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for all!
All are welcome!*

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 17	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM <i>Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi</i> +Dominic N. Bianco 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Robbie Hall	Gal. 6:14-18; Lk. 9:23-26 Am. 8:4-7; 1 Tm. 2:1-8; Lk. 16:1-13	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, September 18	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +John M. Schumacher, Jr. 10:00 AM +Jim Morrison +Laura Opperman +Todd C. Barbuto 11:30 AM <i>Catechetical Sunday</i> +Johanna Griffin, <i>ofs</i> (L)John & Dolores Cannuli <i>67th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Am. 8:4-7; 1 Tm. 2:1-8; Lk. 16:1-13	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi After 11:30 Mass Catechetical Sunday Reception
Monday, September 19	9:00 AM +Peggy, <i>ofs</i> & Hugh McNally	Prv. 3:27-34; Lk. 8:16-18	
Tuesday, September 20	9:00 AM +Margaret Kohutanycz, <i>ofs</i>	Prv. 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk. 8:19-21	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, September 21	9:00 AM +James Elsenbeck	Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt. 9:9-13	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM, Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Mtg. Rm.
Thursday, September 22	9:00 AM +Sofina Truncellito +Betty Ann Goodwin +Rita Neyer	Eccl. 1:2-11; Lk. 9:7-9	2023 Mass Book opens today
Friday, September 23	9:00 AM +Patricia Forsythe	Eccl. 3:1-11; Lk. 9:18-22	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, September 24	9:00 AM +Constance Radomski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Edward Welstead +Marilyn Cipoleno	Eccl. 11:9-12:8; Lk. 9:43b-45 Am. 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm. 6:11-16; Lk. 16:19-31	
Sunday, September 25	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Steven Goodman 10:00 AM +Marc Perugini +Eugene Sweeney +Richard Malone 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Charles Englert	Am. 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm. 6:11-16; Lk. 16:19-31	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Mass Schedule through October 1/2, 2022

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
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, 10:00 AM

St. Clare, Loveladies

Sunday, 10:00 AM *through September 25*

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, September 17	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 18	10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +Harry A. Arnold +Gerald Rote
Saturday, September 24	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 25	10:00 AM (L)Eileen & Stephen McGlynn +Joselyn & Joseph Leo McGlynn +Jerry Rote

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 17	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Terry Lindsay +Fred & Rita Schwing
Sunday, September 18	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Daniel Goodwin
Saturday, September 24	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 25	8:30 AM +Elizabeth Tranzillo +Rosemarie Morreale 10:00 AM +Marianne Gaudio


St. Clare's Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, September 18	(L) Living +Deceased 10:00 AM
Sunday, September 25	10:00 AM

The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi
September 17th 9:00 A.M. 
in the Brant Beach Church

September 17th is the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi. As a Franciscan parish, we celebrate this day as a reminder of the marks that appeared on the body of St. Francis of Assisi 2 years before he died. The marks bore a resemblance to the wounds that our Lord Jesus Christ bore at his crucifixion. The word Stigmata comes from the Greek word "brand" or "mark". On the Feast of the Stigmata, we are called to remember that the marks St. Francis bore recall the wondrous love that our Lord has for us.

"Lord Jesus Christ, who reproduced in the flesh of the most blessed Francis, the sacred marks of your own sufferings, so that in a world grown cold our hearts might be filled with burning love of you, graciously enable us by his merits and prayers to bear the cross without faltering and to bring forth worthy fruits of penitence: You who are God, living and reigning with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen."

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!

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!

Gospel Inspirations: 

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Jesus points out that if we serve people in our community with an honest, loving heart, God will bless our service.

How can I better serve God?

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

2023 MASS BOOK



The 2023 Mass book will open **Thursday, September 22nd**. Anyone wishing to have a Mass celebrated at any of the scheduled Masses during the year 2023 could visit the Parish Office in the Community Center. Phone, mail & email requests will also be taken. Offering for a Mass is \$10.

Parish Office: 609-494-8813 extensions 154 or 155

Email: gsibona@stfrancislbi.org or mhuber@stfrancislbi.org

Mail: St. Francis Parish, 4700 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008

Loved ones may also be remembered by enrolling them in the *Franciscan Mass League*, entitling them to share in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province. Offering is \$5 and \$10.

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Debt Reduction

Did you know we have a mortgage? This collection will help us make our monthly payments and help bring down our debt. Thank you for your generosity.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$29,280.50**

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

Second Collection:

Human Concerns Project

Collected: **\$7,478.50**



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



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: **\$41,353.00** (41% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$40,343.00**

Total Donors: **178**

Total Gifts: **194**

Average Gift: **\$213.16**

*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



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



St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

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

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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



Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as “Catechetical Sunday” - a day on which to celebrate and pray for the church’s mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

This year’s theme is **“This is my Body Given up for You”** - Luke 22:19

From the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization - Directory for Catechesis, the Catechetical Ministry hands on the word in a complete way and witnesses to the reality of the Church.

