

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



*For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead. Jn. 20:9*

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 9, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, April 8	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> <b>Easter Vigil</b> 7:30 PM +Eugene & Lucille D'Amico +David & Kathleen Barndt	Gn. 1:1-2:2; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom. 6:3-11; Mt. 28:1-10	<i>Live-Streaming 7:30 PM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> Parish and Center is CLOSED
Sunday, April 9	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord</b> 8:30 AM +Donna Weiss 10:00 AM +Anne Armstrong, <i>ofs</i> +Belinda Caputo +James M. Kempinski 11:30 AM +Marie Waldron-Ryder	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4; Jn. 20:1-9	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> Parish and Center is CLOSED
Monday, April 10	9:00 AM +Thomas Lally	Acts 2:14, 22-23; Mt. 28:8-15	Parish and Center is CLOSED
Tuesday, April 11	9:00 AM +Joan McGovern	Acts 2:36-41; Jn. 20:11-18	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, April 12	9:00 AM +Bryan Connelly +Henry Scala	Acts 3:1-10; Lk. 24:13-25	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 13	9:00 AM +Deborah Diffenderfer +Gladys Fuydal	Acts 3:11-26; Lk. 24:35-48	
Friday, April 14	9:00 AM <b>Franciscan Renewal of Vows</b> +Barbara Knode +Edward W. Shanley	Acts 4:1-12; Jn. 21:1-14	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, April 15	9:00 AM +Patricia Kennedy Riehl 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Scott Frahllich	Acts 4:13-21; Mk. 16:9-15 Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt. 1:3-9; Jn. 20:19-31	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge 10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, April 16	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> 8:30 AM +Louis Luceri +Anna Belle Vaughan +Benjamin Coppola 10:00 AM +Angelo Fiore, Sr. +Dr. Richard & Anne C. Gove +James M. Kempinski 11:30 AM +Jean Ann Gallimore +Lauren Stavola 5:00 PM <b>Survivors of Suicide</b>	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt. 1:3-9; Jn. 20:19-31	<i>Live-Streaming 10:00 AM Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

### Mass Schedule CHANGE

**April 15/16 through May 20/21, 2023**


#### 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](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - Sunday, 10:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - **CLOSED**

St. Clare, Loveladies - **CLOSED**



**Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:15 AM**  
**on the Third Street Beach in Beach Haven**

Mass Intentions: +Bert Minnella +Robert Graif +Keith Pinto

*In case of inclement weather, sunrise service will be moved indoors to St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Beach Haven*

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, April 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +George & Jane Holland
Sunday, April 16	10:00 AM +Paul Dobrowsky +Bruce Brodbeck

### St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2<sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, April 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

Letter from the Pastor  
Easter Sunday  
April 9, 2023

### Happy Easter!

As one of my theology professors once said, "Without the Resurrection, everything else is worthless." Perhaps you might think that is a bit over dramatic, but not really... not for those of us who believe. St. Paul writes in his First Letter to the Corinthians, "For the message of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1:18) He goes on to say, "For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." [22-25]

The Resurrection is what tells us that God's truth, God's love, God's mercy, is always victorious.

No matter what struggles weigh us down let us pray that the power of God over take us so that we may truly know that the Resurrection sets us free. I pray that we may all know that freedom this Easter and every day of our life and then share that gift with everyone we meet.

On behalf of the friars, Sr. Pat, and the entire Pastoral Staff, we wish you a very *Happy and Blessed Easter*. Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

## Franciscan Renewal

The custom of the Friars renewing the profession of vows has been celebrated on April 16 each year, the day that St. Francis made his profession to Pope Innocent III. Since April 16 is a Sunday this year, the ceremony will take place on Friday, April 14 at the 9:00 AM Mass. This ceremony of renewing their commitment to the Franciscan Way of Life is now extended to ALL Franciscans and to all those who are called to live the Franciscan values as shown by St. Francis. A text will be provided with the ceremony.

**St. Francis Parish and Center  
will be CLOSED**

**Friday, April 7, Saturday, April 8, Sunday, April 9  
and Monday, April 10**

## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

**Emergency Information:** Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website:  
[schoolclosingsnj.com](http://schoolclosingsnj.com) and [facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](https://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.

