

# THE BRIDGE



With open  
arms for all!

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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St. Francis is a sending Parish to  
St. Mary Academy  
609-597-3800 or visit:  
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## One Parish - Four Churches Summer Mass Schedule through September 4/5



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
4700 Long Beach Blvd.  
Brant Beach, NJ 08008

Reconciliation: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Daily 9:00 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday

Live-Streaming Mass - **Sundays 10:00 AM** [www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
2nd & Atlantic Avenue  
Beach Haven, NJ 08008



Reconciliation: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA  
13th & the Boulevard  
Surf City, NJ 08008



Reconciliation: 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

ST. CLARE  
56th St. & the Boulevard  
Loveladies, NJ 08008



Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers ONLINE GIVING**  
Parishioners who prefer to donate through our Online Giving Service, a  
secure and personalized way to give to the Parish, can visit our website at:  
<http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org>

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

| DATE                      | MASS INTENTIONS  | READINGS   | EVENTS   |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Saturday,<br>September 4  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i><br>3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:00 PM +Janice Baker<br>+Carole Merrigan<br>+Christopher Collinson   | Col. 1:21-23;<br>Lk. 6:1-5<br>Is. 35:4-7a;<br>Jas. 2:1-5;<br>Mt. 7:31-37       |  |
| Sunday,<br>September 5    | 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i><br>8:30 AM +Gerald & Frances Rothstein<br>+William Deck<br>10:00 AM +Romola Ventura<br>+Jack F. Halsey<br>+Lou, <i>ofs</i> & Barbara Taurozzi<br>+Carol Lahiff<br>11:30 AM +John Smith<br>+Artie & Annie Alcide                                    | Is. 35:4-7a;<br>Jas. 2:1-5;<br>Mt. 7:31-37                                     | 10:00 AM <b>Live-Streaming Mass</b><br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>  |
| Monday,<br>September 6    | 9:00 AM +John Sweeney<br>+ Charlie Power   | 1 Cor. 5:1-8;<br>Lk. 6:6-11  | Parish and Center is CLOSED  |
| Tuesday,<br>September 7   | 9:00 AM +Bill Kunz   | Cor. 2:6-15;<br>Lk. 6:12-19  |  |
| Wednesday,<br>September 8 | 9:00 AM +James M. Kempinski  | Mi. 5:1-4a;<br>Mt. 1:1-16, 18-23   |  |
| Thursday,<br>September 9  | 9:00 AM +John M. Schumacher, Jr.<br>+Mary Griffin<br>(L)Andy & Jean Mathews<br><i>60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i>  | Cor. 3:12-17;<br>Lk. 6:27-38   | 7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, via <i>zoom</i>  |
| Friday,<br>September 10   | 9:00 AM +Nancy Venturo   | 1 Tm. 1:1-2, 12-14;<br>Lk. 6:39-42   |  |
| Saturday,<br>September 11 | 9:00 AM <b>9/11 Mass - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b><br>+Raymond Bock<br>+Christopher Cramer<br>3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:00 PM +Margie Pallotti  | 1 Tm. 1:15-17;<br>Lk. 6:43-49<br>Is. 50:4c-9a;<br>Jas. 2:14-18;<br>Mk. 8:27-35 | 9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge   |
| Sunday,<br>September 12   | 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i><br>8:30 AM +Joseph & Judith Filoon<br>+Theresa Calistri<br>(L)Patricia & William Ricco<br><i>50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i><br>10:00 AM +Fr. John Ullrich, <i>ofm</i><br>+Ellen Theresa Sharkey<br>11:30 AM +John Smith<br>+Mark Palmieri | Is. 50:4c-9a;<br>Jas. 2:14-18;<br>Mk. 8:27-35                                  | 10:00 AM <b>Live-Streaming Mass</b><br><a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a><br>12:30 PM Order of Franciscan Secular,<br>BB Church, <i>Election of Officers</i> |

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

| DATE                      | MASS INTENTIONS   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Saturday,<br>September 4  | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>5:00 PM +Giovanna Giampiccolo<br>+Keuper & Pollack Families                                      |
| Sunday,<br>September 5    | 8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i><br>10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i><br>11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> |
| Saturday,<br>September 11 | 5:00 PM +Lou Somogyi<br>+Michael Kormash  |
| Sunday,<br>September 12   | 8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i><br>10:00 AM +Peggy & Charlie Gaydos<br>+Patrick Brazil                                  |

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

| DATE                     | MASS INTENTIONS   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Saturday,<br>September 4 | <u>(L) Living +Deceased</u><br>5:00 PM +Tom & Mary Castagnino<br>+Eugene & Eleanor Patten |
| Sunday,<br>September 5   | 8:30 AM (L)+Maslanka Family<br>10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald                                     |
| Sunday,<br>September 12  | 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>  |

## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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

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

**Faith Formation and Education:** For children ages six through high school. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

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

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

| St. Thomas Aquinas Church<br>2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven |  |
|---|--|
| DATE  | MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Saturday,<br>September 4  | (L) Living +Deceased<br>5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper   |
| Sunday,<br>September 5  | 8:30 AM +Nancy A. Barone<br>+David Bohan<br>+Margaret Martin<br>10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds<br>+Jack Maher<br>+Catherine Hammill<br>11:30 AM +Jocelyn & Joseph L. McGlynn<br>+Molly Trabisco |
| Saturday,<br>September 11   | 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League  |
| Sunday,<br>September 12   | 10:00 AM +Anne Marie Liquori<br>+Joseph Reynolds<br>+Eileen Kelly  |

## Weekly Reflections...

*Saints of God, the Lord be with you!*

In today's Gospel according to St. Mark (7:31-37) Jesus heals a man who is deaf and mute with a simple touch and the simple words, "Ephphatha! Be opened!" I can't help but assume that this is a fulfillment of the prophecy in today's first reading from Isaiah (35:4-7), "God comes with vindication... then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, then the lame will leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing." Isaiah's vision of the Kingdom of God is manifest in the power and love of Jesus of Nazareth.

Of course, fulfilling of a prophecy was wonderful news to some, but it may not be good news to others since Jesus seems to be undermining the political and religious structures of his day. After all, the deaf and the mute, the blind and the lame, were called ritually unclean and as such had no place in society.

The readings invite us to ask and answer the questions, both as individuals and as a parish, "How open are we to those who are physically challenged? How open are we to hear the cries of the poor and needy? What do we fear to say or do on behalf of someone's well being that might upset the apple cart? How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit that invites us to grow in charity towards our neighbor? Do we show partiality to the rich and neglect or ignore the poor, as St. James warns us against in today's second reading (Jas. 2:1-5)?

I like to say sin closes us to the needs of others, and hardens not only our hearts but our ears as well. St. Francis reminds us that it is not enough to read the lives of the saints, it's not enough to read the Scriptures; we are called to imitate the saints and Christ. As Christ reached out to those called outcasts, we, too, are called to do the same.

This week let's reflect on how open we are to our neighbor and to our God. If we find out that we are less open than we think we should be, let's ask Christ to touch our ears and our hearts so that we might hear Him say, "Ephphatha! Be opened!"

Fr. Stevek, ofm

The St. Francis Parish and Center will be CLOSED:



**Monday, September 6**  
in observance of Labor Day.

### GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

*"...and people brought to him a deaf man..."*

**Frequently we too are deaf, spirituality deaf to God's word. It is often through others that our ears are once again open to God's word.**

*How open and willing am I to be spirituality healed of my "deafness" by others?*



## Appeals Box

### Second Collection Today:

#### The Catholic University of America

This special collection is mandated by the Diocese of Trenton for the Catholic University. It was founded by the American Bishops and chartered by the Vatican and is distinguished as the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. The University's parish scholarship program offers annual scholarships to high school seniors accepted for undergraduate study at CU. This annual diocesan collection helps support this initiative.

### Last Week's 2nd Collection

#### Saint Mary Academy

Collected: \$8,872

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$44,000

### Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$39,000

Collected: \$28,737.50

*Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)*

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



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

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

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **357**

Donors: **273**

Raised: **\$55,124.00**

Collected: **\$52,301.44**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 2,312.56**



## Praying the Rosary

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Brant Beach

Monday through Saturday

8:20 AM



## Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist

If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx [host container] to mass. If you forget your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.

## Newly Registered/Baptised/Married and Deceased

June, July, August 2021

### Registered:

|                         |                               |                        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Susan Oswald            | Rodriguez Family              | Raban Family           |
| Ralph Bonadies          | Elizabeth & Allan McCallum    |                        |
| Michael & Susan Clark   |                               | Ralph Cossa            |
| Murphy Family           | Sikorski Family               | Bruno Family           |
| Kim Family              | Bill & Lisa Tyson             | Denis & Lynn Gallagher |
| Acker Family            | Jennifer Gallagher            | Thomas & Diane Frey    |
| James Lowney            | Tedeschi Family               | Knapp Family           |
| Lefanto Family          | James & Sue DePietro          | Jaime Cornejo          |
| DiSalvio Family         | Brian & Sharolyn Hessenthaler |                        |
| Daniel & Mary Kiensicki |                               | Kara Kiensicki         |
| Britton Family          | Johnson Family                | Cortese Family         |
| Battaglio Family        | Vila Family                   | Mary Ellen Schleckser  |
| Greg & Deb Colella      |                               | Ivancich Family        |
| Blanco/Beb Family       |                               | Cruz Family            |

