

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



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## ***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, July 23	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Rose Della Piazza 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennetté	Jer. 7:1-11; Mt. 13:24-30 Gn. 18:20-32; Col. 2:12-14; Lk. 11:1-13	
Sunday, July 24	7:15 AM +Charlene Smith 8:30 AM +Adele Petricko 10:00 AM +David Reisia +Giovanni & Anna Paolilli +Patrick Layton 11:30 AM +Aurelio Casiano +Richard Nigro +Gustavo Acosta	Gn. 18:20-32; Col. 2:12-14; Lk. 11:1-13	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, July 25	9:00 AM +Janet, David & Scott Shuker	2 Cor. 4:7-15; Mt. 20:20-28	
Tuesday, July 26	9:00 AM +Edward Sarin +Grayce Lofaro Surace +Agnes P. Thackston	Jer. 14:17-22; Mt. 13:36-43	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 Book Club, Room 212
Wednesday, July 27	9:00 AM +Kay Nigro +Patrick & Catherine Collum +Ralph Nocera	Jer. 15:10, 16-21; Mt. 13:44-46	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, July 28	9:00 AM +Diane Pietrefesa +Louise Casagrande	Jer. 18:1-6; Mt. 13:47-53	
Friday, July 29	9:00 AM +Brian Higgins	Jer. 26:1-9; Jn. 11:19-27	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, July 30	9:00 AM +Louis Martin Efkwowitz 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Michael Murphy	Jer. 26:11-16, 24; Mt. 14:1-12 Eccl. 1:2, 2:21-23; Col. 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk. 12:13-21	
Sunday, July 31	7:15 AM +Margaret McHugh 8:30 AM +Maureen McCloskey 10:00 AM +Laura Oppermann +Jim Curley +Tom Struble 11:30 AM +Lorraine Piela	Eccl. 1:2, 2:21-23; Col. 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk. 12:13-21	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

### Emergency Information

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861.  
There will be a recording.
2. Check Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)  
St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

### Mass Schedule CHANGE - through September 3/4, 2022

#### 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](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

#### St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City

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

#### St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven

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

#### St. Clare, Loveladies

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

#### Read our bulletin online at

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



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](http://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](mailto:vocations@osfphil.org)

**St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy**  
(609) 597-3800 or visit: [www.stmaryknights.org](http://www.stmaryknights.org)

# A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

Letter from the Pastor  
July 24, 2022

The summer is flying by! I can't believe it's the last week in July already!

I will be away next Monday – Friday at a Friars' meeting in Kansas City, Mo. I'm not sure why they picked Kansas City in July! I'll fill you in when I get back.

The end of July also means that the *Festival of the Sea* is just around the corner. This year the *Festival* will be from **Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars! This is the parish's largest *fun-raiser* and second-largest fundraiser, after our annual car raffle.

Last year, the *Festival* was a great success. What pushed it over the top was our then director of development Barbara Truncellito's pursuit of sponsors. I have asked Angela Ominski to chair the FOS Sponsorships this year. If you would like to be a sponsor for the **2022 Festival of the Sea** you can reach us via the QR code or fill out the form below and return it to us at the parish office.



As always, I am most grateful for your generosity, your support, and your belief in who we are and what we do. We, literally, could not do this without you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor

Angela Ominski  
Chair, FOS Sponsorship Committee

Summer 2022

Yes! I would like to be a sponsor for the 2022 Festival of the Sea!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Name to be Published**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Level**

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please make the check payable to St. Francis Parish FOS.*

**Ferris Wheel Sponsorship: \$2,000** – Listed in our FOS Sponsor Book and FOS Sponsor Banner; a sign will be posted on one of our game booths; Unlimited rides for 4 on the night of your choice

**Carousel Sponsorship: \$1000** – Listed in our FOS Sponsor Book and FOS Sponsor Banner; Unlimited rides for 2 on the night of your choice.