**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.

### Parish Office

Michele Beck, Director, Liturgy & Music  
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM  
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation  
Deacon Robert Cunningham  
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM  
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor  
Fr. John Frambes, OFM  
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF  
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM  
Sr. Pat Klemm, OSF (in-residence)  
Marie Maslanka, Parish Secretary  
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,  
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)  
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

### Parish Finance Council

Cecelia Fowler	Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
Angelo Rinaldi	Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Jay Pojednic	Joe Hummel
Joe Mack	Joe Vaszily
Peter Williams	Stacey Kelsall, Comptroller

Anyone who needs to contact the Parish staff or  
Finance Council can do so by visiting our website at:  
[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/contact](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/contact)

### St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861  
Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114  
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554  
Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407  
Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861  
Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760  
Recreation & Aquatics - (609) 494-8861 ext. 105  
Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

## Offertory Collection

### This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$75,000

### This Week's Second Collection:

St. Francis Parish Ministries - Music

### Holy Land – Good Friday

This collection is taken up throughout the world for the maintenance of Shrines in the Holy Land. Thank you for being generous.

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$21,811.13

Needed: \$25,000

### Last Week's Second Collection:

Friars and Sisters Vehicle Maintenance & Fuel

Collected: \$6,963

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
**Online Giving!**  
[stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate](http://stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate)



*6.5 Million Diocesan Goal*

**St. Francis Parish Goal:** \$100,000.00

**Pledged:** \$29,687.00 (30% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$25,857.00 (26% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 171

**Total Gifts:** 175

**Average Gift:** \$169.64

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton.  
Please visit the [stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal)  
for more information from Bishop O'Connell.

### Read our bulletin online at

[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org)



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)



Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:

[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy  
(609) 597-3800 or visit: [www.stmaryknights.org](http://www.stmaryknights.org)

## Emergency Information

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

## Family Faith

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

[jclayton@stfrancislbi.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislbi.org)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



## Gospel Inspirations:

“He has been raised just as He said.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!



This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Rejoice in the Resurrection and trust in what God has in store for each of us!



**EASTER VIGIL**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Brant Beach Church: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Surf City Church: 8:30, 10:00 AM

Beach Haven: 10:00 AM

**EASTER SUNRISE MASS**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Beach Haven at **6:15 AM**

*St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Community Center are in accordance with the Diocese of Trenton in our commitment to the protection and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. These Diocesan policies are observed and posted in all public spaces throughout our Parish and Community Center buildings.*

*This initiative is outlined in the United States conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Charter.*

## The Paschal Candle

is generously donated by:

**Lorri A. & Joseph D'Orsi**

*in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

**May God bless and keep them always**

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

*Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God? Do you experience a desire to pray always? Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?*

Spiritual Direction is not about problem solving. It is neither counseling nor therapy. It is about enhancing one's prayer life. Directors help people recognize and respond to God's will in their life experiences. One Director summed up the process this way, "All I do is listen. People already have a spiritual life; they are not starting here. Often they need relief from the pressure that they are not doing the right thing. I help them see the goodness in where they are on their journey, not where they think they're supposed to be." God is the real spiritual director.

The Diocese of Trenton has several training programs called an internship. These are two or three year programs focusing on deepening one's own spiritual life and on learning the dynamics of Spiritual Direction. Upon completion of the program a person receives a Certificate from the Diocese.

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors.

*There is no charge for Spiritual Direction.* If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your life please call:

Maryann Barrek, (609) 661-4441

Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

## 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](mailto: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!

## 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 scheduled meeting: **April 15, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room**



### Knitting and Crochet Ministry

We are pleased to announce that we now have Pocket Prayer Shawls, which can be found in the front lobby of St. Francis Church. With every stitch a prayer is offered for the person who will receive

the Pocket Prayer Shawl. These mini shawls provide comfort, support from God for those who receive one. These shawls are able to fit inside of a pocket.

These shawls can be given to anyone who needs comfort and support, such as a recent loss, illness, or a spiritual struggle.

## 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, **April 19**, 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. *Tuscan Child* by Rhys Bowen. Next meeting Tuesday, **April 25**, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

### Knitting & Crocheting Circle

Meets **weekly on Fridays**, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, in the Family Faith Office. For more information please contact Fr. Scott at (609) 494-8813.

Next meeting Friday, **April 14**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

### 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next meeting Wednesday **April 12**, 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 information.

Next meeting **May 11**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Join us for a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul

## GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19—29, 2023

VISITING: ATHENS \* CORINTH \* MYKONOS \* EPHEBUS  
PATMOS \* SANTORINI \* DELPHI \* KALAMBAKA \* THESSALONIKI  
Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey



Hosted by  
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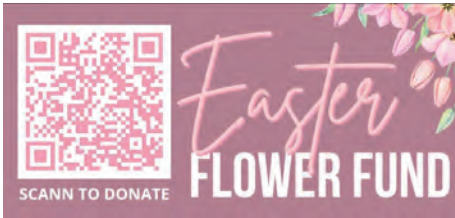
**SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

**Spaces are running out; just a few more left! Don't miss this fabulous Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul!**  
**Fr. Andrew [areitz@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:areitz@stfrancislbj.org).**

## Praying the Rosary

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





**EASTER FLOWER FUND  
2023**

*Help us decorate the Brant Beach, Surf City, and Beach Haven churches from Palm Sunday through The Easter season!*

Memorialize or honor a family member, friend, or a special occasion with your donation

**All donations will be recognized in our 2023 Easter Flower Fund Donor List**

This list will be updated weekly on our parish website.

