

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



*Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink. Ex. 17:6*

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, March 11	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Norman David Cella	Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32 Ex. 17:3-7; Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn. 4:5-42	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom Men's Cornerstone Retreat, Maris Stella
Sunday, March 12	8:30 AM +Mary Sarin +Jim Raylman 10:00 AM +Patrick Harrington +Marilyn DiLorenzo 11:30 AM +Gary Thorp +Conny Fitzsimons	Ex. 17:3-7; Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn. 4:5-42	<i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, March 13	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	2 Kgs. 5:1-15ab; Lk. 4:24-30	Parish and Center is CLOSED
Tuesday, March 14	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Dn. 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Plan., Surf City
Wednesday, March 15	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Dt. 1:1, 5-9; Mt. 5:17-19	10:00 AM Scripture Study, Room 102 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00 PM The Chosen, Room 212
Thursday, March 16	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons	Jer. 7:23-28; Lk. 11:14-23	9:45 AM The Chosen, BB Church Hall
Friday, March 17	9:00 AM +Josephine & Joseph Onufer +Bill Ruete +Marie Sulkowski +Conny Fitzsimons	Hos. 14:2-10; Mt. 12:28-34	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office 6:00 PM Soup and Stations
Saturday, March 18	9:00 AM +Conny Fitzsimons 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Alphonse Edmundowicz	Hos. 6:1-6; Lk. 18:9-14 1 Sm. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5:8-14; Jn. 9:1-41	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, March 19	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:30 AM +Bruce Brodbeck +Richard Barbuto 10:00 AM +Irene Flanagan +Julia & Sofia Wamsley 11:30 AM +Selma Marie Giberson +Edward W. Shanley +Conny Fitzsimons	1 Sm. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5:8-14; Jn. 9:1-41	<i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>

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

**St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED**

**St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED**

St. Francis Parish and Community Center  
will be CLOSED Monday, **March 13**  
for Mid-March Break

#### 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)



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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)



## 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 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 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.

## 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.

## 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

## Parish Finance Council

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## Emergency Information

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

**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)

## Embrace Our Way of Life

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE

Franciscan Vocation Ministry

Br. Basil Valente, OFM

129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403



## Stewardship

### Second Collection Today:

#### Church Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Living at the shore requires consistent maintenance & repairs to the 4 churches that make up St. Francis Parish. This collection helps us fund the upkeep of our facilities & the significant costs in maintaining our grounds. Please help us serve you by being generous.

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$22,000

### Last Week's Collection:

Collected: \$21,129.13

Budgeted: \$18,000

### Last Week's Second Collection:

#### Franciscan Missionary Union

Collected: \$5,103

*(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)



*6.5 Million Diocesan Goal*

**St. Francis Parish Goal:** \$100,000.00

**Pledged:** \$18,320.00 (18% of Goal)

**Paid:** \$16,047.00 (16% of Goal)

**Total Donors:** 120

**Total Gifts:** 121

**Average Gift:** \$151.40

Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Trenton. Please visit the [stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://stfrancislbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal) for more information from Bishop O'Connell.


## Did You Know??

Did you know that St Francis Parish and Long Beach Island Community Center (St Francis Center) are both qualifying employers under the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)?

Both companies are 501c3 tax exempt organizations according to the IRS. That means that full time employees who have eligible Federal Direct Student Loans can qualify for student loan forgiveness after making 120 qualifying payments (10 years) towards their student loans. This is just another one of the benefits of working for either the Parish or the Center.

To find out more information, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/pslf/>

## Family Faith



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

### WE NEED YOU

(Jesus calling)

Here are some compelling reasons to answer the call to be a catechist in the Family Faith program.

- **Your own faith will come alive**
  - You can participate in a new way in the life Jesus came to give us.
- **You become an active participant in an essential church responsibility**
  - Bring the message of faith to full bloom
- **Show your own family that you value the faith**
- **You will never regret saying "yes" to the call.**

The program here at St. Francis of Assisi provides the support and development for catechists through a variety of program offered in house by the director and Family Faith team. This includes:

- The Art of Catechesis
- Loyola Formation Series
- Virtus Training
- Prepared lesson plans and class activities
- In-service meetings

Please call me to discuss the program and answer questions or concerns you may have.

Come see our classes in action or attend one of our all parish events – Nativity Pageant or May crowning of the Blessed Mother.