**Festa Sponsorship: \$500** – Listed in our FOS Sponsor Book and FOS Sponsor Banner.

**Popcorn Sponsorship: \$250** – Listed in our FOS Sponsor Book.

**Cotton Candy Sponsorship: \$100** – Listed in our FOS Sponsor Book.


St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
	(L) Living +Deceased
Saturday, July 23	3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frank Giusti
Sunday, July 24	8:30 AM +Dr. John D. Barone +Joseph Reynolds 10:00 AM +Harry A. Arnold +Jeffrey Tucker 11:30 AM +J. Thomas McGlynn +Mary & Michael Longo
Saturday, July 30	3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Isabell Haggar
Sunday, July 31	8:30 AM +Marie Vander 10:00 AM +Harry A. Arnold +Bill Dubois 11:30 AM +Josephine & Sam Valentino +Grace Schumann

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
	(L) Living +Deceased
Saturday, July 23	3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Salvatore & Rafaella Giampiccolo +Elizabeth & William Ulmer +Stella & Adam Merkhoffer
Sunday, July 24	8:30 AM +Kevin Bryne +Theresa Byrne 10:00 AM +Russell G. Stein +Kathleen Lentini 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League
Saturday, July 30	3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Raymond Williamson +Raymond Saunderson
Sunday, July 31	8:30 AM +Elizabeth Polifroni 10:00 AM +Bernard McElvenny +Clare Regan 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League

St. Clare's Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
	(L) Living +Deceased
Saturday, July 23	5:00 PM +Jack McCarthy
Sunday, July 24	8:30 AM +Jimmy Mears 10:00 AM +Jim Morrison
Saturday, July 30	5:00 PM +Mark Belli
Sunday, July 31	8:30 AM +Jimmy Mears 10:00 AM +Rosemary Sortor +Gorgie Setzer

**Praying the Rosary**

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



## 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.

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

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

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

### Parish Staff


Michele Beck, Director, Music  
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM  
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation  
Deacon Robert Cunningham  
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM  
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor  
Fr. John Frambes, OFM  
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF  
Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship  
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM

Parish Office - (609) 494-8813  
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153  
Community Center - (609) 494-8861  
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

### Gospel Inspirations:

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you."*



**God, our loving Father hears the pleas of His children. All we have to do is ask and trust that God will provide.**

**Every time we pray, we are heard.**

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection:

#### Summer Priest Stipend

During the summer months, many visiting priests come to our parish to help with over 18 Sunday masses, 3 Saturday confessions & 6 daily masses. This collection will go toward the stipend for visiting presiders at our summer liturgies. We appreciate your generosity.

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$41,000**

### Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$35,353**

Budgeted: **\$41,000**

### Second Collection:

#### St. Francis Parish Ministries: Worship

Collected: **\$9,771**

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

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



**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
**Online Giving!**  
[stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate](http://stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate)

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022

What does **LOVE** have to do with it... *everything!*

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: **\$39,158.00** (39% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$37,396.00**

Total Donors: **174**

Total Gifts: **186**

Average Gift: **\$210.53**

*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](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal)

**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)

## St. Francis Liturgical Community

### Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)

[jclayton@stfrancislbi.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancislbi.org)

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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



Registration for the 2022-2023 Family Faith Year is in progress. Registration information for returning families was distributed during spring classes. If you need a duplicate form, it can be found on the website under Evangelization, then Family Faith Formation.

For **new families**, please call the Religious Education office 609-494-8813 Ext. 153 ask for Judith Clayton, Director.

Our summer hours in the office are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

Tuition fees are not required at the time of registration.

1 Child \$130.00

2 children \$160.00

3 or more \$190.00

A tuition payment schedule can be arranged.

Classes are attended by parent and child once a month September through April. Parents are the primary teachers and Family Faith catechists and team work together with you on the Faith journey.

### Catechists needed.

The Family Faith program is always in need of catechists at all grade levels 1 – 7. Classes are once a month. All materials and lessons are prepared by the Director.

The Art of Catechesis and Loyola Theology courses are offered in house for catechist development.

Requirements: Application Form, Code of Conduct Form, Criminal History Background Check and Virtus Training.

For questions or more information please contact Judith Clayton, 609-494-8813, Ext 153.

**Are You Thirsty for  
GOD?**



Thirsting for God?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-catholic tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and Communion?

