

THE BRIDGE



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

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“We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children.” 1 Thes. 2:7b-8

THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, November 4	(L) Living +Deceased 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
Monday, November 6	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers +Catherine Smith	Wis. 3:1-9; Jn. 6:37-40	
Tuesday, November 7	9:00 AM +Katherine Byrne	Rom. 12:5-16b; Lk. 14:15-24	Parish and Center is CLOSED 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Plan., SC
Wednesday, November 8	9:00 AM +John Connelly +Joan Mianowski	Rom. 13:8-10; Lk. 14:25-33	9:45 AM Adult Enrichment/RCIA, Rm. 212 10:00 AM Scripture Study, Sr. Lounge 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, November 9	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers (L)Cheryl Schuck	Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor. 3:9c-11.16-17; Jn. 2:13-22	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, November 10	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers +Helen MacDonald	Rom. 15:14-21; Lk. 16:1-8	
Saturday, November 11	9:00 AM +James M. Kempfski +Mary English 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Kathy Casey +Victoria Bagnato +Patrick Greaney	Rom. 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk. 16:9-15 Wis. 6:12-16; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; Mt. 25:1-13	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, November 12	7:15 AM +Matt Puskas 8:30 AM +Ron Boedart +Dolores Dunleavy 10:00 AM +Richard J. Zajack +Marc Perugini +Edward W. Shanley 11:30 AM +Michael Kulp +Carol Gercke +Tom Ackers +Jack Ross	Wis. 6:12-16; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; Mt. 25:1-13	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass 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.

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

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, **November 5, 2023**
at 2:00 AM EST



Turn Your Clocks **BACK** One Hour

The St. Francis Parish & Center will be CLOSED:
Tuesday, **November 7th**
for Election Day



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
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

Do as I say, not as I do OR Synodality

"Do as I say, not as I do," is perhaps a modern interpretation of what Jesus told the crowds in today's Gospel from Matthew: "Do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example." A stinging rebuke of the scribes and Pharisees.

I assume we have all had an experience where an authority figure or someone in power, perhaps grasping for an identity from within their title, made sure we knew who they were. Sadly, we live in an era where our church continues to reconcile and hopefully heal from a self-inflicted wound of sexual abuse by priests and Religious men and women. As most would agree, the silence and the culture of secrecy around this abuse only intensified this horrible reality.

It seems to me that Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Synodality is an attempt to break the silence, on many levels.

The first session of the Synod came to a close on October 29th. There are plenty of reports, reviews, and comments – both positive and negative – that can be easily found on the internet. Although there was, and certainly still is, uncertainty of what this will all mean, it seems to me that Pope Francis has begun a conversation from within the entire church. Simply by listening, perhaps Pope Francis could be accused of reinterpreting Jesus' mandate to wash each other's feet. There takes a certain humility to actually want to listen to the stories of someone else's life and there is a profound humility when the Holy Father wants to hear what the church is saying, thinking, believing. If we do believe, as Vatican II said so clearly, that we are the church, the Body of Christ, it makes sense that we should listen to each other.

At the beginning of the article posted on the USCCB's [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops] website they report, "the church may need more welcoming pastoral approaches, especially to people who feel excluded, but also acknowledged fears of betraying traditional church teachings and practices." Among the topics addressed in the report were clerical sexual abuse, women's roles in the church, outreach to poor and the concept of "synodality" itself.

The article also said that the final report from the Synod included, "As disciples of Jesus, we cannot shirk the responsibility of demonstrating and transmitting the love and tenderness of God to a wounded humanity."

"A profound spiritual conversion is needed as the foundation for any effective structural change," it continued. "Sexual abuse and the abuse of power and authority continue to cry out for justice, healing and reconciliation."

As this Synod closes there will be a year-long period of reflection that will end in a second and final synod assembly in late 2024. Here are some websites if you would like to read more about the Synod on Synodality:

www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-10/the-synod-report-a-church-that-involves-everyone.html
www.usccb.org/news/2023/synod-synthesis-shows-agreement-divergences-including-synodality
www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/10/28/synod-synodality-final-report-246392

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$32,000

This Week's Second Collection:

All Saints Envelope - October 31/November 1

Gift of Warmth

Help us give the "Gift of Warmth" to children this holiday season.

Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$23,975

Needed: \$32,000

Last Week's Second Collection:

Friars Education Support

Collected: \$6,291



(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

Pledged: \$59,937.80 (60% of Goal)

Paid: \$59,225.80 (59% of Goal)

Total Donors: 275

Total Gifts: 304

Average Gift: \$197.16

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton.
Please visit the stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal
for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

Mass Schedule through 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/stfrancisparishlbi

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**

Newly Registered, Married, Baptized, Deceased

July, August, September, October 2023

Registered:

The Reynolds Family	The Gorbacki Family
Raymond and Jeanne Briski	Michael Briski
Colleen McCrudden	The Waga-Birardi Family
Kirsten Corley and Brian Lutz	Richard and Sharon Trabisco
David and Lorraine Kostinas	The Solis-Herrera Family
Robert Velona	John Ambrosini and Kathleen Clark
The Williams Family	The Gianguzzi Family
The Cafara Family	Dennis and Ellen Buckley
Loretta Guglielmo	The McAndrew Family
The Ballantine Family	Anthony and Bernadette Clay
The Klosterman Family	Michael and Gloria Glasheen
The Tolentino, Linares and Hernandez Family	Richard and Patricia Walker Family
Frank and Dense Boccia	Ellen Demcsak
Jacqueline Poivan-Traub	Glenn and Christine Antico
Barbara Loughnane	James and Patricia Day
James and Darlene Sheridan	Dennis and Suzanne Bucceri
Glorietta Provenzano	Kerry Rossi
The Emery Family	The Jenkins Family
John and Maria Ross	Ed and Barbara Guiltinan
The Hodgson-Walters Family	Harry and Lynn Fryckberg
The Ilaria Family	The O'Brien Family
Tony and Eileen Truzzolino	Larry Clay
Cristhian and Tara Sindicue	The Quinn Family
Patrick and Camie Delaney	The Williams Family
Adam and Julia Mangino	Deric Vincent and Brielle Mulrane

Married:

Christopher Lenihan and Jillian Riley
Doug Tesoriero and Justine Gray
Joseph Noschese and Samantha Demichiel
John Henry and Meghan Lill
Donald Leuthe and Stephanie Falconcino
Keith Calandra Jr. and Leanna Schwartz
Nicholas Lanier Jr. and Kelsey Poley
Brian Stutz and Cassandra Zito
Brendan Jacobi and Marissa Buzar
Frank Fanto and Emily Ronk

Baptized:

Noah Gabriel Schipske	Claire Amelia Dybalski
Jersey Lynn Kester	Charlotte Ann Garbacki
Henry Paul Hodgson	Olive Leta O'Such
Nolan Stanley Park	Cora Ann Rossi
Leon Corazon Rigua	Naomi O'Connell Cowles
Cruz Van Schiver	Rayna Hope Smith
Francesca Joan Mears	Liam Mathew Mlodgenski
Joseph Samuel Scerbo IV	Mackenzie Lynn Cecire
Carmine Francis Attwood	Mila Elizabeth Anthony
James Patrick Mulligan	James Timothy Stratico
Liam James Page	Brynlee Faith Ciabattoni
Logan Gray Mlotkiewicz	Oliver Michael Boyle
Allison Paige Brummer	Josephine Judith Stratton
Reilly Elizabeth Smith	Colton Joseph Franz
Owen Lewis Graziano	Noah Michael Sittler
Madelyn Shae McAndrew	Ellie Lee Pleyln D'Alessandro
Madeline Marie Downes	Addison Nicole Mlotkiewicz
Brielle Quinn Mlotkiewicz	Chase Vincent Sefcik
Harper Patricia Schall	Maeve Frances Carey

Deceased:

Wanda Glemser	Ann McNeill	William Montgomery
Vincent Caldarella	Virginia Maples	Robert McKee
Kelly Abdolrazek	Dorothy Stack	Phyllis Joe
Paul Muller	Francis "Hank" Crane	Paul Moretti
Clarence Jones	Joseph DeMeo	Jeanne Parello
Eileen Larkey	Raymond Colanduoni	Joseph Stanilious
Carol Gercke	Paul Cassidy	Stjepan Jozanovic
Marie Russel	Thomas Ackers	William Morris

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)



Tuesday

November 14
December 13 – Church – Nativity
January 9
February 13
March 19
April 9
May 1 - May Crowning -
Closing Mass

Wednesday

November 15
December 13 – Nativity
January 10
February 14
March 20
April 10
May 1 - May Crowning -
Closing Mass

Confirmation

November 28 – 7:00 pm
January 16, 30 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm
February 20, 27 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm
March 2 – 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Confirmation 12, 19, 26 TBD

Grades 1 to 3 – 4:45 – 5:30 pm
4 to 5 – 5:45 – 6:45 pm
6 5:45 – 7:15 pm
7 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Gospel Inspirations:

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”



Jesus does not want us to impress others with power or show outward signs. He tells us true power is in becoming like Jesus, a servant for all.