By virtue of faith and baptismal anointing, in celebration with the Magisterium of Christ and as a servant of the action of the Holy Spirit, the Catechist is:

- A witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God
- A teacher who introduces others to the mystery of God
- An accompanier and educator of those who are entrusted to him/her by the Church

St. Francis of Assisi is blessed to have Catechists who have heard the call to serve the families of our Parish. Their devotion to share their faith without community is inspiring. On Sunday, **September 18th** we will recognize the Catechists of our Parish and thank them for their ministry.

This year as we embark on the family centered catechetical program, our commitment is to assist the parents, as the primary educators of their children in their faith journey.

If you would like to become part of this most important work, please call the Family Faith office.

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 164

“On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over.

Jesus Christ loves you

He gave His life for you

He is living at your side everyday

To enlighten, strengthen and free you”.

Peace be with you,

Judith Clayton

Director Family Faith

The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, October 3, 2022

5:00 P.M. in St. Francis Church

You are cordially invited.....

The “Transitus” is Latin for a crossing or passage and it is the night when we commemorate St Francis’ passage from his earthly life into eternal life with God. Through a series of narratives and scripture, hymns and blessings, we come to know how St. Francis received his Sister Death with such happiness.... how he consoled his brothers not to mourn, but to rejoice. The beauty of his Transitus is both comfort and inspiration in anxious times. Won’t you join us and our Franciscan friars, our deacon and sisters, and the Secular Franciscans as we embrace the Peace of Francis and “renew our own commitment to follow Christ in the way of the poor man of Assisi.”

Peace and all good.

St. Francis Speaks to Me

*“What you are before God, that you are and no more.”
“....when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing that you received, only what you have given.”*



*These words of St. Francis are words I first read many years ago and they touched me deeply, in heart, mind and soul. I have admired St. Francis from the time I was a young boy and he was the saint who talked to birds and his statue was in the neighbors bird bath, to my adult years and knowing him as a man/saint of incredible faith, deep prayer and profound love for all of creation. St. Francis's words I quoted above have been my motto and guide for my daily life. May St. Francis touch your heart, mind and soul also in some special way.

- Joseph-Bernard Snyder, OFS

Are You Thirsty for GOD?



Thirsting for God?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-catholic tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and Communion? They may be thirsting too!

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Tuesday,

September 20th the topic will be:

“Who is God?” - “Who is Jesus Christ?”

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

Sing For Joy

SAINT FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR
FALL/ WINTER SEASON

JOIN US!

No audition required.

All that you need is a love of music, singing, and praising GOD!

REHEARSAL BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 7:00 PM

RSVP your spot by Monday, September 26th

to Michele Beck, Director of Music Ministry, at
mbeck@stfrancislbj.org or 609-494-8813 ext.159

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2022 Hyundai Venue SEL
 Valued at: \$22,190



2022 Honda Civic Sport Hatchback
 Valued at: \$25,960



2022 Ford Bronco Sport Base
 Valued at: \$28,910
 2022 Ford Bronco Sport Base
 Valued at: \$29,070



2022 Nissan Frontier S King Cab
 Valued at: \$34,420

Only 3,500 Books Available

Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only. Scan to purchase online!

Books cost \$100.

Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles.
 Each book may carry more than one name.

Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer.
 The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 8, 2022**

at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Center Gymnasium.
 Winner need not be present.

No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize.
 Winner is responsible for taxes.



stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle

2022 Car Raffle

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate "Car Raffle" on the envelope or purchase online at stfrancisparishlbi.org/carraffle No phone purchases

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

of Books Requested (\$100 each) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____



KEEP CALM
 &
 GARDEN ON!

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.

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 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 - **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: **September 17, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch**

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. **Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles. Next meeting Tuesday, **September 27**, 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, **September 23**, 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, **September 21**, 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.

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

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Employment Opportunity *cont'd.*

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@stfrancislb.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



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

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

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



energy assistance



Struggling to keep pace with rising energy costs? We're Here for You.

New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) is here to connect you with energy assistance and energy-efficiency programs to help manage your energy bills.

Join us for an Energy Assistance Day at a location near you to find out about and apply for grants to help pay your energy bills. State income guidelines have increased, providing greater access to programs for customers who were not eligible in the past.

Long Beach Island
Monday, September 19 – 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saint Francis Community Center
4700 Long Beach Boulevard

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NJNG representatives will be on hand to answer questions and offer personal assistance with the application process.

For more information, contact a NJNG energy assistance specialist at 800-221-0051 and say "energy assistance" at the prompt or email energyassist@njng.com or go to njng.com/energyassistance.

Remember to Bring:

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- Deed or Lease • Government-issued ID for Applicant
- Income Verification for all Household Members
- Utility Bills • Recertification Forms (if applicable)



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.



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.

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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.

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Website at: <https://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/travel>

Community Bulletin Board

Coastal Volunteers in Medicine

730 Lacey Rd., Suite G-6, Forked River, NJ 08731

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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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!*

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