### SOUP AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for fellowship and a simple soup dinner and then Journey with Jesus to Calvary as we pray The Stations of the Cross

#### Friday March 17 & 24

Each week we will reflect on 2-3 stations until we complete the journey

**Soup 6:00 PM**

**Stations 7:00 PM**

**PRAY - FAST - GIVE**

Please consider bringing a donation for the St. Francis Food Pantry

**March 17: Oatmeal**

**March 24: Coffee**

Donations of a crock pot of soup are welcome and appreciated. Please bring your crock pot to the church hall between 5:00 and 6:00 PM.

## 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

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. 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!

### 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: **March 18, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch**

### Dinner with Friends

Our first gathering of widows and widowers at "Dinner with Friends" was a wonderful success! We are set to have our second gathering on Wednesday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 5:00 pm in the Brant Beach Church Hall. Notice that we have changed the time and location after surveying last month's folks. We will be alternating the day each month between Tuesdays and Wednesdays to accommodate everyone. Last week we brought our own dinner and drink. You can still do that again if you prefer, but we are going to call for pizza delivery for those who would like to chip in for pizza. We will also get email or text info. so we can send any upcoming info. right to you if you would like. You do not have to attend every meeting...just come as you can. And please feel free to spread the word to other widows and widowers that you know.

For those of you who can not drive at night, please call Angela Ominski to arrange a ride to and from the evening. Her number is 609-618-9974.

We are all looking forward to another pleasant gathering!

Peace and all good,  
Angela, Kathleen & JoAnne

### 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, **April 19**, 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. *Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Next meeting Tuesday, **March 28**, 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, **March 17**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

#### Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Meets **weekly on Tuesdays**, beginning at 7:00 PM, First meeting Tuesday, **March 14**, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church Hall

#### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **April 2**, 12:30 PM, *Fraternity Meeting*, BB 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next meeting Wednesday **March 15**, 10:00 AM, Room 102.

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

Next meeting **May 11**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

### Gospel Inspirations:



*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

**Once again Jesus seeks out someone He is expected to avoid. And the Samaritan woman should have avoided Him—a man and a Jew. Instead she stayed and listened and engaged the stranger. And her life was changed forever.**

*We may have to go out of our comfort zone to encounter Jesus. Jesus will be there. And we will never thirst again.*

### Order of Franciscan Secular



#### *OFS Easter Flower Sale*

**April 1 and 2**

After all masses at  
St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall  
and

After 10:00 mass at  
St. Thomas of Villanova Church, Surf City

*Proceeds help support our various ministries.*





## Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA



### What is “The Chosen”?

Many people have been following the series “The Chosen” but if you are not aware of it, here is a brief description:

“The Chosen” is a media project about Jesus, helping us see Jesus through the eyes of those who met Him. The project shows us how Jesus encounters various people and various situations and how He deals with them. Whether it is a struggling fisherman, someone who is not accepted by his family, a woman who seems to be possessed or a religious leader questioning his beliefs. This portrayal will show Jesus and his approach to these situations and more. Several of these Scripture based episodes will be shown in the Brant Beach Church Auditorium:

**Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM (Room 212)**

**Thursday, March 16 at 9:45 AM (Church Auditorium)**  
(the episodes are the same as those shown the previous evening.)

There will be time after each showing to discuss the episode.

## Adult Enrichment/RCIA Living A Laudato Si’ Lent 2023

(usccb laudato si’)

**‘Praise Be to You My Lord’**  
(Care for our Common Home)  
(usccb laudato si’)

The first line of the letter from Pope Francis, focuses on the care for the natural environment and all people as well as questions of relationships between God, humans, and the Earth.

Living A Laudato Si’ Lent 2023  
(usccb laudato si’)

As we continue with this Lenten season, let us reflect upon the kind of world we are leaving to future generations. We need to look at things differently and must realize that the world is a gift we have freely received and must share with others.

Here are additional examples to reflect upon for Living A Laudato Si’ Lent 2023:

**March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent** - Walk around your place of worship and look for ways to improve on becoming greener.

**March 13** – take a nap today – Good Self Care is part of your personal ecology.

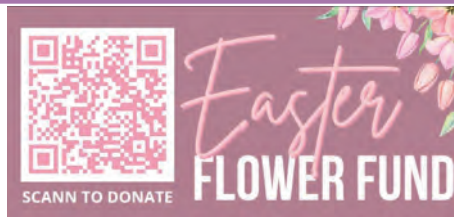
**March 14** – Write or call your congressman on an ecological issue important to you.

