

# THE BRIDGE



With open  
arms for all!

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD

JUNE 6, 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

Counseling Services  
(609) 494-1554

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Read our bulletin online at  
[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org)



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

*“Take it; this is my body...  
This is my blood...”*



Allegany Art  
Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

**Gospel Challenge:**

**Under the appearance of bread and wine Jesus became self-gift and gave us his entire being. When we receive Eucharist, we are called to empty ourselves and become Christ to others.**

*Of what do I need to empty myself to become Christ to others?*

**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 5	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Catherine Scales (L)+Cornerstone Sisters 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frances Jennette	Tb. 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk. 12:38-44 Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15; Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26	
Sunday, June 6	8:30 AM +Maggie Banilla +Porfiria Medina 10:00 AM +Anthony Galietti +Ann McNiff Huey +Henry Klaas 11:30 AM +Bucky Shimp	Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15; Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 1:00 PM OFS Fraternity Zoom Meeting
Monday, June 7	9:00 AM +Frances M. Doyle	2 Cor. 1:1-7; Mt. 5:1-12	
Tuesday, June 8	9:00 AM (L)Eleanor Flanagan	2 Cor. 1:18-22; Mt. 5:13-16	9:30 AM Adult Enrichment, Mini Retreat
Wednesday, June 9	9:00 AM +John Primerano	2 Cor. 3:4-11' Mt. 5:17-19	
Thursday, June 10	9:00 AM +Teresa Cilento +Betty Ann Goodwin	2 Cor. 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt. 5:20-26	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Zoom Mtg.
Friday, June 11	9:00 AM +Richard Durante	Hos. 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph. 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn. 19:31-37	
Saturday, June 12	9:00 AM +John Raftery 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +John J. Connelly +Frances Jennette +Donna Knode	2 Cor. 5:14-21; Lk. 2:41-51 Ex. 17:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:6-10; Mk. 4:26-34	
Sunday, June 13	8:30 AM +Robert Decina 10:00 AM +Arthur Noel D'Souza +Anne McNiff Huey +Henry Klaas 11:30 AM +George F. Kelley +Thomas Gunning	Ex. 17:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:6-10; Mk. 4:26-34	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 5	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Thomas Keuper +Fred Peters +Margaret McCully
Sunday, June 6	8:30 AM +Joan Stankus 10:00 AM +James M. Kempfski +Carol Dever +Carol Hodgson
Saturday, June 12	5:00 PM +Timothy Toner +Sally German +Louis Badea
Sunday, June 13	8:30 AM +Carol Hodgson +Jo Vennewald +Mark Carney +Karen & Theresa Malandra 10:00 AM +Patrick Gosline

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, June 5	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass Intentions
Sunday, June 6	10:00 AM +Doris Hutchinson +Virginia Frigo
Saturday, June 12	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass Intentions
Sunday, June 13	10:00 AM +Thomas Ryan +Henry Klaas

### St. Clare's Church, Loveladies, NJ *Closed for the Season*

**May 22/23** was the last weekend for *"Drive through Communion"* in Brant Beach.  
 If you are not able to attend Mass yet to receive communion, please call  
 Fr. Kevin at St. Francis Parish office to make other arrangements, (609) 494-8861.

## 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 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 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.

**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.

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection Today:

#### Utilities

All of us are concerned about the rising cost of utility bills. We here at St. Francis are not immune from those increases and we need your assistance to ensure that we cover our utility expenses. Please be generous.

### Last Week's 2nd Collection

#### Friary Maintenance

Collected: \$6,370

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$27,000

### Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$50,000

Collected: \$23,139



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



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Online Giving!***

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## A Letter From The Pastor...



The Eucharist is what holds us together and together we are the Body of Christ. For over 2000 years the celebration of the Eucharistic has been the "center and the summit" of our celebration. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal goes on to tell us that the Eucharist Prayer is a "prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The priest invites the people to lift up their hearts to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he unites the congregation with himself in the prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the meaning of the Prayer is that the entire congregation of the faithful should join itself with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. The Eucharistic Prayer demands that all listen to it with reverence and in silence."

In the twelfth chapter of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians we hear that beautiful image of the unity of the body although made from many different parts.

Today I would like to recognize our maintenance team. They are the folks who typically work behind the scene to make sure that our buildings are in fine working order. They clean on a regular basis, our churches are decorated for the different seasons, and during Covid, disinfected our churches between Masses and the Center before a new day began.

Dan Rodriguez is the Director of Maintenance. He and his team are very attentive to our ever changing needs and repairs. As one would expect, those needs can, and often do, change daily when living on a barrier island, and in a very active parish like ours, those set ups and take downs happen often! Thank you to Dan, Bob Cook, Chris Miller, Bill Burroughs, Bill Pendergrass, Tom Thompson, Pete Harrah, Dawn McDonnell, Sharleen Fry, Jim Gilroy and Giovanni Mele, for all the work they have done and continue to do for us. In their own way, they all pitch in to make sure that our 9 buildings are ready and in good working order for us to use.

