

THE BRIDGE



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

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

A photograph of an autumn landscape. The foreground is filled with fallen leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the background, trees with vibrant yellow and orange foliage stand against a bright sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of the fall season.

Remember that
when you leave
this earth,
you can take with you
nothing
that you have
received
--only what you have given.

-St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers ONLINE GIVING

*Parishioners who prefer to donate through our Online Giving Service, a secure and personalized way to give to the Parish,
can visit our website at: <http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org>*

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Bill Rice 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Judith Krol +Jack Planich +Harriet Ackermann	Jl. 4:12-21; Lk. 11:27-28 Wis. 7:7-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner & Car Raffle
Sunday, October 10	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Jean Foley	Wis. 7:7-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30	
Monday, October 11	9:00 AM +Mary English	Rom. 1L1-7; Lk. 11:29-32	
Tuesday, October 12	9:00 AM +Carol Beckman	Rom. 1:16-25; Lk. 11:37-41	
Wednesday, October 13	9:00 AM + Kathleen Roon	Rom. 2:1-11; Lk. 11:42-46	
Thursday, October 14	9:00 AM +Hal Russell	Rom. 3:21-30; Lk. 11:47-54	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212
Friday, October 15	9:00 AM +James McFadden	Rom. 4:1-8; Lk. 12:1-7	
Saturday, October 16	9:00 AM +Jerry Vile 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Samuel Fenton +Henry Mosca +William T. Dunlevy	Rom. 4:13, 16-18; Lk. 12:8-12 Is. 53:10-11; Heb. 4:14-16; Mk. 10:35-45	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, October 17	7:15 AM +James H. Perrine, Jr. 8:30 AM +Richard Finan +Gerald Vile 10:00 AM +Barbara Entwistle +Margaret "Peggy" Sharkey +Catherine Jordan 11:30 AM +Kathleen Papp +Dolores Pitera +Joan Richter	Is. 53:10-11; Heb. 4:14-16; Mk. 10:35-45	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, October 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Elizabeth Barbato +Susan Bulman
Sunday, October 10	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, October 9	5:00 PM +Eugene & Eleanor Patten +Pacita Vea
Sunday, October 10	8:30 AM +Kenneth Carpenter +Gerald Vile 10:00 AM +Jo Vennwald +Dora Villafranco +June Kaelin

Mass Schedule **CHANGE** October 16/17 through November 20/21

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

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - **Closed for the Season**

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - **Closed for the Season**

St. Clare, Loveladies - **Closed for the Season**

Praying the Rosary

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



A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Thank you!

We all know that at times words are not enough. Sometimes they don't come to us and we just don't know what to say or sometimes words can never truly express what is in our hearts. I found myself in that place when my dad died and I find myself there now in my feeble attempt to say thank you for your overwhelming support, love, and prayers for my dad, my family, and for me. I can honestly say, at the writing of this letter, I have still not opened all of the cards that you have sent.

A friar friend of mine from the Irish province sent me this wonderful meditation on grief by the late Cardinal Basil Hume. I share it with to you, perhaps for those who are also grieving, but as my way of saying thank you for your support and accompanying me, as "love, speaking in silence."

*Grief cannot be shared, for it is mine alone.
Grief is a dying within me,
a great emptiness,
a frightening void.
It is loneliness,
a sickening sorrow at night,
on awakening a terrible dread.
Another's words do not help.
A reasoned argument explains little
for having tried too much.
Silence is the best response to another's grief.
Not the silence that is a pause in speech,
awkward and unwanted,
but one that unites heart to heart.
Love, speaking in silence, is the way into
the void of another's grief.
The best of all loves come silently,
and slowly too, to soften the pain of grief,
and begin to dispel the sadness.
It is the love of God, warm and true,
which will touch the grieving heart and heal it.
He looks at the grieving person and has pity,
for grief is a great pain.
He came among us to learn about grief,
and much else too, this Man of Sorrows.
He knows. He understands.
Grief will yield to peace - in time.*

If you sent a card, a text, or an email, a phone call, or prayed a quick prayer for my dad, I am most grateful. From the bottom of my heart I thank you.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

Parish Celebrations for the Feast of St. Francis



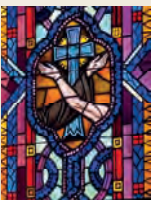
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 10/27/21



Transitus of St. Francis
10/3/21



Feast of St. Francis
10/4/21



Window Peeking

Did you ever wonder what the images in our church windows mean? Fr. Steve and Sister Pat will explore the spirituality that peeks at us through the windows in our Brant Beach Church.