**March 15** – How many car trips do you make a week? Try to reduce by one, for each remaining day of Lent.

**March 16** – Turn your thermostat down a few degrees and pray for those who do not have easy access to energy.

**March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day** – Enjoy a slice of soda bread today and reflect on the generosity of those who were involved in its making.

**March 18** – Make an act of contrition today for the ways you have harmed the Earth, our common home.



## EASTER FLOWER FUND 2023

*Help us decorate the Brant Beach, Surf City, and Beach Haven churches from Palm Sunday through The Easter season!*

Memorialize or honor a family member, friend, or a special occasion with your donation

**All donations will be recognized in our  
2023 Easter Flower Fund Donor List**

This list will be updated weekly on our parish website. It will include the names of all donors and who the donations are in memory or in honor of.

**Donations for Easter Flowers, plants, and Art and Environment supplies can be made in any amount.**

or

You can donate toward the purchase of specific items to memorialize

DONATION AMOUNT	
\$100	Large Topiaries & Large Easter Wreaths
\$75	Flowers in Sanctuary Urns for Holy Thursday & Easter Season
\$50	Peace Lilies & Hydrangea
\$35	Ferns & Candle Rings

### Ways to donate to our 2023 Easter Flower Fund

Easter Flower Fund Envelope found with your parish donation envelopes or at the doors of the church

Online donation on our website Scan the QR code or go to [www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/easterflowerfund](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/easterflowerfund)

Thank you for your generous support!

From,

*The St. Francis Parish Liturgical Art & Environment Committee*  
Contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Sunday, **March 12** at 2:00 AM EST  
turn Your Clocks AHEAD One Hour.



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:  
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**SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

## Employment Opportunity

### 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.

#### Children's Services-Teacher's Assistant

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be 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. (13-months to 5-years of age). First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.

**Position:** Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

**Days:** Monday-Friday **Pav:** \$15 per hour

#### Summer Camp Counselor (Seasonal Position)

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be 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. Working with school age children 5 years to 13years of age.

**Position:** Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

**Days:** Monday-Friday **Pav:** \$14.13 per hour

Must be 17 or older and be available 6/20/23 to 8/31/2023  
First Aid & CPR Certified and/or Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus.  
Experience Preferred, but not required.

#### Family Support Services

**Position:** *Parent Educator- Parents as Teachers Program.* 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 – Full time

#### Maintenance Department

**Position:** Full time *Maintenance/Cleaning-* Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Some knowledge/experience in Plumbing, Electric, Carpentry, and HVAC Systems preferred, not required. Assist with scheduled and unscheduled building maintenance, grounds maintenance, setup/take down for events, etc. Must be able to lift 50lbs and must have valid driver's license.

**Pav:** Starting at \$15 per hour (based on experience)

**Days/Hours:** Monday- Friday- Afternoon/Evening hours required (approx. 2pm-10pm).

#### 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

*Cont'd. in next column*

## Employment Opportunity *cont'd.*

**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.**

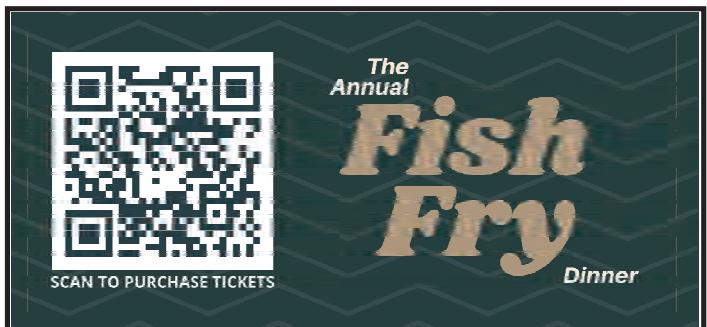
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## SPECIAL EVENTS



**Friday, March 31**

**4:40 - 7:00 PM**

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Includes: dinner, beverage and dessert.

Dine-in or take-out available.

Take-out starting at 4:30 PM

Seating for Dine-in starts at 5:00 PM

Tickets are on sale online and at the Center's Front Desk

A limited amount of tickets will be available the day of the event.

There will be a 50/50 drawing.

