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for all!
All are welcome!*

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 10	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Richard Hans Gove 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Nancy Venturo +John Patrick Kelly II	1 Cor. 10:14-22; Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm. 1:12-17; Lk. 15:1-32	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, September 11	7:15 AM +Dr. Elizabeth Whelan 8:30 AM +Gene Sweeney +Jan Peterson +Marcia Haffmeister 10:00 AM +Marie Sulkowski, <i>ofs</i> +Jim Morrison +Edward W. Shanley 11:30 AM +Donald Frace +William H. Kelly, Jr. (L)Bill & Marianne Malone <i>51st Wedding Anniversary</i>	Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm. 1:12-17; Lk. 15:1-32	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30 PM OFS Fraternity Meeting, BB Church Hall
Monday, September 12	9:00 AM +Richard "Dick" Arnold +William Douma	1 Cor. 11:17-26, 33; Lk. 7:1-10	
Tuesday, September 13	9:00 AM +Jackie Dunphy	1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk. 7:11-17	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, September 14	9:00 AM +Eugene Sweeney	Nm. 21:4b-9; Phil. 2:6-11; Jn. 3:13-17	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September 15	9:00 AM +James M. Kempiski +Gene Sweeney 7:00 PM <i>Our Lady of Sorrows, Loss of a Child</i>	1 Cor. 15:1-11; Jn. 19:25-27	
Friday, September 16	9:00 AM +Margaret Kohutanycz, <i>ofs</i>	1 Cor. 15:12-20; Lk. 8:1-3	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, September 17	9:00 AM <i>Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi</i> +Dominic N. Bianco 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Robbie Hall	Gal. 6:14-18; Lk. 9:23-26 Am. 8:4-7; 1 Tm. 2:1-8; Lk. 16:1-13	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, September 18	<i>Catechetical Sunday</i> 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +John M. Schumacher, Jr. 10:00 AM +Jim Morrison +Laura Opperman +Todd C. Barbuto 11:30 AM +Johanna Griffin, <i>ofs</i> (L)John & Dolores Cannuli <i>67th Wedding Anniversary</i>	Am. 8:4-7; 1 Tm. 2:1-8; Lk. 16:1-13	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> 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.

Praying the Rosary

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



Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



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



Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram:
[StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/StFrancisChurchLBI)

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA

Vocation Office vocations@osfphil.org

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 10	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM (L)Anne Sullivan
Sunday, September 11	10:00 AM +Raymond Bock +Harry A. Arnold +Gene D. White III
Saturday, September 17	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 18	10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +Harry A. Arnold +Gerald Rote

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 10	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Giovanna Giampiccolo
Sunday, September 11	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Scott Hirsch +Christopher Cramer
Saturday, September 17	5:00 PM +Terry Lindsay +Fred & Rita Schwing
Sunday, September 18	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Daniel Goodwin

St. Clare's Church
56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, September 11	(L) Living +Deceased 10:00 AM
Sunday, September 18	10:00 AM

Mass Schedule

September 10/11 through October 1/2, 2022

- St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach**
9:00 AM Daily Mass
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM *in Brant Beach only*
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
- St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City**
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven**
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 10:00 AM
- St. Clare, Loveladies**
Sunday, 10:00 AM *through September 25*

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.

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

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Human Concerns Project

Our Family Support Services Department is an important component of our efforts in homelessness prevention. Our services include workshops on parenting support, violence prevention, anger management, the Food Pantry, utilities assistance, auto ownership of Ocean County & annual projects. Grants, donations & this collection support this crucial work. Thank you for your generosity.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$37,200**

Budgeted: **\$44,000**

Second Collection:

The Catholic University of America

Collected: **\$10,125**

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
stfrancisparishlbi.org/donate

ANNUAL **CATHOLIC** 2022 Appeal 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: **\$40,853.00** (41% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$39,831.00**

Total Donors: **178**

Total Gifts: **193**

Average Gift: **\$211.67**

***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

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)

Catechists needed.

The Family Faith program is in need of catechists at all grade levels 1-7. Catechists are especially needed in Grades 4, and 5. Classes are once a month. All materials and lessons are prepared by the Director. Please consider being a part of this most important ministry.

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.

RCIA

Classes begin **Tuesday, September 13th**



Searching for a Spiritual Home?

Our "no strings" inquiry series begins
Tuesday, September 13th

The topic will be:

"What makes us Catholic?"

Join us at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing of the Parish Center. Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact: Sr. Pat McNiff or Fr. Francis at 609-494-8813.

Help Wanted - Altar Server Ministry



CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS

Would you like to take a more active role in mass? If you do, why not sign up to be an altar server. We need young people [after First Communion] to help with priests and/or carry the cross in the procession at the beginning and end of mass. Your participation in the mass is a rewarding and beautiful ministry.

Have your parents contact Ms. Toby McCarthy via email toby121e@comcast.net or call/text (609) 923 5417.

Parents, don't worry...Ms. Toby will do the training, and your child will serve only ONE mass per month.

2023 MASS BOOK



The 2023 Mass book will open **Thursday, September 22nd**. Anyone wishing to have a Mass celebrated at any of the scheduled Masses during the year 2023 could visit the Parish Office in the Community Center. Phone, mail & email requests will also be taken. Offering for a Mass is \$10.

