

THE BRIDGE



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

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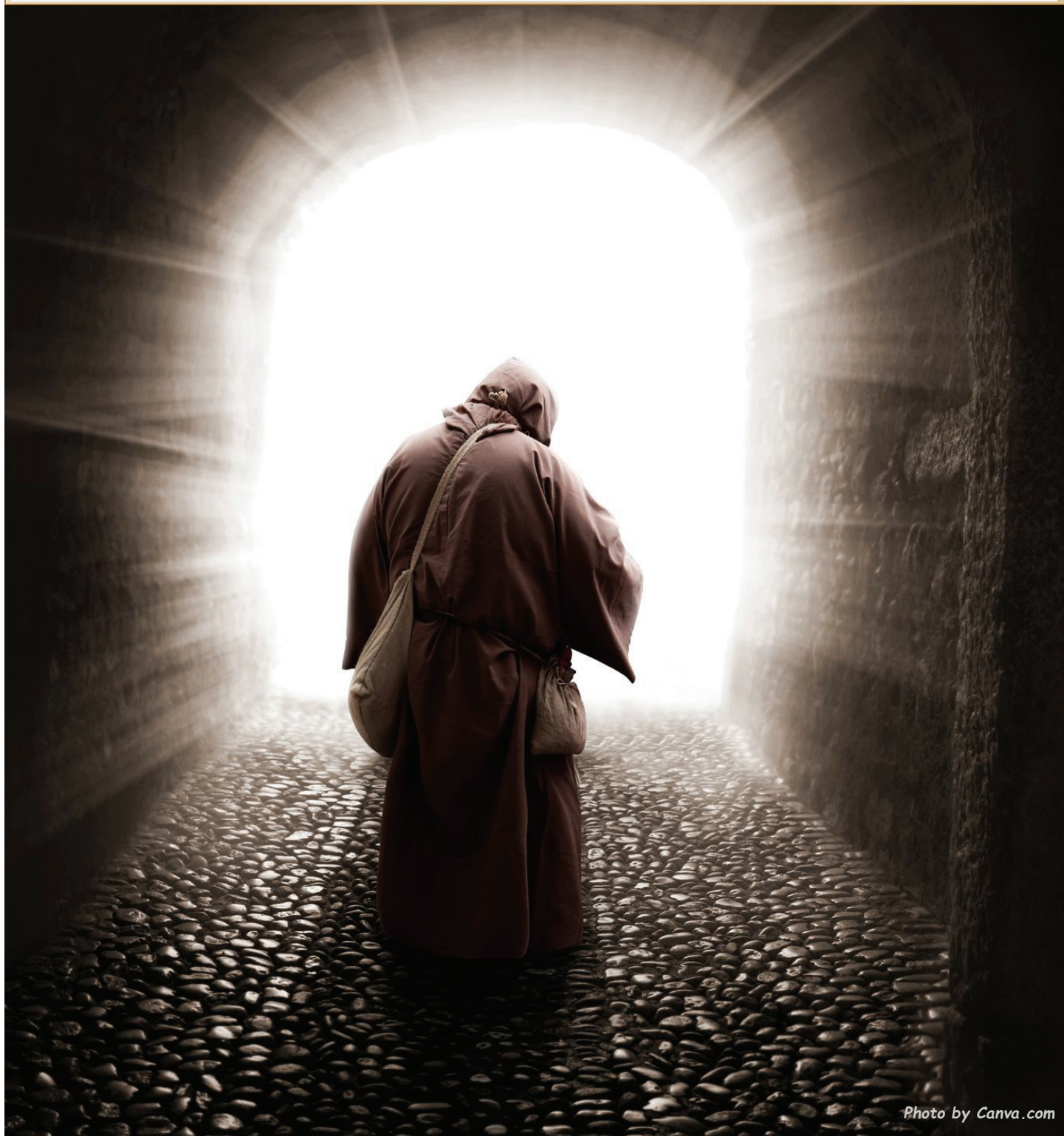


