

THE BRIDGE



With open
arms for all!

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 2021

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(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

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

Community Center
(609) 494-8861

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(609) 494-1554

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be
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www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



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609-597-3800 or visit:
www.stmaryknights.org

St. Francis
Festival of the Sea
TUESDAY AUG 10TH - SATURDAY AUG 14TH
RIDES ★ GAMES ★ FOOD ★ FUN
Ride Bracelets Everyday!
St. Francis Church ★ 4700 Long Beach Blvd. ★ Brant Beach

St. Francis Parish & Community Center Grounds

Bring the whole family for 5 nights of fun for all ages!

Pay one price every night
to ride the rides all night long.

Rides are for all ages.

Hourly 50/50's, Games of Chance! Super Progressive 50/50!



Progressive 50/50

Drawing: **August 14**
10:00 PM

Our goal this year is
\$30,000.

The winner will receive
\$15,000.

Games of Chance!
Money Wheel!
Carnival Food Favorites!



Great food! And so much more!
Tickets can be purchased at the front desk
of the Community Center
and before & after Sunday masses.

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, August 7	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +James Sweeney 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Helen Nakoneczny +Jane Settanni	Dt. 6:4-13; Mt. 17:14-20 1 Kgs. 19:4-8; Eph. 4:30-5:2; Jn. 6:41-51	
Sunday, August 8	7:15 AM +Dora Villafranco 8:30 AM +Philip Caporaso +Gerald McKitish 10:00 AM +Edward McCaffrey +Lorraine Haws +Richard Michael Finan 11:30 AM +Rev. J. William Mickiewicz	1 Kgs. 19:4-8; Eph. 4:30-5:2; Jn. 6:41-51	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Sunday, August 15	<i>Assumption of Mary Mother of God</i> 7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Mary Margaret Mintz +Richard Finan 10:00 AM +Ann McGowan +Paula Mustachio +Noel & Judy Sharkey 11:30 AM +Anthony Aquino +Molly Trabisco	Rv. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Lk. 1:39-56	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Monday, August 9 thru Saturday, August 14, the Rosary, 9:00 AM Mass & Saturday 5:00 PM Mass will be temporarily moved to Surf City due to the *Festival of the Sea*.

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

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Saturday, August 7	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Pollack Family +Bill Larkey	Dt. 6:4-13; Mt. 17:14-20 1 Kgs. 19:4-8; Eph. 4:30-5:2; Jn. 6:41-51	
Sunday, August 8	8:30 AM +Kay Hansen 10:00 AM +Lucille DeMaio 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League	1 Kgs. 19:4-8; Eph. 4:30-5:2 Jn. 6:41-51	
Monday, August 9	9:00 AM +Mary Lou Schaeffer +William Schaeffer +Mary English	Dt. 10:12-22; Mt. 17:22-27	9:30 AM Adult Faith Enrichment
Tuesday, August 10	9:00 AM (L)Patrick McGlynn	2 Cor. 9:6-10; Jn. 12:24-26	
Wednesday, August 11	9:00 AM <i>Feast of St. Clare</i> (L)Clare DeMartini	Hos. 2:16-17, 21-22; Jn. 15:4-10	
Thursday, August 12	9:00 AM +Ralph Jones	Jos. 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt. 18:21-19:1	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide Zoom Mtg.
Friday, August 13	9:00 AM +Joseph Volaric	Jos. 24:1-13; Mt. 19:3-12	
Saturday, August 14	9:00 AM +Gladys Mazar 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM <i>Assumption of Mary - Vigil</i> +Edward & Dolores Pottichen +Hodulich Family	Jos. 24:14-29; Mt. 19:13-15 Rv. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Lk. 1:39-56	
Sunday, August 15	<i>Assumption of Mary Mother of God</i> 8:30 AM +Joan Karl 10:00 AM +James M. Kempinski 11:30 AM +Robert J. Reilly	Rv. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Lk. 1:39-56	

A Letter From The Pastor...



