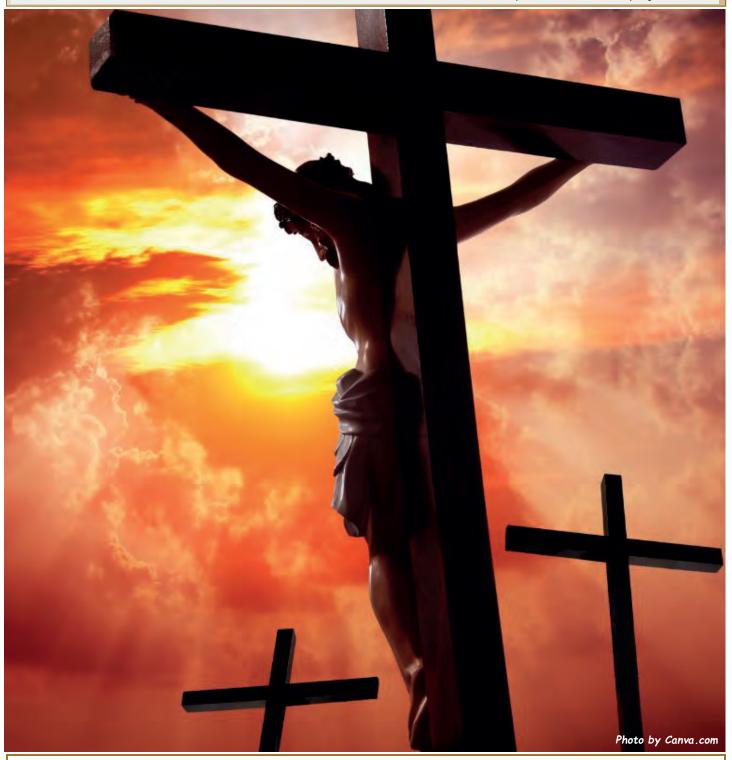
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With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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



Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (Lk. 24:42)

St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ			
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, November 19	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Kathryn Fiore 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Joseph Nicoletti +Jeane Oakley	Rv. 11:4-12; Lk. 20:27-40 2 Sm. 5:1-3; Col. 1:12-20; Lk. 23:35-43	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, November 20	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Albert & Margaret Virili +Thomas McGinn 10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families +Andrew & Bertha Marshall +Jack Ross 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Edward W. Shanley	2 Sm. 5:1-3; Col. 1:12-20; Lk. 23:35-43	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, November 21	9:00 AM +Rita McAndrew	Rv. 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk. 21:1-4	
Tuesday, November 22	9:00 AM +Lillian C. Wirth +John & Rosa Primerano	Rv. 14:14-19; Lk. 21:5-11	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, November 23	9:00 AM +Terese & Ed Hughes	Rv. 15:1-4; Lk. 21:12-19	9:30 AM Bible Talk After Mass 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, November 24	9:00 AM <i>Thanksgiving</i> +Angelo Fiore	Rv. 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk. 21:20-28	St. Francis Parish & Center are CLOSED
Friday, November 25	9:00 AM +Robert James Ryan +James E. Mattina	Rv. 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk. 21:29-33	St. Francis Parish & Center are CLOSED
Saturday, November 26	9:00 AM +Ken Starrs 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Agnes P. Thackston +Lynne Cowper	Rv. 22:1-7; Lk. 21:34-36 Is. 2:1-5; Rom. 13:11-14; Mt. 24:37-44	
Sunday, November 27	Ist Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM +Walter & Anna Karch +Lou Lattanzi 10:00 AM +Daniel Knode +Richard Heuser +Michael McGurkin 11:30 AM +Jeffrey Richards	Is. 2:1-5; Rom. 13:11-14; Mt. 24:37-44	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Mass Schedule CHANGE

November 26/27 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

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

Emergency Information

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861. There will be a recording.

2. Check Facebook www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

Read our bulletin online at

facebook

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram: StFrancisChurchLBI

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA Vocation Office *vocations@osfphil.org*

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

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

<u>Emergency Information</u>: Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: schoolclosingsnj.com and facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi.

Evacuation Information: In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

Parish Registration: The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

Baptism: The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

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

<u>Marriage</u>: 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.

<u>Pastoral Visitations</u>: 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
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

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*

Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

Advent Liturgies and Services 2022

Weekend Mass Schedules - Brant Beach Church Saturdays - 5:00PM Sundays - 8:30AM,10:00Am,11:30am

First Sunday of Advent November 26/27th

Please visit the St. Francis Website or Facebook for An Advent Wreath Blessing for the Home.

