BRIDGE



With open arms for all!

THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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Parish Office (609) 494-8813 Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

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Counseling Services (609) 494-1554

Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA Vocation Office vocations@osfphil.org

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

One Parish - Four Churches Summer Mass Schedule

through September 4/5



Reconciliation: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM Daily 9:00 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday

Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

2nd & Atlantic Avenue Beach Haven, NJ 08008

Reconciliation: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA 13th & the Boulevard

Surf City, NJ 08008

Reconciliation: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

ST. CLARE

56th St. & the Boulevard Loveladies, NJ 08008



Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers ONLINE GIVING
Parishioners who prefer to donate through our Online Giving Service, a
secure and personalized way to give to the Parish, can visit our website at:
http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, August 21	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Joseph Volaric	Ru. 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt. 23:1-12 Jos. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph. 5:21-32; Jn. 6:60-69	
Sunday, August 22	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Todd Barbuto 10:00 AM +Edward Shanley +Helen Nakoneczny +Jim Reeder 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	Jos. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph. 5:21-32; Jn. 6:60-69	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, August 23	9:00 AM +Diane Riccardi	1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt. 23:13-22	
Tuesday, August 24	9:00 AM +Mary Pantalon +Lucille D'Amico	Rv. 21:9b-14; Jn. 1:45-51	
Wednesday, August 25	9:00 AM +Mary Pantalon +Catherine DeMartini +Mary Ellen Totten	Wis. 10:10-14; Lk. 19:12-19	
Thursday, August 26	9:00 AM +Jeanne Sozzi	1 Thes. 3:7-13; Mt. 24:42-51	
Friday, August 27	9:00 AM +James M. Kempski +Mary Caperaso	1 Thes.4:1-8; Mt. 25:1-13	
Saturday, August 28	9:00 AM +Franaciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Dorene L. Hartman	1 Thes. 4:9-11; Mt. 25:14-30 Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas. 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	
Sunday, August 29	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +David Barndt +Joshua Jackson +Anna Marie Monteforte 10:00 AM +Edward Shanley +Margaret "Peggy" Bradley 11:30 AM +Theresa Salzano +Joseph Marks	Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas. 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday, August 21	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League			
Sunday, August 22	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +George Hamill & Michael Clarke +Francis Brian Reilly 11:30 AM +Rose & Lawrence Barone +Molly Trabisco			
Saturday, August 28	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League			
Sunday, August 29	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Kim Lukenda +George Hamill & Michael Clarke 11:30 AM +Molly Trabisco (L)Lori Trabisco			

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday, August 21	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Thomas Keuper +Frank Troy			
Sunday, August 22	8:30 AM +Mary Minnella +Lucia Minnella 10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League			
Saturday, August 28	5:00 PM +Giuseppe Giampiccolo +Frank Troy +Nicholas Romanoli			
Sunday, August 29	8:30 AM +Vincent Graziosa 10:00 AM +Eileen Baldassari 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League			

A Letter From The Pastor...



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!!

WOW! What a week! The Festival of the Sea 2021 was a great success. The weather cooperated, although hot, God did bless us with a wonderful breeze for 4 of those 5 evenings, but hey, it's August! We had the rides, the funnel cake, the fantastic food court, the regular 50/50, and the Progressive 50/50. Fun was had by all. Of course, all of this didn't just happen. It was work, and a lot of it. The Festival of the Sea Committee had been meeting for months, and it showed.

A GREAT THANK YOU goes out to every member of the FOS Committee: Bob Jeranek, Fr Kevin Daly, OFM, Bruce Brodbeck, Sr Pat McNiff, OSF, Jim Brady, Jim Mazzerina, Toby McCarthy, Bill Malone, Angela Ominiski, Mary Lou McGurkin, Barbara House-Quigley, Maureen Esposito, Ben Angeline, Nicole Picaro, Edna Suckow, and Dan Rodgriguez, our Director of Maintenance. They did an outstanding job and their commitment to the FOS and to the parish is outstanding. Thank you, Thank you!

Mille grazie, a 1000 thanks, to our hundreds of volunteers who, quite frankly, we could not have done this without you. Unfortunately, my space is limited so I can't name all of you but I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are what makes this parish so fantastic! Thank you!!