Anyone else have Covid fatigue? We have been dealing with this for a very long time and there is nothing more I would want than to see this all go away. Unfortunately, we know that life doesn't work that way. We can't wish away the things we don't like or when we get "tired" of them. It is now obvious that we are going to have to learn how to live with the virus among us.

I have noticed a general increase in anxiety as we hear more stories about the Delta variant, the latest news of vaccinated people becoming infected, and the CDC's newest recommendation that *both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people* "wear masks indoors when in areas with substantial and high transmissions of Covid-19." Ocean County is in the "substantial" category according to the CDC, with 49.5% of the population having at least one dose and 43% of county residents fully vaccinated. <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-viewDC> COVID Data Tracker

The day after the CDC's announcement, Gov. Murphy echoed their advice on July 28th, and I received an email from Bishop O'Connell saying that it might be advisable to let the congregations know of the recommendation.

With these developments I reached out to Dan Krupinski, the health officer for the LBI Health Department. He said, "We are seeing a significant increase in Covid-19 case activity on Long Beach Island. Unfortunately, this is not unique to LBI since we are seeing this regionally and nationally."

Although some of those who are fully vaccinated have become infected the percentage is very, very low. From everything that I have read the vaccine is still the best way to fight the spread of the virus.

It is wonderful to see the churches filling up again on Sundays but I do want to encourage those so inclined to wear a mask to do so to help protect yourself, your family and friends. I would also encourage those who have not gotten vaccinated to take advantage of the services offered through the LBI Health Department. The Covid-19 vaccine is available 5 days a week in their office located at 2119 Long Beach Blvd, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008. They have "Walk-in Wednesdays" available or you can call for an appointment or more details.

Be safe and let's keep praying for the end to this pandemic!

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM

Pastor

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>

Festival of the Sea Sponsorship Opportunity



June 2021

Greetings and many blessings to you.

One of the lines from the St. Francis' Peace Prayer is, "Lord make me an instrument of your peace, where there is darkness, light."

These last fourteen months have been dark and difficult. We know this to be true because we, at St Francis, made every effort to reach out to the community. We witnessed firsthand the need for spiritual consolation and for the first time in decades, kept three churches open for mass and for private prayer. We did our best to minister to anyone who came to us in need. Our Community Center became a place of refuge and hope for the recently unemployed, food insecure, and those with counseling needs.

That said, we need your support. This year, we are asking you to be a sponsor for *The Festival of the Sea*. We believe that the Festival of the Sea is one of the island's favorite summer events. This year, however, we are reinventing our marketing and promotional activity. (Don't you just love the new logo?) We want to have a party and celebrate the community that is LBI; this community which has come through many dark times, has a history of coming together to make the light is strong and true.

Please see the opportunities below

Ferris Wheel Sponsorship: \$1,000- Recognition at our event and prior to, unlimited rides for 4, complimentary food/beverage on night of your choice

The Carousel Sponsorship: \$500.00- Recognition at event and prior to; unlimited rides for 2

The Popcorn Sponsorship: \$250.00- Recognition at our event and prior to

The Cotton Candy Sponsorship: \$100- Recognition at our event

We are still accepting sponsorships. We are currently at **\$22,000** in sponsorships and thank you for your generosity.

We would like to thank **Berkshire Hathaway** for graciously agreeing to be the **Presenting Festival Sponsor**.