After the 11:30 AM Mass
Sunday, October 24

Weekly Reflections...



Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM, Pastoral Associate

Saints of God, the Lord be with you.

In the musical *Baby*, two pregnant women, and a woman trying to become pregnant sing a song entitled, "I Want It All." It seems that the young man in today's Gospel according to Mark 10:17-30, has it all in a worldly sense but seems to understand that something is missing in his life. Despite all that he has, and all that he does, he thinks he needs to do more to inherit eternal life. Jesus, in love, tells him to "give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven." The young man went away sad, for he had many possessions. We don't know what happened to him. Perhaps upon reflection he took Jesus' advice, or perhaps he decided to do nothing.

I can't help thinking this is a perfect Gospel to reflect upon after celebrating the life of St. Francis on October 4. Francis of Assisi had it all: wealth, popularity, and dreams for himself and his future. He saw himself as a successful knight and would be successful cloth merchant, but was taken as a prisoner of war who had to be ransomed by his father, and then had a prolonged illness during which he began to reflect his life. In a dream he heard a voice ask him, "Why are you seeking the servant instead of the Lord?" This caused him to reflect even more deeply...and well I assume you know at least part of the rest of his story.

Both the young man and Francis show us aspects of ourselves. We are all seeking something or someone. Perhaps it is a fulfilling relationship, perhaps it is wealth or fame. But I think if we take the time and look more deeply into our desires we will find that we are also hungering for meaning, for wholeness, for a sense of belonging, and for an identity that is big enough for each of us. Maybe it might be helpful to think of eternal life, not in terms only of longevity but in terms of depth as well. It seems to me that both the young man and Francis were living on the surface. It was encountering the Lord, or hearing the voice in a dream, that invited both of them to go deeper into their hearts and desires.

There is another clue in the Gospel that is, I think, helpful. The young man calls eternal life an inheritance. For isn't an inheritance really a gift? He really doesn't need to do anything. What Jesus is asking him is to do is live as if the gift is already given. Give to the poor as God is giving to you, for you, in God's eyes are poor as well. Live in solidarity with the poor by sharing what you have with them. This is what Francis discovered in his encounter with the leper. By doing this we will be living eternal life in the here and now. By sharing what we have with those who have less we will discover the meaning of our lives, we will become more wholly human, we will belong more and more to our community and parish, and we will be living our Christian identity given to us in baptism.

So this week pray that God gives you more...and then share it.

Fr. Stevek, ofm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Franciscan Faith Community of *Holy Name Province* in the Diocese of Trenton. Find out more about Holy Name Province online at: www.hnp.org

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

St. Francis Children Services

St. Francis Community Center Children's Services is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Quality, year round programming is our commitment to the community. We appreciate your continued support.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Church Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Collected: \$6,956

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$28,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$28,000

Collected: \$24,839.50



Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish **Online Giving!**

stfrancisparishlbi.org

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **378**

Donors: **280**

Raised: **\$56,824.00**

Collected: **\$53,948.64**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 2,365.36**



GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"...he went away sad for he had many possessions."

Jesus did not fault the young man because he was rich, but because he was possessed by his possessions.

What "possessions" possess me and what am I willing to let go?

Peace Prayer Project

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



Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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

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

Faith Formation and Education: For children ages six through high school. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

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

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

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
- Barbara Truncellito, Director, Parish Development


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

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153) 
judithclayton@stfrancislbi.org
 Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)
 Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)
 Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



Dear families: don't forget to register your children for the upcoming Family Faith year! We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Contact Marion Pierri at mpierri@stfrancislbi.org or (609) 494-8813 ext. 177 for more information on the registration process.
New families to our programs should contact our Director, Judy Clayton at judithclayton@stfrancislbi.org or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

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

RCIA and ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT IS BAAAACK.