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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 2, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 1	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Leon J. Santilli 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Louis Ferrante +Bunnie Bellotti	Jb. 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk. 10:17-24 Hb. 1:2-3, 2:2-4:2; 2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10	10:00 AM Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 2	<i>Feast of St. Francis Weekend Celebration</i> 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Jean Giordano +Joan Cunningham +Steven Goodman 10:00 AM +Matilda Stein +Edward W. Shanley +Carl & Helen Filipovsky 11:30 AM +Edice L. McGill +Rocco Milano +Charles Black	Hb. 1:2-3, 2:2-4:2; 2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30 PM OFS <i>Fraternity Meeting</i> , BB Church Hall
Monday, October 3	9:00 AM +Eugene Sweeney 5:00 PM <i>Transitus of St. Francis</i>	Gal. 1:6-12; Lk. 10:25-37	
Tuesday, October 4	9:00 AM <i>Feast of St. Francis</i> +Marie Sulkowski, <i>ofs</i> +Lori Ghio +Betty Ann Gavan +Marianne Gaudio	Sir. 50:1, 3-4, 6-7; Gal. 6:14-18; Mt. 11:25-30	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, October 5	9:00 AM +Joe Virch	Gal. 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk. 11:1-4	10:30 AM Contemplative Living, <i>Zoom</i> 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Room
Thursday, October 6	9:00 AM +Laura Oppermann +Angela & Kathryn Fiore	Gal. 3:1-5; Lk. 11:5-13	
Friday, October 7	9:00 AM +James M. Kempinski +Patricia M. Brennan	Gal. 3:7-14; Lk. 11:15-26	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, October 8	9:00 AM +Members of Connelly Family 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Elizabeth Barbato +Elizabeth Wilford	Gal. 3:22-29; Lk. 11:27-28 2 Kgs. 5:14-17; 2 Tim. 2:8-13; Lk. 17:11-19	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner/Car Raffle
Sunday, October 9	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Mike McGurkin	2 Kgs. 5:14-17; 2 Tim. 2:8-13; Lk. 17:11-19	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 18-Mile Run

Mass Schedule **CHANGE**

October 8/9 18-Mile Run

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM **in Brant Beach only**
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30 AM

Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM
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, 8:30 AM

St. Clare, Loveladies - **CLOSED**

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

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

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, October 1	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Jeffrey Tucker
Sunday, October 2	10:00 AM +Mrs. Nancy A. Barone +Arlene Felber
Saturday, October 8	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, October 9	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, October 1	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Mike McGurkin
Sunday, October 2	8:30 AM +Rosemarie Morreal 10:00 AM +Richard Heuser
Saturday, October 8	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, October 9	8:30 AM +Bruna Bellotti +Michael McGurkin 10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League

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

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.

Gospel Inspirations:

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'"



The apostles weren't sure they had enough of what it takes to do the work Jesus called them to do.

Jesus' answer is that we can do extraordinary things with the faith we have.

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Our Confirmation Students & Youth Ministry Last Monday night I met our young brothers and sisters who are preparing for Confirmation. What a great group of people! Mrs. Judith Clayton, our director of Family Faith Religious Education Program, invited me to speak with them about why we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I explained to them that this is their opportunity to choose to be a Catholic Christian.

Their parents spoke for them at their Baptism. This is their opportunity to stand up before the Church and God and say that this is what they want. We had a great conversation. I do hope they enjoyed it as much as I did. Their Confirmation will be on April 21, 2023. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on that day to celebrate these wonderful young people as they continue to grow in their faith. I ask that you please keep them and their families in your prayer over this next year. We pray that God will truly inspire them with the Holy Spirit to live lives worthy of our calling.*

Thomas Ball	Marina Bresley
Keegan Costello	Salvatore DarConte
Brayden Farrell	Nicholas Gallucci
Connor Glines	Jessica Henry
Kayle Hoover	Christopher Hughes
Nicholas Hughes	Joshua Kawka
Shayla Kessler	Gregory Kopenhaver
Addison Leary	Carmella Lis
John McGuire	Isabella Millard
Shea O'Donnell	Chase Petrizzi
Jacklyn Placakis	Ava Ponikowski
Paul Reilly	Luca Salluce
Paige Shaw	Jaxson Simon
Nicole Small	Madelyn Terzian
Gavin Valiant	Olivia Wyckoff
	Aaron Wyrsh

I would also like to share with you that St. Francis Parish has begun a search for a new Youth Minister. When I first arrived, I was surprised to find out that we did not have a Youth Minister. I have great memories of working with Janet Digan, 25 years ago, with the young people of our parish. Some of their children are now in our program! Unfortunately, in 2020 the finances of the parish were a bit stretched so I decided to wait until we had a bit more financial security. [I will talk about that in next week's letter.]