Parish Office: 609-494-8813 extensions 154 or 155

Email: gsibona@stfrancisbi.org or mhuber@stfrancisbi.org

Mail: St. Francis Parish, 4700 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach Twp., NJ 08008

Loved ones may also be remembered by enrolling them in the *Franciscan Mass League*, entitling them to share in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province. Offering is \$5 and \$10.

Welcome!

To all of our guests, **Welcome to St. Francis Parish!**

We would love to get to know You!

You will notice Welcome envelopes in the pews and at the doors of the church. If you would like to let us know a little about you and/or become a bit more involved in our parish, please fill out the form inside the envelope and place it in the collection basket, hand it to an usher at the end of Mass, or return it to the Parish Office at your convenience.

We hope you enjoy your stay on Long Beach Island and that you continue to make St. Francis Parish your parish at the Shore!

Greetings from the Department of Evangelization and Family Life!

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the **October 2 and October 9 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing** events. All couples married validly in the Catholic Church who are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary - **1st, 25th and 50th** or more, are invited to attend the anniversary blessing.

Couples may register themselves online from the main Anniversary Blessing web page:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or a designated member of the parish staff may complete the registration form for the couple from the parish-only web page: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/anniversary-blessing-parish.

Questions? Contact Peg Hensler; phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org; 609-403-7156.

St. Francis Speaks to Me



One day Francis was moved by the Holy Spirit to approach a leper, offering a bit of comfort, a few sympathetic words. It was a HUGE thing to touch one so outwardly disgusting and despised by society. With this single act of grace Francis was transformed. As he showed mercy to this outcast, he came to experience God's gift of mercy to him. He began to minister to the lepers, treating them with love, not as refuse to be fled from in horror, and his perceptions changed.

I have learned to question my first impressions. We are called to look for the divine seed in everyone: in the annoying neighbor; in the maddening relative; in the person we disagree with vehemently, whose positions we believe to be wrong and even harmful; in the addict passed out on the sidewalk; in the business employee who is rude or apparently lazy; in the other; in the person who has hurt us deeply. When we look for the divine seed in everyone, we begin to see God everywhere, as Francis did, and we are changed.

--A Secular Franciscan

An Invitation...

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis, As we approach the Feast Day of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi, we look forward to remembering a saint who had such a huge positive impact on the Church and the world. One of our many celebrations will be the **Transitus**, the passing of our Holy Father Francis to eternal life with our Heavenly Creator.

We invite all to please join us for this beautiful celebration on **Monday, October 3rd at 5:00 PM** in the Brant Beach Church.

Peace and all good be with you.

Our Lady of Sorrows

St. John Paul II tells us that Mary, "who is the Mother of Sorrows and also the Mother of Consolation, can understand you completely."

On **September 15** at 7:00pm in St. Francis of Assisi Church, there will be a Mass to celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows**. We invite all who have suffered the loss of a child or a miscarriage as well as all who wish to join us as we remember and pray for our loved ones.

Gospel Inspirations:

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



God's love for us sinners is extravagant and personal.

Show the same mercy to others and trust in the promise.

2022 CAR RAFFLE

Sponsored By:
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
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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

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 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



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. 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 **in-person** session - **September 10**

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 Fran to reserve your place.
 Next scheduled meeting: **September 17, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch**

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. *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.
 Next meeting Tuesday, **September 27**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room.

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, **September 16**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

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 Sunday, **September 11**, 12:30 PM Mass, *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.
 Next meeting Wednesday, **September 21**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Rm.

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

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 *No phone purchases*

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 # of Books Requested (\$100 each) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Any gardeners out there?

Over 20 years ago we set up different garden teams to care for the grounds of our four churches. They have done a great job but we are looking for some more volunteers to help.

If you are interested, please contact Paul Chambers at (609) 713-2622.

KEEP CALM & GARDEN ON!

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.

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)

Recreation- Pool

Position: Year-round Part-time Lifeguard for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. MUST currently possess Red Cross pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification.

Days: Monday-Friday, and/or weekends- Flexible schedule

Pay: \$14 per hour

Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator

Position: Full time, 40 hours week. The coordinator is responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing Special Events for the Community Center and Parish as well as developing new events and fundraisers. The coordinator will be responsible for recruiting new volunteers from among the parish, the center, and from the larger LBI community. This position is also responsible for overseeing and assigning volunteers for special events and for various programs throughout the Center and Parish. Applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Office. Must have Valid Driver's License and be able to lift at least 40lbs. Expertise in communication, social engagement, and working cooperatively with others.

Days: Monday- Friday, attendance at various night and weekend events is required

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Employment Opportunity *cont'd.*

Parish - Religious Education

Position: Registration/Tuition Coordinator

This is a 12-hour part-time, weekday position, with a flexible schedule. The focus of this position is to streamline the registration process for families with children in the Family Faith programs, and to track tuition payments. Coordinator must be fingerprinted for the Diocese of Trenton, submit references and attend the workshop, "Protecting God's Children for Adults". Applicant should be detail oriented and self-motivated with good organizational skills and computer experience (Word, Outlook, Parish Soft). Visibility is encouraged in parish and community events.

