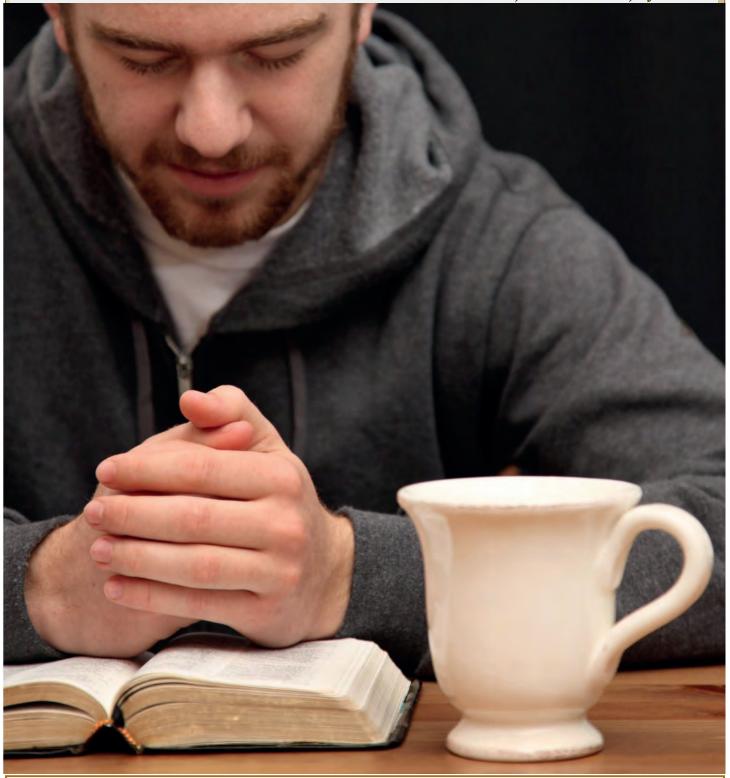
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With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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



Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ			
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, October 22	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Suzanne Thompson Manahan +Mark J. Hrehocik +Benedetta DeVleeschower	Eph. 4:7-16; Lk. 13:1-9 Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Lk. 18:9-14	
Sunday, October 23	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Clarita Heredia +Austin D'Souza +Joseph Burke 10:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski +James Serra +William Hester 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Robert Fallar	Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Lk. 18:9-14	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, October 24	9:00 AM +Frank B. Reilly	Eph. 4:32-5:8; Lk. 13:10-17	
Tuesday, October 25	9:00 AM +Margaret Kohutanycz, ofs	Eph. 4:32-5:8; Lk. 13:10-17	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM, Book Club, Sr. Lunch Room 7:00 PM RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, October 26	9:00 AM +Agnes P. Thackston +Carol Caggiano	Eph. 6:1-9; Lk. 13:22-30	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, October 27	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Eph. 6:10-20; Lk. 13:31-35	
Friday, October 28	9:00 AM +Robert Bell	Eph. 2:19-20; Lk. 6:12-16	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, October 29	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Thomas Lally +Jim Keigher	Phil. 1:18b-26; Lk. 14:1, 7-11 Wis. 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes. 1:11-2:2; Lk. 19:1-10	
Sunday, October 30	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Ricky Heuser 10:00 AM +Marianne Gaudio +Glenn Masucci +Concetta Giammona 11:30 AM +Mike McGurkin +Betty Ann Gavan	Wis. 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes. 1:11-2:2; Lk. 19:1-10	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Mass Schedule Through November 19/20

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, 10:00, 11:30 AM

All Saints Vigil - Monday, October 31, 5:00 PM

All Saints - Tuesday, November 1, 9:00 AM

Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

Emergency Information

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

2. Check Facebook

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

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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



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.

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

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

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

Parish Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation Deacon Robert Cunningham Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor Fr. John Frambes, OFM Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM Parish Office - (609) 494-8813 Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM) Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 Community Center - (609) 494-8861 Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

World Mission Sunday

With this collection, the American Bishops invite us to focus our attention on the great needs of the Church in the Developing World. Your generosity, prayer and personal sacrifice help bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those in need.

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

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: \$28,185 Budgeted: \$28,000

<u>Second Collection:</u>
Parish & Center Administration Expenses

Collected: \$7,571

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

** Thank you for your generosity! **



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



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal raised over \$6 million. 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal began February 19/20. Goal this year is \$6.5 million.

Goal: \$100,000.00

Total Pledged: **\$44,963.00** (45% of Goal)

Total Collected: \$44,138.00.

Total Donors: 185
Total Gifts: 204
Average Gift: \$220.41

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

St. Francis Liturgical Community

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





Spiritual Direction



(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director).

How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions like these are

what you'd like it to be? Questions like these are the focus of spiritual direction or "soul care". The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

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

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 - November 2;

Next in-person session - November 12

Men's Spirituality Group

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

Gospel Inspirations:

"...whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

In the parable addressed to "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else," Jesus tells us to come before God aware of our own sinfulness and with trust in God's mercy.

The Lord is a God of justice who knows no favorites.

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 28, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

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Sunday, November 6, 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 November 2, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Rm.

