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

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH • 4700 LONG BEACH BOULEVARD, BRANT BEACH, NJ 08008



Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place where he prayed. Mark 1:35

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, February 3	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM <i>Memorial of St. Blaise,</i> <i>Blessing of Throats</i> +Georgeann Esmerado 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Ed Thompson +Carol Grave +Irene Flynn Sommer	1 Kgs. 3:4-13; Mk. 6:30-34 Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39	
Sunday, February 4	8:30 AM +Jim Allen +Marian Falcone 10:00 AM +Ninette Baviello +Alfred Bates 11:30 AM <i>Anointing of the Sick</i> <i>in early observance of</i> <i>World Day of the Sick</i> +Thomas Ackers +James E. Kempski	Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb
Monday,	9:00 AM +Constance Radomski	1 Kgs. 8:1-7, 9-13;	
February 5		Mk. 6:53-56	
Tuesday, February 6	9:00 AM +Thomas Ackers +Dr. Anthony C. D'Souza	1 Kgs. 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk. 7:1-13	<ul><li>9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena</li><li>7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation, Room 212</li><li>7:00 PM Men's Planning Mtg., Surf City</li></ul>
Wednesday, February 7	9:00 AM +Fr. Jim Haggerty, ofm +Geraldine Gallagher	1 Kgs. 10:1-10; Mk. 7:14-23	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, February 8	9:00 AM +Carlo Iracondo	1 Kgs. 11:4-13; Mk. 7:24-30	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, February 9	9:00 AM +Neno Venturo +James E. Kempski	1 Kgs. 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk. 7:31-37	11:00 AM OA, Room 102
Saturday, February 10	9:00 AM +Fr. Joseph Radomski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <i>World Marriage Day</i> +Betty E. O'Neill +Lucille Anselmo +Vincent Porcelli	1 Kgs. 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk. 8:1-10 Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45	
Sunday, February 11	World Marriage Day 8:30 AM +Margaret Crowe +Frank O'Reilly 10:00 AM +Arthur Hubert +John Callanan 11:30 AM +Thomas Ackers +Joanne Cribben	Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45	Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb 9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom

# 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* 
St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy
 (609) 597-3800 or visit: *www.stmaryknights.org*

### **Emergency Information**

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

### **Mass Schedule**

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 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

### Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

<u>Emergency Information</u>: 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<u>*Pastoral Visitations:*</u> Please notify the Parish Office if you or any of your loved ones are ill, homebound, in SOMC, nursing homes or rehabilitation centers.

### **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.

#### 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

### <u>St. Francis Center</u>

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

### **Praying the Rosary**



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

### St. Anthony Novena



# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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



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### **Offertory Collection**

#### This Week's First Collection: Needed: \$22,000

#### This Week's Second Collection: **Central & Eastern Europe**

Reestablish seminaries, convents, and religious education programs. Revive its capacity for social ministry. Train the laity to serve as leaders in the new society. Reach out to the young & spread the gospel message.



Last Week's First Collection: Collected: **\$24.700** Needed: \$25,000

#### Last Week's Second Collection: Latin America Collected: \$6,746

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures) \*\* Thank you for your generosity! \*\*



<u>St. Francis of Assisi Parish</u> Online Giving! stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate



Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be a "light of revelation to the Gentiles." This feast is also known as Candlemas, since it is the day that candles are blessed for use throughout the Church year. The candles which we will bless remind us that Jesus is the light and has entrusted us with the mission to evangelize by bringing His light out to the world where there is darkness.



The Blessing of Throats on

The Feast of St. Blaise Saturday, February 3rd 9:00 AM Mass

The annual blessing of the throat is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. All those with ailments of the throat are invited to receive this blessing.

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Family Faith**



jclayton@stfrancislbi.org Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179) Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)

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

The Family Faith program is based on the Four Pillars of the catechism of the Catholic Church: Creed, Liturgy, Life in Christ, Prayer. Family Faith classes invite the families to think about their Faith, celebrate their Faith, practice and pray the Faith.

During the remaining months of the program, the families will discuss the Mass, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and the Sacraments. Remaining classes Dates - Grades 1 through 7

### February 13-14

March 19-20 April 9-10

May 1 – all classes attend – May Crowning

Confirmation Sessions:

#### February 20 February 27 and March 2

Family Faith classes feature opportunities for parent as the primary teachers of their children to share the faith journey: Catholic prayers and devotions, bibles study, social teachings are included

We are fortunate to have special catechists who work with families of children with special needs. Each child's program is specifically designed for them.

Some important dates to remember are:

The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on April 8, 2024.

Twenty of our youth parishioners will be Confirmed on April 12, 2024

Forty of our children will receive their First Eucharist on May 4, 2024.

