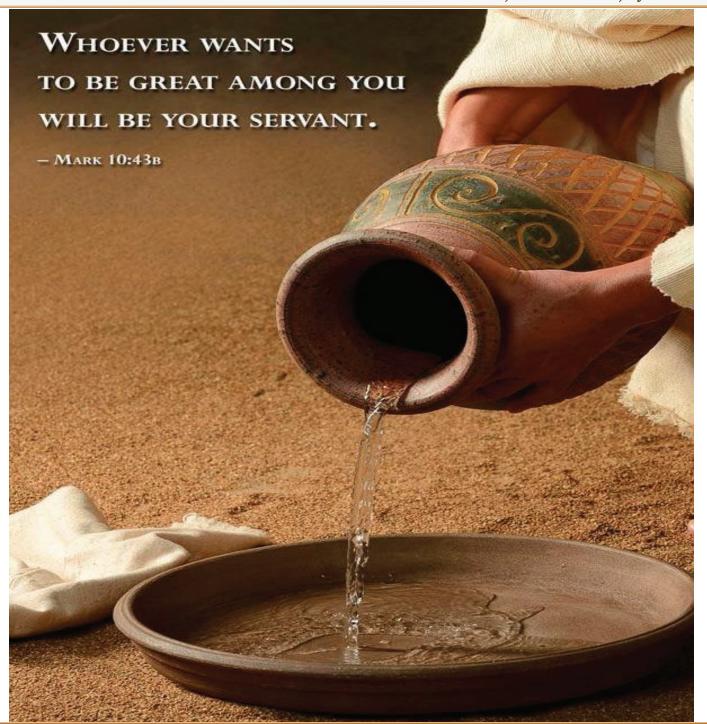
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St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ			
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 16	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Jerry Vile 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Samuel Fenton +Henry Mosca +William t. Dunlevy	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 Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, October 18	9:00 AM +Ruth & Lawrence Gorton +Ruth Phelps +Barbara Wahab	II Tm. 4:10-17b; Lk. 10:1-9	
Tuesday, October 19	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Rom. 5:121, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk. 12:35-38	9:30 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA, Brant Beach Church
Wednesday, October 20	9:00 AM +Florence Grant +Christopher J. DiStasio III	Rom. 6:12-18; Lk. 12:39-48	7:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Room
Thursday, October 21	9:00 AM +Bob Cooper +Joseph M. Keegan	Rom. 6:19-23; Lk. 12:49-53	
Friday, October 22	9:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski	Rom. 7:18-25; Lk. 12:54-59	
Saturday, October 23	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Doris Cocca +Anne Lyons-Glanzman	Rom. 8:1-11; Lk. 13:1-9 Jer. 31:7-0; Heb. 5:1-6; Mk. 10:46-52	
Sunday, October 24	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Mary Jane D'Eleho +Austin D'Souza 10:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski +Pat & Warren Glaser +Gerald Vile 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Robert Monaco	Jer. 31:7-0; Heb. 5:1-6; Mk. 10:46-52	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi After 11:30 AM Mass, Window Peeking

Mass Schedule

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

Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

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



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*

A Letter From The Pastor...





Thank you, again!

Once again a great Thank You needs to be said. Last weekend we celebrated the trifecta of the *Spaghetti Dinner*, *Car Raffle*, and the *18-Mile Run*! Each have become such a part of the life of the parish and the life of Long Beach Island.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,

gymnasium once again transformed into a dining room and have everyone gathered to join in a delicious meal. The volunteers were buzzing around to make sure that everyone had enough pasta and meatballs, salad, drinks, and dessert! The Car Raffle drawing is always exciting. The anticipation of waiting and wondering who is going to win always makes the room electric.

Then at 10:30 AM Sunday morning the runners began their trek up the island. The weather and flooding were questionable but this year's 18-Mile Run was a great success. Fr. Andrew and I went up to the finish line to congratulate the runners on their victory of making it from Holgate to Ole Barney. The runners' determination and drive is always impressive.

Of course, none of this happens without the work and generosity of so many people!

A great thank you goes to everyone involved, but especially to **Tom Hughes, Tina Kelsall** and

The Sea Shell Resort & Beach Club in Beach Haven for underwriting the entire Spaghetti Dinner. Not only is your generosity overwhelming, the food was delicious! Thank you, Tom and Tina, and everyone at "The Shell" for making this year's Spaghetti Dinner such a great success.

