

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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St. Francis of Assisi

THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 30	(L) Living +Deceased 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 +People of the Parish 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	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Monday, October 2	9:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families	Zec. 8:1-8; Mt. 18:1-5, 10	9:45 AM Book Discussion, Sr. Kate Rm.
Tuesday, October 3	9:00 AM +Andrew Zimmerman 6:00 PM <i>Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	Zec. 8:20-23; Lk. 9:51-56	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Adult Faith/RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, October 4	9:00 AM <i>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</i> +Marie Sulkowski, ofs +Lori Ghio +Marianne Gaudio	1 Cor. 1:26-31; Lk. 9:57-62; 1st Life of Saint Francis by Thomas of Celano	Employee Luncheon 10:00 AM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Rm. 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, October 5	9:00 AM +Karen Grundy	Neh. 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk. 10:1-12	
Friday, October 6	9:00 AM (L)Mary Turner	Bar. 1:15-22; Lk. 10:13-16	
Saturday, October 7	9:00 AM +Frances Huff 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Donald Delotto +Mary Shields +JoAnn Leffers	Bar. 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk. 10:17-24 Is. 5:1-7; Phil. 4:6-9; Mt. 21:33-43	
Sunday, October 8	7:15 AM +Connelly Family +Stephanie Kavourias 8:30 AM +Loretta McGinn	Is. 5:1-7; Phil. 4:6-9; Mt. 21:33-43	Live-Streaming 8:30 AM Mass Today Only www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 30	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Benefactors
Sunday, October 1	8:30 AM +People of the Parish 10:00 AM +Joe DeMeo +Megan E. McNellis
Saturday, October 7	5:00 PM +James M. Kempski +Billy D'Autrechy
Sunday, October 8	8:30 AM +Benefactors 10:00 AM +Joe DeMeo

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 30	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Thomas Guterl +Lois Burke
Sunday, October 1	10:00 AM +Nancy A. Barone +Frank & Edward Schwind +Paul Switaj
Saturday, October 7	5:00 PM +Mary Lyons +Carmela Ricci +Stella McMonagle
Sunday, October 8	8:30 AM +Margaret Coughlin +John & Lottie Bencivenga

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlb.org

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

 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

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.

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, <i>Comptroller</i>

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

St. Francis and Stewardship

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, I would like to transition the parish from the "Treasure" phase of our Parish Stewardship Program, "The Joy of Sharing the Gospel," to the "Time and Talent" phase of Stewardship.

Before we unfold the details of "Time and Talent" here are a few highlights of "Treasure." Our goal during "Treasure" was to, annually, add \$150,000 to our weekly collections. I am happy to share with you that the pledged commitments totaled \$149,146! I know what you are thinking, "So close!" Actually, we were not close ... we surpassed our goal! Of course, because St. Francis is a unique parish where the ebb and flow of parishioners changes almost as quickly as the tide itself, in addition to the pledged amount, we also received \$48,355 in one-time gifts, many of which appear to be in lieu of weekly commitments. The result is that 2023-24 should be the first year, in many, in which our Offertory should match our operating expenses. The 23% of parishioners who committed to increase their donation jumps to 27% when we include the folks who gave a one-time gift. Although the national average is around 33% participation, the majority of those parishes have consistent year-round donors. We on the other hand have "seasonal donors" who have allegiances to two parishes. Given our uniqueness, I believe that 27% is a very positive accomplishment, especially since this was our first Stewardship effort. A remarkable fact about the 23% who completed a commitment card is that those pledges reflect a 30% increase over your offertory gifts last year. Our target was a modest 13%. Your generosity is amazing!

My heartfelt and sincere thanks to all of you who participated in the "Treasure" phase of this year's Stewardship Program. Reading through your commitment cards was very moving. Your faith in the Lord is incredible; your love of this parish is overwhelming; and the sharing of your goodness continues to make this parish outstanding.

If you have not yet renewed your commitment to the parish, there are still commitment cards in the churches. Each response makes a huge impact! After the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, we will roll out phase two of Stewardship, "Time and "Talent" when we will consider how we share our time with God and our talent with our parish community.

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

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$35,000

This Week's Second Collection:

Church Buildings & Ground Maintenance

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$35,000

Needed: \$23,758

Last Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Ministries - Peace & Justice

Collected: \$7,447



(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: \$57,547.80 (58% of Goal)

Paid: \$56,662.80 (57% of Goal)

Total Donors: 256

Total Gifts: 281

Average Gift: \$204.80

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:

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves."



Jesus promises us that following His way will bring us inner peace.

Jesus, show me the way.

Mass Schedule CHANGE

18-Mile Run, October 7/8, 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 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, 8:30 AM

St. Clare, Loveladies - **CLOSED for the Season**



"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@stfrancislbi.org

Youth Choir: youthchoir@stfrancislbi.org



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.*

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 Collery at jcollery@gmail.com

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)



CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS

Would you like to be spiritually involved in the Mass?
If so, why not sign up to be an **Altar Server**.



We need young people (after First Communion) to help the Friars during the mass along with other duties that are part of the mass as an Altar Server. The more you do in this ministry, the better you become at understanding.

PLEASE have your parents contact Ms. Toby McCarthy by calling the PARISH OFFICE (609) 494-8813 (ask for Marie) and let her know that you are interested to become an Altar Server. Give the office secretary your NAME, PHONE NUMBER, and your CHILD'S NAME. I, as the coordinator, will get back to you ASAP. I myself, Ms Toby, will do the training, and your child will serve only ONE mass Per Month.

Thank you,
Ms. Toby



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).

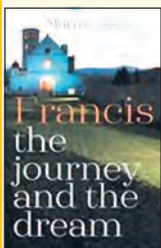
October 11th, 7:00 PM

Knight Wing Conference Room 212 in the Parish Office

Reflection and discussion on

"Franciscan Pilgrimage with Fr. Francis"

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
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

1: Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God?
2: Do you experience a desire to pray always?
3: Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?

Our parish has four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your daily life please call:

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

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan.chaplain@gmail.com) 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. *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. Next meeting Tuesday, **October 31**, 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 info. 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: _____

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

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





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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 Krzaczuk, 609-661-5229
or Mary Lou Ligus, 215-850-7809

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.
Psalm 106.1

October 20th & 21st, 2023
For more information contact
Lauren Finelli at lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or
Marion Pierrri at mdp93@comcast.net
Brochures/forms available in Churches and the Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

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

PROMISE TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO HEAL

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.

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, Coffee, 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

Sponsored by St. Francis Community Center's Parents As Teachers.

Recommended for babies up to 12 months of age.

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



5 WEEK SERIES

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Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

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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.



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.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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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.

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

Did You Know??

We will be hosting our **51st anniversary 18 Mile Race** this year! Since 1973, the 18 Mile Run has been contested in honor of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes and coaches murdered during the Munich Games of 1972 and, in recent years, of those lost in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks – the mile markers bear the names of those Israeli athletes and coaches, as well as the names of the three Island residents who died on 9/11.

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.

Community Bulletin Board

New Wave Swim Team

Special Olympic New Wave Swim Team is looking for a Volunteer Coach.

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Presenter: Br. Don Bisson FMS Cost: \$45.00 - 50.00 as you are able - Includes "Coffee and..." Provided. Bring bag lunch.

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Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (except holiday weekends) and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM. We are currently not taking any clothing donations We offer free clothing to women in need. Vouchers are available at food pantries, churches, Stafford Community Center at the door. For further info call Madelyn. 609-276-3308.

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