

With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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

First Eucharist Celebrants May 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven St. Clare of Assisi, Loveladies

Ava Cato
Lorenzo DarConte
Hannah Erb
Quinn Flannery
Thea Flynn
Emily Garabedian
Avery Glines
Aubrey Hoover
Brooks Johnson
Dylan Kawka
Michael Lee



Logan Lee
Bryce MacLennan
Flynn Maloney
Briella Manochio
Grant Marais
Lena Mohr
Sadie Neumann
Kaitlyn Posa
Giovanni Santora
Connor Starr
McKenzie Zorda

Peace and Blessings to All!

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 22, 2022

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, May 21	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Rosemarie B. Wirth 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennette +Anne C. Gove +Barbara Truncellito	Acts 16:1-10; Jn. 15:18-21 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14:23-29	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm. 4:30 PM Blessing of the Lifeguards, Aquatic Center
Sunday, May 22	8:30 AM +Richard Finan +Edward Shanley +Judith Filoon 10:00 AM +James "Butch" McCaffrey +Margared "Maggie" Onorato +Salvatore Mazzella 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14:23-29	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, May 23	9:00 AM +Janet Lundy +Dr. Richard Gove	Acts 16:11-15; Jn. 15:26-16:4a	
Tuesday, May 24	9:00 AM +Harry Snyder +John Skvarek & Family	Acts 16:22-34; Jn. 16:5-11	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, May 25	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn. 16:12-15	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Room
Thursday, May 26	9:00 AM +James M. Kempski +Agnes P. Thackston	Acts 18:1-8; Jn. 16:16-20	
Friday, May 27	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Acts 18:9-18; Jn. 16:20-23	
Saturday, May 28	9:00 AM +Francis Brian Reilly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Ascension of the Lord - Vigil +Fran Jennette +Lenny Jackson +Margaret "Maggie" Onorato	Acts 18:23-28; Jn. 16:23b-28 Acts 7:55-60; Rv. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn. 17:20-26	
Sunday, May 29	Ascension of the Lord 7:15 AM +John Connelly 8:30 AM +Gerald & Frances Rothstein 10:00 AM +Patricia Alma Smith +Harry Snyder +Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chirip 11:30 AM +Carmela Picone	Acts 7:55-60; Rv. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn. 17:20-26	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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.

In Observance of Memorial Day
St. Francis Parish & Community Center
Will be CLOSED
Monday, May 30

Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

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Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



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

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

A Letter From The Pastor...





Letter from the Pastor The Six Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

Getting Ready!

Are you ready? The traffic lights will be turned back on tomorrow. It's not one of my favorite days of the year but, truth be told, it is a good day. With the increase of people coming to Long Beach

Island the lights are helpful for everyone, especially if we're trying to make a left turn out of our parking lot! It also means that summer will soon be here.

We have been preparing and getting things ready. To usher in the summer, we will be hosting a *Spring Beefsteak Dinner* on June 3rd here in our St. Francis Center. The *December Beefsteak Dinner* was such a hit that we thought why not spread the fun and have one in the spring as well. I do hope you can join us. The meal is delicious and a lot of fun is had by all. Tickets are on sale and can be picked up in the Center.

Also, our *Annual Garden Party by the Sea Fashion Show* will be June 22nd at the Bonnet Island Estate. A great thanks to Chris Vernon for allowing us to use the beautiful BIE for this event. Tickets are on sale and can be picked up in the Center.

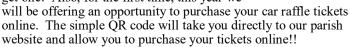
A great thank you to all of our sponsors for your support of both of these events and to all the members of the committees that make them happen! Please check the bulletin or our parish website for more details on both of these great events!

Two other signs that summer is here are also in the works.

The different committees for the *Festival of the Sea* have been meeting to make sure this is another great year for the festival. This year the festival will be Aug. 9-13, 2022. Mark your calendars!

