

THE BRIDGE



With open
arms for all!

THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 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)

Family Faith Formation
(609) 494-8813 ext. 153

Community Center
(609) 494-8861

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



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Brant Beach, NJ 08008

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>

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, August 28	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 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 + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 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
Monday, August 30	9:00 AM +Joanne O'Neill +John Connelly	1 Thes. 4:13-18; Lk. 4:16-30	
Tuesday, August 31	9:00 AM +Sal Ferraro +Gene Taylo +Larry Hritz	1 Thes. 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk. 4:31-37	
Wednesday, September 1	9:00 AM World Day of Prayer +Marijan Fizulich +Raymond Bock +Nick DeMartini	Col. 1:1-8; Lk. 4:38-44	10:30 AM Contemplative Living "zoom" 7:30 PM Scripture Study "zoom"
Thursday, September 2	9:00 AM +Pedro Lopez	Col. 1:9-14; Lk. 5:1-11	
Friday, September 3	9:00 AM +Theresa Greene +Helen Koch	Col. 1:15-20; Lk. 5:33-39	
Saturday, September 4	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Janice Baker +Carole Merrigan +Christopher Collinson	Col. 1:21-23; Lk. 6:1-5 Is. 35:4-7a; Jas. 2:1-5; Mt. 7:31-37	
Sunday, September 5	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Gerald & Frances Rothstein +William Deck 10:00 AM +Romola Ventura +Jack F. Halsey +Lou, ofs & Barbara Taurozzi +Carol Lahiff 11:30 AM +John Smith +Artie & Annie Alcide	Is. 35:4-7a; Jas. 2:1-5; Mt. 7:31-37	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 28	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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 + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Saturday, September 4	5:00 PM +Giovanna Giampiccolo +Keuper & Pollack Families
Sunday, September 5	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

St. Clare Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 28	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Margaret & Jean "Peggy" Doorly-McCully
Sunday, August 29	8:30 AM (L)+Knowski Family 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Saturday, September 4	5:00 PM +Tom & Mary Castagnino +Eugene & Eleanor Patten
Sunday, September 5	8:30 AM (L)+Maslanka Family 10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald

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.

Faith Formation and Education: 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.

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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 28	(L) Living +Deceased 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
Saturday, September 4	5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper
Sunday, September 5	8:30 AM +Nancy A. Barone +David Bohan +Margaret Martin 10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +Jack Maher +Catherine Hammill 11:30 AM +Jocelyn & Joseph L. McGlynn +Molly Trabisco

A Letter From The Pastor...



Oh Henri!

Last weekend was a mess! Henri's rains arrived Saturday night and we woke up to find that a great part of the boulevard was underwater. Beach Haven was fine but a good part of the boulevard in Long Beach Township, Ship Bottom, and Surf City was underwater. Some of the Masses had to be cancelled because I did not think it was safe for people [including the friars] to have to drive through these high waters. Just another blessing of living a few feet above sea level!

In last weekend's bulletin, for those who missed it, I thanked a wide range of people who helped create this year's Festival of the Sea. I've heard it said so many times, as I am sure you have as well, one problem when thanking people by name is that it is so easy to miss someone. I didn't miss someone. I missed an entire group - the *Festival of the Sea Youth Team* and their coordinators, *Marion, Kait, and Cathy*. We had over 45 teenage volunteers who helped make our Festival happen! Some worked at the games, some mixing and serving iced-tea, lemonade, or cold water to our festival volunteers, some worked in the parking lot, some got dunked in the dunking booth, or some did food runs for the grill and food court. My sincere apologies to all of you for not including you in our lineup last week since you contributed just as much as everyone else to make Festival 2021 such a great success. Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm, your graciousness and your kindness, and your desire to help our parish and our festival.

Back to Henri! In February I shared information about signing up for the "Rainedout" app that will contact you either via email or text if and when the Parish and Center is closed, including when Masses are cancelled. After this past weekend's flooding and cancellations I thought perhaps it would be good to share it with you again.