A special thanks also goes out to *Tina Kelsall* and *Toby McCarthy and our Parish & Center Maintenance Team* for their great gift and sheer determination to transform a parking lot into a festival fairground. Thank you to *Reynolds Garden Shop* for loaning us the plants that brought life and gardens to our food tent and grounds.

Tuckerton Lumber gets a shout out for donating the volunteers' tee-shirts and another to Home

Depot for their donation of the propane gas used to cook our food. Thanks also goes to the Long Beach Township Police for providing security for us every night. They were a great help!

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Having music every night was a new addition that lent itself to the festive atmosphere. Thank you to *Vincent Trainer, Len De Botten, Bob Filoramo*, and *Todd Meredith* for lending their musical gifts and sharing with us the joy of song!

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices was our presenting sponsor of the Festival of the Sea. A great thank you to them and the other 79 different people and local business who supported the Festival of the Sea as sponsors. Whether it was the Ferris Wheel category, Popcorn, Carousel, of Cotton Candy level, their generosity contributed \$30,000 to our second largest fundraiser of the year. You can find all of their names on our Parish Website and Facebook page. We thank them all for their generous spirit in sharing their gifts with us, St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Finally, an outstanding and overwhelming thanks needs to go to *Barbara Truncellito*, the Director of Parish Development, and the new chair of the FOS Committee, and to *Amanda DeFusco*, our new Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator. This was the first time that they both coordinated this very complicated event and I would say they did an outstanding job. They, like all of our volunteers, rose to the occasion and made sure the FOS 2021 was going to be the great success that it was.

This year was the largest Progressive 50/50 [over \$25,000] that we have ever had and the Festival was able to contribute to the parish over \$73,000.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to one and all!! To those who made it happen and to all those who joined in the fun, blessings on you!

Here's to the Festival of the Sea 2022!!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM Pastor

56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
	(L) Living +Deceased			
Saturday,	5:00 PM +Margaret & Jean "Peggy" Doorly-			
August 21	McCully			
Sunday,	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>			
August 22	10:00 AM +Jim Morrison			
Saturday,	5:00 PM +Margaret & Jean "Peggy" Doorly-			
August 28	McCully			
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League			
August 29	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League			

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 3:00 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.

<u>Faith Formation and Education</u>: For children ages six through high school. 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.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"Do you also want to leave?"

Following Jesus is not easy. We want to follow our own will and desires. It's our choice.

What do I choose?

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

Air Conditioning Bills

Due to the AC in our buildings, our bills are high! Please help us pay our electric bill. Thank you for your generosity.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Assumption Envelope Collected: \$10,171

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$39,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$39,000 Collected: \$37,179.50

Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

** Thank you for your generosity! **



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$100,000.00

Gift Count: 339 Donors: 267

Raised: \$51,369.00 Collected: \$47,600.24 Pledge Balance: \$ 3,258.76



My Offering

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Franciscan Faith Community of *Holy Name Province* in the Diocese of Trenton. Find out more about Holy Name Province online at: *www.hnp.org*

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Br. Basil Valente, OFM

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1-800-677-7788 www.BeAFranciscan.org



Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction



We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering free Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

Maryann Barrek, ofs, (609) 661-4441,

Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835,

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Pat Simmons, ofs, (609) 661-1361.

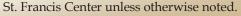
An Invitation to Contemplative Living

This program calls out to those who desire to live more contemplatively in the world, to grow in union with God and others, and to become more aware, intentional and free. God liberates us and heals us through the practice of contemplative prayer. We will continue meeting by *zoom* on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM for Centering Prayer and Lectio along with resuming our in-person sessions with presentations on the 2nd Saturday in September, October and November from 9:45 AM to noon. Email Kathy Egan for more information at:*klegan.chaplain@gmail.com*Next scheduled sessions: *Zoom:* September 1, 10:30 AM and *In-person:* September 11, 9:45 AM, Sr.

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lounge on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob of Father Steve to reserve your place. Next scheduled meeting: September 18, 10:00 AM

Meetings:





Book Club

September through November 2021 we will meet in person at St. Francis Center in either Room 102 or the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM. Next scheduled meeting: **September 28, Room 102.**

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, September 12, 1:00 PM, Brant Beach Church, Election of Officers.

Scripture Study

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 7:00 PM via "*Zoom*" 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 scheduled *zoom* meeting: **September 1**.

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM via "Zoom". Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: September 9.