Thank you also goes to **Jim Savieneso**, a local chef, and **Ben Angeline**, who managed the kitchen and made sure that each dinner was ready to be served, hot and fresh, as the orders came in. Thank you to our legion of volunteers who served the meals and to **Joan Sawicki**, who with great zeal, coordinated them.

Last Friday night the delicious smell of apples baking in the oven, mixed with that hint of cinnamon and sugar, drifted up to my room and I thought I was in heaven. Fr. Kevin's world famous Apple Pies – OK, LBI famous pies – were part of the many desserts served at the Spaghetti Dinner. Thank you, thank you, to everyone who made our desserts and helped us end our evening on a sweet note!

JoAnne Reeder, the parish Director of Liturgy, provided us with music all evening. There were times I wanted to polka but I was afraid I would drop a meatball! Thank you, JoAnne!

To the *Spaghetti Dinner Committee*, chaired by **Barbara Truncellito**, our Director of Parish Development, **Amy Marks**,
Director of St. Francis Center Community Development, **Amanda DeFusco**, Coordinator of St. Francis Parish & Center
Public Relations, Volunteers, & Special Events, **Ben Angeline**,
and **Joan Sawicki**, thank you! All of your fine work brought
our Spaghetti Dinner back from the Covid curse!

We had over 40 volunteers helping out at the Spaghetti Dinner. We had over 300 volunteers helping with the 18-Mile Run! WOW! That's impressive. Thank you to everyone who created the meal bags or handed out water along the route or anything else in between that made the race happen. I must say that I was impressed with the 45 + high school students who are part of the Interact Club from Southern Regional High School. Their advisor, Cheryl Conley, along with Don Myers, coordinated their efforts to offer assistance to all of the runners as they finished the race. Even in the downpour, they waited patiently for the next runner to come in and make sure that they were able to make it to the cool down section. What a great group of young adults! Thank you! And thanks to Don and Cheryl for all that you did to make our race happen.

Great thanks goes out to **Steve La Marco**, the Director of Recreation and the Aquatics Center, and to your team for coordinating the 18-Mile Run. Making sure that all of the details get done is no easy task! You did a great job! Thanks to **Wendy Saunders**, the Executive Director of St. Francis Center for all of your support and help with this run.

Thank you to **Long Beach Township Beach Patrol** for your help and to the **Barnegat Light First Aid Squad** who was right there at the end of the race and ready to assist anyone in case they needed assistance.

A great thanks needs to be said to all of the police departments on Long Beach Island. To the Beach Haven Police

Department, Long Beach Township Police, Ship Bottom

Police Department, Surf City Police Department, and

Harvey Cedars Police Department. We are grateful for all of your help coordinating traffic and keeping us safe during the 18-Mile Run, as well as all year through. Thank you for your service.

Finally, thank you to the runners for not only participating in the 2021 18-Mile Run but for your example of dedication, commitment, and determination. Each and everyone one of you are great examples to us that if we put our mind to it, we can do a lot more than we think we can. I'm still convinced that I wouldn't make it past mile marker 2 but you proved to me and to many others that it can be done. Kudos to you and congratulations on your victory!

May God continue to bless all of us with the courage and grace to keep running the good race, fighting the good fight, so we too may know the victory.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM Pastor

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Weekly Reflections...



Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM, Pastora

In the upcoming week we celebrate the feast day of Saint John of Capistrano. I must confess I know more about the Swallows than I do about St. John. The California Franciscan Mission was established by St. Juniper Serra in 1776. There are two different events there. The Swallows travel to and from California to Argentina (I'm told about 12,000 miles round trip) departing California in

October and returning in the northern hemisphere springtime around the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. They then migrate back to Argentina around the feast of St. John on October 23rd. The town celebrates the arrival with the Swallow Day Parade. Usually it is a really big celebration but in the past few years Covid has decreased their festivities. I'm told its quite an event though.

But what about St. John of Capistrano? He was born June 24, 1385. In his youth he was well educated and become the governor of Perugia. Conflict arose and he was imprisoned for a period of time where he had a conversion and joined the Franciscan community in 1416. Scholars tell us he was a student of St. Bernardine of Siena. He was an outstanding preacher. In the later stages of his life he travelled to Germany to preach against the Hussites Heresy. It was noted that he cured the sick and performed other miracles. Now 70 years old, he joined a crusade against the Turks. The victory was on the feast of St. Mary of Magdalen in 1456. He died on October 23rd.

Fr. Kevin Daly, ofm

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"...whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

Jesus gives us a new and different definition for "greatness"... to serve others.

