

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



*Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.  
Eph. 5:8-9*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, March 18	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Alphonse Edmundowicz	Hos. 6:1-6; Lk. 18:9-14 1 Sm. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5:8-14; Jn. 9:1-41	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, March 19	8:30 AM +Bruce Brodbeck +Richard Barbuto 10:00 AM +Irene Flanagan +Julia & Sofia Wamsley 11:30 AM +Selma Marie Giberson +Edward W. Shanley +Conny Fitzsimons	1 Sm. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5:8-14; Jn. 9:1-41	<i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, March 20	9:00 AM <b>St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM</b> +Ryan B. Sterling +James M. Kempinski +Conny Fitzsimons	2 Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a	7:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, Grade 5
Tuesday, March 21	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Ez. 47:1-9, 12; Jn. 5:1-16	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, March 22	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Is. 49:8-15; Jn. 5:17-30	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 5:00 PM Dinner With Friends, Church Hall
Thursday, March 23	9:00 AM +Walter Williams +Conny Fitzsimons	Ex. 32:7-14; Jn. 5:31-47	
Friday, March 24	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons +Austin D'Souza	Wis. 2:1a, 12-22; Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office 6:00 PM Soup and Stations
Saturday, March 25	9:00 AM +Donald C. Keating +James M. Kempinski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Hank Casey +Conny Fitzsimons	Is. 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb. 10:4-10; Lk. 1:26-38 Ez. 37:12-14; Rom. 8:8-11; Jn. 11:1-45	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm. 12:00 PM Confirmation Candidates Retreat 4:00 PM Confirmation Candidates Reconciliation
Sunday, March 26	8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Conny Fitzsimons 10:00 AM +Irene & Wayne Madsen +Marilyn & DiLorenzo 11:30 AM +Richard J. Barbuto +Gregory & Rose LoSapio +Thomas LoSapio	Ez. 37:12-14; Rom. 8:8-11; Jn. 11:1-45	<i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

### Mass Schedule through March 25/26, 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 - CLOSED**

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

**St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED**

#### 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)

**Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA**

Vocation Office [vocations@osfphil.org](mailto:vocations@osfphil.org)

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

## 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.

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)

### Parish Office

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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

### 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

### Parish Finance Council

Cecelia Fowler	201 264 5965	<a href="mailto:cgfowler413@gmail.com">cgfowler413@gmail.com</a>
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## 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.

### Emergency Information

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

## Offertory Collection

### This Week's First Collection:

Needed: \$22,000

### This Week's Second Collection:

#### Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services helps people, Catholic and non-Catholic, throughout the U.S. and the world especially in times of crisis. Please be generous.

### Last Week's First Collection:

Collected: \$15,850

Needed: \$22,000

### Last Week's Second Collection:

#### Church Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Collected: \$5,967

*(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)*

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



***St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Online Giving!  
stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate***



**6.5 Million Diocesan Goal**

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

**Pledged:** \$22,085.00 (22% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$18,712.00 (19% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 137

**Total Gifts:** 139

**Average Gift:** \$158.88

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.

## Did You Know??

Did you know that St Francis Parish and Long Beach Island Community Center (St Francis Center) are both qualifying employers under the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)?

Both companies are 501c3 tax exempt organizations according to the IRS. That means that full time employees who have eligible Federal Direct Student Loans can qualify for student loan forgiveness after making 120 qualifying payments (10 years) towards their student loans. This is just another one of the benefits of working for either the Parish or the Center.

To find out more information, please visit

<https://studentaid.gov/pslf/>

**St. Francis Pilgrimage This September!  
Registrations are being accepted now for this Pilgrimage!  
Information and Registration available from  
Fr. Andrew [areitz@stfrancislbi.org](mailto:areitz@stfrancislbi.org).  
Spaces are limited! Register now!**

## 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)



### SOUP AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for fellowship and a simple soup dinner and then Journey with Jesus to Calvary as we pray The Stations of the Cross

#### Friday March 24

Each week we will reflect on 2-3 stations until we complete the journey

**Soup 6:00 PM**

**Stations 7:00 PM**

#### PRAY - FAST - GIVE

Please consider bringing a donation for the St. Francis Food Pantry

#### March 24: Coffee

Donations of a crock pot of soup are welcome and appreciated. Please bring your crock pot to the church hall between 5:00 and 6:00 PM.

"God of Mercy, Lead Us"

# SENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

with Individual Confession and Absolution

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM**

*"Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us." - Pope Francis*

## Gospel Inspirations:

*"...I am the light of the world."*



A blind man receives the gift of sight from Jesus yet the Pharisees are preoccupied with finding fault – even in the presence of grace and healing and mercy.

*Dear God, help me to see the opportunities to bring a little light to a dark world – to be a healer rather than a nay-sayer.*

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction



(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director).

