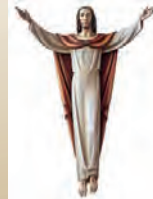


# THE BRIDGE



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

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



*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 2	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM (L)Stein & Kempski Families +Mary Alice Laird 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Valerie Reddam +Marie DeMarse	Bar. 4:5-12, 27-29; Mt. 18:1-5, 10 Gn. 2:18-24; Heb. 2:9-11; Mk. 10:2-16	10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 3	7:15 AM +Margaret Pallotti 8:30 AM +Marie Sulkowski, <i>ofs</i> +Jim Morrison 10:00 AM +Peggy Doorly McCully +Vincent & Tess Sharkey +Josephine Palma Brueckman 11:30 AM +Sharon Van +Susan Bulman +Karen Grueneberg	Gn. 2:18-24; Heb. 2:9-11; Mk. 10:2-16	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 12:30 PM Order of Franciscan Secular, Surf City Church 5:00 PM Transitus of St. Francis
Monday, October 4	9:00 AM <i>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</i> +Marie Sulkowski, <i>ofs</i> & Lorri Ghio	Sir. 50:1, 3-4, 6-7; Gal. 6:14-18; Mt. 11:25-30	
Tuesday, October 5	9:00 AM +Marjorie Hegner	Jon. 3:1-10; Lk. 10:38-42	
Wednesday, October 6	9:00 AM +Kathryn & Angelo Fiore +Gerald Vile	Jon. 4:1-11; Lk. 11:1-4	10:30 AM Contemplative Living, <i>Zoom</i> 7:00 PM Scripture Study, via <i>Zoom</i>
Thursday, October 7	9:00 AM +James M. Kempski +Loretta McGinn	Mal. 3:13-20b; Lk. 11:5-13	
Friday, October 8	9:00 AM +Connelly Family +Mary Cicco	Jl. 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk. 11:15-26	
Saturday, October 9	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
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	

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, October 2	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, October 3	10:00 AM +Nancy A. Barone +Kerry Doyle +Alice M. Sonzogni
Saturday, October 9	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 2	5:00 PM +Charles A. Tedeschi
Sunday, October 3	8:30 AM +Constantine DeMeo 10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald +Gerald Vile
Saturday, October 9	5:00 PM +Eugene & Eleanor Patten +Pacita Veal
Sunday, October 10	8:30 AM +Kenneth Carpenter +Gerald Vile 10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald +Dora Villafranco +June Kaelin

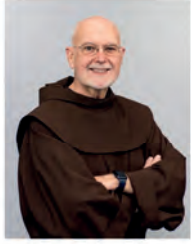
### Peace Prayer Project

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



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

## Weekly Reflections...



Fr. John Frambes, OFM, Pastoral Associate

These are the October days when we celebrate Saint Francis and his story is retold as it has been since his death in 1226. Unless you write an autobiography or memoir, you don't get to tell your own story. The story tellers all say what *they* think is important.

Brother Thomas of Celano, the first official biographer, wrote two versions of the life of Francis. The first depicted him as a unique and somewhat unconventional follower of the Gospel. His second try described Francis as a more typical saint ready for canonization. A generation later, Saint Bonaventure, the minister general of the friars, composed a new official biography. And ordered that all copies of any previous biographies should be destroyed! Stay on message! (Fortunately, Bonaventure was not the boss of Benedictine monks and they kept the older biographies in their libraries.)

How do *we* tell the story? The popular image of Francis now is a gentle, kind person who loved children and the poor. He was always sympathetic and encouraging. He reconciled enemies and preached peace. He preached to birds, too. He is the patron saint of the environment. Perhaps we emphasize these things because our times need a saint like that.

Yet while niceness is nice, I am drawn to that wild saint who was ruthless in living the Gospel. I can't measure up to him, but I need the challenge.

John Frambes, ofm

### GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

*"Because of the hardness of your hearts..."*

**Hardness of heart, being centered on self, destroys a relationship. A relationship grows when we are open and respond to the needs of others.**

*Knowing that relationships are hard work, how willing am I to commit and serve the other?*

### Mass Schedule **CHANGE**

**18 Mile Run Weekend – October 9/10**

#### 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 AM

#### 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 for the Season**

## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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

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

**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.



## 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.

## Praying the Rosary

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





## Parish Celebrations for the Feast of St. Francis

### Novenas by Fr. Scott for the Feast of St. Francis

<https://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org>  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)



### Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, **October 2, 10:00 AM**  
in Front of the Brant Beach Church  
(Rain or Shine)

In conjunction with the Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter and Friends of Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter, we will be setting up donation bins for those who wish to donate pet supplies. Items needed: blankets/towels, cans of food, collars, leashes, toys.

