

THE BRIDGE



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

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“You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens.” Ex. 22:20

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 28	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Michael Zaccario +Annie Slores +Billy D'Autrechy +Gail Burns	Eph. 2:19-20; Lk. 6:12-16 Ex. 22:20-26; 1 Thes. 1:5c-10; Mt. 22:34-40	
Sunday, October 29	7:15 AM +Thomas Lally 8:30 AM +Joe DeMeo +Margaret (Peggy) F. Bradley +Paul Moretti 10:00 AM +Mary Frances Ventresca +James Humphrey Harrington, Sr. +Daniel & Jimmy Cancro 11:30 AM +Giuseppe Anzalone +Carol Gercke +Tom Ackers	Ex. 22:20-26; 1 Thes. 1:5c-10; Mt. 22:34-40	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Monday, October 30	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers	Rom. 8:12-17; Lk. 13:10-17	
Tuesday, October 31	9:00 AM +Matt Puskas 7:00 PM <i>Solemnity of All Saints - Vigil</i> +Thomas Ackers	Rom. 8:18-25; Lk. 13:18-21 Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14; Jn. 3:1-3; Mt. 5:1-12a	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212 Live-Streaming 7:00 PM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Wednesday, November 1	9:00 AM <i>Solemnity of All Saints Day</i> +John Sarin (L)+Stein & Kempski Families	Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14; Jn. 3:1-3; Mt. 5:1-12a	Live-Streaming 9:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb 9:45 AM Adult Enrichment/RCIA, Rm. 212 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, November 2	9:00 AM +Richard Hans Gove (L)+Stein & Kempski Families +Frank Esposito 7:00 PM <i>Mass of Remembrance</i>	Wis. 3:1-9; Rom. 5:5-11; Jn. 6:37-40	Live-Streaming 7:00 PM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Friday, November 3	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers +Theodore Johnson	Rom. 9:1-5; Lk. 14:1-6	
Saturday, November 4	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +George A. Sansverie +Anthony Sauchelli +Margaret K. White	Rom. 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk. 14:1, 7-11 Mal. 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes. 2:7b-9; Mt. 23:1-12	
Sunday, November 5	7:15 AM +Joe DeMeo 8:30 AM +William & Gertrude Morrissey +Thomas Morrissey +Richard Awn +Gertrude & Edward Donohue 10:00 AM +Joan Mianowski +Frank, Louis & Mary Aloia +Harold & Eleanor Schwind 11:30 AM +William Rice +Carol Gercke +Tom Ackers	Mal. 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes. 2:7b-9; Mt. 23:1-12	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb 1:00 PM Order of Franciscan Secular, OFS

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.

Emergency Information

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861. There will be a recording.
2. Check Facebook www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

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. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Joe Hummel
Joe Vaszily
Stacey Kelsall, *Comptroller*

Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Jay Pojednic
Joe Mack
Peter Williams

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

Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist



If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx [**host container**] to mass. If you forget your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.

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



Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$32,000

This Week's Second Collection:

Friars Education Support

This collection helps Holy Name Province educate the friars in theology and pastoral care as they prepare to enter full time ministry. We are grateful for your generosity over the years.



Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$21,267

Needed: \$30,000

Last Week's Second Collection:

World Mission Sunday

Collected: \$6,821

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

*** Thank you for your generosity! ***



***St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!***
stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate



We are the
**BODY
of
CHRIST**
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

6.5 Million Diocesan Goal

Pledged: \$59,612.80 (60% of Goal)

Paid: \$58,900.80 (59% of Goal)

Total Donors: 271

Total Gifts: 300

Average Gift: \$198.71

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.



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).

Wednesday, November 1st

Showing and Discussion on
"The Chosen"

**After 9:00 AM Mass
in the Knight Wing, Room 212**

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

*For November: Do Volunteer Service in thanksgiving
for all that God has given.*

Gospel Inspirations:



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love binds together the heart, soul, and mind directing us to God.

Let us continue to love God by showing love toward our neighbors, generously sharing our time and talents to improve their lives.



ST. FRANCIS
**Liturgy
&
Music**

ATTENTION LECTORS

Lector sign-up sheets were emailed on Thursday, October 19th 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
Friday, November 3rd**

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

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)



“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 ON THURSDAYS

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

Contact us to RSVP your spot!

