

THE BRIDGE



With open
arms for all!

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 20, 2021

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(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

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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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www.stmaryknights.org



Recreation



Basketball, Baseball,
Soccer, Gymnastics & Lacrosse.

All Level Yoga,

Ultimate Camp Games, and



Basic Boating Safety Course - NJ Certified.

NEW!! *Camp Crafty*



Aquatics

Swim Lessons: All Levels (private & group).

Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics,

Arthritis Water Exercise, Splash Dance,

Youth Swim Clinics

Pick up a Summer Brochure at the Community Center
on **June 22** when registering or view the
Summer Brochure online: www.stfranciscenterlbi.org

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, June 19	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Frank Esposito 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Edward Pottichen +Frances Jennette +Jerome Lala	2 Cor. 12:1-10; Mt. 6:24-34 Jb. 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor. 5:14-17; Mk. 4:35-41	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, June 20	8:30 AM +Eugene D'Amico +Vincent & Sal Ferraro +Jim Morrison +Frank & Ellen Woodruff 10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Fathers</i> 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Todd Barbuto +Vincent Ryan +John L. Butler	Jb. 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor. 5:14-17; Mk. 4:35-41	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, June 21	9:00 AM +Rosemarie B. Wirth +Phyllis Ryan	Gn. 12:1-9; Mt. 7:1-5	
Tuesday, June 22	9:00 AM +John L. Butler	Gn. 13:2, 5-18; Mt. 7:6, 12-14	9:30 AM Adult Enrichment, Mini Retreat
Wednesday, June 23	9:00 AM +Catherine Collum +Gerard Robertson	Gn. 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt. 7:15-20	3:30 PM Eucharistic Ministers Meeting 4:30 PM Ushers Meeting
Thursday, June 24	9:00 AM +John L. Butler +Mary Kurz	Is. 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk. 1:57-66, 80	
Friday, June 25	9:00 AM +Tommy Prokap	Gn. 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt. 8:1-4	
Saturday, June 26	9:00 AM +Mike Hainley 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frances Jennette	Gn. 18:1-15; Mt. 8:5-17 Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk. 5:21-43	
Sunday, June 27	7:15 AM +Bill Kunz 8:30 AM +Joseph P. McCann 10:00 AM +Giuseppe & Liboria Priolo +Joseph Donahue +Henry Klaas 11:30 AM +Salvatore LiCaiso	Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk. 5:21-43	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, June 19	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM (L)Bunnie Bellotti
Sunday, June 20	8:30 AM +Louise Muzin 10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Fathers</i> 11:30 AM +James M. Kempski +Frank & Ellen Woodruff
Saturday, June 26	5:00 PM +Lucy & Henry Rossi
Sunday, June 27	8:30 AM +Diane Percia 10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald +Jacob John Molitoris +Karen & Theresa Malantra 11:30 AM +Robert Mireski

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 19	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday, June 20	10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Fathers</i> +Dr. John D. Barone +Stephen McKenna +Patricia Kakstis
Saturday, June 26	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday, June 27	8:30 AM +Katherine Stelling 10:00 AM +Harry & Josephine Clark 11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>

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.

May 2021

Registered:

Hope Adams	Bazerque Family	Ferrer Family
William Flynn	Dennis Flynn	Allison Kriney
Vasallo Family		

Baptized:

Luca Garcia-Solis	Emersyn Grace Heath
Nathan Thomas Notta	Walter Walters
Henry Battles	Carson O'Neal
Jack Reilly	

Married:

Thiophilus Mixon and Kaitlin Schurig
Alexander Kozak and Lauren Lavin
Christopher Giusti and Allison LoBello

Deceased:

Frank Esposito	Arlene "Sue" Muller	James Frentzen
Bill Schaeffer	Pauline Dalley	Robert Baker
Alice Keating	John Smith	



A Letter From The Pastor...

Love in the Time of Covid

When I lived in Bolivia in the mid-90's I kept hearing about this book, *Love in the Time of Cholera*, published in 1985 and written by the Colombian author, Gabriel García Márquez. Despite all the accolades and recommendations, I must confess, I never read the book, but for some reason the name always stuck with me. Of course, since March of 2020 the title of that book kept ringing in my ear, but only with a slight nuance, *Love in the time of Covid*.

I know I join many people who welcomed the bishop's lifting of the restrictions that had been in place for over 14 months. I am also thankful that we are starting to get back to "normal," although I am still not sure what the new normal will look like down the road. It certainly does appear that we are heading in the right direction and we continue to pray that that is true.