They may be thirsting too! RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. "No obligation" – inquiry sessions will begin soon. If interested call Sr. Pat McNiff or Fr. Francis at 609-494-8813.

**2022  
CAR RAFFLE**

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 Long Beach Township, NJ 08008  
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	2022 Hyundai Venue SEL Valued at: \$22,190
	2022 Honda Civic Sport Hatchback Valued at: \$25,960
	2022 Ford Bronco Sport Base Valued at: \$28,910
	2022 Ford Bronco Sport Base Valued at: \$29,070
	2022 Nissan Frontier S King Cab Valued at: \$34,420

**Only 3,500 Books Available**  
Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only. Scan to purchase online!  
Books cost \$100.  
 Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles.  
 Each book may carry more than one name.  
 Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer.  
 The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 8, 2022**  
 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Center Gymnasium.  
 Winner need not be present.  
 No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize.  
 Winner is responsible for taxes.

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

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:

### Spiritual Direction

The "Direction" part of the term Spiritual Direction can be off-putting, even for us as directors. This process is not about one person telling the other what to do – "directing" them. Spiritual companionship or soul-friending might be a better term. "Spiritual Direction" has stuck for some reason, but as Thomas Keating advises: "It is not so much being told what to do as being encouraged to do what we know God and our conscience are asking us to do."

A spiritual director has been trained to listen to the person they are with in collaboration with the Holy Spirit. Thus, one often sees a picture of three chairs to symbolize the process, one for the director, one for the seeker and one for the Spirit! One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

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

### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. In these experiences we support each other in our prayer and faith. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan ([klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**There are NO sessions in August**  
 Next *Zoom* session - **September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 Next **in-person** session - **September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**2022 Car Raffle**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**St. Francis  
Knitting &  
Crocheting Circle**  
*Friday*  
**10:00 am-noon**  
 in the Family Faith Office  
 For more info, please contact  
 Fr. Scott

### Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.

**Book Club**  
 We will meet in person at St. Francis Center in either Room 102 or the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM. *The Girl With The Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. Tuesday, **July 26**, 1:30 PM, Room 212

**Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs**  
 Sunday, **August 7**, after 10:00 AM Mass, *Fraternity Social*, Pool Room in Community Center

**Scripture Study**  
 Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 3:00 PM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: [tomtroyano@comcast.net](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information. Wednesday, **August 10**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Room

**Survivors of Suicide**  
 Meets the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Thursday, **August 11**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

## Employment Opportunity

\*Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 15 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) w/company match, & more.

\* Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable) and Employee Discounts.

### Children's Services

**Position: Teacher's Assistant-** Prefer a background in early childhood education and/or experience working with children. Must be 18 or older. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

**Positions:** Year-round, Full-time and Part time

**Pay:** \$14.00 per hour + New Hire bonus

**Days:** Monday-Friday

### Counseling Services

**Positions:** **Full-time and Part-time Licensed Counselors**  
**Full-time and Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselors**

**Days:** Monday through Friday (Some evening hours required) Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). On-site clinical supervision is provided.

**Must have Current Professional License:** LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

### Maintenance Department

**Position: Housekeeping-** Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Must be able to lift 40lbs and must have valid driver's license. Full time and Part time positions available - Part time up to 29 hours per week and full time 40 hrs/wk with benefits.

**Pay:** Starting at \$13 per hour (based on experience)

**Days:** Monday- Friday

### Education & Career Services

**Position: Case Manager-** The position is located in our Toms River outpost location. Seeking a full-time adult literacy Case Manager to assist unemployed or underemployed students with obtaining the skills, knowledge and experience needed to obtain a High School Equivalency, increase basic skills to enter training and/or self-sufficient employment. BA or BS Degree required with experience working with adult populations with employment and literacy needs. Experience in social services and Spanish/English bi-lingual preferred.