Advent Communal Reconciliation with Individual Confession Saturday, December 3rd 10:00AM

The St. Francis Parish and
Community Center
will be closed
Thursday, November 24 and



Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2022 for Thanksgiving



SAINT FRANCIS MUSIC MINISTRY YOUTH CHOIR
JOIN US! No audition required. All that you need is a
love of music, singing, and praising GOD.

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH CHOIR SINGS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!

Now accepting members 2nd grade through 12th grade. Rehearsals are at 5:30 PM in the Brant Beach Church **DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 & 22**

Youth Choir will sing at the 4:00 PM Brant Beach Christmas Eve Mass

If you are interested in joining us, please contact MICHELE BECK at mbeck@stfrancislbi.org

Praying the Rosary



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

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

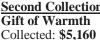
Campaign for Human Development

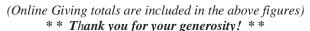
We join Catholics throughout the country in sharing our resources with the poor and needy in the United States: the inner cities, rural areas, and Appalachia. Thank you for your generosity.

This Week We Need: Budgeted: \$23,000

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: \$22,864 Budgeted: \$28,000 Second Collection:







<u>St. Francis of Assisi Parish</u> <u>Online Giving!</u> stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate



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: **\$48,983.00** (49% of Goal) Total Collected: **\$48,190.00** (48% of Goal)

Total Donors: 198
Total Gifts: 219
Average Gift: \$223.67

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

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 five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

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

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

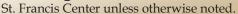
Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. In these experiences we support each other in our prayer and faith. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan (klegan.chaplain@gmail.com) 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 - December 7 and December 10

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place. Next scheduled meeting: November 19, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room

Meetings:





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. *All The Frequent Troubles* by Rebecca Donner. Next meeting Tuesday, November 28, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room.

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, **December 2**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 PM Advent Reflection, Christmas Luncheon, Assemble Christmas Baskets, 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* for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **November 30**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Rm.

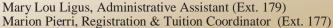
Survivors of Suicide

Meets the 2nd 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.

St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153) *jclayton@stfrancislbi.org*



Family Faith classes are off to a wonderful start.

September class gave parents and children the opportunity to meet and greet each other and their catechist. St. Francis of Assisi was celebrated in all classes. The October class was devoted to the Blessed Mother. Some families made small rosaries, our younger children read a specially prepared book about Mary. Miraculous medals were given to everyone.

Our November class will prepare the families for the Advent season. The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on **December 11**th in the Brant Beach Church at 2:00 pm. The children in grades 1-5 will be the pageant characters and the older students will narrate the story of the Birth of Jesus. Permission slips will be distributed during November classes. Everyone is invited to participate/attend.

The Family Faith program consists of Catechists as facilitator with families as participants. We are in a ministry designed to build up the Church in the parish and beyond to the greater world. Our work flows from and to the Eucharist and the life of the parish.

For disciples of Jesus, engaging in the Works of Mercy where love of neighbor can be experienced up-close. We offer the following suggestions:

- Feed the hungry support and volunteer for food pantries, soup kitchens and agencies that feed the hungry.
- Shelter the homeless help neighbors care for their homes and do repairs, support and/or volunteer at a homeless shelter, support and/or volunteer for charitable agencies who care for the homeless.
- Clothe the naked Go through your drawers and closets and find good condition clothes and shoes to donate to agencies that provide assistance for those in need.
- Visit the sick spend quality time with those who are sick or homebound. Take the time to call or send a card or an e-mail to someone who is sick.
- Visit the imprisoned support and/or participate in ministries to those who are incarcerated.
- Give to those who have been made poor. Throw your coin change into a jar and periodically donate it to a charity.
- Bury the dead be faithful about attending wakes and visitations; support or volunteer at a hospice; participate in a bereavement ministry.

Gospel Inspirations:

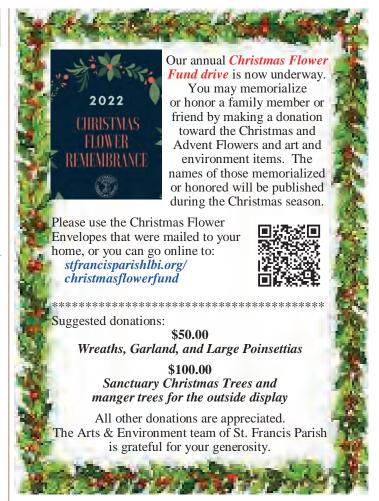


"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Suffering much pain and near death, Jesus offers yet another act of mercy to an outcast, a sinner crucified next to Him.

