a wonderful relationship with Reynolds Landscaping, Garden Shop & Garden Center. They are always very good to us but I have to say that they really went above and beyond for this project. My thanks to Luke Reynolds, Brian, and their incredible "foreman," Lupe. Lupe knows his plants. He know what will thrive on the island and what will not. Thank you also to Francis and Island Irrigation for their great work and help with this project. They too have offered us nothing but the best. Finally, we will also be updating the gardens at the Beach Haven Church. When we sold the old St. Thomas Church my only request was that we keep the copper crosses on the top of the building. The next project will be to create a garden memorial to the faithful people who built and prayed in the original St. Thomas Church for over half a century. We will be incorporating one of the crosses in the garden to remember those who came before us and did what they did so we could be where we are today. Our prayers of thanksgiving are raised for the thousands of faithful men and women, both in Beach Haven and Surf City – the first Catholic Churches on the island - who created the foundation of our Catholic presence here today. May they all know the great reward of eternal life in the Kingdom of God. It's always something and it is also very good.



May God continue to bless us with Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
 Pastor

St. Clare Church

56th & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

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

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: **\$35,000**

This Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Ministries - Peace & Justice

This collection helps the parish fulfill the vision of the friars of Holy Name Province in their work on behalf of Justice, Peace, and the integrity of Creation. Thank you for your support.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: **\$33,664**

Needed: **\$35,000**

Last Week's Second Collection:

Debt Reduction

Collected: **\$10,708**



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

Paid: \$56,222.80 (57% 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 for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Mass Schedule through October 1/2, 2023

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

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**

VOLUNTEER FOR PRISON MINISTRY:

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to bringing God's Word to the imprisoned. Please join this ministry. Bring God's Word to the incarcerated with experienced team members in a safe environment. These young people are hungry to hear the Gospel and to participate in the Communion Rite of the Catholic Church. Contact Jim Coltery at jcoltery@gmail.com

109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay" is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). Pope Francis intends to promote a renewed reflection on a right that has not yet been codified at the international level: the right not to have to migrate or, in other words, the right to be able to remain in one's own land.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

God, Father Almighty,

grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

Gospel Inspirations:



"...the last will be first, and the first will be last."

God's kingdom operates on a logic different from our earthly experience. God's generosity is extended to all – the last called as well as the first—the poor, the sick, the forgotten, and the outcasts as much as those who have labored long in the vineyard.

Our God is expansive. How far does our generosity extend?



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 30th 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

ReCLAM THE BAY- Clam Nursery Demonstration

Saturday, September 30th at 10:45 AM

directly after the Animal Blessing

Join us by the bay behind the St. Francis Center - South Side
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 3rd at 6:00 PM

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

Each year, on the eve of his feast day, Franciscans throughout the world celebrate the passing of St. Francis of Assisi from earthly life to everlasting glory. The ritual of the Transitus is a special service which includes the reading of early stories, scripture, and sung prayer. We invite you to join us and experience a part of what shapes our Franciscan identity.

FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Wednesday, October 4th 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.

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)
jclayton@stfrancislbj.org
Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)
Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



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

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.



“Sing to the glory of the Lord!”
SAINT FRANCIS CHOIRS
ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS SEASON

Join us! No audition required.

Bring your love of music, singing, and praising GOD!

REHEARSALS BEGIN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

- **YOUTH CHOIR (2ND—12TH GRADE)- 5:30PM**
- **ADULT CHOIR- 7:00PM**

RSVP your spot by Friday, October 6th

Adult Choir: adultchoir@stfrancislbj.org
Youth Choir: youthchoir@stfrancislbj.org



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 26th, 7:00 PM
Knight Wing Conference Room 212 in the Parish Office

Reflection and discussion on
“Sacramental View ?? and Seven Sacraments”

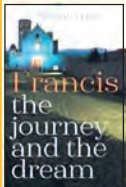
All are welcome...baptized or non-baptized...
believer or non-believer.

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

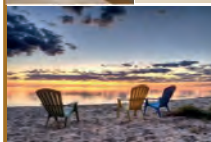
For more info. contact Fr. Scott at ext.154
Copies of book can be purchased through
ThriftBooks.com; Abebooks.com; Ebay.com



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 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: **October 21, 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 for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **October 4**, 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, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next meeting **October 12**, 7:00 PM, Room 212



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	2023 KIA Forte LXS Valued at: \$21,535.00
	2023 KIA Seltos LXA WD 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: _____

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.

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@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

PILGRIMAGE TO EMERALD IRELAND



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FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

11 DAYS: APRIL 16 - 26, 2024
WATERFORD * KILLARNEY * CLIFFS OF MOHER
GALWAY * CONNEMARA * KNOCK * SLIGO * DUBLIN



\$3549 PER PERSON FROM NEW YORK
(Air/land tour price is \$3049 plus \$500 government taxes/airline surcharges)

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

Contact Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ 08008
Tel: (917) 275-5593; Email: areitz@stfrancislbj.org

FUTURE BUS TRIPS



May 15, 2024

New York Broadway show
"A Beautiful Noise"

Neil Diamond Musical, Orchestra Seating
\$240 includes show, transportation, driver tip

October 9, 2024

Sight and Sound Lancaster PA
"Daniel"

\$192 includes show, lunch, transportation, driver tip

Call: Cheryl Krzacyk, 609-661-5229
or Mary Lou Ligus, 215-850-7809



Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:
St. Francis Community Center
 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
 2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven
St. Clare Church
 56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies



These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.

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.

St. Francis Community Center
4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp.
(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




SCANN ME

Desserts needed for the Spaghetti Dinner

Volunteers needed.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

Holiday Craft Show	November 18 & 19
Beefsteak Dinner	December 1
American Red Cross Blood Drive	December 12
Dakota & Elle Christmas Concert	December 15
Super "Plunge" Saturday	February 10
Apple Raffle	February 10

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:

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

Recreation & Aquatics

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

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

Volunteers needed.

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

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Sponsored by St. Francis Community Center in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island, the race is a straight run up Long Beach Boulevard from south to north, with the exception of the last quarter-mile, where there are a couple turns and then the race is directed to finish in the parking lot near Barnegat Lighthouse.

Looking to take part in the 18 Mile Run weekend festivities but not quite ready to take on the full 18 miles?

In addition to our 18 Mile Run, there will be a 12K (about 7.5 mile) fundraiser that will take place from the start line and head directly to the St. Francis Center for the finish line! This event is perfect for those interested in testing themselves at a race distance longer than a usual 5K or someone looking for a fitness walk that offers water stations and race course supervision!

Applications and more race information are available online at stfranciscenterlbi.org/special-events-18-mile-run, or by calling 609-494-8861. Applications can also be obtained at the Community Center's front desk. Runners also can register online at runsignup.com.

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.

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The LBI Health Department is doing
Blood Pressure Screenings
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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.

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