Any adult interested in becoming Catholic, or any Catholic who desires first Communion and/or Confirmation, please call Sister Pat or Father Steve at extension 157.

Classes are open to everyone.

“Sacraments [part I]”
Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM,
 Brant Beach Church


Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:
 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

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

Embrace Our Way of Life
 THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE
 Franciscan Vocation Ministry
 Br. Basil Valente, OFM
 129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403
 1-800-677-7788 www.BeAFranciscan.org 

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:

Spiritual Direction

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

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

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



An Invitation to Contemplative Living

This program calls out to those who desire to live more contemplatively in the world, to grow in union with God and others, and to become more aware, intentional and free. God liberates us and heals us through the practice of contemplative prayer. We will continue meeting by *zoom* on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM for Centering Prayer and Lectio along with resuming our in-person sessions with presentations on the 2nd Saturday in September, October and November from 9:45 AM to noon. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com
Next scheduled sessions: **October 9, 9:45 AM, Sr. Lounge**

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lounge on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob of Father Steve to reserve your place.
Next scheduled meeting: **October 16, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lounge**



Our own Father Steve now has two books of poetry available on Amazon: "*From a Parish Priest*", and his second, "*Minute Manna and More*".

Profits from the sale of the books goes to charity.



Support St. Francis Community Center When you shop amazon.com!

Your favorite online retailer just got better!
Amazon will donate 0.05% of the profits from your order to help support the Center simply by signing-up for the Amazon Smile program!
<http://smile.amazon>

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



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 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.

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Book Club

Now through November 2021 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. We will be reading "*The Four Winds*" by Imbolo Mbue.

Next scheduled meeting: **October 26, Sr. Lunch Room**

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **November 7, 1:00 PM**, Brant Beach Church.
Mass of Profession, Luncheon to follow in Church Hall.

Scripture Study

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 7:00 PM via "Zoom" to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information.
Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **October 20 via Zoom**

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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **October 14, Room 212**

Did You Know??

Volunteering is a Community Tradition at St. Francis Parish and Community Center. Each year, hundreds of people volunteer countless hours of service in order to help others. Our volunteers make things happen throughout our community, and inspire all of us with their compassion, energy, enthusiasm and stamina!
There are many different opportunities within the Parish and the Center! From counting money and teaching young children in Family Faith Formation to working in the food pantry and even volunteering at all of our special events- there is always something for everyone!
With COVID we know it has been difficult but know that we are taking all precautions to ensure the safety of our volunteers!
We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in our Center and Parish again! Volunteer applications can be found online at: www.stfranciscenterlbi.org/volunteering or at the Front Desk of the Community Center

Employment Opportunity



Children's Services Toddler Room Head Teacher

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 and experience working with Toddlers (13 months-2years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Position: Year-round, Full-time with benefits

Hours/Pay: \$13.00 w/ BA Degree in Early Childhood

Days: Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

Positions: Full-time Licensed Counselor and Full-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.

Front Desk

The Front Desk is seeking an afternoon/evenings and weekend receptionist. Applicants must have experience with customer service, answering telephones, and basic computer software knowledge. Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) is a plus. Applicants must be able to lift at least 40 pounds.

Position: Year round part-time

Day/Hours: Approximately 15 to 26 hours per week, including some weekends.

Pay: \$12 per hour

Recreation/Pool

Position: Year-round Part-time Lifeguard for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. MUST currently possess Red Cross pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification.

Days: Monday-Friday, and/or weekend – Daytime shift coverage needed.

Pay: \$12 per hour

Bilingual Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program

Position: Full Time Employment. **Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish.** Applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology, or related field. Experience working with children (0-5 years), knowledge of child development and parent-child relationships; flexible availability, 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 and must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

Days: Monday-Friday

Pay: Starting \$15 per hour (depending on experience)

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. Case worker will be required to travel throughout Ocean County for home visits and to provide transportation to clients.

