

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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*“O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.” Psalm 63:2*

THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, November 11	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +James M. Kempiski +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
Monday, November 13	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers	Wis. 1:1-7; Lk. 17:1-6	
Tuesday, November 14	9:00 AM +Lucille D'Amico +Jeanette A. Herrman	Wis. 2:23-3:9; Lk. 17:7-10	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Plan., SC
Wednesday, November 15	9:00 AM +Ryan B. Sterling	Wis. 6:1-11; Lk. 17:11-19	9:30 AM Bible Talks After Mass 9:45 AM Adult Enrichment/RCIA, Rm. 212 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, November 16	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers (L)Tim Schuck +Kenneth Starrs	Wis. 7:22b-8:1; Lk. 17:2-25	
Friday, November 17	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers	Sir. 26:1-3,15-18, 24; Mt. 25:31-40	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Saturday, November 18	9:00 AM +Elizabeth Connelly +Robert Carpenter 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Tom Ackers +Patrick J. Mahle +Ralph Steibriz +Amy Stewart, <i>ofs</i>	Rv. 10:8-11; Lk. 19:45-48 Prv. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes. 5:1-6; Mt. 25:14-30	
Sunday, November 19	7:15 AM +Thomas Ackers 8:30 AM +Jean Rebeles +Frederick Noel Sharkey 10:00 AM +Thomas F. Sullivan +Joseph Chervony +Anthony Lombardo 11:30 AM +Carol Gercke +Ed Johnson	Prv. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes. 5:1-6; Mt. 25:14-30	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.

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/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**

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.

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



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



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 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

Gospel Inspirations:



“...stay awake, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.”

**Each of us must find our own way to prepare to meet
God.**

**But as a community we wait together in joyful hope of
the coming of the kingdom.**



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.

Offertory Collection

This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$32,000

This Week's Second Collection:

Parish Ministry - Family Faith Formation

This collection helps the Family Faith Formation Department in their mission to teach the faith and prepare our children for celebration of the sacraments. Thank you for helping the children of our parish live their faith.



Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$22,200

Needed: \$32,000

Last Week's Second Collection:

All Saints Envelope - October 31/November 1

Collected: \$1,633

Gift of Warmth

Collected: \$6,433

(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: \$60,562.80 (61% of Goal)

Paid: \$59,928.80 (60% of Goal)

Total Donors: 277

Total Gifts: 307

Average Gift: \$197.27

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.

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.

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)

jclayton@stfrancislbi.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

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



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



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 15th

Showing and Discussion on
"The Chosen"
"The Wedding Gift"

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.



ST. FRANCIS
**Liturgy
&
Music**

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Schedules for December 2/3, 2023 through March 16/17, 2024 were emailed on November 6th and are also available in the black file boxes outside of the Brant Beach Sacristy. Thank you for your dedication to the EM Ministry.

Are you interested in becoming an EM?

Eucharistic Ministers are an important part of our liturgy as they help to serve the Body and Blood of Christ to our community. Training is scheduled at a time convenient for you and the trainer. Please consider joining us. Contact us at em@stfrancisbi.org or 609-494-8813 ext. 159

Franciscan Spiritual Center

Presents:



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment 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

Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, **December 5**, 6:00 PM, Room 109.

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** Thursday, **December 14**, 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. **Days/Hours:** Weekdays/weekends - Hours range from 8-29 per week. **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 and reliable transportation. **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.

Educational & Career Services

Position: Full time WFNJ Employment Specialist/Case Manager - Toms River Location. As an Employment Specialist, you will play a vital role in helping WorkFirst NJ and senior employment participants find meaningful employment and providing valuable support to our clients on an on-going basis. **Qualifications:** A Bachelor's degree (BA or BS) is required. Proven experience as an Employment Specialist or in a related human services role. In-depth knowledge of community resources and social services. A team player with the ability to collaborate effectively. **Days:** Monday through Friday

***Background check and fingerprinting required for all employees 18 yrs. and older.*

**Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 16 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) w/ company match, & more.*

** Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable) and Employee Discounts. * We are a qualified employer for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)*

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPLENDORS OF OLD-WORLD EUROPE:
Featuring an Eight Day Danube River Cruise on board the Luxurious MS Amadeus Riva

12 DAYS: OCTOBER 13 - 24, 2024

Hosted by
FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

Optional Shore Excursion Package Available! Request Brochure for Details!

STARTING AT \$5399 FROM NEW YORK
(Including Government Taxes & Airline surcharges of \$550*)
(Estimated as of August 25, 2023)

FOR A BROCHURE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT:
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Brant Beach, NJ 08008
Tel: (917) 275-5583
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!

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.



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

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

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@stfrancislbj.org


Space is still available.
**REGISTER NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 !**

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.



American Red Cross Blood Drives
Tuesday, **December 12th**, 1:00pm-6:00pm

The need is constant and your donation is important for maintaining a healthy and reliable blood supply.

Please call the Community Center at (609) 494-8861 ext. 118 or visit: www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call 800-RED-CROSS or visit: redcrossblood.org.

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

Dakota & Elle Christmas Concert
Friday, December 15, 7:00 PM
St. Francis Church Hall
\$30/ Person



Enjoy music from the tenor /soprano duo
Dakota and Elle
while they perform sacred and classical Christmas music.
Wine and cheese to be served during intermission
with a meet and greet.
Seating is first come first served.
Tickets on sale now
at the Community Center Front Desk.

APPLES RAFFLE 

A chance to win one of three Apple brand products:
1st place prize - an Apple IPAD PRO
2nd place prize - an Apple Iwatch, Series 8
3rd place prize - a pair of Apple Air Pods Pro

Raffle tickets are on sale now at the Community Center Front Desk, or download the order form online at www.stfranciscenterlbj.org.

Only 1,500 tickets sold.
Drawing being held at the Center's Super Plunge event,
Saturday, **February 10, 2024**, 12:00pm.
Tickets are \$10 each
and payable by check, cash or credit card.

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*
- *Parents As Teachers*
- *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
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.



Educational & Career Services

For information call 732-281-8653

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

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.

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

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