AND... the *Car Raffle*! You have probably already noticed this year's selection of cars for our annual car raffle. We have two

Ford Broncos, a Nissan Frontier, a Honda Civic Sport, and a Hyundai Venue. Causeway Ford was very helpful and worked closely with us to offer us an exciting variety for this year's raffle. You should be receiving a letter from me with the flyer and the details of each car. If you do not, please let me know and I will make sure you get one! Also, for the first time, this year we



Finally, I will also be sending out a letter asking for volunteers for the *Festival of the Sea*. As you can imagine, we do need a lot of people to give of their time to make the FOS happen. We literally could not do it without our volunteers. If you have not volunteered for this before, I will tell you, it is a lot of work, but it's a good work. It is also a lot of fun and something that adds that right spice to make it a great summer! If you do not receive a letter and would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office and let us know when you are available.

It looks like it will be a great summer. I'm ready! I hope you are too!

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM Pastor

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven					
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS				
Saturday, May 21	(L) Living +Deceased CLOSED				
Sunday, May 22	CLOSED				
Saturday, May 28	5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper +Susan Bulman +John Cahill				
Sunday, May 29	8:30 AM +Dorothy M. Keegan 10:00 AM +Millie & Anthony Cammarata +William A. Ward				

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City					
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS				
Saturday, May 21	(L) Living +Deceased CLOSED				
Sunday, May 22	10:00 AM +Loretta McGinn				
Saturday, May 28	5:00 PM +Anna & Thomas (Hap) Cerebe +Joseph DiSpigno				
Sunday, May 29	8:30 AM +Bob Tarantino 10:00 AM +John T. "Jack" Miaskowski +Amanda Decker +Marie Pisani				

St. Clare's Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies				
DATE MASS INTENTIONS				
Saturday,	(L) Living +Deceased			
May 28	5:00 PM +Elvira Belli			
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League			
May 29	10:00 AM +Jim Morrison			

The Good News of Easter:



"My peace I give you."

THIS peace is what Jesus is giving us.

"All we have to do is to open ourselves to it."

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 3:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

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

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

<u>Marriage</u>: 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.

<u>Pastoral Visitations</u>: 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

Fr. Stephen Kluge, 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

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Friary Maintenance

St. Francis Parish has a large complex of buildings that includes the house where the friars live. It takes a great amount of personnel and financial resources to maintain and care for this old house. Thank you for your generosity.

May 28/29 — Ascension Envelope

This Week We Need: Budgeted: \$22,000

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$20,763.50** Budgeted: **\$22,000**



Second Collection:

St. Francis Children Services

Collected: \$5,498

(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: \$32,294.00 (32% of Goal)

Total Collected: \$29,470.00

Total Donors: 151
Total Gifts: 158
Average Gift: \$204.39

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

Peace Prayer Project

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



St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153) jclayton@stfrancislbi.org

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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

Family Faith would like to congratulate the 23 Confirmation candidates. Some of our newly confirmed will now be serving the parish as altar servers and lectors.

We thank the parishioners who took prayer cards and prayed for our First Communion children. As part of their final preparation, the children attended a gathering where they learned about vestments and the Last Supper. Each child crafted a replica of a chalice to have for their home prayer space.

Our closing activity for the year will be a prayer service crowning of the Blessed Mother and a pizza party for their families.

As the summer months begin, take time to see God everywhere at work in the world; in the sunrise and sunset, or the rolling ocean, time spent with family and friends on a vacation, or a new baby in the family. Every ordinary event can be seen as the extraordinary gift of

Some suggestions: 5 ways to create a faith filled environment

- On-line resources for Parents
- Leave faith-related books and magazines where they can be seen (don't forget the car)
- Create a household altar where family members can place meaningful objects. Tell about the objects – or let them speak for themselves.
- Don't be afraid to say "Hallelujah" or "Praise God" when something good happens.
- If you don't have the answer to your child's problem, say so. Then take it to God together.
- Wedge holy cards in mirror frames. Tuck prayers under pillows. Years later, they'll be fondly remembered.

On-Line resources for Parents:

- 3-Minute Retreat 3 minutes a day, 24 hours of peace. Loyola's online retreat invites you to experience a daily prayer break with Scripture and reflection
- http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-
- Special Needs a special needs website that provide informative articles, videos from experts in the field of special needs, and other resources for families with children with special needs. http://www.loyolapress.com/special-
- Family fun engaging questions to spark fun and creative family conversations. Hours of family fun and faith-talk are just a click away. http://www.loyolapress.com/family-fun
- Sunday Connection the Sunday connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way. http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection
- Additional Resources Ignation Spirituality.com and blogs such as People for Others and Other6 nurture the faith of the online community. You can also find Loyola Press on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Additional Easter Flower Remembrances 2022

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all who contributed to our Easter Flower Fund. Your generous and kind spirits

have made possible the beautiful flowers and decorations that have added so much to our celebration of this holy season. Peace and all good.

