

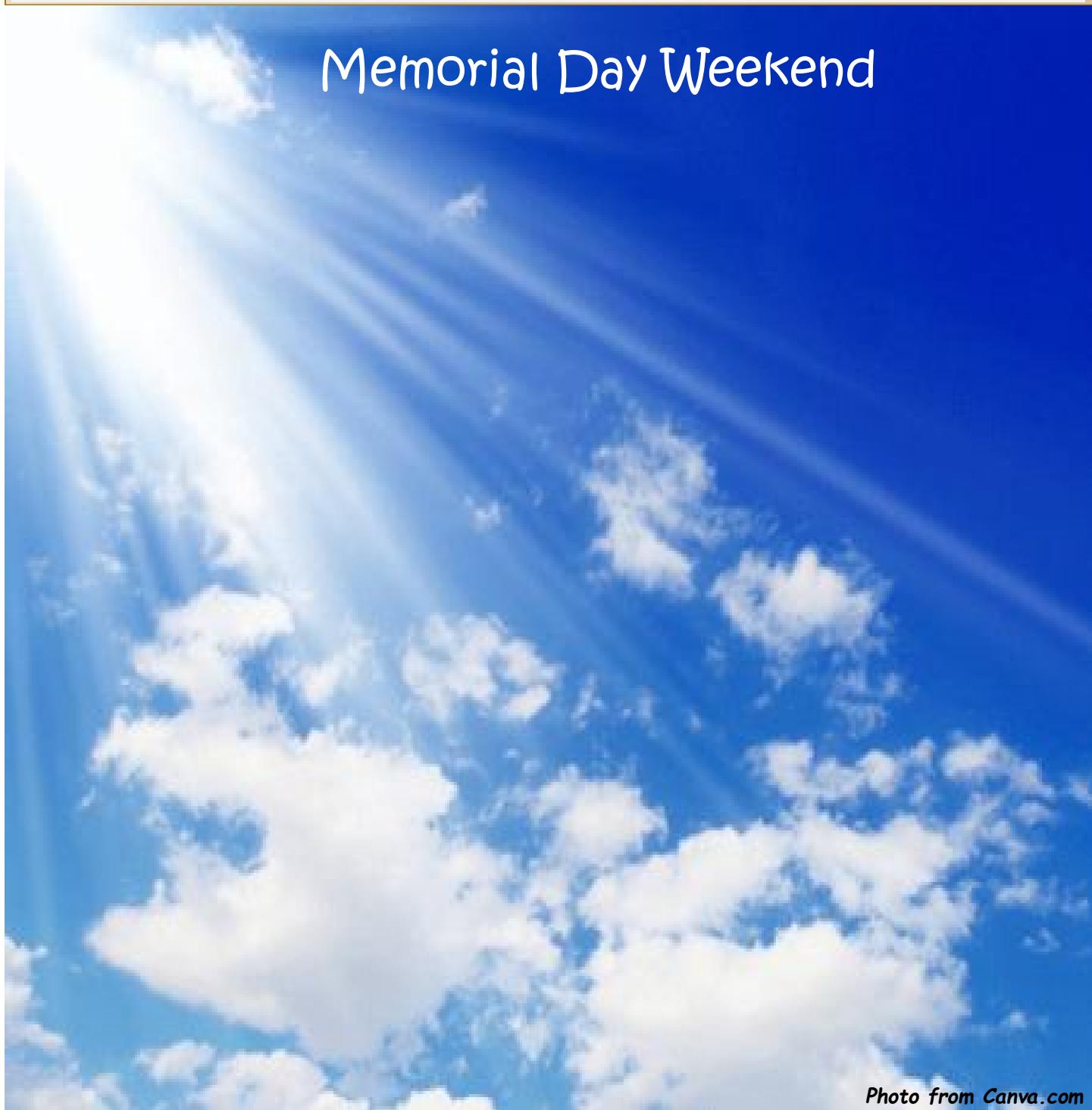
# THE BRIDGE



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

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

## Memorial Day Weekend



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

| DATE                 | MASS INTENTIONS   | READINGS  | EVENTS   |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| Saturday,<br>May 28  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>9:00 AM +Francis Brian Reilly<br>3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:00 PM <i>Ascension of the Lord - Vigil</i><br>+Fran Jennette<br>+Lenny Jackson<br>+Margaret "Maggie" Onorato | Acts 18:23-28;<br>Jn. 16:23b-28<br>Acts 1:1-11;<br>Eph. 1:17-23;<br>Lk. 24:46-53                |  |
| Sunday,<br>May 29    | <i>Ascension of the Lord</i><br>7:15 AM +John Connelly<br>8:30 AM +Gerald & Frances Rothstein<br>10:00 AM +Patricia Alma Smith<br>+Harry Snyder<br>+Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chirip<br>11:30 AM +Carmela Picone        | Acts 1:1-11;<br>Eph. 1:17-23;<br>Lk. 24:46-53   | 10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i><br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>  |
| Monday,<br>May 30    | <i>Memorial Day</i><br>9:00 AM (L) Claire & Thomas Mulvaney   | Acts 19:1-8;<br>Jn. 16:29-33  | Parish & Center is CLOSED  |
| Tuesday,<br>May 31   | 9:00 AM +Florence Allegretta  | Zep. 3:14-18a;<br>Lk. 1:39-56   | 9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena<br>1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212  |
| Wednesday,<br>June 1 | 9:00 AM +Susan Gilligan<br>+Elaine Onufer   | Acts 20:28-38;<br>Jn. 17:11b-19   | 10:45 AM Contemplative Living, <i>Zoom</i><br>2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament   |
| Thursday,<br>June 2  | 9:00 AM (L) Mr. & Mrs. R. DiPadova<br><i>60th Anniversary</i>   | Acts 22:30, 23:6-11;<br>Jn. 17:20-26  |  |
| Friday,<br>June 3    | 9:00 AM (L) Harold & Nancy Russell  | Acts 25:13b-21;<br>Jn. 21:15-19   | 5:30 PM Beefsteak Dinner, Gymnasium  |