We hope you can be a part of the celebration. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno
Pastor

Barbara Truncellito
Director Parish Development

To help support and sponsor
The Festival of the Sea
please contact:
Amanda DeFusco, Sponsorship Coordinator
(609) 494-8861 ext. 118
or email at adefusco@stfrancislbi.org

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 7	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Mary Mathews +Norkas Family
Sunday, August 8	8:30 AM +Brian Reilly +Marlene Benelli +Jan Cornfield 10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +George Hamill & Michael Clarke +John Sweeney 11:30 AM +Phillip Tabbachino +Robert Zakhar +Mildred (Millie) Stoker
Saturday, August 14	5:00 PM <i>Assumption of Mary - Vigil</i> +Duffy Family +Margaret Lawton
Sunday, August 15	<i>Assumption of Mary Mother of God</i> 8:30 AM +Noah Butler +Paula Snyder 10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +Mary & Angelica Lanni +George Hamill & Michael Clarke 11:30 AM +Joseph & Sam Valentino


St. Clare Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, August 7	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Frank Esposito (L)Bunnie Bellotti
Sunday, August 8	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Harold Bertrand
Saturday, August 14	5:00 PM <i>Assumption of Mary - Vigil</i> +Eugene & Eleanor Patten +Frank Esposito
Sunday, August 15	<i>Assumption of Mary Mother of God</i> 8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald +Elizabeth & Joseph Gilchrist

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:
"Stop murmuring among yourselves."
 There are those whose preconceptions of Jesus was limited to Jesus as the carpenter's son. They had to overcome these preconceived ideas of Jesus and be open to his message and teachings.
How does my preconceived ideas of another person limit my acceptance of Jesus' message of loving everyone.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count:	335
Donors:	264
Raised:	\$50,344.00
Collected:	\$47,309.24
Pledge Balance:	\$ 2,524.76



Weekly Reflections...

Many in our close knit community know Fr. Kevin and his ministry of visiting the sick in hospital, long term care facilities and at home. Some of our parishioners volunteer as well and their presence to the sick and homebound is extraordinary. They are the hands and feet of Jesus. For those who may not be as familiar, here is a story to warm your heart. It is very personal to me.

In June of 2017, I became fatally ill and was in a coma. Fr. John came up to the hospital to administer the Sacrament of the Sick. The prognosis was 50/50 on whether or not I'd survive. I was then transferred to Hackensack Meridian in Neptune, New Jersey. When I woke, I was released from ICU into a private room. That Sunday afternoon, after my family left, I felt the need to receive the Eucharist. Not knowing what to do, I said a little prayer. I looked up to see Fr. Kevin standing there in his habit. Not only did he travel on a Sunday in July, he brought me Communion along with his uncanny ability to minister and his gift to listen. It proved to be a life altering spiritual experience. There were others who came to visit me when I came home. They are all in my daily prayer to this day.

These gifts are extended freely through a team of ministers. Certainly during the time of lockdown due to COVID-19, this was difficult but not impossible. Always following safety precautions, this ministry continues to bring hope and the light of Christ to the sick, homebound and helpless in our community. While my health is back to normal, I'm most humbled. I embrace the gift of gratitude. This is part of the quality outreach at St Francis. It's who we are.

Barbara Truncellito
 Director Parish Development

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.

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.

The August 21 meeting is cancelled.

Next scheduled meeting: **September 18, 10:00 AM**

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

St. Francis Parish Ministries: Music

Our Sunday celebration is at the heart of our life as a community of believers. One of the aspects of our Liturgy at St. Francis is the outstanding music program. In addition to coordinating quality music for all our Masses (19 in the summer) with good cantors & keyboard musicians, Michele Beck, our Music Coordinator, leads 3 inspirational choirs; the Adult, Teen/College & Children's Choirs. Thank you for your support of this very important part of our parish life.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

St. Francis Counseling Center

Collected: \$9,115

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$39,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$39,000

Collected: \$28,495

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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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.

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 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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **August 12.**

Adult Faith Enrichment and

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

DVD "Revolution of the Heart"
the Dorothy Day Story will be shown.

Monday, August 9
after the 9:00 AM Mass
in the Surf City Church

The running time is approximately 50 minutes.

Please contact Fr. Steve or Sr. Pat to register.

All are welcome.

