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for all!
All are welcome!*

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



St. Francis of Assisi and the Leper

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 18	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +John M. Schumacher, Jr.	1 Tm. 6:13-16; Lk. 8:4-15 Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, September 19	Catechetical Sunday 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Richard Finan 10:00 AM +Joseph Kirk +Michael Dooley 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancispashlbi 11:30 AM Family Faith Opening Mass
Monday, September 20	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Ecz. 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	
Tuesday, September 21	9:00 AM +Betty Ann Goodwin +Theresa Cilento +James Elsenbeck	Eph. 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt. 9:9-13	7:00 PM RCIA/Adult Faith Enrichment
Wednesday, September 22	9:00 AM +Todd Barbuto +David Bohan	Ecz. 9:5-9; Lk. 9:1-6	
Thursday, September 23	9:00 AM +Patricia Forsythe	Hg. 1:1-8; Lk. 9:7-9	
Friday, September 24	9:00 AM +Constance Radomski	Eccl. 1:2-11; Lk. 9:7-9	
Saturday, September 25	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 11:30 AM Mass of Appreciation & Blue Mass 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Zec. 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk. 9:43b-45 Nm. 11:25-29; Jas. 5:1-6; Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	
Sunday, September 26	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Marc Perugini +Dr. Richard & Mrs. Anne Gove +Jim Morrison 11:30 AM +Joseph Rossi	Nm. 11:25-29; Jas. 5:1-6; Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancispashlbi

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 18	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, September 19	10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds (L)Eileen & Stephen McGlynn
Saturday, September 25	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, September 26	10:00 AM (L)Raymond Auger (L)Jacques Auger

St. Clare Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 18	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, September 26	10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 18	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +James D'orsi (L)Jeffrey, Melba, Barbara, Jorda
Sunday, September 19	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald +Johanna Griffin, ofS
Saturday, September 25	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, September 26	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Dorothy Armstrong +Todd Armstrong

Praying the Rosary

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



A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Can You Hear Me Now?

Funny how that Verizon ad from 2002 still resonates with us. I think we can relate. There are times when we don't know if the person on the other end of our cell phone can hear us. "Can you hear me?" "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?" We get it because we want to make sure that they can hear us and we can hear them.

Listening to the parishioners, there has been one issue in the parish that has been consistent: the microphone system in the Brant Beach Church. About 6 months ago, at the end of Mass, a number of parishioners told me that they could not hear what was being said. After looking into it we found out that the main speaker was not working at all. We fixed that, then the south nave speaker went off line. At times the microphone pack goes on the fritz, or the batteries died, or something else happens.

I know that part of the present system is over 20 years old, because I remember it from my first time at St. Francis in the late 90s. Time constantly changes and with time, all things change. Sometimes it is technology, sometimes it is our hearing [*my mother refuses to get a hearing aid*] and, sometimes it's even the church itself. The present speaker system in the Brant Beach Church was designed and installed when the church was carpeted. Without that sound-absorbing flooring the echo in the church has increased tremendously. It's great for concerts and singing but not necessarily for the spoken word. Whatever the case may be, there are a lot of variables at play when using an amplification system.

Every weekend, Michele Beck, our good and faithful Director of Music, along with her league of cantors and musicians, work tirelessly to lift us up in song to praise the Lord. Between rehearsals and planning, Michele also made sure that we installed the best cameras and equipment in the Brant Beach Church for our online Masses. She continues to oversee the broadcast of our 10 AM Sunday Mass on our Facebook page and our parish website. Additionally, Michele also looks after for the microphones and amplification systems in all of the churches. THAT is no easy task.

Over the past couple of months Michele and I have worked closely with our consultant to see what we can do to upgrade the microphone and speaker system in our church in Brant Beach.

We have placed an order for new speakers and are now waiting for their delivery and installation. While the speakers in the present system are above our heads, the new speakers will be positioned at ear level. The advancement in technology has allowed the speakers to be smaller yet more effective.

Hopefully, once they are installed everyone can answer "Yes" when asked, "Can you hear me now?"

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM
Pastor

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](https://www.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.

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.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"But they did not understand...and they were afraid to question him."

Like disciples, we too are often afraid to question Jesus about what he wants us to do...because we are afraid that we may not want to do it.

What am I afraid of...and why?