### **October 2/3**

Weekend Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis

### The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, **October 3, 5:00 PM**

Live-Streaming on [www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

“October 4 is the day the Church sets aside to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi’s *dies natalis*—his birth into eternal life. Francis is easily one of the Church’s most beloved and venerated saints. Thus, even the *vigil* of his death is celebrated in style. October 3 is the vigil of his passing over and bears a special name - his *Transitus*. The word is derived from the Latin meaning "passage," "crossing" or "going over." The feast has always been an important part of Franciscan spirituality. Ideally, a Christian shouldn’t be afraid of death - or as Francis called it, “Sister Death.” Francis faced his own end with what could be described as joyful aplomb. A gentle turning to God in the final, ultimate mystery - the passing over or, the *turning* over, of one’s soul to its Lover and Author.”

Please join us on Sunday, **October 3 at 5:00 PM** in the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Brant Beach as we celebrate the *Transitus* of St. Francis. It is a beautiful and spiritually moving liturgy that includes readings from *The Life of Francis*, the Holy Gospel, hymns, and reflections. We hope you can join us. All are Welcome!

### Feast of St. Francis

Monday, **October 4, 9:00 AM**

Special Daily Eucharist

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Brant Beach

After 9:00 Mass, refreshments will be served.

Rita Kostopoulos will read *The Canticle of the Creatures* in Italian and give a short talk on the poem written by St. Francis.

### A Talk On St. Francis of Assisi

by Fr. Steve and Sr. Pat  
after the 11:30 AM Masses  
**October 24**



*“Blessed are you, Lord God,  
maker of all living creatures.  
You called forth fish in the sea,  
birds in the air and  
animals on the land.  
You inspired Saint Francis  
to call all of them  
his brothers and sisters.”*

During our celebration for St. Francis of Assisi beginning **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will once again have a ceremony to bless our pets and present each one with a St. Francis medal. Even if you don't have a pet to bring, it is great fun to come and see all our furry and feathered friends! This year the *Blessing of Animals* will take place on Saturday, **October 2, 2021** at 10:00 AM in front of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Brant Beach. All are welcome!!

In case of rain, we will move into the church hall.

Peace and all good!

## 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

### 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](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)



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

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection Today:

#### 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.

#### Last Week's 2nd Collection

##### St. Francis Ministries - Peace & Justice

Collected: \$6,776

#### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$34,000

#### Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$28,000

Collected: \$24,125.50



## Family Faith

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

[jclayton@stfrancislb.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislb.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@stfrancislb.org](mailto:mpierri@stfrancislb.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 [jclayton@stfrancislb.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislb.org) or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.



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

[stfrancisparishlb.org](http://stfrancisparishlb.org)

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **364**

Donors: **274**

Raised: **\$55,374.00**

Collected: **\$53,097.44**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 1,766.56**



### Read our bulletin online at

[www.stfrancisparishlb.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlb.org)



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlb)



Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:  
[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

### Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA

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

St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy

(609) 597-3800 or visit: [www.stmaryknights.org](http://www.stmaryknights.org)

## 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 1]?"**

**Tuesday, October 19** at 7:00 PM,

Sr. Kate Meeting Room.

## Women's Cornerstone Retreat



We regret to advise that the annual Cornerstone Sister's Retreat scheduled for **October 22 & 23** has been **cancelled**. The spiritual tradition of gathering in person and sharing prayer, reflection and meals together in an overnight setting amidst the Delta Variant presented too great a risk so as to ensure the safety and comfort of our attendees. We look forward to planning for the 2022 Cornerstone Retreat scheduled for Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22, 2022. Thank you for your understanding.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction



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

Spiritual Direction is not about problem solving. It is about enhancing one's prayer life. Directors help people recognize and respond to God's will in their life experiences. One Director summed up the process this way, "All I do is listen. People already have a spiritual life; they are not starting here. Often they need relief from the pressure that they are not doing the right thing. I help them see the goodness in where they are on their journey, not where they think they're supposed to be." God is the real spiritual director.

The Diocese of Trenton has several training programs called an internship. These are two or three year programs focusing on deepening one's own spiritual life and on learning the dynamics of Spiritual Direction. Upon completion of the program a person receives a Certificate from the Diocese.

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors.

*There is no charge for Spiritual Direction.* If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM for Centering Prayer and Lectio along with resuming our in-person sessions with presentations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September, October and November from 9:45 AM to noon. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: [klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)

Next scheduled sessions: **October 6, 10:30 AM**, via *zoom*  
**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**

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

—Francis of Assisi—

## Help Wanted - Altar Server Ministry

### CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS



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

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

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

## Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



### Book Club

September 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.