Those who pray in our Brant Beach church have seen one aspect of their work in progress. They are transforming the stage in our Church Hall into usable storage space. Who can't use more storage space? They also transformed two class rooms and a hallway in the Center into two larger rooms. One is now used for storage for our Food Pantry and the other classroom can accommodate more people. They do excellent work!

Kudos to our Maintenance Team, members of the Body of Christ. May God continue to bless you and all the work that you do for us and may God's Peace and All Good be with us always.

Fr. Fran, OFM  
Pastor

New covid protocols from the Diocese of Trenton and the state of New Jersey are now in effect in our Parish churches. Most seating in church will no longer be social distanced. However, for those who would prefer, there will be a section in each Church that is social distanced. Masks are now optional.

## Weekly Reflections...

“This is my body.” This is my blood.” When Jesus spoke these words at the Last Supper, he gave the disciples a gift, the power to atone for their sins because of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Today, we share in this gift. When we come to Mass and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we remember and give thanks for all the love, gifts, and mercy that God has bestowed on us.

And as Jesus’ followers, we must become active and participating members of our community. We must love, serve and care for each other. “We who have received the Body and Blood of Christ must be the Body of Christ for others.”

I recently had the pleasure of meeting a couple who have spent years of their lives reaching out to serve and care for their brothers and sisters by starting a prison ministry. They brought God’s love and mercy to the lowly and the suffering. They were the Body of Christ for others. I know two young adults who have given their time and talents to bring livestreamed Masses to the many who were not able to attend during the pandemic. They brought the comfort and joy of the Mass in a time of chaos and uncertainty. They were the Body of Christ for others. Then there were the ushers who stood out in the parking lot on Sundays in all kinds of weather to distribute Holy Communion to those who could not attend Mass. They brought nourishment and sustenance to their brothers and sisters. They were the Body of Christ for others.

Almost one year ago, I suffered a devastating loss. My beloved husband Jim died. Ours had been a life filled with love, laughter, and the blessings of a beautiful family. We lived our marriage vows for 55 years. We went through good times and bad, sickness and health, until death did us part. My heart was broken. I was so grateful to God for the beautiful years he had given us. Right from the beginning, my St. Francis Parish community became my strength and comfort. They cared for me, they were shoulders to cry on, ears to listen, prayers to sustain me, cards, Masses, phone calls, understanding. They were the Body of Christ for me.

As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we know that Jesus’ sacrifice gave the world eternal salvation, and as followers of Christ we have something to give - ourselves - to each other.

Peace and all good,

JoAnne Reeder, Worship Director

## Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **June 6**, 1:00 PM, Fraternity “Zoom” Meeting.

### 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information. Next scheduled zoom meeting: **June 16**

### Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM via “Zoom”. Call Sr. Pat McNiff, ofsf at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

## Women’s Cornerstone Retreat



### SAVE THE DATE

**October 22 & 23, 2021**

Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars.

Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information:

[lgf\\_finelli@hotmail.com](mailto:lgf_finelli@hotmail.com) or (609) 332-8366.

All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

## Family Faith Formation



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

[jclayton@stfrancislbj.org](mailto: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.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

- 1: Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God?
- 2: Do you experience a desire to pray always?
- 3: Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God’s grace in your life?

Our parish has four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God’s actions in your daily life 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.*

## 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: **June 19**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: [klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)  
**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537640297?pwd=TFdKS05NYlNuNWJvODVibld3KzNVOT09>  
Next scheduled zoom session: **To be decided**

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)



*O Lord, be present with these men and women who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence and grant them strength, wisdom and grace.*

SSgt. Stephen Ballinger  
 GySgt. Jason Benedict  
 GySgt. Ryan Benedict  
 Maj. Michael Berk  
 Lt. Col. Maureen Davis-Berk  
 PFC Thomas J. Bonder  
 LCDR Gary Brose, USN  
 Pvt. Matthew Cacace  
 Capt. Andrew Cairns  
 Spc. Nicholas Campoli  
 Sean Michael Campoli, USN  
 Maj. Robert Cunningham  
 PFC Tim Edwards  
 Lt. David Elsenbeck  
 Capt. Michael J. Elsenbeck, MD  
 Airman Patrick Esmerado  
 A1C Matt Fitzpatrick  
 Lt. Cmdr. Bob Gerstemeier  
 PFC Matthew Gurten  
 Sr. Airman John Hall  
 PFC Anthony Hardado  
 Lt. Cpl. Forrest Hendricks  
 Sgt. Matthew Hill  
 Lt. Cameron Hockman  
 Capt. Ryan Hughes  
 Tech Sgt. Bradley Iseminger  
 PO Anthony Juliano  
 Lt. Col. Michael Klopper  
 Capt. Timothy Koenig  
 Pvt. Emily Jane Konzelmann  
 Sgt. Amanda A. Kuchta  
 Cpl. Travis Lastfogel  
 L Cpl. Cole Lattanzi

