

THE BRIDGE



*With open arms
for all!
All are welcome!*

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



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 29th-February 4th, 2023!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, January 28	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Kathy Casey +Dolores K. Smith	Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk. 4:35-41 Zep. 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Mt. 5:1-12a	
Sunday, January 29	8:30 AM +Alfonso J. Passaro, Jr. +Marion Heuser 10:00 AM +Edward & Frank Schwind +Derek Chapman 11:30 AM +Bruce Brodbeck +Jack & Karen Grundy +Honeybelle Goetz	Zep. 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Mt. 5:1-12a	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, January 30	9:00 AM +Edward Maslanka	Heb.11:32-40; Mk. 5:1-20	
Tuesday, January 31	9:00 AM +Richard Pomphrey	Heb. 21:1-4; Mk. 5:21-43	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Room 212 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Plan., Surf City
Wednesday, February 1	9:00 AM +Doris McVey	Heb. 12:4-17, 11-15; Mk. 6:1-6	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, February 2	9:00 AM <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> +James M. Kempinski +Georgeann Esmerado	Mal. 3:1-4; Heb. 2:14-18; Lk. 2:22-40	
Friday, February 3	9:00 AM <i>St. Blasé - Blessing of Throats</i> +Frank McLaughlin +Georgeann Esmerado +Walter Matechak	Heb. 13:1-8; Mk. 6:14-29	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, February 4	9:00 AM +Theresa Byrne 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Clifford Kip Robbins	Heb. 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk. 6:30-34 Is. 58:7-10; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Mt. 5:13-16	
Sunday, February 5	8:30 AM +Donna Weiss +Dorothy Honeywell 10:00 AM +Guiseppe Gencarelli +Helen "Honeybelle" Goetz 11:30 AM +Bruce Brodbeck +Florence Mucci	Is. 58:7-10; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Mt. 5:13-16	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi Order of Franciscan Secular, OFS 12:30 PM Spiritual Life, Fraternity Mtg.

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

Mass Schedule through March 25/26, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM

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

Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

Emergency Information

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

2. Check Facebook

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

Holy Moments

Sr. Pat told a wonderful story at our staff meeting this week. She was in the Post Office and she overheard the conversation between the person ahead of her and the mail clerk. If you have ever mailed a package, you know the question they always ask: "Is there anything liquid, fragile or perishable?" The man said, "No, it's a book. I'm sending it to my children." Curiosity must have gotten the best of the clerk because they then asked a question that I don't think is Post Office approved, "Oh, nice. What's the book?" "Oh my church gave us a book for Christmas and I want to send it to my children to make sure they get a chance to read it."

Now *THAT* is evangelization! I'm not sure who you are but I am so glad that you enjoyed the book *Holy Moments* enough to send it off to your children. Keep spreading the good news!!

As promised, Sr. Pat and I will be hosting a discussion group about the book, *Holy Moments*, on Wednesday, **February 8, at 9:30 AM**, immediately after the 9 AM Mass, in the Sr. Kate Room **OR Thursday, February 9th, at 7 PM**, also in the Sr. Kate Room. You don't need to come to both.

This will be a time to reflect on any insights you may have had when reading the book as well as a time to share any holy moments that you hold on to as we journey forward.

I hope you can join us either Wednesday morning, Feb. 8th or Thursday evening, Feb. 9th.

I know that not everyone finds these group discussions helpful, or perhaps they are just not your style, but if you would like to share your thoughts and insights, I would love to hear them. Please feel free to write me or any of the pastoral staff a note to let us know about your holy moments.

On another note, I do have to share with you some disappointing news. After announcing just two weeks ago that we hired a new Director of Parish Development, life happened, and that arrangement fell through. I am disappointed but, as with all things when they don't go our way, we adjust, regroup, and carry on. I will keep you posted as we carry on.

May God continue to bless you and your families with peace and all that is good.

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.