**Days:** Monday- Friday

### Family Support Services

**Position: Bilingual Parent Educator-** Parents as Teachers Program - Part Time

Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Education, Psychology, or related field is preferred. Prefer applicants who have experience working with children (0-5 years), knowledge of child development and parent-child relationships; non-judgmental and empathetic, knowledge about community resources, ability to establish personal/programmatic boundaries while providing supportive services, demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, and maintain confidentiality. Parent Educator will be required to travel throughout southern Ocean County for home visits and must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

**Days:** Monday-Friday - Part Time

**Pay:** Starting \$15 per hour (depending on experience)

### Parish- Religious Education

**Position- Registration/Tuition Coordinator**

This is a part time position, approximately 12 hours per week, with a flexible schedule. Some evenings and weekends may be required. Experience in education and/or ministry is preferred. Attendance at Sunday liturgies, Holy days, and Parish events is encouraged. The coordinator's role will be to streamline the registration process for participants in the Family Faith programs and to track tuition payments. Must have computer skills; including use of email, Microsoft Office, and more.

**Pay-** \$13 per hour

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

Please send resumes or inquiries to [abodine@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancislbj.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## SPECIAL EVENTS



It's that wonderful time of the year, the *Festival of the Sea*, **Tuesday, August 9-Saturday, August 13**  
6:00 - 10:00 PM

when we bring our community and visitors together for a fun filled evening. We are in need of donations of **canned sodas, cupcakes, brownies and cookies.**

Sodas may be brought to the Parish Community Center and placed in the front lobby marked *Festival of the Sea*.

Desserts may be brought to the Parish Community Center beginning **August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark *Festival of the Sea* on them.

Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you there!

## Order of Franciscan Secular



*Yay!! Bus Trips Are Here Again!*



**"David"**



**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**  
**Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster**

All Inclusive: **\$195**

Includes Bus, Show, Lunch, Tips.

11:30 AM Lunch at Shady Maple

3:00 PM Show at Sight & Sound

Bus will depart from St. Francis & Walmart parking lots

Call Cheryl Krzaczuk, ofs, (609) 661-5229

*Benefits Apostolates of the Secular Franciscans*



***Pilgrimage to the Holy Land***  
**A 10 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage**  
**November 30 to December 9, 2022**  
hosted by Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM.

The Bible comes alive as we visit Mt. Tabor, Tiberias, Nazareth, Cana, Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more.

\$3,199 per person from New York (additional transportation charge from LBI).

Email or contact Fr. Andrew at [areitz@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:areitz@stfrancislbj.org) for a brochure.

## 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\*\**

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### Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

**Oatmeal, Nutritional Drinks (ie. Boost), Coffee/Tea, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Body Wash/ Soap, Hand Soap, Diapers Size 5 & 6**

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via PayPal.

### Family Support Services:

To learn more about our programs visit our website at <http://stfranciscenterlbi.org>

- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
- Auto Ownership
- Parents As Teachers
- Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families

## Did You Know??

School is out for Summer BUT the **Human Concerns Department** is already thinking about getting our Kids ready for Back to School!

Sign-ups for the **Back to School Project** began on **Monday June 27**. Sign-ups for the project are held during Food Pantry Hours Monday – Thursday 10am – 2pm and will run until July 28 or when the project is full. The project goal is to provide 150 children with backpacks and school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year for children in Southern Ocean County. All school aged children PreK-12 are eligible to sign up with proof of address and school enrollment (i.e. report cards, attendance records or school records). If you would like to make a donation to the back to school project we are in need of the following: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, erasers, notebooks, composition notebooks, binders, filler paper, pocket folders, safety scissors & rulers.

If you are in need or have further questions about the program please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 171 or 172. For the most up to date information on the Human Concerns Department Food Pantry and upcoming projects text the keyword "PANTRY" to 833-511-0760 to receive updates or information on closings.

## 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.

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Ages: 3 & 4

**July 25 - 29**

Monday - Friday  
9:15 - 10:00 AM  
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Instruction will be given to students with little or no background in gymnastics, including:

- \* vaulting \* uneven parallel bars \* balance beam
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Ages: 5 & Up

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Ages: 4 - 6

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For more information and all inquires please email [jim@familypromisesoc.org](mailto:jim@familypromisesoc.org) or call 848-448-6885. For more information about Family Promise of Southern Ocean County please visit [www.familypromisesoc.org](http://www.familypromisesoc.org).

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