Family Faith



Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153) jclayton@stfrancislbi.org
Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)
Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



Dear families: don't forget to register your children for the upcoming Family Faith year! We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Contact Marion Pierri at *mpierri@stfrancislbi.org* or (609) 494-8813 ext. 177 for more information on the registration process.

New families to our programs should contact our Director, Judy Clayton at *jclayton@stfrancislbi.org* or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

Help Needed

There are many ways of Finding God. We experience God in liturgical celebrations, private prayer, in classroom settings, retreats, in nature and in one another. The Church calls us to provide faith development for all ages.

The St. Francis Family Faith team will implement a new program that will provide faith development for all ages. This program will be a dynamic and unique learning experience.

Beginning in September 2021, each child in grades 1 to 7 will come to the Parish Center from 5:30 to 7:00 PM for 7 classes October to April with a parent, grandparent, godparent or other loving adult to participate in prayer, conversation, sharing, and finding God together.

These gatherings will include scripture, monthly religious themes, art and activities, videos and church visits. Stories of the Lives of the Saints will help to guide spiritual growth. Books and additional materials will be provided for other weeks.

The new Confirmation Encounter program will invite Candidates to attend a series of 3 workshops, a retreat and a reconciliation evening in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament. An opening reception will begin the process for the completion into the full initiation into the Church and how a follower of Jesus continues his Mission.

As our program expands, we are in need of many additional Catechists and substitutes at all grade levels. Please accept this invitation to become an integral part of an important ministry in our faith community. This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith and prayer life as well. Turn your faith into action! The commitment is from the opening Mass in September to April one time per month. All plans and materials are provided.

Please call me for further information or any questions you may have.

Peace of Christ be with you,

Judith Clayton Director, Family Faith

2021 Car Raffle

Sponsored By: St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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2021 Jeep Wrangler (yellow) Valued at: \$31,675

2021 Jeep Wrangler (blue) Valued at: \$31,675

Only 3,000 Books Available

Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only.

Books cost \$100.

Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles. Each book may carry more than one name. Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer. The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium. Winner need not be present. No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize. Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate
"Car Raffle" on the envelope.
2021 Car Raffle

Name:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:			
# of Books Requested (\$100 each		Enclosed:	_
Credit Card purchase must be pres	sented in person. NO PH	IONE PURCHASE	S.

Praying the Rosary

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



Employment Opportunity



<u>Preschool Teacher's Assistant</u> (Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking individuals with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, 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 and/or experience working with children. Must be 18 or older. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus. Positions: Year-round- Full-time (with Benefits), Part-time, and substitute

Pay: \$12.00 per hour **Days:** Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

<u>Positions:</u> Full-time <u>Bilingual</u> (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor

<u>Days:</u> 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.

<u>Must have Current Professional License</u>: LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

Summer Camp 2021- Seasonal Employment

Seeking self-motivating, understanding, creative, fun, and responsible individuals to care for children 5 years to 13 years of age. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus. Experience preferred, but not required. It is preferred that applicants are 18 or older, individuals 17 years old may apply for camp counselor position.

Positions: Camp Counselor Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Pay: Camp Counselors- \$12.00 per hour

Days: Monday-Friday

Senior Services

<u>Position:</u> Full time Caseworker (Outreach and Information Assistance Worker)

Days/Hours: 40 hours a week- Monday-Friday

Pay: \$12 per hour

Must have Phone/Communication, Computer & Organization skills Must have valid driver license. Due to COVID-19 restrictions all work is being conducted from the office however normally the position requires home visits with clients.

Front Desk

The Front Desk is seeking an afternoon/evenings and weekend Receptionist. Applicants must have experience with customer service, answering telephones, and basic computer software knowledge. Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) is a plus. Applicants must be able to lift at least 40 pounds.

Position: Year round part-time

<u>Day/Hours:</u> Approximately 15 to 26 hours per week, including some weekends.

Pay: \$12 per hour

Part-time employees are eligible for employee discounts and paid sick time

**All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off, life insurance, 403B Matching and more.

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



Festival of the Sea Sponsorships

Total Sponsorships: \$28,950

We thank all our sponsors for their support & generosity!