How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions like these are the focus of spiritual direction or "soul care". The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

Maryann Barrek, (609) 661-4441  
Anne Bock, (609) 204-3835  
Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651  
Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917  
Pat Simmons, (609) 661-661-1361

## 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: **March 18, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch**

## Dinner with Friends

Our first gathering of widows and widowers at "Dinner with Friends" was a wonderful success! We are set to have our second gathering on Wednesday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 5:00 pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. We are going to call for pizza delivery for those who would like to chip in for pizza. You do not have to attend every meeting...just come as you can. And please feel free to spread the word to other widows and widowers that you know.

For those of you who can not drive at night, please call Angela Ominski to arrange a ride to and from the evening. Her number is 609-618-9974.

We are all looking forward to another pleasant gathering!

Peace and all good,  
Angela, Kathleen & JoAnne

## 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. **Marriage of Opposites** by Alice Hoffman. Next meeting Tuesday, **March 28**, 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, **March 24**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

### Order of the Franciscans Secular offs

Sunday, **April 2**, 12:30 PM, *Fraternity Meeting, BB Church Hall*

### 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



### 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.

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

FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM

\$3899 FROM NEW YORK\*

\*Air/land tour price is \$3379 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact:

Fr. Andrew Reitz

Tel: (917) 275-5593

Email: [areitz@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:areitz@stfrancisbi.org)

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

## Newly Baptized, Registered, Married, Deceased

### January, February 2023

#### Baptized:

Baker Dean Zwiren  
Willa Rose Cummings  
Ryder Kusznirow

Shae Louise Abbott  
Scarlett Grace Mannarino

#### Registered:

Daniel and Marianne Fontana  
The O'Malley Family  
Marianne Dunn  
Michael and Kathleen Done  
Gregory and Marie Krieger  
Rebecca Williamson  
Richard and Coleen Verruni  
Francis and Coleen Gil  
Karl and Kristen Talke  
Robert and Mary Coscia  
The Chung Family  
Robert and Amy Haines  
Peter Arkontaky  
The Bernath Family  
May Mazzola  
Marilyn Lucov  
Elizabeth Zerbe  
Maryanne Martin  
Clarence and Gloria Stone  
Sarah McCrudden

Bernadine Icklan  
Bob and Susan Dunn  
Charles Burns  
Frank and Sue Zabita  
Manny and Donna Cancel  
John and Catherine Gosline  
Danny and Lindsay Di Angelo  
Thomas Green  
Daniel Gallaudet  
Cronin and Catherine McTigue  
The Dennsteadt Family  
Joseph and Loretta Cocchiara  
Lawrence and Jill Koerner  
Anthony and Phyllis Mezzacappa  
Laura Drackwicz  
Tom and Barb Pisciotta  
The Martinez Family  
Spencer Robbins  
Robert and Patricia Powers  
Gabrielle Verruni

#### Married:

#### Deceased:

William Hennig  
Nicholas Nicolini Sr.

Richard Bromer  
Gail Wetmore

### Adult Enrichment/RCIA Living A Laudato Si' Lent 2023 (uscgb laudato si')

Here are additional examples to reflect upon for Living A Laudato Si' Lent 2023:

**March 19** – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Take a walk in your neighborhood. Try and meet someone that you don't know and observe your environment.

**March 20** – Solemnity of St. Joseph – “Joseph can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting the world that God has entrusted to us.” (LS 242)

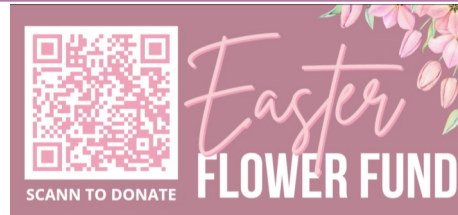
**March 21** – World Poetry Day – read the writings of a nature poet – Mary Oliver, Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, Martin Luther King.

**March 22** – World Water Day – drink a glass of water with reverence as you recall the waters of your birth and baptism.

**March 23** – Use only cold water and biodegradable detergent for laundry.

**March 24** – Death of Archbishop Oscar Romero (+1980) who said, “The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.” How do we humans speak for the voiceless species of Earth?

**March 25** – Feast of the Annunciation - “In Mary’s glorified body, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty... hence we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.” (LS 241)



### 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.

## Secular Franciscans



### OFS Easter Flower Sale

**April 1 and 2**

After all masses at

**St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall**

and

After 10:00 mass at

**St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Surf City**

*Proceeds help support our various ministries.*



### Bus Trip "Moses"

Sight & Sound

**September 13, 2023**

**\$195**

All inclusive: show, lunch, transportation, tips.

2 pick ups: St. Francis & Walmart.