How "great" am I?

St. Anthony Novena

A Novena to St. Anthony
will be held
every Tuesday
after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass
in the Brant Beach Church
beginning this week.
All are welcome.



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.

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

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

Parish Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation
Deacon Robert Cunningham
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor
Fr. John Frambes, OFM

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

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

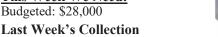
Parish & Center Administration Expenses

This collection will help with the expenses for personnel costs, employee benefits & liability insurance for the parish & center. Thank you for your continued support.

Last Week's 2nd Collection St. Francis Children Services

Collected: \$9,278

This Week We Need:
Budgeted: \$28,000



Budgeted: \$28,000 Collected: \$19,918.50

Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

* * Thank you for your generosity! * *



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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$100,000.00

Gift Count: 386
Donors: 285

Raised: \$59,424.00 Collected: \$56,714.64

Pledge Balance: \$ 2,199.36



2021 Car Raffle Winners!

2021 Jeep Renegade Latitude, Bikini Metallic

Joseph Polizzi, Monteville, NJ (Ticket #2007)



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2021 Compass Sport, Spitfire Orange

Nicole Cicero, Matawan, NJ (Ticket #0013)

2021 Jeep Cherokee Latitude, Bright White





Denise Serico, Long Beach Twp., NJ (Ticket #1738)

2021 Hydro Blue Pearl Wrangle Sport Blue

Rich Jordan, West Nyack, NY (Ticket #0362)



Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153) jclayton@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 *jclayton@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 1]"
Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM,

Brant Beach Church

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

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

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

Franciscan Spiritual Center **Presents:**



Spiritual Direction



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

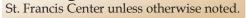
This program calls out to those who desire to live more contemplatively in the world, to grow in union with God and others, and to become more aware, intentional and free. God liberates us and heals us through the practice of contemplative prayer. We will continue meeting by zoom on the 1st Wednesday 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: November 3, 10:30 AM, via zoom

November 13, 10:00 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

Meetings:





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 Kristen Hannah.

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, Sr. Kate Meeting Rm.

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next scheduled zoom meeting: November 11, Room 212

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.

Peace Prayer Project



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

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 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

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Employment Opportunity



<u>Children's Services</u> 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

<u>Positions:</u> Full-time Licensed Counselor and Full-time <u>Bilingual</u> (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselor

<u>Days:</u> 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

<u>Position:</u> 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.

<u>Days</u>: 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

<u>Pay:</u> 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

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS

and those battling cancer.

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,

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.

Spaghetti Dinner







18-Mile Run

OCTOBER 10, 2021 LBI 18 MILE RUN

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Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



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MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT:

St. Francis Senior Services staff are trained State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors for assistance in Medicare A, B, C or D information. Do you know the difference? Medicare A primarily pays for a stay in the hospital, or a skilled nursing facility, B is for doctor's services and outpatient services such as lab tests, C pays for the Medicare Advantage or managed care alternative to traditional Medicare and D of course is the prescription drug plan.

Soon Medicare beneficiaries will once again need to make a decision about their prescription drug coverage. 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 or switch their current Medicare Part D plan in order to have the best coverage beginning January of 2020. And yes, it's best to check each year for changes. Open enrollment is also the perfect time to review your Medicare Advantage plan with a SHIP Counselor to be notified of any changes. What if you cannot afford a Medicare Part D plan? There is federal assistance available for people with Medicare who have limited income and resources. If you qualify, you can receive assistance with premiums, deductibles and prescription co-payments. For an appointment please call (609) 978-6221. We have 3 locations to serve you; LBI, Manahawkin and Berkeley.

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.

Children's Services For information call ext. 114.



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

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

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

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day

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

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 Diary-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers. *Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.

Join our text message alert system to receive alerts about the food pantry and annual projects. TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760 **carrier text message rates may apply**

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

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.

Tot & Tyke Basketball

with Coach John Pampalone Monday-Friday, October 18-22; 4:30-5:15 PM

Fall Basketball Clinic

with Coach John Pampalone Monday-Friday, October 25-29; 4:30-6:00 PM

Co-Ed Recreation Basketball League

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October is National Domestic Violence Month.

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The letter to the Hebrews reminds us we are not alone (Heb. 12:10-2). Each of us is given a "great cloud of witnesses" as we run toward our life's goal. What does this mean, and who are these witnesses? As we approach the month of November, a time of remembrance and thanksgiving, it is good to pause and to name the presence of the love that surrounds us and know the grace of accompaniment.

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