Survivors of Suicide

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



CELEBRATION FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED ALL SOULS DAY

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 2nd, 7:00PM St. Francis of Assisi Church - Brant Beach

Our parish community will gather for a celebration for deceased parishioners at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 2nd. Family members of those who died during the past year and were buried from St. Francis of Assisi Parish have been sent a letter of invitation. The names of your loved ones have been printed in our Book of Remembrance to be read during the Prayer of the Faithful. If you are not able to attend, you may send or bring a photo to the parish office, attention JoAnne Reeder, and we will be honored to place it in the memorial shrine.

If you have lost a loved one in the last year who was not buried from our parish, we invite you to come and remember with us. Before the Mass on November 2nd, there will be a Book of Remembrance in front of the altar and we invite you to please print the name of your loved one in the Book. Their name will be read during the Prayer of the Faithful and you may bring a photo to place in the memorial shrine when their name is called.

The photos will remain in the memorial shrine in the church until November 19th after which you may pick them up from the sacristy behind the altar.

Please put a name and phone number on the back of the photo.

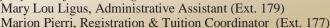
The Mass will be livestreamed.

The Book of Remembrance will remain permanently in the Brant Beach church for those wishing to add the name of a loved one throughout the year.

May God Bless and Keep You.

Family Faith

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





RECONCILIATION and ANOINTING of SICK

The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing. The word reconciliation means 'to be at peace again'.

The Anointing of the Sick is a channel for 'special graces from God that comfort and heal, physically and/or spiritually, people • who are seriously ill and in danger of death'.

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Tuesday, October 25th the topic will be:

> "Reconciliation and Anointing of Sick" (presented by Fr. Andrew)

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).

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

Prison Ministry in Our Parish

" I was in prison and you came to visit me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:36, 40)

There is a prison ministry being started in the Parish. The ministry will bring Eucharist and review the Gospel readings from Sunday Mass. We will be visiting the Ocean County jail in Toms River. Anyone interested please contact Jim Collery jcollery@gmail.com.

World Mission Sunday 2022

Be the Lord's 'Witnesses' in Prayer and Support This World Mission Sunday

Today, World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that in Baptism we are all called by the Lord to be His missionaries: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Joining Catholics worldwide this Sunday, we offer our prayers and generous Financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the Pope's missions.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Pope to provide mission support to:

- 844,000 catechists teaching the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters caring for children and families
- 38,140 seminarians preparing for the priesthood
- 26 mission children in primary schools
- 12,000 clinics caring for the sick and dying
- 8,750 homes for orphaned children and the elderly

Your prayers are most treasured, and they, along with financial help offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, answer Christ's call to be His witnesses. Thank you!

Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday

"You will receive power" from the Holy Spirit: Let us always be strengthened and guided by the Spirit

"When the Risen Christ commissioned the disciples to be his] witnesses, he also promised them the grace needed for this great responsibility; 'You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8) 'Receiving the joy of the Spirit is a grace.

Moreover, it is the only force that enables us to preach the Gospel and to confess our faith in the Lord' (Message to the Pontifical Mission Societies, 21 May 2020). The Spirit, then, is the true protagonist of mission The same Spirit who guides the Universal Church also inspires ordinary men and women for extraordinary missions."



Any gardeners out there?

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

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

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.

Family Support Services

<u>Position:</u> Bilingual Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program-Part Time

Applicants must be <u>fluent in both English and Spanish</u>. 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.

<u>Days:</u> Monday-Friday – Part Time <u>Pay:</u> Starting \$15 per hour (depending on experience)

Recreation- Pool

Position: - Recreation Coordinator- Full time salaried position.

Responsible for supervision of the recreation and pool activities. Must hold or be willing to obtain current Pool Lifeguard certificate, First aid and CPR/AED certificate, and Certified Pool Operator certificate. Responsible for the development, operation, and evaluation of all recreation programs and events.

Provide training and supervision for all Recreation staff.

<u>Days/Hours:</u> Monday-Friday- 40 hrs- some evening and weekend hours may be required

<u>Position:</u> <u>Year-round Part-time Lifeguard</u> 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 weekends- Flexible schedule <u>Pay:</u> \$14 per hour

Counseling Services

<u>Positions:</u> Full-time or <u>Part-time Bilingual</u> (Fluent English/Spanish)
Licensed Counselors

<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.

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

Parish

Position: Director of Parish Development, Full time position

This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events for the St. Francis Parish. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Applicants should have good communication skills and computer skills including, Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Applicants must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged. Days/Hours: Monday- Friday, with attendance at Evening/weekend events required.

Cont'd. in next column

Employment Opportunity - cont'd.

Parish

Position: Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry

Full time position. Previous experience as a volunteer or intern providing services in a parish youth ministry program preferred. Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and to our post confirmation young people to create a vibrant, inspiring, and relevant faith based program that will foster spiritual and faith based growth. Responsible for recruiting volunteers, coordinating outreach service projects and participate in other parish activities. Must be capable of administrative tasks such as developing and managing the program's budget. Must have excellent communication and leadership skills, and must be an active and participating Catholic.