I have received a few requests, not many, but enough to warrant this letter to you, the parish, about the decision to hold off on the reception of communion on the tongue. I can appreciate the desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue out of reverence and great respect for the reception of sacramental presence of Christ. It has been a long tradition within our Latin Rite celebration of the Eucharist. In Bishop O'Connell's, May 26, 2021, Revisions of Current Covid Protocols, he "strongly encourages" the reception of Holy Communion in the hand but has also left the opportunity for Communion to be received on the tongue. When I spoke with him in September, not long after I arrived as the new pastor, he did say that the ultimate choice would be at the discretion of the pastor. In the same statement, Bishop O'Connell also reminded us that "the COVID-19 pandemic remains active" and has said that "all ministers of Holy Communion should wear masks while distributing the Holy Eucharist."

On numerous occasions I have spoken with the other friars in the house and we continue to believe that for the safety of the entire community, while we remain in an active pandemic, communion will only be distributed in the hand. Unlike many parishes where the majority of the congregation remains consistent, our population grows and changes on a weekly basis. That is a good thing. It is wonderful to welcome so many people from all different areas, but that does place us in a different reality than most parishes. The statistics tell us that while many are vaccinated there does remain a large segment of our population that is not. While we remain in a national and global pandemic the continued use of hand sanitizers, the wearing of masks by those distributing Communion, along with the reception of Communion in the hand, I believe, is the safest way to distribute Holy Communion for the entire community.

Let us continue to pray for the end to this pandemic, for those who are sick and those who have died because of it, and all those working to move us forward. May God continue to bless you with peace and all good.

Fr. Fran, OFM

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

St. Clare Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
June 19 & 20	(L) Living +Deceased CLOSED
Saturday, June 26	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, June 27	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League

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, The Canticle of the Sun 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: \$100.00- Recognition at our event

**** There is also the opportunity for a Presenting Festival Sponsor with naming opportunities****

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

Attention all Eucharistic Ministers & Ushers

As we prepare to get ready for our summer Mass Schedule, Fr. Francis DiSpigno and the Worship Department will have a meeting to review the protocols that will go into effect on **July 4th**. It is our hope that these guidelines will not have to be changed as we move forward.

Fr. Francis will make the presentation followed by a question and answer period.

We urge all ministers to try and attend this important meeting. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we went through so many changes. God bless you all.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

June 23 at 3:30 PM in the Brant Beach Church.
Meeting will be approximately 45 minutes long.

USHERS MEETING

June 23 at 4:30 PM in the Brant Beach Church.
Meeting will be approximately 45 minutes long.



Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

Saint Mary's 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

St. Francis Emergency Fund

Collected: \$6,138

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$27,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$27,000

Collected: \$20,764

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



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **300**

Raised: **\$46,424.00**

Collected: **\$42,639.41**

Pledged Balance: **\$ 3,274.59**



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!

stfrancisparishlbi.org

Help Wanted - No Salary - But Great Benefits!

Welcome to summer on Long Beach Island. The sun comes out, the ocean warms up, and the beach awaits.

The best part is that all of our summer friends and visitors return to share the beauty of God's creation.

The population on the island multiplies many times over, and just like the restaurants and shops looking for help, we as a parish church also need many ministers to serve our brothers and sisters. Our parish is not just one church as you know, but four churches that must share the same ministers. The number of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers, and Altar Servers that we need per Mass is approximately 19. During the summer we have 18 Masses on a weekend which means we need 304 ministers each weekend!! **We need you!**

"Ministry is, by its very nature, relational. It makes no sense in isolation...it cannot be separated from the spiritual life of the minister, it cannot be separated from the relationships it involves. The kingdom of God is brought about not just in and through individual people, but in and through the connections among people." (Kathleen Hope Brown, (2004) *Lay Leaders of Worship*)

As the title of this article suggests, ministering is voluntary, but the benefits are priceless...becoming the face of God to your brothers and sisters, helping your faith community, setting examples for your children and grandchildren, experiencing the joy of ministry.

It doesn't matter if you are a visitor or a resident, young or not so young, singles, families ...all are welcome. I hope you will consider helping us meet the needs of our faith community. I guarantee that you will go home with much more than just a tan! The peace and love of God be with you.

Please contact the following Ministry Coordinators to get more information. They will be so happy to hear from you! Training will be provided.