Cherry Blossoms & Large Easter Wreaths for the Church Sanctuary Donor: In Memory of:

Helen M. Lally Ed & Helen Lally

Dr. & Dr. Todd Schmoll

Mrs. Constance Siuta Richard Kiewra Mrs. Dorothy Van

Flowers for Sanctuary Urns

Mr. & Mrs. David Burns Partridge & Burns families John B. Christiano Mr. & Mrs. Richard DiPadova DiPadova & Orefice families Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Esmerado George & Ann Esmerado Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kenny Bernard III Mrs. Patricia Monaco Monaco & McErlean families

Robert & Patricia Sattler The Sattler & Crotty families Frank & Sue Zabita Pannetta & Zabita families

Peace Lilies and Hydrangea

Louis Calisti Mrs. Frances Calisti

Raphaela Giampiccolo The Deceased Members of the

Giampiccolo

and Destefanco families

Mr. & Mrs. Karl Heuser Deceased Members of Brindley, Heuser, & Weber families

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Kulinski

Easter Flowers, Plans & Art Environment

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Ahern Ahern family

Mrs. Tracy Brown Ms. Patricia Cabot

Dennis J., Mary Caston, Mary Weber, & Rich Cabot Joseph Choquette Deborah Choquette Mrs. Patricia Conroy Deceased Members of the

Hilger & Conroy families Agnes & Howard Phelan Mrs. Agnes Ekert Ronald P. Owen

Mary Owen Dennis Riveron

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Stretch Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Troyano Mr. & Mrs. James Ulrich

Shelley Wyatt

Ascension of the Lord Mass Schedule

The weekend of May 29th we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorating the day when the risen Christ, in the sight of his apostles, ascended bodily into heaven. Many dioceses have transferred the solemnity to the 7th Sunday of Easter from Thursday, May 26th allowing more of the faithful to attend Mass and celebrate this important day in our Christian lives.

Masses for Weekend of May 28/29, 2022

Beach Haven	Brant Beach	Surf City	Loveladies
5:00pm	5:00pm	5:00pm	5:00pm
-	7:15am	-	-
8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
	11:30am		

Brant Beach - Live-Streaming Mass - Sunday 10:00 AM www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Monday, May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Mass 9:00am in Brant Beach







Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, endure in prayer

SAVE THE DATE WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2022

Women's Cornerstone Invitation
For Women of St. Francis Parish & Friends (18+)
If you've never had the experience of
Women's Cornerstone
this could be the year for you to take time for yourself,
or for someone that you love.

Friday, October 21 to Saturday October 22

Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information:

lgf finelli@hotmail.com or 609-332-8366

Help Needed in St. Clare's Church



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"Here am I Lord, I come to do your will."

The St. Clare Church in Loveladies will open for Memorial Day on May 28/29. It then will be closed until July 2/3 when it will be open for the summer, We very much need Eucharistic Ministers, including Coordinators and Host Transfer Ministers for the 5:00pm Saturday Masses and the 8:30am Masses. If you have ever thought that you would like to be a minister in order to serve your brothers and sisters, this would be a wonderful time to start. We are in need, and you can help. We will be very happy to train you if you have never been a Eucharistic Minister.

The Lord calls each one of us to the challenge and joy of discipleship. We are called to serve one another. We are called to serve the Church!

Please contact Arlene Morrison, our St. Clare's Church EM coordinator, at *morrison23j@comcast.net*

Or call JoAnne Reeder at the St. Francis Center 609-494-8861 Ext 164.

Peace and all Good!

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 four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

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.

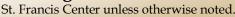
On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us! Next **Zoom** session - **June** 1st

Next in-person session - June 11th with Sr. Marcy Springer presenting

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Steve to reserve your place. Next scheduled meeting: May 21, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room.

Meetings:





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.

A Fierce Radiance by Lauren Biefer.

Tuesday, May 31, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, June 5, 12:30 PM *Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach Church Hall

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* for more information.