When we close the Parish & Center it is usually because the boulevard is, or is predicted to be, impassable and dangerous. Please note that if the Parish and Center is closed during the week the 9:00 AM Mass will also be cancelled.

Here are the simple steps to sign up to receive this important information.

1. On your computer or mobile device go to rainedout.com
2. Click on the yellow box "Receive Messages."
3. Next, in the dialogue box, above the word "Search," type in **LBICC**. St. Francis Center, LBICC Inc. will appear below.
4. Click on **St. Francis Center, LBICC** [highlighted in blue].
5. Click, **Continue**. [Do not worry about the fee. The emails are free. The Parish & Center will pick up the cost if you choose to receive texts.]
6. Click the box "Agree to Terms of Service."
7. Add your email address and or your phone number in the appropriate box and click "Start Signup."

Rainedout will send a validation code to your phone or email address. To confirm the set up you will need to type that code in the dialogue box on the website page. Done! Simple, no?

Thanks for everything! Blessings on you and your families.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"...as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Our faith is more than rules and rituals. When they become the main focus, we lose the true meaning of what it is to be a follower of Jesus.

Do I attend Mass or do I live it?

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

Saint Mary Academy

Catholic education in the Diocese of Trenton is funded primarily by tuition, as well as contributions from every parish. Our parish assessment this year is \$120,000.00 and is used to support Saint Mary's Academy Catholic School in Manahawkin that we co-sponsor with 4 other area parishes. This collection helps us meet that obligation. Thank you for your support.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Air Conditioning Bills

Collected: \$6,483

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$39,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$39,000

Collected: \$19,819.42



Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Online Giving!

stfrancisparishlbi.org

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **352**

Donors: **273**

Raised: **\$55,124.00**

Collected: **\$52,074.24**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 2,543.76**



Praying the Rosary

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Brant Beach

Monday through Saturday

8:20 AM



Adult Faith Enrichment and RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA and ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT IS BAAAACK.

Any adult interested in becoming Catholic, or any Catholic who desires first Communion and/or Confirmation, please call Sister Pat or Father Steve at extension 157.

Classes are open to everyone and begin on **Tuesday, September 21** at 7:00 PM.

More information to follow.

World Day of Prayer



We invite all to join us on
Wednesday, September 1
at the **9:00 AM Mass in Brant Beach**
for a special liturgy celebrating the
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The letter establishing this Day of Prayer was sent by Pope Francis to Peter Turkson, a Ghanaian Cardinal of the Catholic Church who spoke at the St. Louis Climate Summit in 2018 on the ecology of the world, and Cardinal Kurt Koch from Switzerland. Below is an excerpt from this letter:

"...for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, "the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us" (Laudato Si' 216). The ecological crisis thus summons us to a profound spiritual conversion:

Christians are called to "an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them" (ibid., 217). For "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (ibid.).

Our patron saint, Francis of Assisi, is the patron saint of animals and ecology, and the original advocate for the earth. Pope Francis, by taking the name of the saint of ecology, stresses "the interrelationship between how we treat the planet and how we treat one another." May we become champions for our environment and caring protectors of all humanity.

Peace Prayer Project

Remember to pray the
Peace Prayer of St. Francis
every Wednesday at noon!



Mass of Appreciation

5th Annual Mass of Appreciation & Blue Mass
11:30AM, Saturday, September 25
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Brant Beach

Please join us as we Honor the Men and Women of the US Armed Forces and First Responders who serve our Communities in Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, First Aid, Paramedics, Doctors and Nurses.

All are Welcome.

Light Refreshments

Sponsored by: Knights For Christ The Healer, Inc.,
Contact: Bill Benedict (973) 464-1529.

knightsforchristthehealer.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:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



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 offs

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@stfrancislbj.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@stfrancislbj.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@stfrancislbj.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.





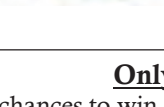
Please call me for further information or any questions you may have.