Eucharistic Ministers

Surf City Church - Sandi Klose - sjklose1407@gmail.com

Cheryl Krzaczuk - chumsley@comcast.net

Brant Beach Chuck Sulkowski - csulkowskifineart@gmail.com

Beach Haven Church - ellenmlang@msn.com

Loveladies Church - arlenemorrison1950@gmail.com

Lectors

Anne Bock - All Churches - sfobock@comcast.net

Ushers

William Malone - All Churches - whmalonejr@gmail.com

Altar Servers

Toby McCarthy - All Churches - toby121e@comcast.net

General Information - JoAnne Reeder - Worship Dept.
jreeder@stfrancisbi.org (609) 494-8861, Ext 164

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **July 11**, after 10:00 AM Mass, Fraternity Social, Sr. Lounge, in-person and "Zoom".

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 (609) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information. Next scheduled zoom meeting: **July 7**.

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.

Weekly Reflections...

Saints of God, the Lord be with you!

Today's Gospel according to Mark (4:35-41) recounts the well-known story of Jesus asleep in the boat while a storm rages. The disciples, in a panic, wake Him up and all Jesus needs to do to stop the storm is to say, "Quiet! Be still!" I don't know about you, but during the past year I have often prayed that God would stop the storm of Covid 19. Yet that storm raged on, and continues to rage on in many parts of the world. So what gives?

I think the wisdom of the Church is found in the fact that the Gospel on this Sunday is tied to the first reading from the Book of Job. The story of Job was written for people of faith struggling to hold onto faith during a time of prolonged suffering. As I read Job, I've come to see that God does not send "storms" no matter how we define them, but allows them to occur for a reason. We may never know the reason, but no matter what we are going through, we must hold onto the knowledge that God is bigger than any storm, and that God can use every storm for our good. God doesn't send storms; God gives every storm a limit, and even if we die, we are not destroyed.

I guess what I am trying to say is that suffering is a mystery to which we can give no good answer. However, the greatest of all Mysteries, is the mystery of God. Jesus is the incarnation of the Mystery and He shows us that the Mystery of All Mysteries is concerned with our welfare, and that God is a God Who is Love. And isn't love itself a Mystery?

What got me through the pandemic is remembering that we were all in this together, and that God was in control. As I write this, I see that while God didn't stop the storm of Covid 19, God did calm the storm of fear and doubt in my heart. What storm are you going through? Believe that God is bigger than your storm and has given it a limit. Ask God to bless your storm, and to use it for your betterment. Remember, "The antidote to fear is faith, and the fruit of faith is charity."

Fr. Steve Kluge, ofm

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

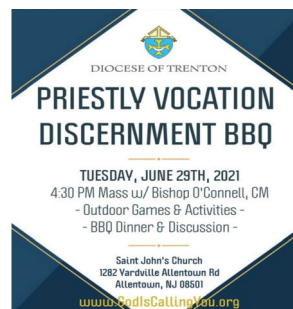
Mini Retreat on the Holy Spirit **Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Church**

The retreat will provide a short reflection on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

(one gift each Tuesday for the next 8 weeks)

All are invited to pray and reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives today.

No need to register...there will be room for all.



Family Faith Formation

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)



The Family Faith ministry has been working for over a year on the formation of a Family model catechesis. Our new program will begin in September with a Mass and dinner. Families will meet their catechists. Books and materials will be given to the children at that time. With the expansion of the program we are in need of a number of catechists at all grade levels. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact our office. there is a training session scheduled for June.

Please don't forget to register for the 2021-2022 classes. Contact Marion Pierri if you need further registration information.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"Why are you terrified. Do you not yet have faith?"

When our trust in Jesus falters, we become fearful. We lose our focus on Jesus as our center.

What causes me to lose my focus on Jesus? How do I regain that trust?

Looking for Altar Servers



Dear Parents,

Wouldn't you like to see your child become a minister at Mass? It can easily happen. Your encouragement could help your child to become an important part of the beautiful Ministry of Altar Servers. Your commitment to our wonderful church would simply be to allow them to serve at one Mass a month. I will show and teach them their duties for what needs to be done before, during, and after the Mass. I know that they will enjoy the opportunity to serve God's people and to interact with other young parishioners.

I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached by calling (609) 923-5417. My email is toby121c@comcast.net

Thanking you in advance,

Toby McCarthy

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

Rejoice!