| Saturday,<br>June 4  | 9:00 AM +Alfonso Passaro, Jr.<br>3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:00 PM +Fran Jennette  | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;<br>Jn. 21:20-25<br>Acts 2:1-11;<br>1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13;<br>Jn. 20:19-23 |  |
| Sunday,<br>June 5    | <i>Pentecost Sunday</i><br>7:15 AM +George Simon<br>8:30 AM +Pete Juzefyk<br>+Eleanor Barry<br>10:00 AM +Elana Madigan<br>+Joan Magee, <i>ofs</i><br>+Richard Bradley<br>11:30 AM +Pat Campoli                  | Acts 2:1-11;<br>1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13;<br>Jn. 20:19-23  | 10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i><br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a><br>After All Masses, OFS Bake Sale<br>12:30 PM OFS Fraternity Meeting,<br>BB Church Hall |

### Emergency Information

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

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)

### Mass Schedule CHANGE - June 4/5 through June 25/26

#### St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM  
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 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**

# A Letter From The Pastor...



Letter from the Pastor  
The Ascension of the Lord  
May 29, 2022

### Memories

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

We all have them. We all have memories. Some of them might even be painful but hopefully, we have enough beautiful memories that overpower the bad and allow us to never forget the good.

This weekend, as a church, we remember the Ascension of the Lord, and as a nation, we remember those who died in service to our country.

There is a great tradition behind Memorial Day Weekend. Some trace its roots back to ancient Athens and the deadly Peloponnesian Wars when Pericles called on the citizens of Greece to never forget those who died in battle. The tradition in the United States draws its roots from the horrible massacre of our own Civil War where 620,000 soldiers died. [U.S. losses in World War I: 115,000 dead and World War II, 318,000.] All horrible memories for a nation. All horrible memories for humanity. Lest their deaths be in vain I pray we truly treasure the democracy and legacy that they fought for and for which they lived and died.