Mass Schedule through October 2/3

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

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 (up to September 26)

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

Franciscan Core Values

by the Secular Franciscans

A Series of 15 Minute Reflections

September 27 thru October 1 after the 9:00 AM Mass



Blessing of the Animals

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

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

“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

A Talk On St. Francis of Assisi

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

October 17, 24, 31

Come See The Clams God’s Creatures in Our Nursery



On Sunday, **September 26**, after the 10:0 AM Mass all are invited to visit the **ReClam the Bay upweller** that is tended by members of our parish.

Come see how the clams are cared for and how their growth is monitored.

And learn why we do this.

The upweller is located on the bay side of the Community Center at the end of the driveway.

Weekly Reflections...



Ms. Judith Clayton, M.A., Director of Family Faith Religious Education

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 “*Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed*”

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 collaboration 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 with our community is inspiring. On Sunday, **September 19** we will recognize the Catechists of our Parish and thank them for their ministry.

This year as we embark on a new 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

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.

“*Baptismal Promises*”

Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 PM,

Sr. Kate Meeting Room.

Appeals Box

Second Collection Today:

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.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Human Concerns Project

Collected: \$9,823

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$34,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$34,000

Collected: \$31,873.50

Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Online Giving!

stfrancisparishlbi.org

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **362**

Donors: **273**

Raised: **\$55,124.00**

Collected: **\$52,812.44**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 1,801.56**



Mass of Appreciation

5th Annual Mass of Appreciation & Blue Mass

11:30AM, Saturday, September 25

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Brant Beach

Please join us as we Honor the Men and Women of the US Armed Forces and First Responders who serve our Communities in Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, First Aid, Paramedics, Doctors and Nurses, Veterans, and Health Care Workers.

All are Welcome

Light Refreshments

Sponsored by: Knights For Christ The Healer, Inc.,

Contact: Bill Benedict (973) 464-1529.

knightsforchristthehealer.org

Bagpipes, Color Guard, Presentation of the Colors

Fr. Francis DiSpigno will be the presider for this Mass.

Mass of Celebration

September 23 at 5:00 PM

St. Francis Church, NYC

Fr. Steve Kluge and Fr. Scott Brookbank

celebrate 25 years of their profession of vows as Friars.

We will have the link on our website and Facebook page on or after September 20.

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.

FAMILY FAITH OPENING MASS

for ALL FAMILIES NOW ON

SUNDAY, **SEPTEMBER 19** at the 11:30 AM MASS
RECEPTION IN GYM OF CENTER FOLLOWING MASS
WITH DISTRIBUTION OF PROGRAM MATERIALS.

Help Needed

There are many ways of Finding God. We experience God in liturgical celebrations, private prayer, in classroom settings, retreats, in nature and in one another. The Church calls us to provide faith development for all ages.

The St. Francis Family Faith team will implement a new program that will provide faith development for all ages. This program will be a dynamic and unique learning experience.

Beginning in September 2021, each child in grades 1 to 7 will come to the Parish Center from 5:30 to 7:00 PM for 7 classes **October to April** with a parent, grandparent, godparent or other loving adult to participate in prayer, conversation, sharing, and finding God together.

These gatherings will include scripture, monthly religious themes, art and activities, videos and church visits. Stories of the Lives of the Saints will help to guide spiritual growth. Books and additional materials will be provided for other weeks.

The new Confirmation Encounter program will invite Candidates to attend a series of 3 workshops, a retreat and a reconciliation evening in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament. An opening reception will begin the process for the completion into the full initiation into the Church and how a follower of Jesus continues his Mission.

As our program expands, we are in need of many additional Catechists and substitutes at all grade levels. Please accept this invitation to become an integral part of an important ministry in our faith community. This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith and prayer life as well. Turn your faith into action! The commitment is from the opening Mass in September to April one time per month. All plans and materials are provided.

Please call me for further information or any questions you may have.

Peace of Christ be with you,

Judith Clayton

Director, Family Faith

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: **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: **September 18, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lounge**

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. We will be reading "*Guest House*" by Lucy Foley. Next scheduled meeting: **September 28, Room 102.**

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 for more information. Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **October 6.**

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM via "*Zoom*". Call Sr. Pat McNiff, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **October 14.**

Help Wanted - Altar Server Ministry



GOD IS CALLING!!!

St. Francis Altar Server Ministry needs your child.

My name is Toby McCarthy and I am the Coordinator of this wonderful ministry. This ministry gives your child the chance to participate in the mass and to begin to learn more of what takes place, I would love to have your son or daughter be part of all of this.