Adult Choir: adultchoir@stfrancislbj.org

Youth Choir: youthchoir@stfrancislbj.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

Mass Schedule 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/stfrancisparishlbj

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**

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Special liturgy to remember our loved ones who have died during the past year.



Thursday, November 2nd
7:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Livestream will be available

Our parish will gather together for a special liturgy to remember friends and family of parishioners who have died from **October 1st, 2022 through September 30th, 2023.**

The names of those family members who have died in this time period and were buried from St. Francis Parish are already included in The Book of Remembrance and their names will be read during the Prayer of the Faithful.

If you have lost a loved one in the last year who was not buried from our parish, we invite you to come and celebrate with us. You may add the name of the deceased to our Prayer of the Faithful by arriving 30 minutes before Mass and give the name of your loved one to the lectors who will be available in the front of the church by the sanctuary.

We invite you to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to this Mass. During the Prayer of the Faithful the names of those who died this past year will be read aloud. When you hear the name we ask that you come forward and place the photo in our “Remembrance Shrine.” The photographs will remain in church during the month of November.

Please put a name, address, and phone number on the back of the frame. You may pick up your photo in the sacristy beginning **November 25th.**

If you are not able to attend this Mass you may bring a photo to the parish office and we will place it in the “Remembrance Shrine.”

Did You Know??

Did you know that the **Human Resources** Director works for both St. Francis of Assisi Parish and St. Francis Community Center (Long Beach Island Community Center, Inc.)? St. Francis Parish and the Community Center are two separate companies, each with their own tax ID number, which operate under the same roof. Currently we have approximately 30 employees who work for the Parish, 75 employees who work for the Community Center, and 8 employees who split their time and work for both companies. We also hire additional seasonal employees for our summer camp and our Recreation/Aquatic Department. When we have open employment opportunities we post them on the Parish and Community Center websites, our social media pages, on the bulletin boards in the Center, in the Bridge, and on job search websites such as Indeed. Please contact the Human Resources Director regarding any employment inquiries at 609-494-8861.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction



(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director).

How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions like these are the focus of spiritual direction or "soul care". The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

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) 661-661-1361

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, **November 1**, 10:30 AM, Zoom
Saturday, **November 11**, 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 meeting: Saturday, **November 17**, 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

Order of the Franciscans Secular offs

Sunday, **November 5**, 1:00 PM, *Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach Church Hall.

Scripture Study

Meets **bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, from 10:00-11:30 AM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information. **Next meeting** Wednesday, **November 8**, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lounge.

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** Thursday, **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
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@stfrancisbi.org

Space is still available.
REGISTER NOW !

SPECIAL EVENTS



Saturday, November 18,
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday, November 19,
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
**St. Francis Community
Center Gym**

A weekend craft show that hosts local artists, crafters, and makers of homemade and handmade items. Perfectly timed right before the holidays for all of your gift-buying needs. You can find something for every one on you list...or maybe a little something for yourself. Please support the Community Center and our talented vendors at this year's Holiday Craft Show.



FUTURE BUS TRIPS

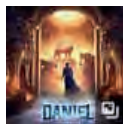
May 15, 2024

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.

annual
BEEFSTEAK DINNER
since 2017

\$50 | **DEC. 1, 2023**

DINER INCLUDES:
SALAD, PASTA
ALL YOU CAN EAT FILET MIGNON
DESSERT

PARTIES OF 6 MORE
RESERVE A TABLE

DOORS OPEN AT
5:00PM
DINNER SERVED AT
6:30PM

PLEASE BRING A
NONPERISHABLE
FOOD ITEM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH and CENTER

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
4700 LONG BEACH BLVD. LONG BEACH TWP.
609-494-8861

**50/50
CORK DRAW
PRIZE AUCTION**

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 goods:

Vegetables, Beans, Chicken and Canned Meals.

All personals products:

**Soaps, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Feminine Products and any size Diapers
Coffee, Tea, Cereal, Oatmeal, Snacks, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pasta**

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:



STAFFORD BRANCH (OC LIBRARY)



5 WEEK SERIES

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.

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.

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day

Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2

Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

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.

SESSION II

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 (through May 17)

Aquatics

Swim Lessons: All Levels,

Aquatic Zumba Aerobics,

Aquatic Zumba/Arthritis Aquatic Exercise,

Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics,

Aqua Bootcamp



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.

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

Cultural Competency Statement

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