### Baptized:

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Olivia Jeanne Boyle         | Wyatt Michael Hodgson         |
| Jack Paul-Thomas Petrone    | William Thomas Brescia        |
| Marley Elizabeth Nolan      | Matias & Camila Ohl           |
| Autumn Elizabeth Wilkinson  | Bryce Donald Wilkinson        |
| Jason Alexander Mahoney Jr. | Luca Scott Rosenbaum          |
| Robert Lawrence Benson      | Nathan Michael Quaglin        |
| Lenox Jonathan Whitfield    | Gabriel Robert Kasper-Steller |
| Caroline Teresa Doyle       | Ryan Douglas Hoffman          |
| Ruby Jean Cunningham        | Reese Avery Butler            |
| Madelyn Marie Percopo       | Mariana Joy Salazar           |
| Thiago Carlos Salazar       | Daniel Thomas Lamagna         |
| Meadow Rose Meehan          | Jordyn Joan Granatell         |
| Camila & Katalina Tlacocala | Ave Lucia Cawen               |
| Kellen James Lally          | Henry Thomas Moshang          |
| Briar Paige Mlotkiewicz     | Liviana Marie Sindicue        |
| Madison Shea Labita         |                               |

### Married:

Kyle Carter & Rachel Murray  
 Matthew Munns & Gina Bloshuk  
 Michael DeGasperi & Alyssa Conran  
 James Ferrick & Jacqueline D'Avella  
 Kevin Wranovix & Catherine Galton  
 Richard Confoy & Grace Bradley  
 Kevin Pielhua & Jennifer Morgan  
 Stephen Ryan & Tina Bradshaw  
 Benjamin Rotherham & Caroline Lennon

### Deceased:

|                 |                    |                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Valerie Reddam  | Carole Fitzsimmons | Stephen Cafiero   |
| Edward T. Walsh | Pauline Dalley     | Carol Dever       |
| Eugene Kelley   | Frank Friedhoff    | Diane Riccardi    |
| Patricia Kelly  | Anthony Chirico    | Virginia Nicolini |
| Joseph Kelly    | Gladys Ribinsky    | Louis Torcicollo  |
| Leona Davies    | William Schaeffer  | Gerald Vile       |

## Peace Prayer Project

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



## Mass of Healing

We Remember Them  
A Special Mass of Healing  
for those who have suffered the loss of a child.  
**Wednesday, September 15** at 7:00 PM  
**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Brant Beach**

We will gather with all those who have lost a child through death, miscarriage or abortion. It does not matter how long ago or the age of your child. We will remember each precious life and pray for peace and healing for all who grieve as we look forward to the time when we will be reunited once again with our loved ones in God's heavenly Kingdom. The Mass will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend. Fr. Steve Kluge will be the presider for this Mass.

## 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 and begin on **Tuesday, September 21** at 7:00 PM.  
More information to follow.

## Mass of Appreciation

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 All 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](http://knightsforchristthehealer.org)

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

## Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)  
[jclayton@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislbj.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@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:mpierri@stfrancislbj.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@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislbj.org) or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

## 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

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

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your daily life please call:

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

### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

This program calls out to those who desire to live more contemplatively in the world, to grow in union with God and others, and to become more aware, intentional and free. God liberates us and heals us through the practice of contemplative prayer. We will continue meeting by *zoom* on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM for Centering Prayer and Lectio along with resuming our in-person sessions with presentations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September, October and November from 9:45 AM to noon. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: [klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)  
Next scheduled in-person sessions: **September 11, 9:45 AM, Sr.**

### 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**

### 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, **September 12**, 1:00 PM, Brant Beach Church,  
*Election of Officers.*

#### Scripture Study

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 7:00 PM via "Zoom" to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: [tomtroyano@comcast.net](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.  
Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **September 16.**

#### Survivors of Suicide

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



## 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@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancisbi.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer






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



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**2021 Car Raffle**

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | 2021 Jeep Renegade<br>Valued at: \$28,075          |
|  | 2021 Jeep Compass<br>Valued at: \$28,150           |
|  | 2021 Jeep Cherokee<br>Valued at: \$29,305          |
|  | 2021 Jeep Wrangler (yellow)<br>Valued at: \$31,675 |
|  | 2021 Jeep Wrangler (blue)<br>Valued at: \$31,675   |

**Only 3,000 Books Available**  
Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only.  
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 9, 2021** at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium. Winner need not be present. No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize. Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indicate  
 "Car Raffle" on the envelope.  
**2021 Car Raffle**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Books Requested (\$100 each) \_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card purchase must be presented in person. **NO PHONE PURCHASES.**

## Diocese of Trenton

*Help support the Earthquake victims in Haiti.*

Donations will be accepted this weekend at all Masses or visit Trenton Diocese website at [dioceseoftrenton.org](http://dioceseoftrenton.org) for more information.