One of the common threads in the Synod conversations in our parish, as well as throughout the country and the world, is a growing concern for our young people. It is vital that we offer our families as much support for the spiritual development and Christian maturation of our wonderful young brothers and sisters. I ask that you also keep our search for a new Youth Minister in your prayers. I pray we are able to find someone who will help foster and mentor our young people in our beautiful faith. May God continue to bless you and your families with peace and all good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

*"I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:1-6

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.

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
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

Rejoice **Romans 12:12**
Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, endure in prayer
SAVE THE DATE
WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE
OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2022
Women's Cornerstone Invitation
For Women of St. Francis Parish & Friends (18+)
Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars
Please contact *Lauren Finelli* with questions or for information:
lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or 609-332-8366

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Church Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Living at the shore requires consistent maintenance & repairs to the 4 churches that make up St. Francis Parish. This collection helps us fund the upkeep of our facilities & the significant costs in maintaining our grounds. Please help us serve you by being generous.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$23,542.50**

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

Second Collection:

St. Francis Ministries - Peace & Justice

Collected: **\$8,830.50**

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
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: **\$43,858.00** (44% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$42,897.00**

Total Donors: **179**

Total Gifts: **196**

Average Gift: **\$223.77**

*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

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



St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

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

jlclayton@stfrancislb.org

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



Parish Celebrations for the Feast of St. Francis



Saturday, October 1st **Blessing of the Animals**

10:00AM

Brant Beach Church (Rain or Shine)

Please come by with or without a pet. The animals will be blessed and receive a St. Francis medal. It is a wonderful way to recall Francis' love for all creation.

All are welcome!

Pet donations being accepted: new blankets, pet food, cat litter, laundry detergent, cleaning wipes, collars, leashes and toys. Donations can be dropped off at the St. Francis Community Center now through October 1 at 11:00 AM

October 2/3rd

Weekend Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis **Regular Weekend Schedule**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi. In these times of war and conflict, we are reminded that Francis knew that "warfare unleashed the worst in men's hearts" and that his path to peace was never to shed blood, but to show understanding and love, and to spread the Word of God. We pray for peace in the many countries around the world now at war or in conflict including Ukraine, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Myanmar, South Sudan, and Syria. May we follow in the footsteps of Francis and learn to live lives of peacefulness and love.

Monday, October 3rd

The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

5:00PM

Brant Beach Church

There is a tradition among Franciscan communities to commemorate the Transitus (passing or death) by distributing the small almond cookies that were St. Francis' favorites. They were made by his friend, Lady Jacoba Pico, who was summoned to Francis as he lay dying. She quickly came to him bearing the almond confections and the cloth she used to make the brother's robes, candles, incense, and a beautiful white burial cloth. Since women were not allowed into the room where Francis lay, he called out to her "Brother Jacoba" and she was able to enter. At the Transitus this year, the Secular Franciscans will be distributing the homemade almond cookies. We sincerely hope you will join us at 5:00 PM on October 3rd to celebrate this beautiful and spiritual service.

All are welcome!

Tuesday, October 4th

Feast of St. Francis

9:00AM Special Daily Eucharist

St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Please join us in the hall after Mass for refreshments.

Happy Feast Day!

St. Francis Speaks to Me

I read once that Francis read the Gospels and decided to live his life as if Jesus meant all those things He said. Francis' life was a continual yes to Jesus.

I don't come anywhere close to always saying yes to Jesus, but I discovered that just by trying to look closer at the Gospel message, I can draw closer to God - just like Francis did.

Francis heard Jesus say "Love your neighbor" and so he went out and found his neighbor in the poor and the leper and ministered to them.