Praying the Rosary

St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Surf City


Monday, August 9 - Saturday, August 14






8:20 AM

Moved due to the Festival of the Sea



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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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



St. Francis
Festival of the Sea
TUESDAY AUG 10TH - SATURDAY AUG 14TH
RIDES • GAMES • FOOD • FUN
Ride Bracelets Everyday!
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We're 
 Searching for
Volunteers

To Sell 50/50 and Car Raffle Tickets
after all Masses at Brant Beach Church

We are in need of Volunteers to work the
Games, Food Court, & to sell
Progressive 50/50 at the
Festival of the Sea
 Call (609) 494-8861 ext. 118

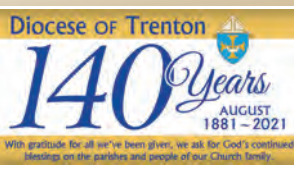
We need donations of
Soda
 and
Homemade Desserts



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.**

Diocese of Trenton 701 Lawrenceville Rd., Trenton, NJ



Giving thanks for God's blessings
 Did you know that this August marks the 140th Anniversary of the Diocese of Trenton? In 1881, Pope Leo XIII established the Diocese of Trenton to serve the Catholics of the southern part of New Jersey and named Father Michael J. O'Farrell of New York as its first bishop. At the time, the Diocese had 68 churches, 23 parochial schools and 51 priests spread out across Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, as well as all of the territory that is now part of the Dioceses of Camden and Metuchen. For more on the history of the Diocese, go to dioceseoftrenton.org/our-history, and watch for a special feature in the August issue of The Monitor Magazine and on TrentonMonitor.com.

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.

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

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 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

Day/Hours: 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@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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**.



Parenting AFTER - Join this FREE confidential group with other parents managing the world after your child has been sexually abused. Gain support, develop emotional coping skills and learn ways to understand and manage the post-trauma behaviors and emotions of your child.

Group will run for six weeks every Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM and will be held in Toms River, NJ. For information please call Nina Vitale, LPC, St. Francis Counseling Service, (609) 494-1554. Please note: *Group size is limited and registration is required.*

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.

Aquatics

Water Tots,
Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate &
Advanced Swim Lessons,
Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics,
Arthritis Water Exercise and Splash Dance

Recreation

Basketball Clinic,
Tee Ball Clinic, Baseball Games,
Gymnastics Clinic,
Flag Football, Ultimate Recreation Camp Games,
Soccer Skills & Drills,
All Level Yoga,
Summer Recess with Mr. LaMarco

Basic Boating Safety Course - NJ Certified

(Ages: 13 & up)



Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00 - 9:00 PM
August 10 & 12 (Must attend both)

The NJ State Police Certification Course for Basic Boating Safety will prepare and certify you to operate a motor boat or a personal water craft vessel in NJ. *Workbooks will be provided.*

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



Did You Know??

The **St. Francis Sharks Swim Team** is back in action this year! After taking off a year of competition due to Covid-19 concerns, they are back competing in the pool. All of their practices and meets have been taking place outdoors to minimize any potential exposure to Covid. So far they have gone undefeated swimming against the other clubs and are looking forward to the championship meet on **August 12th**!

Family Support Services

Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome

Walk-ins are welcome during Pantry Hours & appointments are no longer required. Appointments will still be available for those who would like a faster pick-up. All Walk-ins will be asked to take a number and wait outside the building until their number is called. Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to complete a COVID questionnaire.

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 & Vegan Options, Baby Food, Formula, Diapers in sizes Newborn to size 6 & pull-ups, Laundry Detergent, Sanitizer, and Face coverings. Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.

Pantry based text alerts

We now have a text message alert system which will alert you to any changes to the food pantry and any projects going on.

TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760

****carrier text message rates may apply****

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St. Francis is asking for donations for the food pantry.

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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. <https://a.co/00HTAhy> or can be dropped off at the Community Center.



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Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197 if you are interested in donating.

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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