Jesus, remember me.



Bible Talks After Mass

Wednesday, November 23 After 9:00 AM Mass "Our Father"



Tom Troyano will be doing a brief explanation of the **Our Father** as given in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke after the 9:00 AM Mass. This will be the first of a series of monthly talks on various topics from the bible.

Thanksgiving Reflection

Thanksgiving has always been a time for sharing - sharing around the table with family and friends and sharing with those less fortunate who have need of our generosity.

Each Moment is a previous gift. It is sometimes easy to forget how blessed we are but thanksgiving presents that rate opportunity to take some time to appreciate the goodness in our lives. Let us all take some time to have a truly grateful heart.

Lord, teach us to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all our daily experiences of life. Teach us to be joyful always, to pray without ceasing and to give thanks in all circumstances.

Amen

Happy Thanksgiving!

Employment Opportunity

*Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 15 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.

Community Center

Counseling Services

Positions: Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-time <u>Bilingual</u> (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.

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

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

<u>Days:</u> Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

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

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

Did You Know??

Throughout the course of the year the Center and Parish host MANY events! Some, like the Festival of the Sea and the 18 Mile Run are classics which many of you look forward to each year, others like our Swimming Under the Stars and Open Houses are quickly gaining notoriety and ascending to the top of fun things to do over the summer. This past year we celebrated 50 years of service and we wanted to extend a warm thank you to all who came out and supported us! While the year may be winding down, our list of fun continues to grow. Our annual Christmas Craft Show kicks off the Holiday season the weekend before Thanksgiving which then brings us to our Beefsteak Dinner and Dakota and Elle Christmas Concert in the beginning of December. Tickets to our December events can all be purchased at the Front Desk and online! As always, the funds received from these events go to supporting the many services and programs the Center and Parish offer.

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19-29, 2023

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



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@stfrancislbi.org IMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Bishop O'Connell's series on the Eucharist to launch Oct. 18

In a new five-part series on the Eucharist, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C. M., highlights "many aspects of the inexhaustible gift and mystery of the Holy Eucharist as the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ drawn from Scripture and Tradition."Titled "Catechetical Series on the Eucharist," the segments will begin Oct. 18, the

Feast of St. Luke. An installment will drop each week in text, video and podcast across al diocesan digital platfor The entire series will be printed in the of The Monitor

The five installments of the series will cover: Preface and Part One (Oct. 18) - Eucharist as "mystery" and "reality"; faith as a supernatural gift; Jesus' words, "Do this in memory of me," as the Institution of the Sacrament of Eucharist

Part Two (Oct. 25) • Catechesis as necessary for belief in the Real Presence of Jesus; Scripture accounts of God's presence among his people

Part Three (Nov. 1) • Excerpts from great theologians, saints, Scripture, emphasizing the unchanging fundamental belief in the Eucharist

Part Four (Nov. 8) • Excerpts from Papal, Vatican II, U.S. Bishop's documents demonstrating continuity and constancy of Eucharistic doctrine

Part Five (Nov. 15) - Eucharistic Lexicon including words, terms and expressions describing or referring to Holy Eucharist or its celebration



The "Catechetical Series on the Eucharist" will be available in text, video and podcast (English and Spanish) and can be accessed at DioceseofTrenton.org/eucharist-series or by scanning the QR code. It will also be posted to TrentonMonitor.com; TrentonMonitor.com/peces (Spanish), and the Diocese's facebook, twitter and Instagram pages.

► For further information, or to request copies of the November write to dotcomm@dioceseoftrenton.org, or call (609) 403-7169



Any gardeners out there?

Over 20 years ago we set up different garden teams to care for the grounds of our four churches. They have done a great job but we are looking for some more volunteers to help.

If you are interested, please contact Paul Chambers at (609) 713-2622.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Annual Christmas Craft Show



Saturday, November 19 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, November 20 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Start your Christmas shopping early by shopping and supporting a wide array of local vendors.



4700 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008 609-494-8861

Order of Franciscan Secular





Bus Trip to Tropicana
Classic Hits & Holiday Show
Motown, Pop, Rock & Doo Wop
Featuring "Modern Gentlemen"
Thursday, Doombor 1, 2022



Thursday, December 1, 2022

\$125

includes: bus, show, \$25 slot credit, bus driver tip. Bus will pickup:

8:45 AM St. Francis north side parking lot 9:15 AM Walmart parking lot (Garden Center). [Return: 6:00 PM to Walmart; 6:30 PM St. Francis]

Make checks payable to OFS for \$125.