Purely coincidental, we also remember that moment when the apostles, disciples, and friends of Jesus had to see him leave. I'm sure they recalled the horrific crucifixion when they thought Jesus was taken from them the first time. This time, however, they were different. They had experienced the Risen Christ and they knew life would never be the same. This departure was painful, certainly, but Jesus told them the Holy Spirit would be with them. This time they had hope.

We know Jesus' Spirit is among us. May our painful memories be healed and our good memories sustain us. May there be an end to all wars so that no more names are added to list of men and women we honor this weekend.

May God inspire us to truly live as Jesus taught, so together, with God's grace, we can build God's Kingdom in our midst and our great country will continue to be one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all.

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

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

| DATE             | MASS INTENTIONS  |
|------------------|--|
|                  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u>  |
| Saturday, May 28 | 5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper<br>+Susan Bulman<br>+John Cahill                                  |
| Sunday, May 29   | 8:30 AM +Dorothy M. Keegan<br>10:00 AM +Millie & Anthony Cammarata<br>+William A. Ward |
| Saturday, June 4 | 5:00 PM +Edna Behlmar  |
| Sunday, June 5   | 10:00 AM +James "Butch" McCaffrey  |

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

| DATE             | MASS INTENTIONS  |
|------------------|--|
|                  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u>  |
| Saturday, May 28 | 5:00 PM +Anna & Thomas (Hap) Cerebe<br>+Joseph DiSpigno  |
| Sunday, May 29   | 8:30 AM +Bob Tarantino<br>10:00 AM +John T. "Jack" Miaskowski<br>+Amanda Decker<br>+Marie Pisani |
| Saturday, June 4 | 5:00 PM +Eileen McGowan<br>+Anne t. Roseman<br>+Thomas Keuper                                    |
| Sunday, June 5   | 8:30 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families<br>10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families                    |

## St. Clare's Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies

| DATE             | MASS INTENTIONS   |
|------------------|---|
|                  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u>                               |
| Saturday, May 28 | 5:00 PM +Elvira Belli                                     |
| Sunday, May 29   | 8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League<br>10:00 AM +Jim Morrison |
| Saturday, June 4 | <b>CLOSED</b>   |
| Sunday, June 5   | <b>CLOSED</b>   |



**Blessing  
of the  
Lifeguards  
May 21**

## 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.

**Family Faith:** For children in grades one through eight. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

**Marriage:** In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE YEAR in advance. Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation classes. Weddings are performed on Friday or Saturday. Weddings are NOT performed on Sundays, the beach, Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day weekends.

**Pastoral Visitations:** Please notify the Parish Office if you or any of your loved ones are ill, homebound, in SOMC, nursing homes or rehabilitation centers.

## Parish Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music  
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM  
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation  
Deacon Robert Cunningham  
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM  
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor  
Fr. John Frambes, OFM  
Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM  
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF  
Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship  
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM  
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813  
Monday - Friday 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

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection:

#### Catholic Communication Campaign

The National Catholic Communication Campaign, in partnership with the communications office of the Diocese of Trenton, is an important Catholic voice in the media: educating, entertaining, inspiring and informing the public about Gospel values. Your donation helps continue the work of bringing the Good News to people everywhere.

#### May 28/29 — Ascension Envelope

#### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$50,000**

#### Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$20,988**

Budgeted: **\$22,000**

#### Second Collection:

#### Friary Maintenance

Collected: **\$5,858**



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022  
What does LOVE have to do with it... everything!

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal raised over \$6 million.

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal began February 19/20.

Goal this year is \$6.5 million.