Days: Monday-Friday

Pay: starting \$15 per hour (depending on experience)

****Background check and fingerprinting required for all positions.**
****All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off, life insurance, 403B (retirement plan) with company match, and more.**

**** Part-time positions are offered paid sick time and employee Discounts.**

Please send resumes to
abodine@stfrancisbc.org
St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, October 9, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

St. Francis Community Center Gym

\$20 per Adult / \$10 per Child



Bring the whole family
and enjoy a great meal without the mess!



The raffling of the cars will take place immediately following the dinner.



Tickets are available to purchase
at the Front Desk of the Center
or by calling (609) 494-8861

All are welcome!

Proceeds benefit St. Francis Parish.

49th Annual Long Beach Island Commemorative 18-Mile Run

Sunday, October 10

Race Starts at 10:30 AM

Holgate, NJ

Entry Fee: \$65 per runner

NO REFUNDS!



Applications are available at the Front Desk of the Community Center or call (609) 494-8861 ext. 105. Register online at: runsignup.com.

Race is dedicated to the 11 Israeli athletes slain by terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics and the thousands who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Registration:

Saturday, **October 9** from 2:00 to 7:00 PM;

and race day, **October 10** from 7:00 to 9:30 AM sharp.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 26

1:00 - 6:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall



Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer.

In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Please call the Community Center at (609) 494-8861 ext.118 or visit: www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. For detailed donor eligibility questions, please call **800-RED-CROSS** or visit: redcrossblood.org.

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.

Medicare Part D open enrollment period begins on **October 15th** and runs through **December 7th**. During this time, people with Medicare can sign up for a prescription drug plan (PDP) or switch their current Medicare Part D plan in order to have the best coverage beginning January of 2022.

Jersey Cares - Senior Shoppers Program

If you are 60 years or older and in need of food shopping services, you should know that the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and St. Francis Senior Services has partnered with a reputable nonprofit, Jersey Cares, to provide this service.

You can be assured your safety is our top priority and that all volunteers are fully vetted including background checks.


If you are interested in participating in this program please call St. Francis Senior Services at (609) 978-6220 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER


Available Funding

Utility Assistance for Ocean County Residents

St. Francis Community Center has funding available through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) grant to assist community members with electric and gas bills.



To find out your eligibility, contact us at
(609) 494-8861 ext 197



Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to wear a mask.

*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***

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Baked Beans, Corn, String Beans, Beets, Peas, Carrots, Side Rice Packets, Taco Products, School Snacks for Kids, Pasta Sauce, Detergent, Soap, Personal Products, Dish 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 II

Classes begin on Tuesday, **October 12**

Co-Ed Recreation Basketball League

(2nd - 8th Grade; ages 7-14)

Registration:

Tuesday, October 26th at 9:00 AM
to Friday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM.



Fall Basketball Clinic

with Coach John Pampalone

Monday-Friday, **October 25-29**; 4:30-6:00 PM

Lifeguard Training

Ages 15 & Up

4:00 - 6:00 PM: Wednesday, **October 13**;

4:00 - 8:00 PM: Thursday, **October 14**, & Friday, **October 15**;

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Saturday, **October 16** & Sunday, **October**



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.

October is National Domestic Violence Month.

With the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, we are also hearing the title "The Shadow Pandemic" as it refers to the rise in intimate-partner violence in correlation to lockdowns and rising tension. While this is one of many ongoing concerns in our society as well as our direct community, it is important that we acknowledge and use this time to spread awareness and bring resources to anyone who may be in need of support.

At St. Francis Counseling Service, we serve all victims of crime through grant-funded individual counseling services. Not a victim of crime? We also offer services on an affordable, sliding-fee scale. We are happy to speak with you regarding services we provide or offer recommendations for more suitable services in our area. We are here to help!

You can reach us at (609) 494-1554 during the hours of Monday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, and Friday 9:00 AM -5:00 PM. Our 24 hour hotline is available by calling (609) 494-1090.

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

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

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

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