Peace of Christ be with you,

Judith Clayton
Director, Family Faith

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	2021 Jeep Renegade Valued at: \$28,075
	2021 Jeep Compass Valued at: \$28,150
	2021 Jeep Cherokee Valued at: \$29,305
	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.

Employment Opportunity



Preschool Teacher's Assistant (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

Positions: Full-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.

Senior Services

Position: 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 a part time receptionist. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is preferred. Applicants must have experience with customer service, answering telephones, and basic computer software knowledge. Applicants must be able to lift at least 40 pounds.
Position: Year round part-time
Day/Hours: Approximately 15 to 26 hours per week
Pay: \$12 per hour
 Part-time employees are eligible for employee discounts and paid sick time

Recreation/Pool

Position: Year-round Part-time Lifeguard 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 – Daytime shift coverage needed.
****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

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) ____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____
 Credit Card purchase must be presented in person. NO PHONE PURCHASES.

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:
St. Francis Community Center
 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
 2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven
St. Clare Church
 56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies



These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Sweet Treats “Buy” the Beach
September 11

Spaghetti Dinner
October 9

49th Annual LBI 18 Mile Race
October 10

American Red Cross Blood Drive
October 26

Christmas Craft Show
November 20 & 21

Beefsteak Dinner
December 3

Christmas Trip to NYC in December

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.

**FALL SESSION
REGISTRATION
Monday, August 30
9:00 AM
Classes start September 11**

**The Indoor Pool
will be closed for cleaning:
August 30 through September 7.**

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:
lcf_finelli@hotmail.com or (609) 332-8366

All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/LongBeachTownship/18milerun>



Cultural Competency Statement

The St. Francis Center recognizes a culturally diverse community and makes a commitment to the principles of multiculturalism as a means of understanding, accepting, valuing, and supporting cultural diversity. The term Multicultural is applied broadly to include issues of minority or marginalized status as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, use of English as a second language, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, spirituality, and the elderly. The St. Francis Center proposes to develop programs and practices that assist staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize, accept, and affirm differences and similarities among people and provide services that are supportive and inclusive of all members of the community.

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.



When survivors of sexual assault present to the hospital, their clothing is often taken for evidence. St. Francis Counseling Service, in collaboration with the Ocean County Sexual Assault Response Team, is accepting donations of **NEW** clothing items so survivors have clothes to go home in. This includes towels, washcloths, hair ties, women's yoga pants, t-shirts, underwear, sports bras, men's sweatpants, t-shirts, and boxer briefs in all sizes.

A link to our Amazon Wish List can be found at <https://a.co/1JR3Qcq> which is also linked on our Facebook.

Donations will only be accepted by mail through Amazon or a similar retailer. We are not accepting donations in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All donations can be sent to:

St. Francis Community Center
ATTN: Delaney Cronin
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

For questions please contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or dcronin@stfrancisbi.org. Thank you for your support!

Find our wish list here: <https://a.co/1JR3Qcq>

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 Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers. *Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.*

*Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. **TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760** **carrier text message rates may apply***

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Canned 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
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Auto Ownership Program



The Auto Ownership Program at St. Francis Community Center is looking for donated vehicles. Donated vehicles are provided to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients for whom transportation is a major barrier to employment. Cars are donated, repaired, and turned over to clients involved in a work or training activity of the Ocean County TANF program. All donations will receive a letter and 1098c form for tax purposes. Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197 if you are interested in donating.

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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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.

All proceeds from this event support Interfaith's outreach programs for the frail elderly in our community. Stunning handbags (Kate Spade, Cole Hann, Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs, Donney & Burke, Frye and Bradley of London); gift baskets and door prizes will be raffled off! Tickets may be purchased by calling (609) 978-3839. Tickets are \$40 for 12 games (super Bingo with \$1,000 in prize money may be purchased separately that night) and must be picked up in advance at 56 Nautilus Drive in Manahawkin. Coffee, tea and desserts are included in the ticket price. Bring your own food; no alcohol. IHSS will abide by all CDC and State regulations regarding Covid-19.

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Join Father Steve in Iceland (currently waitlisted)

February 1-6, 2022

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