In surrendering ourselves to God, we may experience true humility.

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



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 8th

Showing and Discussion on
“The Chosen”

“The Woman at the Well”

*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.*

“Dinner With Friends” is cancelled for November.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not hold "Dinner with Friends" in November.

The next gathering will be **December 19th**.

Please check web site and Bulletin
in early December for details.

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.



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.

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 - 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. **Forty Autumns** by Nina Willner.

Next meeting Tuesday, **November 28**, 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

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FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

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Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Brant Beach, NJ 08008
Tel: (917) 275-5593
Email: areitz@stfrancisbi.org

Tour Features: Roundtrip airfare from New York, first class/select hotel on land portion, accommodations on the MS Amadeus Riva in handsomely appointed state-rooms sharing in twin-bedded cabins, all meals on board the cruise and breakfast daily on land portion, free-flowing red & white regional wines, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard the cruise portion of the tour, comprehensive sightseeing by private motorcoach including services of professional English-speaking guides and much more!

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FUTURE BUS TRIPS

May 15, 2024

New York Broadway show
"A Beautiful Noise"

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

**** ONLY 5 SEATS LEFT ****

**** Last call for tickets Monday, November 20th ****

October 9, 2024

Sight and Sound Lancaster PA
"Daniel"



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

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

Seating is limited.
Reservations are now being accepted.

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 your list...or maybe a little something for yourself. Please support the Community Center and our talented vendors at this year's Holiday Craft Show.

annual
BEEFSTEAK DINNER
since 2017

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

DINNER 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

**50/50
CORK DRAW
PRIZE AUCTION**

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

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:

Baked Beans, Chef Boyardee Raviolis & Spaghetti's, Dinty Moore Stew, Canned Chicken, Ketchup/Mustard/ Mayo, Coffee, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Body Wash/ Soap, Toilet Paper, Dish 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**
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- **Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families**

Did You Know??

During the months of October, November, and December, the **Food Pantry** typically sees an increase in the amount of families served. This year we have seen an increase, serving 246 families in August, 222 families in September, and 262 families in October (as of 10/27). In 2022, Human Concerns spent over \$24,000 on food purchases and so far in 2023, has spent a little over \$20,000. **Human Concerns** is able to spend this money because of the generous donations we receive and grants we are awarded. **Human Concerns** also receives a monthly allocation of food from Fulfill, the foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean County, and donations from local stores, businesses and community members.

In addition to assisting families with food, the **Human Concerns** Program also holds four special projects on an annual basis; Spring Dinner, Back to School, Thanksgiving, and Gift of Warmth. **Human Concerns** is currently collecting food for our Thanksgiving project and will soon be distributing Gift of Warmth tags.

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
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Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

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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.

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



St. Francis Community Center's Preschool and Childcare are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownkids.gov.

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Recreation

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Declaración de Capacidad

El Centro St. Francis reconoce una comunidad culturalmente diversa y hace un compromiso con los principios de multiculturalismo como un medio para entender, aceptar, valorar y apoyar la diversidad cultural. El término Multicultural se aplica ampliamente para incluir asuntos de minorías o estado de marginalización con respecto a raza, etnicidad, cultura, estado socioeconómico, uso del inglés como segundo idioma, género, orientación sexual, discapacidad, religión, espiritualidad y vejez. El Centro St. Francis propone desarrollar programas y prácticas que ayuden al personal, miembros de la junta directiva y voluntarios a reconocer, aceptar y afirmar las diferencias y similitudes entre la gente así como proveer servicios que apoyen e incluyan a todos los miembros de la comunidad.

Community Bulletin Board

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Pre-Advent Day of Reflection:

"Advent Saints for the Twenty-First Century"

Saturday, **November 18th** - 10am-3:30pm

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