How can I minister to those in need right here where I live? I can donate food to the food pantry. I can volunteer to work there and in the process I can be the face of Jesus to the people who come not just for physical sustenance but for spiritual sustenance too. Just by smiling at someone, giving a treat to a child, or exchanging a recipe with an elderly person I can show that we all deserve the dignity that God bestows on us.

There are ways everyday that I can follow in Francis' footsteps and in the process be a healing presence to others.

Francis' life shows me that in order to love God, I must love what God loves. I will humbly try to follow in his footsteps. Thank you, Francis!

Kathy Mignanelli OFS



SACRAMENTS...SACRAMENTS AS JOURNEY

The sacraments are powerful signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions. (CCC.111)

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding, Tuesday, **October 11th** the topic will be:

"Sacraments...Sacraments As Journey"

(presented by Fr. John)

Join us at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing of the Parish Center, if interested, call Sr. Pat or Fr. Francis at (609-494-8813).

Help Wanted - Altar Server Ministry



CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS

Would you like to take a more active role in mass? 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 procession at the beginning and end of mass. Your participation in the mass is a rewarding and beautiful ministry.

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.

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 - **October 5**; next *in-person* session - **October 8**

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: **October 15, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room.**

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. ***Hidden Valley Road*** by Robert Kolker.
Next meeting Tuesday, **October 25**, 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, **October 7**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

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Sunday, **October 2**, 12:30 PM *Spiritual Life, 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 for more information.
Next meeting Wednesday, **October 5**, 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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

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.

Children's Services

Position: Teacher's Assistant- 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 and Part time

Pay: \$14.00 per hour + New Hire bonus

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.

Family Support Services

Position: Bilingual Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program
- Part Time

Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish. 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 - Part Time

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

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 weekends- Flexible schedule

Pay: \$14 per hour

Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator

Position: Full time, 40 hours week. The coordinator is responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing Special Events for the Community Center and Parish as well as developing new events and fundraisers. The coordinator will be responsible for recruiting new volunteers from among the parish, the center, and from the larger LBI community. This position is also responsible for overseeing and assigning volunteers for special events and for various programs throughout the Center and Parish. Applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Office. Must have Valid Driver's License and be able to lift at least 40lbs. Expertise in communication, social engagement, and working cooperatively with others.

Days: Monday- Friday, attendance at various night and weekend events is required

Parish - Religious Education

Position: Registration/Tuition Coordinator

This is a 12-hour part-time, weekday position, with a flexible schedule. The focus of this position is to streamline the registration process for families with children in the Family Faith programs, and to track tuition payments.

Coordinator must be fingerprinted for the Diocese of Trenton, submit references and attend the workshop, "Protecting God's Children for Adults". Applicant should be detail oriented and self-motivated with good organizational skills and computer experience (Word, Outlook, Parish Soft). Visibility is encouraged in parish and community events.

Pay: \$13 per hour

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

Please send resumes or inquiries to abodine@stfrancislibi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner
and Car Raffle Drawing



Saturday October 8th, 2022
5:00pm
St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium
asking for dessert donations as well

Tickets On Sale NOW!
18 Mile Run & 12k Runners receive \$5 off Coupon
BYOB & Take Out Available

St. Francis Community Center & Parish
4700 Long Beach Blvd, 08008
609-494-8861




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



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*Bus Trip to Tropicana
Classic Hits & Holiday Show
Motown, Pop, Rock & Doo Wop
Featuring "Modern Gentlemen"*




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 Krzaczuk, 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

50th Annual LBI COMMEMORATIVE 18-MILE RUN & 12K FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 9, 2022



*18 Mile Run start time is 10:00 AM (USATF Sanctioned Event)
*12K Run/Walk Fundraiser start time is 10:30 AM - *New this year*

18 Mile Run Entry Fee:	18 Mile USATF-NJ Entry Fee	12K Run/Walk Entry Fee
\$80 (per person)	\$70 (per person)	\$60 (per person)

18 Mile Run Awards Division: Age Group; Islander; Wheelchair

Registration Closes Promptly at 9:00 AM on Race Day
Finish Lines Close Promptly at 2:15 PM

Applications are available at the Front Desk of the Community Center and a printable version online at
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/LongBeachTownship/18milerun>

The funds raised from this year's race will help support the programs and services of the St. Francis Community Center