Call Cheryl Krzaczuk, OFS, (609) 661-5229 or  
Mary Lou Ligus, OFS, (215) 850-7809

## 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*

Seeking a person 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. (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)*

Seeking a person 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. 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), knowledge of child development and parent-child relationships; non-judgmental and empathetic, knowledge about community resources, ability to establish personal/programmatic boundaries while providing supportive services, demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, and maintain confidentiality. 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. Assist with scheduled and unscheduled building maintenance, grounds maintenance, setup/take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and 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 for the St Francis Parish. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Applicants should have good communication skills and computer skills including, Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Applicants must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License.

Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

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

*Cont'd. in next column*

## Employment Opportunity *cont'd.*

**Position:** *Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry.*

Full time position.

Previous experience as a volunteer or intern providing services in a parish youth ministry program preferred. 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 that will foster spiritual and faith based growth. Responsible for recruiting volunteers, coordinating outreach service projects and participating in other parish activities. Must be capable of administrative tasks such as developing and managing the program's budget. Must have excellent communication and leadership skills, and 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.**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS



The Annual  
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**Friday, March 31**

**4:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Thistle of Kearny is back for another delicious Fish and Chip Dinner**



Includes: dinner, beverage and dessert.

Dine-in or take-out available.

Take-out starting at 4:30 PM

Seating for Dine-in starts at 5:00 PM

Tickets are on sale online and at the Center's Front Desk

A limited amount of tickets will be available the day of the event.

There will be a 50/50 drawing.

*Proceeds to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish*

*Collecting desserts and drinks for the Fish & Chip Dinner. Drop off at the Center, March 28<sup>th</sup>.*

## 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**



## ST. FRANCIS PARENT CENTER

Parenting Workshops

### About the Program

This program is interactive and is designed to meet the specific needs of participating parents. Workshop topics include; effective discipline, parenting styles, appropriate behaviors, development regarding ages 0-18, and more. The program will be run weekly - at no cost for participants!

### Contact Us

- Please call (609) 494-8861 x197 for any questions
- [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org)
- 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp. NJ 08008

### Who Can Join?

Any parent in Ocean County is welcome to participate. This program seeks to engage new community members looking for assistance and resources. All virtual workshops will be 1 hour, set to begin at **6 pm**, and will open 10 minutes prior to the start time.

#### Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 832 3235 6512  
Passcode: parenting

### Upcoming Topics

- March 1** 123 Magic
- March 8** Co-Parenting
- March 15** Parenting Styles
- March 22** Tantrums
- March 29** Gentle Parenting

## 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'!

*"My smart phone is smarter than me, I wanted to learn more about how to use it!"*

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.

## 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*

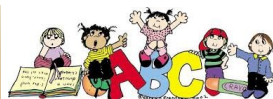


## Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

Counseling Services offers trauma-informed, therapeutic sessions for individuals, couples, and families. Services are available in person or virtually. Services are 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.

## 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.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.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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## 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.

### **Lifeguard Training - Hybrid Class** Ages: 15 & Up

This course is certified by the American Red Cross. You must have strong swimming ability. Bookwork will be completed online with some in-person days required for practical tests. Upon successful completion, participants will receive an American Red Cross Certification in Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED & Preventing Disease Transmission.

#### **IN PERSON (required)**

Wednesday, **March 29**, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday **April 1**, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, **April 2**, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



*Attendance at the listed dates and times is required.*

*There will be no opportunities to make-up missed classes.*

## Community Bulletin Board

### Francis House of Prayer

84 Walnford Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501

#### **GOD CHOOSES THE UNLIKELY**

Tuesday, **March 21** 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Jesus' call to each of us, individually and uniquely to "Come follow me." A wonderful Lenten retreat! Led by S. Marcy.

Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

#### **GRIEVING OUR LOSSES AS PEOPLE OF FAITH**

Wednesday, **March 22** 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend this Retreat Day. Led by S. Anne Myers, SSJ, PhD.

Donation: \$35 includes lunch; Zoom \$30

#### **PALM SUNDAY OVERNIGHT RETREAT**

**April 1 – 2** 4:00 PM Saturday – 4:00 PM Sunday

Donation: \$100, dinner, breakfast and lunch included. Led by S. Marcy.

### Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (except holiday weekends) and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM. We are currently not taking any clothing donations. We offer free clothing to women in need. Vouchers are available at food pantries, churches, Stafford Community Center at the door. For further info call Madelyn. 609-276-3308.

### Family Promise of Southern Ocean County

1001 S. Main St., West Creek, NJ 08092

#### **Join Us on April 2 for the Bunny Hop 5K Fun Run & Walk**

Family Promise of Southern Ocean County and Stafford Township are hosting the Bunny Hop 5K Fun Walk/Run in support of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign on Sunday, April 2 at the Stafford Township Municipal Complex in Manahawkin. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Southern Ocean County. Register to run or walk at <https://www.raceforum.com/bunnyhop>

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