Mail to: Cheryl Krzaczyk, ofs, 111 E 12th St., Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008–4519

Email chumsley@comcast.net Cell number 609-661-5229

Benefits Apostolates of the Secular Franciscans



Save the Datel

Beefsteak Dinner

Friday, December 2, 2022 \$40

Dave Sodano Entertains

50/50 Prize Auction Cork draw

BYOB and a Food Bank Item

Doors open at 5:45 PM; Dinner at 6:15 PM

Groups of 6 or more can save a table Tickets now available to purchase at the Front Desk and online

Dakota & Elle Christmas Concert

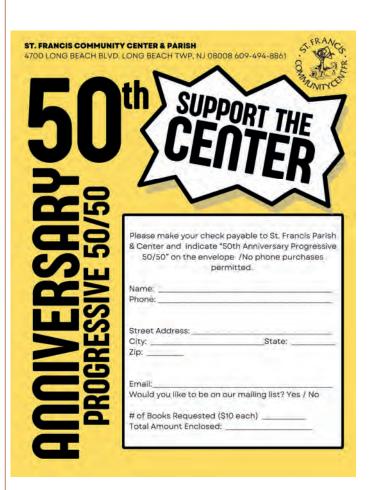


Friday, December 9 7:00 PM

St. Francis Church Hall \$30 / Person

A 50th Anniversary Christmas Concert! Enjoy music from the tenor / soprano duo Dakota and Elle while they perform sacred and classical Christmas music. Wine and cheese to be served during intermission with a meet and greet.

Seating is first come first served. Tickets on sale now at the Front Desk.



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 Diary-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**

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Canned Vegetables & Soup, Canned Chicken, Canned Baked Beans, Oatmeal, Cereal, Jarred Tomato Sauce, Hamburger Helper, Crackers & Snacks, Coffee/Tea Shampoo, Soap/Body Wash, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent

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

Family Support Services:

To learn more about our programs visit our website at http://stfranciscenterlbi.org

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

Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Fall/Winter Brochure** online at *www.stfranciscenterlbi.org* or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

SESSION III REGISTRATION DECEMBER 12 9:00 AM

Tennis Fundamentals

Mondays, January 9 - March 6

Ages 5-8; 5:00-6:00 PM

Ages 9-12; 4:00-5:00 PM

in the Gym

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.



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

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



St. Francis Community Center's Preschool and Childcare are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownjkids.gov.

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

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week Full Day and Work Day

Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2 Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

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.

St. Francis Counseling Service is currently accepting participants for our next round of group services beginning in January!

Our available groups will be the following:

Parenting After – A group for parents who are learning to navigate parenting after a child has experienced sexual violence.

Surviving to Thriving – Guidance and skills building for survivors of sexual violence.

Journey Through Grief – Education and support for adults that are working through the stages of grief.

All groups are **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** to residents of Ocean County, NJ.

In addition to these groups we continue to provide many other counseling services including individual, couples, and family therapy services with in-person and virtual options.

For more information or to enroll in a service, please contact us at 609-494-1554.

Community Bulletin Board

Francis House of Prayer

84 Walnford Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501

ADVENT - ONE DAY AT A TIME

Tuesday, November 29, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Advent is the beginning of a new Church year. But we aren't promised a whole year, are we? Each day is given to us – singly – as a gift. So, each day it's important to listen to what God is saying and to pay attention to what God is doing. The quiet of Advent - the stillness of hunkering down for an imminent winter – are the perfect conditions for listening and focusing. Let us go forth together one day at a time on our Advent journey to Jesus. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom \$20

ZOOM ONLY TRINITY MEANS RELATIONSHIP

Wednesday, November 30, 9:30 AM - Noon

Come and explore together how the Holy Trinity is grounded in relationships. Richard Rohr is our guide as we reflect on portions of his book, The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation and his daily meditations which will help us understand how "God is the dance and...we're all invited in." Donation: \$20

DRAWN INTO LOVE: THE WRITINGS OF ST. CHARLES de FOUCAULD

Friday, **December 2**, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Let the writings and life of St. Charles de Foucauld, canonized on May 15, 2022, draw you into passion and love for Jesus. The message of his life was simple: love Jesus, stay close to Jesus and love everyone as brothers & sisters. Charles de Foucauld (Modern Spiritual Masters): Writings will be used for reflection. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom \$20

Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to women in need at 25 Pine Street in Manahawkin. Our hours are every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Vouchers are available at the food pantry and at the door. We are accepting donations of Fall and Winter clothing at this time.

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