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




November 1


1:00pm - 6:00pm


Brant Beach Church Hall
4700 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach Twp, 08008

Go to redcrossblood.org
to schedule your appointment

**WARNING:
BLOOD CRISIS**



 American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

 ST. FRANCIS
COMMUNITY CENTER

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***

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Canned Goods:

Vegetables, Baked Beans, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, Soup, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Beef Stew

Pasta Sauce, Small Bags of Rice, Oatmeal, Nutritional Drinks, Coffee/Tea, Shelf Milk

Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Body Wash, Diapers Sizes 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**
- **Auto Ownership**
- **Parents As Teachers**
- **Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families**

Did You Know??

The **Human Concerns Department** is already working on the Thanksgiving and Gift of Warmth Holiday projects? We kicked off our project season in August with our Back-to-School project where we served 254 children. Our department received a large donation of 75 backpacks filled with school supplies from the LBI Soroptimist Women's Club. Thanks to donations the department was able to spend about \$1700 on school supplies and additional backpacks needed for the project.

We look forward to serving 250 families for both Thanksgiving and Gift of Warmth.

Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

- **Adult Education Program**
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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

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 REGISTRATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

9:00 AM

Recreation



Tot & Tyke Basketball with Coach Manzo,
Co-Ed Basketball Recreation League (ages 7-14),
2nd - 8th Grade Co-ed League Evaluations,
All Level Yoga



Tennis Fundamentals (ages 5-12)
Pickleball (Oct. 12 - May 19)

Aquatics

Swim Lessons: All Levels,

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Aquatic Zumba Aerobics/Arthritis Aquatic Exercise,
Aquatic Exercise



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.

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The LBI Health Department is doing

Blood Pressure Screenings

the **second Tuesday of each Month**
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Community Bulletin Board

Coastal Volunteers in Medicine

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Coastal Volunteers in Medicine invites you to an evening of fine food and drink at the elegant **Gables Inn and Restaurant in Beach Haven** on **Thursday, October 6** from 5:30-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased online at coastalvim.org/fundraisers or by check made out to CVIM and mailed to PO Box 99, Manahawkin 08050. Please join us and support this very worthy cause whose mission is to serve the uninsured and medically underserved in Southern Ocean

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Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 2 at St. Mary of the Pines

Saturday, October 22, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Mass: 9:00 AM Monsignor Ken Tuzeneu will be celebrating in the Church.

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Admission: \$20 includes lunch (Pay at the door)

You are invited to CWOZ Chapter 2, Retreat Day. The day consists of Mass, worship-music, speaker, living Rosary, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker: Janet Pfeiffer, international inspirational speaker and award-winning author is a Fortune 500 consultant and seminar leader, inspirational and spiritual speaker, globally syndicated radio host (Anger 911 and Between You and God), TV personality (CNN, Fox News, Lifetime, ABC News and more), and spiritual life coach. She's N.J. State certified in domestic violence issues and worked with battered women for 15 years. Janet specializes in healing anger and conflict, creating inner peace, and becoming more Christ-like. She's also a columnist for the Jefferson Chronicle, former contributor to the Dr. Phil Show, and an adjunct instructor at County College of Morris. Janet is a registered provider for the NJ Education Association is the author of 8 books including the highly acclaimed *The Secret Side of Anger* and her most recent, *The Great Truth*, which invites readers to pursue an intimate relationship with God.

Janet invites us to join her as she shares: **"Divine Purpose and Passion; Living the Master's Plan"**

Reservations are necessary. Please call and leave your phone number, spell your last name at **732-475-7113** no later than

Tuesday, October 18th. You can also register online: www.cwoz.org (**Chapter 2**) *Come and bring a friend!*

Maris Stella Retreat Center

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Pre-Advent Day of Reflection:

"Fallow Ground: Restoring the Soil of the Soul"

Saturday, November 19th, 2022 - 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Through poetry, music and short spiritual exercises we will explore ways to open ourselves to Emmanuel, God with us!

Presenter: Margaret Roman

Cost: \$60.00 - Includes "Coffee and..." Bring bag lunch - Lunch Drinks provided. Limited Overnight Accommodations available on Friday November 18th at an additional cost.

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