Donations can also be made through Catholic Relief Services at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

We thank you for your support and generosity!

Please remember this intention in your prayers.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**Spaghetti Dinner**  
**October 9**

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual LBI 18 Mile Race**  
**October 10**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**October 26**

## Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Fall/Winter Brochure** online at [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org) or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

### \* FALL SESSION \*

**Classes start September 11**

#### **Recreation**

Co-Ed Recreation Basketball League (ages 7-14),  
 Tot and Tyke Basketball with Coach Manzo,  
 Fall Basketball Clinic with John Pampalone,  
 All Level Yoga  
 and Pickleball.

#### **Aquatics**

**Swim Lessons:** All Levels (private & group),  
 Aquatic Aerobics,  
 Deep Water Aerobics,  
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**The Indoor Pool**  
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## 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.

## 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.



**Parenting AFTER** - Join this FREE confidential group with other parents managing the world after your child has been sexually abused. Gain support, develop emotional coping skills and learn ways to understand and manage the post-trauma behaviors and emotions of your child.

Group will run for six weeks every Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM and will be held in Toms River, NJ. For information please call Nina Vitale, LPC, St. Francis Counseling Service, (609) 494-1554. Please note: *Group size is limited and registration is required.*

## Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

*Walk-ins are welcome!*

*Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to wear a mask.*

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

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

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

*Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, chickpeas, carrots & mixed vegetables), spaghetti, mayonnaise, ketchup, mac & cheese, ziti, or other pasta, feminine hygiene products, & household cleaning products.*

Due to an overabundance, we **DO NOT** need Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Cereal.

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



### Auto Ownership Program



The Auto Ownership Program at St. Francis Community Center is looking for donated vehicles. Donated vehicles are provided to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients for whom transportation is a major barrier to employment. Cars are donated, repaired, and turned over to clients involved in a work or training activity of the Ocean County TANF program. All donations will receive a letter and 1098c form for tax purposes. Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197 if you are interested in donating.



## Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

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

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

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**October 21-29, 2021**

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Join Father Steve in Iceland (currently waitlisted)

**February 1-6, 2022**

Price \$1,699 per person double occupancy will include: round trip airfare from Newark to Reykjavik, hotel accommodations for four nights (inc. taxes and fees). Two chances to see the Northern Lights\*. A valid passport and proof of COVID vaccination will be required. \*Northern Lights are not guaranteed

Imperial Cities with Oberammergau Passion Play

**September 19-29, 2022**

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For more information or reservations, contact

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or visit St. Francis Parish Website at: <https://www.sfrancisparishlbi.org/travel>

## Community Bulletin Board

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#### September Offerings:

- *Lectio Divina: Divine Cordiality Awaits You. Zoom only*
- *The Maturing of Your Soul. Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life*
  - *Monthly Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*
  - *Personal Retreat Day (September 15)*
- *The Spirituality of the 12 Steps for Everyone*
  - *Come Rest in Me (September 17)*

### St. Joseph's Church

Please join us to pray on the *Vigil of the 9/11 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**Friday, September 10, 7:00 PM**

St. Joseph's Church

685 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ

### Donovan Catholic High School

Calling all Catholic Men!

**September 18** starts our new *That Man Is You!* (TMIY!) series

"The Vision of Man Fully Alive" at St. Joseph's Parish.

TMIY! is a 26-week program that meets early Saturday Mornings in the Donovan Catholic High School Cafeteria. Learn more by calling (347) 450-8753, emailing [TMIYstjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:TMIYstjoseph@gmail.com) or DM us on twitter @SJTMIY.

### Family Promise of Southern Ocean County

**Charity Golf Outing, Monday, September 20**

At Blue Heron Pines Golf Club

Purchase tickets online at [www.familypromiseoc.org](http://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.

## Did You Know??

Our year-round preschool program receives accreditation from the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Only 8% of preschool programs nationwide receive this honor. In order to be accredited, a program must meet 10 high quality standards. In addition, the program is also 4-Star rated Grow NJ Kids program. Through GNJK we have demonstrated our commitment to offering high-quality child care and promoting school readiness. The program is staffed by teachers with either their Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, or a Master Degree in Education. The teachers follow a research based, age appropriate curriculum to teach and provide care for children, ages 13 months to 5 years.

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