I only need you, as the parent, and faithful catholic, to give me your child one Sunday a month, if they desire to do more that is even better.

Please contact me either via email toby121e@comcast.net or text (609) 923-5417 or home (609) 494-1016.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE, all of the kids who now participate are welcoming.

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

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

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Cultural Competency Statement

The St. Francis Center recognizes a culturally diverse community and makes a commitment to the principles of multiculturalism as a means of understanding, accepting, valuing, and supporting cultural diversity. The term Multiculturalism is applied broadly to include issues of minority or marginalized status as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, use of English as a second language, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, spirituality, and the elderly. The St. Francis Center proposes to develop programs and practices that assist staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize, accept, and affirm differences and similarities among people and provide services that are supportive and inclusive of all members of the community.

Employment Opportunity



Preschool Teacher's Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking individuals with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, 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/or experience working with children. Must be 18 or older. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Positions: Year-round- Full-time (with Benefits), Part-time, and substitute

Pay: \$12.00 per hour

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 all work is being conducted from the office however normally the position requires home visits with clients.

Front Desk

The Front Desk is seeking a part time receptionist. Bilingual (English/Spanish) is preferred. Applicants must have experience with customer service, answering telephones, and basic computer software knowledge. Applicants must be able to lift at least 40 pounds.

Position: Year round part-time

Day/Hours: Approximately 15 to 26 hours per week

Pay: \$12 per hour

Part-time employees are eligible for employee discounts and paid sick time

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.

****All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off, life insurance, 403B Matching and more.**

Please send resumes to
abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND CAR RAFFLE DRAWING
OCTOBER 9, 2021
5:00-8:00 P.M.

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER
\$20.00 ADULT
\$10.00 CHILD
(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 IS INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA VIA EMAIL AT ADEFUSCO@STFRANCISLBI.ORG. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR AREA OF INTEREST IN YOUR EMAIL. WE PLAN A MEETING OF VOLUNTEERS AT 3:30. 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



49th 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.



During these uncertain times, although we do not know when our exercise, socialization and recreation programs will resume, please keep in mind we are here for you.

We are still providing the following:

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.

Please call (609) 978-6220 if you are in need of services.

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.

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.

* FALL SESSION II *

REGISTRATION


Monday, October 4, 9:00 AM

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***

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

Did You Know??

St. Francis Counseling Service specializes in trauma work with sexual abuse and assault survivors in Ocean County, providing advocacy and therapy to survivors. In addition, our therapists work with victims of violent crimes throughout the county. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and we can provide support and therapy to survivors of domestic violence. Our therapy services can be accessed by calling our office at 609-494-1554. Our 24 hour confidential sexual violence hotline is 609-494-1090.

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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September is Suicide Prevention Month

To spread awareness, here are some of the signs and symptoms of depression: If you or someone you know is experiencing increased negative self-talk, feelings of being trapped or hopeless, withdrawal, increased irritability or aggression, reckless behavior, loss of interest, depressed/melancholic mood, it may be time to seek help. Remember, this list is not cumulative and mental health is a very individualized experience.

St. Francis Counseling Service serves all populations and all mental health needs within our area. If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms of depression and/or suicidal ideation, please reach out for more information during our office hours at (609) 494-1554.

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Community Bulletin Board

St. John's Roman Catholic Church 619 Chestnut St., Lakehurst, NJ

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September 26, 5:00 PM, Stages & Patterns of Adolescent Substance Abuse
October 3, 5:00 PM, Substance Abuse Among Military Veterans
October 10, 5:00 PM, How to Become an Addiction Professional

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Charity Golf Outing, Monday, September 20
At Blue Heron Pines Golf Club
Purchase tickets online at www.familypromiseoc.org or via our social media pages. Tickets are \$250 per golfer includes cart, lunch, domestic drafts, and dinner reception. 50/50 and hole in one contest. Mulligans \$5 each. Additional information or questions please contact (609) 994-3317.

Interfaith Health & Support Services

Designer Bag Bingo, Friday, September 24
St. Mary's of the Pines Parish Center, Bishop Way, Manahawkin,
Doors open at 5:30 PM and games begin at 7:00 PM.
All proceeds from this event support Interfaith's outreach programs.
Call (609) 978-3839 for tickets and more information.

Coastal Volunteers in Medicine

Saturday, **October 16**, 12:30 PM at
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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. 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 08505.

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