"Families hear the voice of the Father, see the face of Christ and live in the house of the Church with the Holy Spirit. It gives them a map of life for this earth and the goal of eternal life hereafter."

Rev. Alfred McBride O Praem



# Anointing of the Sick Sunday, February 4th

### 11:30 AM Mass

"When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age." United States Catholic Catechism for Adults



### Celebrating Marriage for the Month of February!

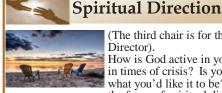
World Marriage Day-February 11th

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism read more at usccb.org

1601 "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

### **Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:**





(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:

> Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651 Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917 Pat Simmons, (609) 661-1361

### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. We meet by Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan.chaplain@gmail.com) for the link. On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us!

Next sessions: Wednesday, February 7, 10:30 AM, Zoom; Saturday, February 10, 9:45 AM, Zoom

### 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, February 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, March 13, 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. Love of My Life.

Next meeting: Monday, February 26, 1:30 PM, Room 212 **Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting** 

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church Hall. **Overeaters Anonymous OA** 

Friday mornings from 11:00 am - noon. Join us for our 3-fold recovery: Physical, Emotional and Spiritual. Call Joan T. at (609) 978-2805 or (732) 261-0173 for more information.

Next meeting: Friday, February 9, Room 102, Parish Center.

### **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, February 7, 10:00 AM, Room 102. Survivors of Suicide

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, February 8, 7:00 PM, Room 212



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). Gathering: Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm Come To the Table ... Fr. John

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

### Gospel Inspirations:

"He approached, grasped her hand and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."



Every encounter with Jesus brings the opportunity to share His love in service to others. What better way to thank God for our many blessings.



An email with the sign-up schedule was sent on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Copies of the sign-up schedule are available in the Lector Ministry box outside the working Sacristy in the Brant Beach Church.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LECTOR?

Please contact Edna Suckow, our Lector Coordinator, and she will contact you to discuss the ministry. lector@stfrancislbi.org

**1 Day Retreat** Morning Talk: "The Lost Art of Listening - A Key to Gospel Living' Afternoon Talk: "The Joy of the Gospel" Saturday, March 2

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Mass at 4:00 PM) Maris Stella, Harvey Cedars, NJ Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, Presenter

**Donation: \$25** 9:30 AM Coffee and Light Morning Refreshments 10:00 AM Program Begins Bring a Brown Bag Lunch

Space is limited. To register call: 201-647-3535 or email: Junefinn223@aol.com Please make checks payable to: June Finn, 223 N. 10th St., Surf City, NJ 08008

All are welcome

(Sponsored by Friends of Francis and Clare)

**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.

# What's Your New Year's Resolution?



**Men's Cornerstone Retreat** March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> **Brochures available at Church entrances** 



Do you know someone who Prayer Shawl Ministry

is undergoing a medical procedure, experiencing a great loss, overwhelming stress, journeying their final

days on earth, or going through a time of bereavement? People who are experiencing these hard times can find it a difficult time to pray. One gift one can give is a blessed prayer shawl made by our Prayer Shawl ministers. If you would like one, please contact Fr. Scott at the parish office, 609-494-8813 ext. 152.

### **Employment Opportunity**

#### **St. Francis Parish and Center 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**

**Position**: *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: Fulltime (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours) Days: Monday-Friday **Pay**: \$15.13 beginning Jan 1st

#### **Recreation/Pool (Year round)**

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: \$16 starting Jan 1st

### **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.

**Position**: *Bilingual Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers* **Program** Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology, or related field is preferred. Prefer applicants who have experience working with children (0-5 years), knowledge of child development and parent-child relationships; non-judgmental and empathetic, knowledge about community resources, ability to establish boundaries while providing supportive services, and maintain confidentiality. Parent Educator will be required to travel throughout southern Ocean County for home visits and must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Days: Monday-Friday- 40 hours.

\*\*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

Please send resumes to *abodine@stfrancislbi.org* 

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

# SPECIAL EVENTS in February

#### Crazy Over Apples Raffle Saturday, February 10, 12:00 PM. A chance to win one of three Apple brand products: Ist 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.stfranciscenterlbi.org. Only 1,500 tickets sold. Drawing being held at the Center's Super Plunge event, Tickets: \$20 each and payable by check, cash or credit card.