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 4:00 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 Office

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Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861
Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554
Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407
Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861
Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760
Recreation & Aquatics - (609) 494-8861 ext. 105
Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

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Appeals Box

Second Collection Today: Diocesan Assessment

This Week We Need:
Budgeted: **\$18,000**

Last Week's Collection:
Collected: **\$16,436**
Budgeted: **\$18,000**

Last Week's 2nd Collection
Latin America
Collected: **\$4,386**



(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:	\$57,123.38	(57% of Goal)
Total Collected:	\$56,611.38	(57% of Goal)
Total Donors:	207	
Total Gifts:	236	
Average Gift:	\$242.05	

***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

Presentation of the Lord
Thursday, February 2

On Thursday, February 2nd at 9:00 AM in St. Francis of Assisi Church, we will celebrate the ***Presentation of the Lord*** when Jesus was presented in the temple. This holy day happens 40 days after Christmas, the day we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Jesus as their Lord and their Light. May the candles we light on this day remind us that God is the source of all light. Please feel free to bring a candle from home to be blessed or use one of the candles we will have for you in church.



St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith



Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)
jlclayton@stfrancislbi.org
Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)
Mary Lou McGurkin, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



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

Even though we are only a few weeks into the new year, Family Faith is working on the 2023-24 year's activities and classes.

Registration for next year's sessions will begin in **March**. Families will receive their registration forms during the March classes.

Next year's program for all classes will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays for all grades. We hope this expanded schedule will help our families with their planning. As a

result, we will need many additional catechists to cover all these classes.

If you have ever considered working with the families of our parish, I urge you to call our office and allow me to explain our program and give you an opportunity to see our classes in action and answer any questions you may have.

Catechists are supported in their ministry through programs offered in-house by the Director to help them in this ministry, as well as provided prepared lesson plans for classes.

At present there are 30 candidates for Confirmation, 23 children preparing for First Eucharist and 23 children preparing for First Reconciliation.

The Confirmation candidates will be attending workshops on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Moral Life and Faith in Action followed by a retreat in March. The Sacrament will be administered on **April 21, 2023** at 4:00 pm.

The First Eucharist children will attend a gathering where, along with their parents they will explore the Gift of the Eucharist.

Our First Reconciliation children will have a retreat workshop to review the Rite of Penance, Examination of Conscience and making good choices.

Please pray for all of our children as they continue their faith journey


Judith Clayton
Director, Family Faith

St. Blasé, Bishop & Martyr
Friday, February 3

On Friday, February 3rd at 9:00 AM in St. Francis of Assisi Church, we celebrate the Feast of St. Blasé.

People of faith have come to this Mass for many decades to receive the annual ***Blessing of Throats***. St. Blasé is believed to have cured diseases of the throat. The legend began when Blasé was taken to prison by his adversaries. A mother brought her young son with her in hopes that Blasé could remove the fishbone [or thorn] that had become lodged in the boy's throat. Blasé was able to heal the boy and was also known to heal many other people in prison. At the Mass on February 3rd, the Blessing of Throats will be given with 2 candles held in the form of a cross as the priest prays for the intercession of St. Blasé.

All are welcome!



Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. 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

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* sessions - **February 1 and February 11**

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: **February 18, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch**



The Rosary Project

St. Francis Parish Women's Cornerstone ladies are now collecting gently used rosaries to clean and re-package and send to hospital patients.

Please place your donation of used rosaries in the collection basket in the lobby of the Brant Beach Church and we thank you!

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

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Bible Talks After Mass

Tom Troyano will be doing brief monthly talks on the bible after the 9:00 AM Mass. Next talk Wednesday, **February 8**, 9:30 AM, Brant Beach Church

Book Club

We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM. *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Next meeting Tuesday, **January 31**, 1:30 PM, Room 212.

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, **February 3**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Meets **weekly on Tuesdays**, beginning at 7:00 PM, First meeting Tuesday, **January 31**, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church Hall

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **February 5**, 12:30 PM *Spiritual Life, Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach Church Hall.