*Proceeds to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish*



## 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, Peanut Butter, Baked Beans, Coffee, Canned Chef Boyardee/Chili, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, and Soap.**

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



## ST. FRANCIS PARENT CENTER

Parenting Workshops

### About the Program

This program is interactive and is designed to meet the specific needs of participating parents. Workshop topics include; effective discipline, parenting styles, appropriate behaviors, development regarding ages 0-18, and more. The program will be run weekly - at no cost for participants!

### Contact Us

- Please call (609) 494-8861 x197 for any questions
- [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org)
- 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp. NJ 08008

### Who Can Join?

Any parent in Ocean County is welcome to participate. This program seeks to engage new community members looking for assistance and resources. All virtual workshops will be 1 hour, set to begin at **6 pm**, and will open 10 minutes prior to the start time.

### Upcoming Topics

<b>March 1</b>	123 Magic
<b>March 8</b>	Co-Parenting
<b>March 15</b>	Parenting Styles
<b>March 22</b>	Tantrums
<b>March 29</b>	Gentle Parenting

### Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 832 3235 6512  
Passcode: parenting

## 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.



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### WHAT THE TECH

What the Tech?! is a newly formed volunteer opportunity that connects the tech-savvy youth with older individuals in need of 'techspertise'!



*"My smart phone is smarter than me, I wanted to learn more about how to use it!"*

If you are 50+ and would like to attend, please contact St. Francis Senior Services. All are welcome, for any and all tech questions!

If you would like to VOLUNTEER and use your IT, interpersonal, and communication skills to help older people acquire digital skills, please reach out to Katherine Pelican.

St. Francis Senior Services  
609-494-8861 ext. 109  
Katherine Pelican 551-427-1107

## Recreation & Aquatics

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

**Lifeguard Training - Hybrid Class** Ages: 15 & Up  
This course is certified by the American Red Cross. You must have strong swimming ability. Bookwork will be completed online with some in-person days required for practical tests. Upon successful completion, participants will receive an American Red Cross Certification in Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED & Preventing Disease Transmission.

### IN PERSON (required)

Wednesday, **March 29**, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday **April 1**, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, **April 2**, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



*Attendance at the listed dates and times is required.  
There will be no opportunities to make-up missed classes.*



## 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.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.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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- Adult Education Program
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- 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*

## 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**.

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**DONATE THROUGH APRIL**  
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When survivors of sexual assault present to the hospital, their clothing is often taken for evidence. St. Francis Counseling Service and the Sexual Assault Response Team of Ocean County are accepting donations of **NEW** clothing items so survivors have clothes to go home in.

Needed items include stretch pants or joggers, t-shirts, children's underwear, and small blankets for children. Items should be in a variety of sizes and gender neutral colors. Please use our QR code to view our Amazon Wish List!



All donations can be dropped off in the Community Center Lobby Monday through Friday 9am - 6pm or sent to:

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For more information or questions please contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or [dronin@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:dronin@stfrancisbi.org). Thank you for all your support!

## Community Bulletin Board

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#### **ENCOUNTER THE WISDOM OF CELTIC SPIRITUALITY**

Friday, **March 17** 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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#### **THE QUIET MAN**

Monday, **March 20** 9:30 AM - 1:15 PM

In a world of texting, tweeting, emailing, instant messaging and blogging, take a "shh," moment and acquaint yourself with St. Joseph. Listen and learn from his silence, so that your actions may become as life-giving as his. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20

#### **SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND**

**March 17 - 19**

7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday

Liturgy, spiritual direction and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly. Donation: \$165/\$65 non-refundable deposit with registration.

### Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is open every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (except holiday weekends) and the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM. We are currently not taking any clothing donations. We offer free clothing to women in need. Vouchers are available at food pantries, churches, Stafford Community Center at the door. For further info call Madelyn. 609-276-3308.

### Family Promise of Southern Ocean County

1001 S. Main St., West Creek, NJ 08092

Join Us on **April 2** for the **Bunny Hop 5K Fun Run & Walk** Family Promise of Southern Ocean County and Stafford Township are hosting the Bunny Hop 5K Fun Walk/Run in support of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign on Sunday, April 2 at the Stafford Township Municipal Complex in Manahawkin. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Southern Ocean County. Register to run or walk at <https://www.raceforum.com/bunnyhop>



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