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Total Pledged: **\$35,819.00** (36% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$33,399.00**

Total Donors: **163**

Total Gifts: **171**

Average Gift: **\$209.47**

**Thank you for your generosity**  
**in contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal.**  
**It was greatly appreciated!**

**We look forward to your continued support.**

Visit the parish website for a  
YouTube video on the  
Annual Catholic Appeal by Bishop O'Connell at:  
[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal)



In Observance of Memorial Day  
St. Francis Parish & Community Center  
Will be CLOSED  
Monday, **May 30**

## St. Francis Liturgical Community

### Family Faith

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)



### How to enter into the World Meeting of Families

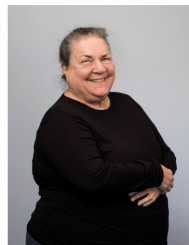
Next month, the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families is scheduled to take place in Rome. Here are five ways to enter into the World Meeting of Families without attending.

1. Look for an event locally.
  - a. Attend a talk or a Mass with your family and discuss what you observed and learned together.
2. Make a pilgrimage.
  - a. Consider packing up the family for a daytrip to a holy place nearby.
  - b. Leave you smartphones in the car and give your undivided attention.
  - c. Stop for a special treat on the way home.
3. Explore faith-based family strengthening resources.
  - a. For parents these two titles are helpful at navigating all the challenging moments of child development. (*“Parenting Your Kids With Grace”* (birth to age 10) OSV.
  - b. *“Parenting Your Teens and Tweens with Grace”* (ages 11 to 18) OSV
  - c. OSV Kids magazine is a wonderful way to engage with the Faith at an early age.
4. Pray a daily family rosary.
  - a. Never more have we needed strong, united, faith-filled families. Praying the rosary daily is also what Our Lady asked of us when she appeared at Fatima in 1917. Do not underestimate the power of the Rosary!
5. If you don't have one already, prayerfully select a patron saint for your family.
  - a. Whomever the Spirit send you way, learn more about him or her and begin asking for his or her intercession every day. Turn to them and ask them to intercede for you to the Father for peace and love to reign in your home.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to strengthen your domestic church right here at home.

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## Weekly Reflections...



Ms. JoAnne Reeder, Director of Worship

Ascension Thursday, or the Ascension of the Lord, occurs 40 days after Easter, but in most dioceses of the United States, Ascension Thursday has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Our parish is part of the Diocese of Trenton; therefore, we celebrate on the seventh Sunday. “We have two accounts of the ascension, one at the end of Luke’s Gospel, closing the period of his earthly ministry; and the other at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles... the beginning of the churches mission.”

Just as Jesus prepared the apostles to do the church’s mission, so are we tasked with doing the same. How exciting it must have been for the apostles to witness Jesus being taken up on a cloud as he finished the first part of his promise of salvation. Because of

the gift of faith given us by God, we too can be in awe of this wondrous event. This year I have 2 granddaughters graduating from high school and preparing to go to college. It is very exciting for our family, but at the same time it is a big change in all our lives, not without its worry and being separated from the ones we love. The apostles also may have been frightened or uneasy that they were being separated from Jesus, but again, faith, hope, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit gave them the courage and joy to take up the mission of Jesus. May we be disciples of Jesus and continue his mission.

This **Monday, May 30, 2022**, we celebrate **Memorial Day**. As the world watches the war in Ukraine and those brave people fighting to save freedom and democracy, we are more aware than ever of all our courageous military men and woman who sacrificed so much that we might preserve our freedom. With great respect and gratitude, we honor your memory.

God bless America.

JoAnne Reeder

### The Good News of Easter:



*“Jesus prayed, “Holy Father, I pray not only for them (his apostles), but also for those who will believe in me through their word (that is us)...they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me.”*

*We are God's gift to Jesus! AND he wants us to be with him! Alleluia!*

## Help Wanted - Altar Server Ministry

### CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS



Do you find mass boring? If you do, why not sign up to be an altar server. We need young people [after First Communion] to help with priests and/or carry the cross in the parade at the beginning and end of mass. The more you do during the mass, the more interesting mass becomes.