SSgt. Stephen Leddy  
 Spc. Jose Paul Lopes  
 1st Lt. Sean Patrick Mackenzie  
 2nd Lt. Christopher Martinelli  
 Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Martins  
 Sgt. Anthony Mauro  
 1st Lt. John McElvenny  
 1st Lt. Stephen McNamara  
 Lt. Vincent P. Moscatello, USN  
 Capt. Brendan Murphy  
 Capt. Catherine Murphy  
 SSgt. Conor Neil  
 Lt. John S. Ondik  
 Sgt. Kristopher Pickarts  
 Tyler Rallo, PFC  
 LTC Brett Robistow  
 Sr. Airman Christopher Rossi  
 Lt. Michael Rossi, Jr.  
 2nd Lt. Marc Schwartz  
 Michael Sheremeta E4 FT USN  
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 Sgt. Dillon Thiel  
 1st Lt. Shereen Thomas  
 2nd Lt. Cody Waits  
 Lt. Col. Thomas Walsh  
 Sgt. Alex Werner  
 Sgt. Brandan K. White  
 1st Lt. Daniel White  
 SSG Reid Wilbraham  
 Lt. Mark Woodard  
 Sr. Airman Arrian Youssefi



## Celiac Disease and Holy

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.

## Mass Schedule **CHANGE** June 5/6 thru 19/20

### 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

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

### St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven

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

### St. Clare, Loveladies - **CLOSED**



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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
<p><b>Only 3,000 Books Available</b>  <u>Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only.</u>  <u>Books cost \$100.</u>          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, <b>October 9, 2021</b> 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.</p>	

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.

## 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.

## Did You Know Spring 2021??

Did you know the **Front Desk** registers all Recreation, Aquatic, Childcare and Vacation Club participants? Yearly participants can exceed to over 1000 people. Those households are entered into the Community Center Data base to produce class rosters for all instructors and generates a mailing list for our Activity Brochure, which is mailed three times a year. The computer program can also track daily visits of our Aquatic Members and their membership dates. If you're visiting the Parish or Center, please stop by the Front Desk for our Summer Brochure of activities.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Fish & Chip Dinner

**Thistle of Kearny returns!**

**Saturday, June 12**

4:30 -7:00 PM

\$20 adults / \$10 child

St. Francis Community Center Gym

**Take Out Only**

Take out dinners begin at 4:30 PM.

Includes: Fish or Chicken Dinner,  
Beverage and Dessert

Tickets are on sale at the Front Desk of the Community Center and a limited amount of tickets will be available the day of the event.

*Proceeds to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish*  
(609) 494-8861 ext. 118.

### Craft Show & Sale

**Saturday, July 24**

9:30 - 4:00 PM

Admission: \$2



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Call (609) 494-8861 ext. 118

## 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**.

### *Journey Through Grief*

This program is designed to help men and women, of all ages, work through the normal stages of grief with education and group support. The program stresses that grief is a journey, a natural and normal reaction to a significant loss in our lives. Education and support can ease our way on this journey.

***The group is open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation.***

Registration is required.  
There is NO FEE for this program.



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

A link to our Amazon With List can be found at <https://a.co/1JR3Qcq> which is also linked on our Facebook. Donations will only be accepted by mail through Amazon or a similar retailer. We are not accepting donations in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All donations can be sent to:

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

For questions please contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or [dronin@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:dronin@stfrancislbj.org). Thank you for your support!

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

## Employment Opportunity



### Preschool Teacher and Teacher Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking individuals with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be 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 and Part-time Licensed Counselors and **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).

**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. Must be 18 or older and 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:** Private Swim Lesson Instructors  
For year round employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. Pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification are not required but preferred.

**Days:** For weekend and weeknight lessons, Age 4 years to adults  
Hours range from 8 to 29 per week, (may occasionally exceed 29 hours dependent upon season)

**Job Type:** Part-time

### Senior Services

**Positions:** Full time 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 Amy Bodine  
[abodine@stfrancisbi.org](mailto: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: [stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support](http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support).

## Recreation & Aquatics

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

### Summer Aquatic & Recreation Class Registration Session I Monday, **June 14** at 9:00 AM First Class Begins June 21

#### Aquatics

Water Tots, 4 Year Old Beginner Swim,  
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(Ages: 13 & up)



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**June 22 & 24**

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will prepare and certify you to operate a motor boat  
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*Workbooks will be provided.*



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

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## Family Support Services

### Food Pantry Hours:

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

*Walk-ins are welcome*

*The Food Pantry Hours will be expanding beginning **May 24<sup>th</sup>**,  
Monday - Thursday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.*

*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! \*\**

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

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

**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/00HTAh9>  
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](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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## Vacation Club

June 21 through September 2, 2021

Ages 5 to 13 (must have completed Kindergarten)



### 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.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Community Bulletin Board

### Coastal VIM Clinic - Volunteers in Medicine

Coastal Volunteers in Medicine is a free health clinic in Forked River serving the uninsured in our neighborhoods. We have recently increased our income eligibility level to accommodate families whose income falls within 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. Spanish translators are available and rides can be arranged for any patient without their own means of transportation. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (609) 384-0102.

### LBI Al-Anon Family Group For the Friends and Family of Alcoholics

Every Thursday, 6:30 PM, Zoom Platform

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