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

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

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

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

All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

2021 Car Raffle

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2021 Jeep Renegade
Valued at: \$28,075



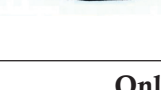
2021 Jeep Compass
Valued at: \$28,150



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.

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.

Did You Know Spring

Donations and bequests can be made to either the Center or the Parish. The Accounting department ensures any donations received are recorded and directed to each department, as instructed by the giver of the funds, or designated for the overall need the Center or Parish. If you would like to donate or leave a bequest and need our tax ID information, please feel free to reach out to the Accounting office. The Center can also accept donations via Paypal, and purchases through Amazon can be directed through Amazon Smile for either the Parish or Center.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

We now have four 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,
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. Monthly "*zoom sessions*" on the practice of contemplative prayer are scheduled the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537640297pwd=TFdKS05NYlNuNWJvODVtYld3KzNVOT09>
Next scheduled zoom session: **July 7, 10:30 AM**

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: **July 17, 10:00 AM**

Festival of the Sea & Progressive 50/50



A
Carnival
of Fun!
August 10-14
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
(weather permitting)

St. Francis Parish & Community Center Grounds
Bring the whole family for five 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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Call (609) 494-8861 ext. 118

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 Counselors

Days: Monday-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. Applicants must be available 6/21/21 to 9/2/2021.

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

Head Counselor- Full time (40 plus hours)

Pay: Camp Counselors- \$12.00 per hour
Head Counselors - \$13.00 per hour

Days: Monday-Friday

Recreation/Pool

Positions: Summer Seasonal Part-time Lifeguard (possibility for year round hours) Summer employment 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 - flexible schedule

Senior Services

Positions: 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.

****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.

Educational Services

For information call ext. 185.

St. Francis Adult Basic Education FREE Classes

Due to COVID-19 all classes have been moved to a virtual platform with live instruction. All classes will maintain a weekly class schedule. Classes will return to in person instruction when possible.

The Adult Basic Skills Consortium of Ocean County provides Adult Basic Skills (ABE), High School Equivalency (HSE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. The program offers college and career readiness skills, assist students interested in post-secondary education or training, credentials, obtaining citizenship skills and resources to enter and/or retain employment. All classes and services are provided by the Ocean County Basic Skills Consortium through a grant from the NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development. Classes are subject to change. Visit our website at: sffranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support.

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.*

Grandparenting Support Group - FREE 8 week confidential virtual support group meets Mondays, 2:00-4:00 PM. Please call Shannon or Karen at (609) 494-1554 to register.

Recreation & Aquatics

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

Summer Aquatic & Recreation Class

First Class Begins **June 21**

Aquatics

Water Tots, 4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate & Advanced Swim Lessons, Youth Swim Team, Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, Arthritis Water Exercise and Splash Dance

Recreation

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Basic Boating Safety Course - NJ Certified

(Ages: 13 & up)



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Are you looking for a place to hold a birthday party?

St. Francis Community Center offers a wet and wild time!

Each party is two hours. We provide the party room, which includes: tables, chairs, a full kitchen and garbage cans. You supply the party decorations, food and beverages.

Call the Aquatic Center today for more information or to book a Party; (609) 494-8861 ext. 187.



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****

Pantry procedures are subject to change at any time and clients should call St. Francis Community Center at (609) 494-8861 or check Facebook for the most up to date information about the food pantry.

*****If you are experiencing any symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, PLEASE STAY HOME & make arrangements for someone else to pick up food for you! *****

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

**Baked Beans, Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta,
Canned Beef Stew, Chili, Hamburger Helper,
Mustard, & Coffee**

We are still in need of Personal items:

**Shampoo, Deodorant, Toilet Paper,
Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent**

Gift Cards to:

Acme, Murphy's Market, Shoprite, Target or Walmart

We are NOT in need of ketchup, peanut butter, jelly & spaghetti. 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. <https://a.co/00HTAhy>

or can be dropped off at the Community Center.

Parenting and Anger Management Groups

St. Francis Community Center
and locations throughout Ocean County.

To register, please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197.

Funded by the Department of Human Services.

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.

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

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Vacation Club

June 21 through September 2, 2021

Ages 5 to 13 (must have completed Kindergarten)

Summer Camp 2021- Seasonal Employment

Experience preferred, but not required.

It is preferred that applicants are 18 or older;

17 year olds may apply for camp counselor position.

Applicants must be available **6/21/21 to 9/2/2021**.

For more information go to **page 6** under
Employment Opportunity



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.

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.

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