Have your parents contact Ms. Toby McCarthy  
via email [toby121e@comcast.net](mailto:toby121e@comcast.net)  
or call/text (609) 923 5417.

Parents, don't worry...Ms. Toby will do the training, and your child will serve only ONE mass per month.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

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

### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

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. In these experiences we support each other in our prayer and faith. 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!  
Next **Zoom** session - **June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Next **in-person** session - **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, Sr. Marcy Springer presenting

### Men's Spirituality Group

**No Meetings June, July, August**

## Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



### Book Club

We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in either Room 102 or the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM.

*A Fierce Radiance* by Lauren Bieffer.

Tuesday, **May 31**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **June 5**, 12:30 PM *Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach Church Hall

### Scripture Study

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 3:00 PM 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.

Wednesday, **June 8**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Room

### 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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information.  
Thursday, **June 9**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

## Peace Prayer Project

Remember to pray the  
Peace Prayer of St. Francis  
every Wednesday at noon!



# 2022 CAR RAFFLE



PURCHASE  
Tickets  
**ONLINE**

5 CHANCES TO WIN IN  
EACH BOOK. TICKETS SOLD  
IN BOOKLETS ONLY

**BOOKS COST  
\$100**



Scan to purchase tickets online  
Or visit  
[stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle](http://stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle)



2022 FORD BRONCO SPORT BASE  
VALUED AT: \$28,910  
2022 FORD BRONCO SPORT BASE  
VALUED AT: \$29,070



2022 HONDA CIVIC  
SPORT HATCHBACK  
VALUED AT: \$25,960



2022 NISSAN FRONTIER S  
KING CAB  
VALUED AT: \$34,420



2022 HYUNDAI  
VENUE SEL  
VALUED AT: \$22,190

THE DRAWING FOR ALL FIVE VEHICLES WILL BE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022,  
AT THE ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER,  
ST. FRANCIS CENTER GYMNASIUM.

## Employment Opportunity



\*All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off (w/ additional earning for years of service), approx. 15 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) with company match, and more.

\* Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable employees) and Employee Discounts

### Children's Services Toddler Room Supervisor

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Bachelor's degree in early childhood education is required and experience working with Toddlers (13 months-2yrs of age) is preferred. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

**Position:** Year-round, Full-time

**Pay:** \$14.50 per hour \*A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding. More information will be provided in the interview\*

**Days:** Monday-Friday

### Children's Services Teacher's Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

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

**Pay:** \$13.00 per hour \*A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding. More information will be provided in the interview\*

**Days:** Monday-Friday

### Counseling Services

**Positions:** Full-time and Part-time Licensed Counselors  
Full-time and Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish)  
Licensed Counselors

**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

### Bilingual Caseworker

**Position:** Full Time Employment. **Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish.**

Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills, familiar with factors which influence child abuse and neglect, valid driver's license, and a minimum of High School Diploma, preferred Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) or related field. Case worker will be required to travel throughout Ocean County for home visits and provide transportation to clients.

**Days:** Monday-Friday

### Senior Services

**Position:** Full time Caseworker (Outreach and Information Assistance Worker)

**Days/Hours:** 40 hours a week- Monday-Friday

**Pay:** \$13 per hour

Must have Phone/Communication, Computer & Organization skills  
Must have valid driver license. Due to COVID-19 restrictions most work is being conducted from the office however normally the position requires home visits with clients.

### Maintenance- Housekeeping

**Position includes:** Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Must be able to lift 25lbs.  
Part time position - Monday through Friday - up to 29 hours per week.