Wednesday, May 25, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Room

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, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Thursday, June 9, 7:00 PM, Room 212

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Employment Opportunity

*All full-time positions are offered benefits including
Health Care, Paid time off (w/ additional earning for
years of service), approx. 15 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B
(retirement plan) with company match, and more.

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

<u>Children's Services</u> Toddler Room Supervisor

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Bachelor's degree in early childhood education is required and experience working with Toddlers (13 months-2yrs of age) is preferred. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Position: Year-round, Full-time

Pay: \$14.50 per hour *A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding. More information will be provided in the interview*

Days: Monday-Friday

<u>Children's Services</u> <u>Teacher's Assistant</u> (Toddler & Preschool)

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

<u>Pay</u>: \$13.00 per hour *A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding. More information will be provided in the interview*

Days: Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

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

<u>Days:</u> 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

Bilingual Caseworker

<u>Position:</u> Full Time Employment. <u>Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish.</u>

Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills, familiar with factors which influence child abuse and neglect, valid driver's license, and a minimum of High School Diploma, preferred Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) or related field. Case worker will be required to travel throughout Ocean County for home visits and provide transportation to clients.

Days: Monday-Friday

Senior Services

<u>Position:</u> Full time Caseworker (Outreach and Information Assistance Worker)

Days/Hours: 40 hours a week- Monday-Friday

Pay: \$13 per hour

Must have Phone/Communication, Computer & Organization skills Must have valid driver license. Due to COVID-19 restrictions most work is being conducted from the office however normally the position requires home visits with clients.

Maintenance- Housekeeping

Position includes: Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Must be able to lift 25lbs. Part time position - Monday through Friday – up to 29 hours per week. Pay: \$13 per hour

**Background check and fingerprinting required for all positions.

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS







Tickets: \$55.
Available at the Front Desk.
For more information on sponsor opportunities please visit our website at:
www.stfrancisparishlbi.
org/fashion-show
or on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/
stfrancisparishlbi

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 Diary-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:

Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Body Wash, Hand Soap, Dish Detergent, Coffee

Canned Goods:

Corn, Peas, Carrots, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, Chick Peas, Spaghettios, Beef Stew, Chicken

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

Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Spring 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, Intermediate & Advanced Swim Lessons, Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, Arthritis Aquatic Exercise and Spring Swim Clinic

Recreation

All Level Yoga, Pickleball, Nightly Recess with Mr. LaMarco

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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Did you know that **St. Francis Counseling Service** offers affordable mental health services to residents of Southern Ocean County as well as several groups on various topics? Our licensed counselors and social workers provide professional clinical services for a variety of mental health concerns, including anxiety, depression, and PTSD. We know the pandemic has had an effect on everyone's mental health and we are here to help! Access our services by calling 609-494-1554! Our services are hybrid-offered both in person and virtually.

Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownjkids.gov.

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

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 will be doing
Blood Pressure Screenings
the second Tuesday of each Month
starting June 14th from 11:00 am - 11:30 am
in the Community Center Senior Lounge.
Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111
for more information.



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



Imperial Cities with Oberammergau Passion Play September 19-29, 2022

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217 South Central Ave., Surf City

The Friends of the Island Library is sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show at FDR Park on **Tuesday**, **June 14**th. The bus departs from the Long Beach Island Library on Central Avenue in Surf City at 9:00 am and leaves Philadelphia at 4:00 pm to come back to the library. The cost is \$89 per person, which includes round trip bus transportation and one ticket to the show, which is regularly \$50 at the door. Sign up by coming to the library or email questions or your request for tickets to *lbifatheoceancountylibrary.org*. Tickets are available for sale through **May 26**.

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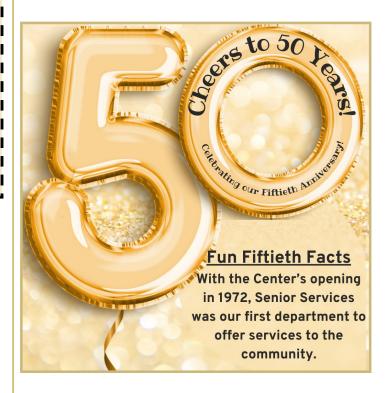
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Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

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