It will include the names of all donors and who the donations are in memory or in honor of.

*Donations for Easter Flowers, plants, and Art and Environment supplies can be made in any amount.*

or

You can donate toward the purchase of specific items to memorialize

DONATION AMOUNT	
\$100	Large Topiaries & Large Easter Wreaths
\$75	Flowers in Sanctuary Urns for Holy Thursday & Easter Season
\$50	Peace Lilies & Hydrangea
\$35	Ferns & Candle Rings

**Ways to donate to our 2023 Easter Flower Fund**

Easter Flower Fund Envelope found with your parish donation envelopes or at the doors of the church

Online donation on our website Scan the QR code or go to [www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/easterflowerfund](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/easterflowerfund)

Thank you for your generous support!

From,

*The St. Francis Parish Liturgical Art & Environment Committee*  
Contact the Parish Office with any questions.

**Thank You Parish Family!**

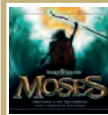
In a little over 3 months, we collected over 300 rosaries. Some of them were very old, some were brand new, all have been prayed over and have been sorted, cleaned, and are now being distributed to the hospital, nursing homes, on home visits and to the homeless at St. Francis Inn in Kensington in Philadelphia.

AND AGAIN, WE THANK YOU!



**The Ladies of the Women's Cornerstone Rosary Project**

*(we will set up our basket in the Church again when our supply is depleted)*



**Bus Trip: "Moses" at Sight & Sound**

**September 13, 2023**

**\$195 all inclusive**

Includes: 3:00 PM show, 11:30 AM lunch at Shady Maple, transportation, & tips.

2 pick ups: St. Francis LBI & Walmart, Manahawkin  
Return home approximately 8:30 PM

**Please make checks payable to: St. Francis Parish**

Mail to: Cheryl Krzaczyk, *ofs*, 111 E. 12th St.,  
Ship Bottom, NJ 08008-4519

or call (609) 661-5229, email: [chumsley@comcast.net](mailto:chumsley@comcast.net)

Mary Lou Ligus, *ofs*, (215) 850-7809

email: [lbilady23@gmail.com](mailto:lbilady23@gmail.com)

*(Can accept 1/2 payment now to April 12 & 1/2 in June)*


**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](http://www.hnp.org)

**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.

**Embrace Our Way of Life**  
**Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA**  
Vocation Office [vocations@osfphil.org](mailto:vocations@osfphil.org)



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Franciscan Vocation Ministry  
Br. Basil Valente, OFM  
129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403  
1-800-677-7788 [www.BeAFranciscan.org](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)

## Employment Opportunity

### Community 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-Teacher's Assistant

Be able to relate well with children and families. Prefer a background in early childhood education. (13-months to 5-years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.

**Position:** Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

**Days:** Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$15 per hour

### Summer Camp Counselor (Seasonal Position)

Be able to relate well with children and families. Working with school age children 5 years to 13years of age.

**Position:** Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

**Days:** Monday-Friday **Pay:** \$14.13 per hour

Must be 17 or older and be available 6/20/23 to 8/31/2023  
First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.  
Experience Preferred, but not required.

### Family Support Services

**Position:** *Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program.* Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology, or related field is preferred. Prefer applicants who have experience working with children (0-5 years). 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 – Full time

### Maintenance Department

**Position:** Full time *Maintenance/Cleaning-* Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred, not required. Must have valid driver's license.

**Pay:** Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience)

**Days/Hours:** Monday- Friday- Afternoon/Evening hours required (approx. 2pm-10pm).

### Parish

**Position:** *Director of Parish Development.* Full time position  
This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

**Days/Hours:** Monday- Friday, attendance at Evening/weekend events required

**Position:** *Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry.*  
Full time position.

Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and to our post confirmation young people to create a vibrant, inspiring, and relevant faith based program. Must be an active and participating Catholic.

Bachelor's degree required- Theology or Religious Studies or related field

**Days:** Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

**\*\*Background check & fingerprinting required for all employees 18 yrs. & 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.**

Please send resumes to [abodine@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancislbj.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**Annual Health and Safety Fair**  
**Thursday, April 20, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
Come enjoy new demos, vendors.  
Free screening & so much more!