Bachelor's degree required- Theology or Religious Studies or related field.

Days: Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required.

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

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

Praying the Rosary



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

St. Anthony Novena



St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Read our bulletin online at





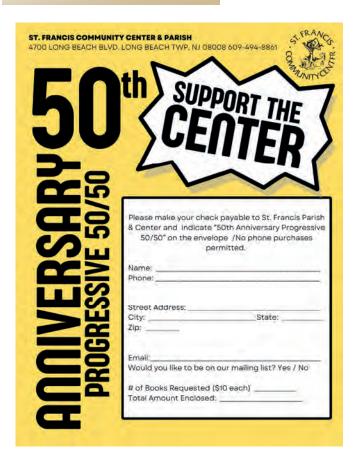
Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

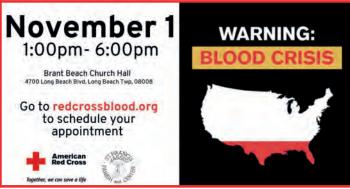
Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram: StFrancisChurchLBI

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

SPECIAL EVENTS







Annual Christmas Craft Show



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

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

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



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

Order of Franciscan Secular





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



\$125

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

8:45 AM St. Francis north side parking lot 9:15 AM Walmart parking lot (Garden Center). [Return: 6:00 PM to Walmart; 6:30 PM St. Francis] Make checks payable to OFS for \$125.

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

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

Benefits Apostolates of the Secular Franciscans



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

Dakota & Elle Christmas Concert



the Date!

Friday, December 9
7:00 PM
St. Francis Church Hall
\$30 / Person

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

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

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Diary-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free or Vegan options, Baby Food, Formula, & Diapers. *Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.

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

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Canned Goods:

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

Pasta Sauce, Small Bags of Rice, Oatmeal, Nutitional 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

Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

•Adult Education Program •First Step to Self Sufficiency •Next Step to Employment

All participants must be verified for eligibility through the Ocean County PIC Office. Programs funded through a grant provided by the Ocean County Department of Human Services. For additional information call: (732) 281-8653

Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

Services are currently being offered via telephone or various online platforms. We have openings for new clients at this time. Please call (609) 494-1554.

Therapy doesn't have to be scary! During this autumn season, let our therapists help you "fall" into better mental health.

St. Francis Counseling Service offers professional and confidential counseling services for residents of southern Ocean County. Call us today (609-494-1554) to complete an intake and discuss your options!

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



Information and Assistance, Telephone Reassurance Calls, Caregiver Assistance Options Counseling: Application Assistance for PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled), Meals on Wheels, SHIP Counseling (State Health Insurance Program), Energy Assistance, JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers) and many more. Socialization, Recreation, and Exercise programs are available - please call for availability.

The LBI Health Department is doing Blood Pressure Screenings the second Tuesday of each Month from 11:00 am - 11:30 am

in the Community Center Senior Lounge. Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111 for more information.



Did You Know??

ST. FRANCIS SENIOR SERVICES

The state of New Jersey is offering a new property tax relief program that is replacing the previous Homestead Benefit program. The Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR) program will benefit a large number of homeowners and includes tenants.

Homeowners

- •\$1,500 for taxpayers with 2019 gross incomes up to \$150,000
- •\$1,000 for those with 2019 gross income above \$150,000 but no higher than \$250,000.

Tenants

•\$450 for those with 2019 gross income up to \$150,000

To be eligible for this year's benefit, homeowners and renters must have occupied their primary residence on October 1, 2019 and file or be exempt from New Jersey income taxes.

How to Apply

Important instructions on how to file for the ANCHOR program started being mailed out on **September 12** to eligible residents.

- Eligible homeowners can apply online or by phone (877-658-2972).
- **Renters** can apply **online** (there is no phone option for tenants, as this is the first time this group will be eligible for property tax relief).

Payments will be issued in the form of checks or direct deposits and sent no later than May 2023 to allow time for application processing and validation. Payments will not be subject to federal or State income tax.

The deadline for filing is **December 30, 2022.**

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period occurs each year from October 15 to December 7.

What Changes Can I Make During the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period?

During the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period, you can:

- Switch from Medicare Advantage to Original Medicare
- Enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan
- Change from one Medicare Advantage plan to another
- Enroll in a Medicare Part D plan
- Change from one Medicare Part D plan to another
- Disenroll from a Medicare Part D plan

Contact our office to schedule an appointment. We have SHIP counselors who are here to help. 609-494-8861

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.

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)

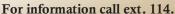
Aquatics

Swim Lessons: All Levels, Aquatic Zumba Aerobics,



Aquatic Zumba Aerobics/Arthritis Aquatic Exercise, Aquatic Exercise

Children's Services





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

Fundraiser for St. Francis **Community Center!**

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

St. Francis Community Center

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

St. Clare Church

56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.

St. Francis Travel

Home Town Travel, 128 Bartlett Ave., Bartlett Commons, Rt. 9 South, West Creek, NJ 08092 Call Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100 Email: hometowntravel@comcast.net



Sightseeing Trips & Cruises



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