#### 20th Annual Super Plunge Saturday, February 10, 1:00 PM

Registration is now open, and pre-registration is required. \$20 for students, \$30 for adults. Embrace the cold and join the Super Plunge. The registration link is below. <u>www.stfranciscenterlbi.org/ files/ugd/</u> fe0e69 94288a5366b74090b52a3b1ea28988d5.pdf

#### The Sweetest Crime/Murder Mystery Saturday, February 17, 2:00 - 7:00 PM

St. Thomas of Villanova in Surf City Church Hall General Admission tickets are \$36 & Group Rates are available. BYOB Tickets can be purchased online: <u>Buy tickets – The</u> <u>Sweetest Crime: A Chocolate Covered Murder Mystery –</u> <u>St. Thomas of Villanova, Multiple dates and times</u> (tickettailor.com)

> American Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, February 20, 1:00 - 6:00 PM Church Hall

Registration is currently online at *redcrossblood.org* 

Save the Date

### Annual Fish Fry Dinner Friday, March 22

Tickets Go on Sale the first week in February. BYOB

If you have any questions about any of the upcoming events or are interested in attending or volunteering, please contact Michelle DiBella at ext. 107 *mdibella@stfrancislbi.org*.

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### Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



Information and Assistance, Telephone Reassurance Calls, Caregiver Assistance Options Counseling: Application Assistance for PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled), Meals on Wheels, SHIP Counseling (State Health Insurance Program), Energy Assistance, JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers) and many more. Socialization, Recreation, and Exercise programs are available - please call for availability.

The LBI Health Department is doing Blood Pressure Screenings the second Tuesday of each Month from 11:00 am - 11:30 am in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111 for more information.



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Children (NAEYC).

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

St. Francis Community Center's Preschool and Childcare are fully

accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young

www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org. We are also a Grow

NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownjkids.gov.

*Full Day and Work Day* Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2 Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

### Family Support Services

Children's Services For information call ext. 114.

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\*\*

# We are in need of Personal Care Donations for the Food Pantry:

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Shampoo
Deodorant
Soap/shower gel
Feminine items
Laundry detergent
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Toilet Paper

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: <u>http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate</u> 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

### 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.



much more!

Call today to register!

732-281-8653

Wednesdays & Thursdays technology training, and

> 258 Route 166 Stella Towne Center Toms River, NJ, 08753







# **Educational & Career Services**

For information call 732-281-8653

Introducing the 23-24 FY Senior Employment Assistance Program (SEA) for Ocean County residents ages 55 & up. Whether impacted by COVID-19 or seeking to enhance skills for reentry into the workforce, the SEA Program breaks down age-related barriers. Our mission is to empower seniors by creating an inclusive environment, redefining the narrative around senior employment. We provide tailored support, skill development, and personalized career guidance, fostering a community that values the expertise seniors bring. Services include soft/hard skills assistance, on-the-job training, resume building, tech & career training, community resource linkages, and counseling. Join us in shaping a future where age is a source of strength and unmatched value.

# Did You Know??

After three months into the **Senior Employment Assistance** Program (SEA) for Ocean County residents ages 55 & up, we're excited to announce the addition of two new staff members to our growing program. Whether you've been impacted by COVID-19 or are looking to enhance your skills for reentry into the workforce, the SEA Program continues to break down age-related barriers. Join us as we provide tailored support, skill development, and personalized career guidance, fostering a community that values the expertise seniors bring. Our services include soft/hard skills assistance, on-the-job training, resume building, tech & career training, and community resource linkages. We are enrolling new participants into the program Monday-Friday, 8AM-4PM in our Toms River office.

### **Recreation & Aquatics**

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the Spring Brochure online at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.



### 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

### **Community Bulletin Board**

#### **Coastal Volunteers in Medicine** 730 Lacey Rd., Suite G-6, Forked River, NJ 08731

Coastal VIM provides FREE, routine, non-emergent primary healthcare to those who qualify. Services are provided through licensed volunteer clinicians and support staff following a "Culture of Caring" model.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Have no health insurance
- 2. Live in Ocean County
- 3. Contact us for family income limits 730 Lacey Road, Suite G6, Forked River, NJ 08731 (609) 384-0102 coastalvim.org

Appointments are required

### Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is open every Saturday, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (except holiday weekends) and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM. We offer free clothing to women in need. Vouchers are available at food pantries, churches, Stafford Community Center at the door. For further info call Madelyn. 609-276-3308.

#### **Catholic Women of Zion**

### WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO **CWOZ-CHAPTER 1**

35th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: "THE WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE" John 14:1-31 Presenters: Terry A. Ginther will share "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED" (John 14:1) and Marylene D'Jamoos, will share: "SEEKING OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN DIFFICULT TIMES' Date: Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mass: 9:00 a.m. in the Church, Fr. Thomas Maher will celebrate Mass Place: St. William the Abbot R.C. Church 2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ 07731 Admission: \$25 payable at the door, includes lunch/ selection is on website. Come and bring a friend. Reservations are necessary. Register Online at *cwoz.org* or call- 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, February 6, to register. Leave your phone

number and spell your last name.



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.



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