Scripture Study

Meets **bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, from 10:00-11:30 AM 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 **February 1**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

Next meeting **February 9**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Gospel Inspirations:



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The Beatitudes remind us that those who live lives of struggle and those who are most compassionate are the ones most favored by God. God's values are not the world's values. Success is altogether redefined by Jesus.

Jesus, help me to act like the blessed disciple you call me to be.

Adult Faith Enrichment and RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you 18 years of age or older and would like to join the Catholic faith Community? Here at St. Francis classes are held for anyone who would like to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, and/or First Communion and Confirmation.

Call Sr. Pat McNiff or Fr. Fran DiSpigno at (609) 494-8813 for more information or to register.



Join us for a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19—29, 2023

VISITING: ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHEBUS
PATMOS * SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI
Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey



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For More Information, Please Contact :
Fr. Andrew Reitz
Tel: (917) 275-5593
Email: areitz@stfrancislbj.org

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

What's Your New Year's Resolution?



Men's Cornerstone Retreat
March 10th & 11th

Maris Stella Retreat Center - Harvey Cedars
Registration Brochures in Church Lobby

Prison Ministry in Our Parish

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

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



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.

Community Center

Counseling Services

Positions: *Full time Licensed Counselor and Full-time or Part-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.

Community Center and Parish

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

Parish

Position: *Director of Parish Development*, Full time position
This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events for the St Francis Parish. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Applicants should have good communication skills and computer skills including, Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Applicants must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

Days/Hours: Monday- Friday, with attendance at Evening/weekend events required

Position: *Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry*, Full time position.

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

Days: Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required


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

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbj.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER & PARISH
4700 LONG BEACH BLVD. LONG BEACH TWP, NJ 08008 609-494-8861



ANNIVERSARY 50th

PROGRESSIVE 50/50

SUPPORT THE CENTER

Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & Center and indicate "50th Anniversary Progressive 50/50" on the envelope /No phone purchases permitted.

Name: _____
Phone: _____

Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____

Email: _____
Would you like to be on our mailing list? Yes / No _____

of Books Requested (\$10 each) _____
Total Amount Enclosed: _____

HOW TO REGISTER

DOWNLOAD, FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE CENTER (OR REGISTER IN-PERSON AT THE CENTER)

FRIDAY 2/10 : IN PERSON REGISTRATION 11AM-5PM
SATURDAY 2/11: IN PERSON REGISTRATION 9AM-12:30PM

\$30 ADULT / \$20 STUDENT

1:00PM

48TH ST BEACH BRANT BEACH

2.11.23

ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER
609-494-8861

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SUPER PLUNGE XIX

FEBRUARY 11, 2023



Swimming

4700 Long Beach Blvd Long Beach Twp 08008 609-494-8861 stfranciscenterlbi.org

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:

Pasta, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Snacks.

Canned Goods: Corn, Peas, Baked Beans, Black Beans, Spaghettios, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Soup, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juice Boxes, Ensure/Boost Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Body Wash/Soap, Toilet Paper, Feminine Products

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??

Did you know that **Educational & Career Services** offers over 20+ Industry Valued Credentials for their participants? The credentials are a recognized degree, diploma, certificate or certification awarded for an occupation that are valued and demanded by employers. Skills learned are transferable and provide broad opportunities, lead to opportunities for continuous or advanced training and education, higher wages, career advancement, and/or increased job security. If you are receiving TANF, GA or Snap benefits, contact your Case Manager at the Board of Social Services or the One Stop for further information.

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.

Aquatics:

Water Tots,
4-Year Old Beginner Swim,
Beginner Level 1 & 2 swim lessons,
Intermediate & Advanced,
Aquatic Zumba Aerobics,
Aqua Zumba/Arthritis Aquatic Exercise,
Aquatic Exercise.

Recreation:

Tot & Tyke Basketball with Coach Manzo,
All Level Yoga,
Tennis Fundamentals (ages 5-12).

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.grownkids.gov.

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

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

Full Day and Work Day

Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2

Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

St. Francis Community Center

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

St. Clare Church

56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies



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

Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

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

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

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.



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**.

St. Francis Travel

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



Sightseeing Trips & Cruises



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