

THE BRIDGE



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

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“My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?” Mt. 22:12

THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 14	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Henrietta Keating 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Richard Pumphrey +Audrey Bogert +Shirley Cook	Jl. 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28 Is. 25:6-10a; Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt. 22:1-14	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, October 15	7:15 AM +Stephanie Kavourias 8:30 AM +James McFadden +Joe DeMeo 10:00 AM +Dr. Richard & Anne C. Gove +Richard Hans Gove +Edward W. Shanley 11:30 AM +Carol Gercke +Frank Romano	Is. 25:6-10a; Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt. 22:1-14	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Monday, October 16	9:00 AM (L)Suzanne Hammill	Rom. 1:1-7; Lk. 11:29-32	
Tuesday, October 17	9:00 AM +Ray Colanduoni	Rom. 1:16-25; Lk. 11:37-41	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 5:15 PM Dinner with Friends, Church Hall
Wednesday, October 18	9:00 AM +Paul Cassidy	2 Tm. 4:10-17b; Lk. 10:1-9	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00 PM Adult Enrichment/RCIA, Rm. 212
Thursday, October 19	9:00 AM +Joanne & Bob Curry	Rom. 3:21-30; Lk. 11:47-54	5:30 & 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal begins
Friday, October 20	9:00 AM +Robyn Lynn Reinhold-Easlick +Ulises Pelaez	Rom. 4:1-8; Lk. 12:1-7	
Saturday, October 21	9:00 AM +Regina Fimble 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Ralph Polifroni +Bob Cooper +Patricia Zeiss	Rom. 4:13, 16-18; Lk. 12:8-12 Is. 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes. 1:1-5b; Mt. 22:15-21	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, October 22	7:15 AM +Robert William Hayes 8:30 AM +Carol Gercke +David Southwick +Dolores Dunleavy 10:00 AM +Mae E. Kempiski +Rose Bruno +Joe DeMeo 11:30 AM +Robert Fallar +Muriel Martucci +Clarence Jones	Is. 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes. 1:1-5b; Mt. 22:15-21	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

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.

Mass Schedule CHANGE

October 14/15 through November 25/26, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED for the Season

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED for the Season

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED for the Season

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

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

Before the Thank You's

Last weekend was a very busy weekend here at St. Francis, and many people need to be thanked, but first, I must ask that we continue to pray for peace in our world, especially in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. The events of this past week have been horrific. War is always humanity at its worst. Let us pray for an end to all wars and the inspiration to end our conflicts and divisions with anything other than war and violence toward one another.

I have reached out to Rabbi Michael Jay, the spiritual leader of the Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island, and expressed our support and prayer for them, for Israel, and for all those effected by these heinous attacks. In response to these attacks, Rabbi Jay sent a wonderful message to his community. I invite you to read it along with a letter from a member of JCC of LBI congregation who was so moved by the reaction of the runners in the 18 Mile Run. Both can be found on our webpage or our other social media outlets. We pray this war ends quickly and that a true and lasting peace may be found.

Despite the horrors of war, I do have to offer a great *thank you* to so many people. This past weekend was a blockbuster with *The Spaghetti Dinner, our annual Car Raffle and the 12 K & 18-Mile Run!*

Thank you to **Loni and Joe D'Orsi**, their great **kitchen crew** and fabulous **waiters**. If you want to reach your 10,000 steps/day, wait tables at the Spaghetti Dinner! If you need the steam room, sign up for the kitchen! As we would expect, the meal was incredible! The spaghetti, meatballs, and sausage were delicious. Thank you to **Olive Garden** who provided the salad and their famous dressing and to **Pietro's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria** for the donation of the bread. Delicious!! The next time you are in the Olive Garden or Pietro's, please thank them for their wonderful support of St. Francis Parish! Thank you to everyone who **donated a dessert or beverage** to fill out this great meal. It could not have been better! We did sell out again, so next year we may have to have outdoor seating!

Thank you to **Marie Maslanka** for coordinating our annual Car Raffle and her merry band of faithful friends who wrote out many ticket for those sold online or mailed in AND folded all of them ... do the math ... 3500 x 5 tickets. That's a lot folding! Thank you **Rosemarie Kunz, Peggy Talbot, Arlene Padova, Ann Rodier, Marlene Siegle, Stephanie Garofalo, Janice Hritz, and Marlene Volaric**. Thank you, **Arian Selmani**, from the **Keel Agency** for all of his help with our online sales and social media advertising. God bless you all!