Ferris Wheel – Sponsors



Hart Family Callan Moeller Construction Concetta Anastasi



Kane Family **Curly Family** Kajon Family Locurto Family Whelan Family Quill Group Properties Carr Family **Higgins Family**

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Nobel Family The Shell Williams Family **Bakers Acres** Campground Taylor Made Cabinets Coastal Volunteers in Medicine Penn Family **Atlantic Shore Pines** Campground Weddings LBI LLC Maximilian Foundation

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Home Instead Mahle Family Pat Trotter Photograph Surf City Marina Danna Family Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas & Benson Arlene Morrison William (Bill) Malone

Fitzpatrick Family Nexus Association of Realtors, Hotel LBI JB Awards Benson & O'Regan Families **Brant Beach Homeowners** Association

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LBI Weather Dillon Family Petty Motorworks Koszuta Family JR Fiore Rothstein Family Horowitz Family Shoprite Pojednic Family Jacoby Family Crimmins Family Kohutanycz Family Paula Weigle Rosalie D'Amico



Progressive 50/50

winner is

Caitlin Candio Sekel

Verona, NJ



Ticket #03737.



Women's Cornerstone Retreat





Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, endure in prayer Romans 12:12

SAVE THE DATE WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2021

Women's Cornerstone Retreat Invitation for the women (18+) of St. Francis Parish & Friends, Friday, October 22 to Saturday, October 23, Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars.

Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information: lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or (609) 332-8366

All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

Community Center Donations



St. Francis Center/LBICC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Our federal tax ID number is 22-2003458. We have provided supportive services to the community for over 45 years and with your help we will continue to do so. Our online donations are processed by PayPal so it's fast, easy and secure. We are only able to process online donations from NJ residents only.

If you would like to recognize a donation to the Center in someone's name, donation cards are available at the front desk of the Center and at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



During these uncertain times, although we do not know when our exercise, socialization and recreation programs will resume, please keep in mind we are here for you.

We are still providing the following:

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.

Please call (609) 978-6220 if you are in need of services.

Jersey Cares - Senior Shoppers Program

If you are 60 years or older and in need of food shopping services, you should know that the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and St. Francis Senior Services has partnered with a reputable nonprofit, Jersey Cares, to provide this service.

You can be assured your safety is our top priority and that all volunteers are fully vetted including background checks.

If you are interested in participating in this program please call St. Francis Senior Services at (609) 978-6220 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

Services are currently being offered via telephone or various online platforms. We have openings for new clients at this time. Please call (609) 494-1554.



Surviving to Thriving

A Safe Space for Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault. Empower yourself - unlock the skills and tools necessary to move forward and thrive in this *free and confidential online support group*, Tuesdays, time to be determined. Open to all residents of Ocean County, 18 years or older. Please call Bianca Valentini, LSW to register and reserve your space, (609) 494-1554.

Recreation & Aquatics

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

FALL SESSION REGISTRATION

Monday, August 30 9:00 AM

The Indoor Pool will be closed for cleaning:

August 30 through September 7.



Amazon Smile - Fundraiser



You Shop....Amazon Gives!

You can support **St. Francis Community Center** by doing your regular shopping with Amazon. Amazon will **donate 0.5%** of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Long Beach Island Community Center, Inc. (St. Francis Community Center) whenever you shop on Amazon Smile.

It is the same products and the same great prices!

The only thing you need to do differently is log onto Amazon Smile:

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2003458

and sign in using your normal Amazon login and password. That's it! Amazon will automatically make the donation.

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 7:30 AM - 6:00 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

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Walk-ins are welcome!

Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to wear a mask.

The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Diary-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 Fruit, Ziti or other Pasta, Pancake Mix, Syrup.

Check out our Amazon Wish list at https://a.co/00HTAhy We are NOT in need of Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Cereal. We have an overabundance of it right now.

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.

Current Project:

Back to School Project 2021

Sign-ups are currently running during Food Pantry Hours. We are in need of School Supply Donations! Back to School Amazon Wish list: https://a.co/2sBWcec

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

Community Bulletin Board

Donovan Catholic High School

Calling all Catholic Men!

September 18 starts our new *That Man Is You!* (TMIY!) series "The Vision of Man Fully Alive" at St. Joseph's Parish.

TMIY! is a 26-week program that meets early Saturday Mornings in the Donovan Catholic High School Cafeteria. Learn more by calling (347) 450-8753, emailing *TMIYstjoseph@gmail.com* or DM us on twitter @SJTMIY.

Interfaith Health & Support Services

Designer Bag Bingo Friday, September 24

St. Mary's of the Pines Parish Center, Bishop Way, Manahawkin,
Doors open at 5:30 PM and games begin at 7:00 PM.

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