APRIL 20, 2023

Volunteer Week  
Celebration Day



## Did You Know??

Our St. Francis volunteers make things happen and inspire all of us with their compassion, energy, enthusiasm and stamina. Each year, over 1,000 people volunteer countless hours of service in order to assist us in helping others in our community. It's because of our wonderful volunteers that our food pantry, special events, sexual assault hotline and many other functions of our buildings run so smooth. We would like to invite our volunteers to our Annual Volunteer Breakfast to celebrate all of your time and dedication!

We would also like to also take this opportunity to formally welcome Michelle DiBella to our team as the new Coordinator of Volunteers and Special Events!

If interested in volunteering, volunteer applications can be found online at: [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org)

## Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

*Walk-ins are welcome!*

*The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers.*

*\*Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.*

*Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. **TO ENROLL TEXT***

***"PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760** \*\*carrier text message rates may apply\*\**

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

**Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Baked Beans, Coffee, Canned Chef Boyardee/Chili, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, and Soap.**

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via PayPal.

### Family Support Services:

To learn more about our programs visit our website at

<http://stfranciscenterlbi.org>

- **Parenting & Anger Management Groups**
- **Auto Ownership**
- **Parents As Teachers**
- **Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families**

## Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Spring Brochure** online at [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org) or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

**REGISTRATION  
SESSION II  
Tuesday, April 11, 9:00 AM**

## Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

- **Adult Education Program**
- **First Step to Self Sufficiency**
- **Next Step to Employment**

*All participants must be verified for eligibility through the Ocean County PIC Office. Programs funded through a grant provided by the Ocean County Department of Human Services. For additional information call: (732) 281-8653*

## 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.



### WHAT THE TECH

What the Tech?! is a newly formed volunteer opportunity that connects the tech-savvy youth with older individuals in need of 'techspertise'!

If you are 50+ and would like to attend, please contact St. Francis Senior Services. All are welcome, for any and all tech questions!

If you would like to VOLUNTEER and use your IT, interpersonal, and communication skills to help older people acquire digital skills, please reach out to Katherine Pelican.

St. Francis Senior Services  
609-494-8861 ext. 109  
Katharine Pelican 551-427-1107.

## 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](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org). We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. [www.grownkids.gov](http://www.grownkids.gov).

Masks will be required for 2 years and up - they will be encouraged to wear a mask throughout the day.

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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.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and we honor survivors of sexual violence by observing Denim Day (the last Wednesday of April which is April 26th!) Denim Day began in 1999 after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned. The justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. Since then, wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape. Please join St Francis Counseling Service in honoring Denim Day by taking a picture of you in your denim and tagging us on social media ([stfranciscounselingservice](https://www.facebook.com/stfranciscounselingservice) on facebook and instagram). Our 24 hour confidential sexual violence hotline is available by calling 609-494-1090.

**ST. FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE PRESENTS**

# CLOTHING DRIVE

**DONATE THROUGH APRIL FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

When survivors of sexual assault present to the hospital, their clothing is often taken for evidence. St. Francis Counseling Service and the Sexual Assault Response Team of Ocean County are accepting donations of **NEW** clothing items so survivors have clothes to go home in.

Needed items include stretch pants or joggers, t-shirts, children's underwear, and small blankets for children. Items should be in a variety of sizes and gender neutral colors. Please use our QR code to view our Amazon Wish List!



All donations can be dropped off in the Community Center Lobby Monday through Friday 9am - 6pm or sent to:

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For more information or questions please contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or [dcronin@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:dcronin@stfrancisbi.org). Thank you for all your support!

## Community Bulletin Board

### Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 2

**Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 2**  
**25th Year Anniversary Retreat Day**  
**Saturday, April 16, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Speaker: Ana Maria Garcia  
Saint Mary of the Pines

100 Bishop Way, Manahawkin, NJ 08050  
Admission: \$20 includes lunch (pay at the door)  
Reservations are necessary for lunch  
732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, **April 10**

You can also register on line: [www.cwoz.org](http://www.cwoz.org) (Chapter 2)

### Donovan Catholic High School

#### Spring Open House

Wednesday, **April 26**, 6-8:00pm.

Learn about their campus facilities, academic course details, student life and various programs. Meet students, advisors & teachers. Register for the open house on the Donovan Catholic web-



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#### Spaghetti Dinner & Show

**Sunday, April 30**

Two seatings, 1:00pm and 3:30pm. Tickets are \$17.00 and include spaghetti & meatballs dinner, salad, wine/soda, dessert & coffee with special performances by the band and choir. Please email

[ddicosta@donovancatholic.org](mailto:ddicosta@donovancatholic.org)

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**Ocean County:** 200 Monmouth Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701 - 732-363-5322 x 3234

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to perform minor home repairs for seniors in Ocean County with our **Fix-It** Program. Volunteers do many of the same simple tasks they would do in their own homes. This is a great opportunity for both skilled and unskilled volunteers to give back to their communities.

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