Finally, thank you everyone who purchased a chance to win a car! Your support is greatly appreciated. The lucky winners of our 2023 Car Raffle are:

- Kia Forte – *Chris Konarski*, of Middletown, NY and Beach Haven West
- Kia Seltos – *Anthony Travisano*, of Waretown, NJ
- Kia K5 – *The Van Liews*, of Ship Bottom, NJ
- Dodge Ram – *Sharon Jackowicz*, of Philadelphia, PA
- Jeep – *Bill and Lisa Tyson*, of Long Beach Twp, NJ

An extra thank you to **Bill and Lisa Tyson** who graciously donated the Jeep back to the parish. I told them that I think I would look great behind the wheel of that Jeep!

Thank you, **Colleen Yerves**, our Director of Recreation and the Aquatic Center and all of the staff and volunteers that coordinated the *12K & 18-Mile Run*. Thanks to our **Long Beach Township Beach Patrol and the Beach Haven, Surf City, and Barnegat Light First Aid Squads** who were on standby, just in case. Thank you to all of the **Police Departments on Long Beach Island** for your support and help during the race. It is no easy task coordinating all the drivers on LBI, never mind putting almost 900 runners on the boulevard too! And thank you to our **runners** for participating in the *2023 12K & 18-Mile Run*. Each and everyone one of you are great examples of determination and possibilities. We can do many things if we put our mind to it. We can do a lot more than we think we can. May God continue to bless all of us with the courage and grace to keep running the good race and may all of our efforts bring a deeper and more profound peace to our world.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$30,000

This Week's Second Collection:

Parish & Center Administration Expenses

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$23,224

Needed: \$35,000

Last Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Children Services

Collected: \$6,609



(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: \$58,527.80 (59% of Goal)

Paid: \$57,710.80 (58% of Goal)

Total Donors: 263

Total Gifts: 289

Average Gift: \$202.52

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.



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.

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 Pierri at mdp93@comcast.net

Brochures/forms available in Churches and the Center

Gospel Inspirations:



“Behold, I have prepared my banquet...
come to the feast.”

Our generous God invites us all to join Him in celebration of our relationship with Him and each other. But we have to show up, properly prepared.

Let's reflect on the ways we show up for God – and the ways we fall short. And then let us come with joy to the table of the Lord.



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 17th

Reflection and discussion on

**“Sacraments of Initiation
Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist”
at 7:00 PM in the Center, Room 212**

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

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)



"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**

Contact us to RSVP your spot!

Adult Choir: adultchoir@stfrancisbi.org

Youth Choir: youthchoir@stfrancisbi.org

or Call the Liturgy & Music Office at: 609-494-8813 ext.159

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



ST. FRANCIS
Liturgy & Music

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

*EM sign-up sheets were emailed on **October 12th** and are also available in the slot outside of the Brant Beach Sacristy. Sign-up sheets are for December 2/3 through March 16/17.*

Please return your sign-up sheets by Tuesday, October 24th.

As always, completed sign-up sheets can be submitted via email or returned to the black box outside of the Brant Beach Sacristy.

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

"Dinner with Friends"

We are inviting all widows and widowers to join us at our monthly "Dinner with Friends" gathering for an hour or two of pleasant conversations, an informal dinner, and a healthy serving of laughter! October gathering will be on Tuesday, **October 17th** 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

Praying the Rosary

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Monday through Saturday, 8:20 AM



St. Anthony Novena

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM



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 - **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 Room.**

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, **November 15, 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, **November 7, 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 **November 29, 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 **November 9, 7:00 PM, Room 212**

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@stfrancislbj.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

**PILGRIMAGE TO
EMERALD IRELAND**



HOSTED BY
FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

11 DAYS: APRIL 16 - 26, 2024
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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@stfrancisbi.org

*Space is still available.
NOW is the time to register!*

SPECIAL EVENTS

51st Annual Long Beach Island Commemorative 18-Mile Run



18-Mile Run Overall Winners:

William Brancato, Rutherford, NJ, 1:39:16.97

Moriah Stratton, Colorado Spring, CO, 2:07:01.29

12K Run Overall Winners:

Joe Maranzani, Hawthorne, NJ, 45:00.98

Cassandra Raia, Spotswood, NJ, 48:27.27

CONGRATULATIONS!