**Pay:** \$13 per hour

**\*\*Background check and fingerprinting required for all positions.**

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

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Beefsteak dinner**

**JUNE 3**  
Doors open at 5:30  
Dinner Served at 6:15

SILENT AUCTION  
50/50  
RAFFLE DRAWING  
CORK PULL

**\$40** INCLUDES: SALAD  
STEAK, FRENCH FRIES  
BEVERAGES & DESSERT

ENTERTAINMENT  
**BY- DAVE SODANO**  
Singing Acoustic

**BYOB**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE FRONT DESK THROUGH 6/1  
CATERING BY: NIGHTWORKS OF CLETON

St. Francis Parish & Center  
2705 Long Beach Blvd.  
Long Beach, TN 37070  
www.stfrancislbj.org

**SUMMER CRAFT SHOW**

**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 11**  
9:30AM-4:00PM  
St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium

**\$2 Admission**  
Proceeds Benefit St. Francis Community Center

HANDMADE  
with love

**Garden Party by the Sea**

*You're Invited*

The Annual Garden Party by the Sea  
A Fashion Show

Bonnet Island Estate  
June 22, 2022  
2:00pm-4:30pm

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN  
FOOD FASHION PRIZES

Tickets: \$55.  
Available at the Front Desk.  
For more information on sponsor opportunities please visit our website at:  
[www.stfrancisparishlbj.org/fashion-show](http://www.stfrancisparishlbj.org/fashion-show)  
or on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbj](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbj)

## 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, Nutritional Drinks (ie. Boost), Coffee/Tea, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Body Wash/ Soap, Hand Soap, Diapers Size 5 & 6**

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
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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.



**SUMMER SESSION  
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**Monday, June 13, 9:00 AM**

## 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.*

### *May is Mental Health Awareness Month!*

Did you know that **St. Francis Counseling Service** offers affordable mental health services to residents of Southern Ocean County as well as several groups on various topics? Our licensed counselors and social workers provide professional clinical services for a variety of mental health concerns, including anxiety, depression, and PTSD. We know the pandemic has had an effect on everyone's mental health and we are here to help! Access our services by calling 609-494-1554! Our services are hybrid-offered both in person and virtually.

## 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).

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The LBI Health Department will be doing  
**Blood Pressure Screenings**  
the **second Tuesday of each Month**  
**starting June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 11:30 am**  
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Did you know the St. Francis Community Center is Celebrating its 50th Anniversary? We wanted to make this summer one of celebrations and have brought back some of our favorite events as well as some new ones! To kick off the season we will be hosting dozens of local vendors at our annual Summer Craft Show. July then brings with it another Open House (July 10) as well as a new favorite, Swimming Under the Stars (July 13). We conclude the summer with the grande finale, our 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance catered by Kate & Ally's Restaurant and with DJ Joe spinning favorites from the 40's to today! Tickets to all of these amazing events, as well as the Annual Parish Summer Events such as the Beefsteak Dinner, Fashion Show and the Festival of the Sea are currently all on sale at the Front Desk and can be purchased during regular business hours. We hope to see you there!

## 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*

## Community Bulletin Board

### Maris Stella Retreat Center, Harvey Cedars, NJ

Preached Retreat: "*Surprised by Hope*"  
**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Presenter: Fr. Anthony Ciorra  
Registration due **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

For more information or to register log on to [www.marisstella.org](http://www.marisstella.org)  
or call Sr. Pat at 609-494-2917 or email [pdotzauer@comcast.net](mailto:pdotzauer@comcast.net)

### Silent Directed/Private Retreat

**Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Directed:** This is for those who wish time in quiet prayer and reflection and to meet each day with a spiritual director.

**Private:** For those who prefer retreat with no formal program.

**Spiritual Director: Anita Constance, SC**

**There is limited space for this retreat.**

For more information or to register log on to [www.marisstella.org](http://www.marisstella.org)  
or call Sr Pat, 609-494-2917 or email [pdotzauer@comcast.net](mailto:pdotzauer@comcast.net)

Registration due **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

### Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is open **every Saturday from 10-1** (except holiday weekends) and the **first and third Wednesday of each month from 4-6**. Free clothing for women in need. Vouchers are available at the food pantry. Donations of Spring and Summer clothing may be dropped off during these hours at the shop at 25 Pine Street, Manahawkin. Any questions? Call Madelyn at 609-276-3308.



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