Next scheduled meeting: **October 26, Room 212**

### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **October 3, 12:30 PM** Surf City Church Hall,  
*Fraternity Meeting*; **5:00 PM**, Brant Beach Church Hall,  
*Transitus*.

### 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **October 6**.

### Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM via "Zoom". Call Sr. Pat McNiff, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

## 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>

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.





## 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 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.

### Senior Services

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

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

**Pay:** \$12 per hour

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

### 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

**\*\*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@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancisbi.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## Did You Know??

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic it has been the responsibility of the Human Resources Director, along with the Executive Director of the Community Center and the Pastor of St Francis Parish to implement policies which are aimed at keeping both the staff of the Parish and Center and the community members we serve, safe and healthy. We receive public health and policy guidance from the LBI Health Department, The State of New Jersey, The Diocese of Trenton, The CDC, and OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). We have many different programs operating under one roof, which can make developing and implementing policies rather complicated. We have the Parish, Recreation (for kids and adults), the Childcare Center, Senior Services, and many other programs grant funded through the State and the County. Due to rules set forth by the state for Childcare Centers, we still require that masks are worn in certain areas of the building, including the majority of the first floor of the community center (excluding the Aquatic Center). If anyone cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, we ask that you do not enter the Center's main entrance unmasked, but instead call the front desk and we will do our best to assist you.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SPAGHETTI DINNER AND CAR RAFFLE DRAWING

October 9, 2021  
5:00-8:00 PM



Tickets on sale at the  
St. Francis Community Center

\$20.00 Adults

\$10.00 Child

[ Tickets are on sale at the Front Desk.  
Tickets may also be reserved and paid for by credit card  
by calling the Front Desk at: (609) 494-8861  
before October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please note: we'll be selling up to 300 tickets ]

### Volunteers needed

Kitchen  
Servers  
Maitre d'  
Refreshments  
Bread  
Ice Cream  
Cakes  
Coffee and tea  
Tickets

We have a list of volunteers from years past who will receive a phone call from Amanda Defusco, Event Coordinator. If anyone else is interested, please contact Amanda via email at [adefusco@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:adefusco@stfrancisbi.org).

Please indicate your area of interest in your email.

We plan a meeting of volunteers at 3:30 PM. Please plan to attend. As always, we appreciate your time and we're working to accommodate our volunteers as well as our guests.



Sauce and Meatballs provided by  
The Sea Shell Resort and Beach Club



49<sup>th</sup> Annual LBI 18 Mile Race

October 10

American Red Cross Blood Drive

October 26

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/LongBeachTownship/18milerun>



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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\*\**

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### 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](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org) or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

**\* SESSION II \***

**REGISTRATION**

**Monday, October 4, 9:00 AM**

**Classes start October 12**

## Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

[www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org). We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. [www.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.gov).

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### 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.

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## Community Bulletin Board

### Coastal Volunteers in Medicine

Saturday, **October 16**, 12:30 PM at

Holy Trinity Church, 5800 LB Blvd., Brant Beach

#### **Two-mile walk by the ocean in memory of Larry Picarello**

a full-time resident of LBI who passed away in April of 2020. Larry gave his time and energies to Coastal VIM in our efforts to provide health care to those who cannot afford insurance and who are not eligible for Medicaid. Registration is \$25.00 and entitles registrant to a T-Shirt. Sponsorship is also available for \$100.00. Please visit our website at [coastalvim.org/fundraisers](http://coastalvim.org/fundraisers). Click on the Larry Picarello Memorial "Be Well" Stroll to register or send a check with T-shirt size to Coastal VIM, PO Box 99, Manahawkin 08050.

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All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

#### October Offerings:

##### **Abundance, A Special Retreat for the Feast of St. Francis**

Monday, **October 4**, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. We will spend time outdoors discovering God's Presence and we will listen to and reflect on portions of Franciscan Richard Rohr's *In the Footsteps of St. Francis – Awakening to Creation*. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

##### **Mother Knows Best**

Thursday, **October 7**, 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Learn one of life's most important lessons. Your teacher is Mother Nature! Trust her wisdom, as through prayer, silence, reading and sharing she patiently teaches you what is worth holding onto in life and what you can let go of! Draw close to her through the beauty surrounding Francis House. Donation: \$20.

##### **The Wisdom Pattern**

9 Mondays, **October 4 thru June 6**, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. We will use Rohr's book, *The Wisdom Pattern*, as well as excerpts from his daily meditations, as our guides for prayer and discussion this year. We will also spend time in contemplative prayer each session. Donation: \$175.

### Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is now open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM and every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Free clothing to any women having trouble making ends meet and in need of clothing.

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