For a complete list of winners please visit: www.compucore.com

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

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

*Seating is limited.
Reservations are now being accepted.*

Did You Know??

Did you know that the Community Center's **Public Relations Department** has grown exponentially over the past few years? We are constantly partnering with new and local businesses to grow and foster healthy community relationships. This past Spring, we worked with the Long Beach Island Chamber of Commerce to host 2 job fairs and then with the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce to host their monthly Women in Business meeting. You can also find us setting up tables at resource fairs in Little Egg Harbor, Barnegat and 2 Trunk-or-Treating events in Toms River this month! Lastly, we are excited to announce our partnership with Burger25 on **October 19th** for a fundraiser! It's events like this that allow The Community Center to expand its reach and continuously connect with new groups and we hope to connect with you soon!

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

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

STAFFORD BRANCH (OC LIBRARY)



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.

CANDY COATED TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER 26 | 4-7 PM
OceanFirst Bank
975 Hooper Ave, Toms River, NJ. 08753

Join us for a family fun trunk-or-treat & winter coat giveaway along side 7-10 nonprofit partners to distribute 1,000 brand-new winter coats to youth across Ocean County.

If you would like to attend this event with your children(s) please respond as soon as possible with your child's coat size.

IF INTERESTED CONTACT DANIELLE DUNNE AT DDUNNE@STFRANCISLBI.ORG



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.

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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.

SESSION II REGISTRATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 AM

Recreation

Tot & Tyke Basketball,



Co-Ed Basketball Recreation League (2nd-7th Grade),
2nd - 8th Grade Co-ed League Evaluations,
All Level Yoga



Tennis Fundamentals (ages 5-12)
Pickleball (Oct. 16 - May 17)

Aquatics

Swim Lessons: All Levels,
Aquatic Zumba Aerobics,
Aquatic Zumba/Arthritis Aquatic Exercise,
Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics,
Aqua Bootcamp



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
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in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111 for more information.



Get Updates on Closings sent directly to your phone:

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Coastal Volunteers in Medicine is a free, non-emergent health clinic in Forked River that services those individuals who are uninsured and medically underserved in Ocean County. The providers, nurses and support staff are all volunteers who generously give of their time and talents. CVIM is looking to celebrate these generous individuals and the clinic's ten year anniversary at a **Gala event** at the Spray Beach Yacht Club, LBI, Saturday, **October 14**, from 5:30-10:00PM, sponsored by Hackensack Meridian Health. Dr. Kimberly Hogan is honorary chairperson. Catering will be provided by Kate & Ally's in Forked River and music and dancing will be provided by the David Christopher Orchestra. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased online at www.coastalvim.org.

St. Joseph Church, Toms River

Rwandan Genocide Survivor, Immaculee Ilibigiza

Friday, **November 3rd** at 6:30 pm.

Immaculee lost most of her family during the 1994 Rwandan Genocide however she was *left to tell* how faith and forgiveness can heal hearts and change the world. The New York Times best-selling author of "*Left to Tell*," will share her witness to the life-saving power of faith and praying the Rosary during the 91 days she, along with seven other women, were huddled in a bathroom while killers lurked outside the door. Cost for the event is \$12.00 per person. Please mail or drop off your payment to: St. Joseph Church, 685 Hooper Ave. Toms River, NJ 08753
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**Pre-Advent Day of Reflection:
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Saturday, **November 18th** - 10am-3:30pm

Presenter: Fr. Anthony Ciorra

Who are the Advent saints today who model for us how to open our minds and hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit? We will meet a few of them on this retreat, Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day, Daniel Berrigan, and Joan Chittister. They challenge us to embrace Christ now as we await his coming again. Cost: \$45.00 - 50.00 Includes "Coffee and..." Bring bag lunch - Limited Overnight Accommodations available on Friday, **November 17th** at an additional cost. Non-Refundable Non-Transferable Deposit: \$25.00. Check payable to: Sisters of Charity. For more information: Call or email Sr. Pat at 609-494-2917 pdotzauer@comcast.net To register: Log on to www.marisstella.org for Retreat Registration.

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