Pay: \$13 per hour

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

Please send resumes or inquiries to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



Beefsteak Dinner

Friday, December 2, 2022

\$40

Dave Sodano Entertains

50/50 Prize Auction Cork draw

BYOB and a Food Bank Item

Doors open at 5:45 PM; Dinner at 6:15 PM

Groups of 6 or more can save a table



Order of Franciscan Secular



**Bus Trip to Tropicana
Classic Hits & Holiday Show
Motown, Pop, Rock & Doo Wop
Featuring "Modern Gentlemen"**



Thursday, December 1, 2022

\$125

includes: bus, show, \$25 slot credit, bus driver tip.

Bus will pickup:

8:45 AM St. Francis north side parking lot

9:15 AM Walmart parking lot (Garden Center).

[Return: 6:00 PM to Walmart; 6:30 PM St. Francis]

Make checks payable to OFS for \$125.

Mail to: Cheryl Krzaczyk, ofS, 111 E 12th St., Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008-4519

Email chumsley@comcast.net Cell number 609-661-5229

Benefits Apostolates of the Secular Franciscans

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Canned Goods:

Vegetables, Baked Beans, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, Soup, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Beef Stew

Pasta Sauce, Small Bags of Rice, Oatmeal, Nutritional Drinks, Coffee/Tea, Shelf Milk

Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Body Wash, Diapers Sizes 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*



Struggling to keep pace with rising energy costs? We're Here for You.

New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) is here to connect you with energy assistance and energy-efficiency programs to help manage your energy bills.

Join us for an Energy Assistance Day at a location near you to find out about and apply for grants to help pay your energy bills. State income guidelines have increased, providing greater access to programs for customers who were not eligible in the past.

Long Beach Island
Monday, September 19 – 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saint Francis Community Center
4700 Long Beach Boulevard

We are following recommended guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of New Jersey.

NJNG representatives will be on hand to answer questions and offer personal assistance with the application process.

For more information, contact a NJNG energy assistance specialist at 800-221-0051 and say "energy assistance" at the prompt or email energyassist@njng.com or go to njng.com/energyassistance.

Remember to Bring:

- Social Security Cards for all Household Members
- Deed or Lease • Government-issued ID for Applicant
- Income Verification for all Household Members
- Utility Bills • Recertification Forms (if applicable)



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.



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

Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554


Services are currently being offered via telephone or various online platforms. We have openings for new clients at this time. Please call **(609) 494-1554**.

St. Francis Counseling Service

SEXUAL VIOLENCE ADVOCATE TRAINING

Are you interested in supporting survivors of sexual violence? Our no cost 40-hour training will certify you to advocate for people who have experienced sexual violence. Once trained, you will be on call to provide crisis intervention, educational information, and resources to survivors. All potential advocates encouraged to apply. Bilingual advocates needed.

THURSDAYS 6 - 9PM
SEPTEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 22
Location: Stella Towne Center, Toms River



To apply and schedule an interview, please contact Delaney Cronin at dcroronin@stfrancisbi.org or 609-494-1554

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Saturday 12:00 - 12:45 PM

Advanced (ages 8 & up)

September 17 - October 29

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Community Bulletin Board

Friends of the Island Library

Friends of the Island Library is hosting its
Annual Author Luncheon featuring Kestie Patch-Bohrod
Wednesday, September 14 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM
at Daddy O in Brant Beach.

Tickets are \$40, which includes a plated lunch, 5 raffle tickets for drawings for gift cards from local businesses & sweet treats to take home. The author has published three mystery thrillers; her first is based on the true story of a well-known LBI land developer who also turned out to be a Russian spy. Purchase tickets with cash or check at the Long Beach Island Library at 217 S. Central Avenue in Surf City.

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2nd Annual Family Promise SOC Golf Classic
on **Monday, September 19, 2022**

at Blue Heron Pines Golf Club

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Shotgun start at 1:30 PM

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Sponsorship opportunities may be found at the same link.

For more information and all inquires please email jim@familypromisesoc.org or call 848-448-6885. For more information about Family Promise of Southern Ocean County please visit www.familypromisesoc.org.

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Interfaith Health & Support Services will once again hold their popular annual fundraiser, Designer Bag Bingo on **Friday, September 23** at St. Mary's of the Pines Parish Center, Bishop Way in Manahawkin, NJ. All proceeds from this event support Interfaith's outreach programs for the frail elderly in our community.

Stunning handbags (Kate Spade, Cole Hann, Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs, Coach and Tumi) will be awarded to winners. Gift baskets and door prizes will be raffled off and this year there will be a 50-50 so there are many ways to win big!

Tickets are still \$40 and must be picked up in advance at the Interfaith office at 56 Nautilus Drive in Manahawkin. Previous events have sold out so all are encouraged to reserve their tickets early!

Doors open at 5:30 PM and games begin at 7:00 PM. Coffee, tea and desserts are included in the ticket price. Bring your own food; no alcohol. Questions? Call 609-978-3839.

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