

# THE BRIDGE



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

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



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St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia*

## *St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers ONLINE GIVING*

*Parishioners who prefer to donate through our Online Giving Service, a secure and personalized way to give to the Parish, can visit our website at: <http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org>*

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 24	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Constance Radomski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Edward Welstead +Marilyn Cipoleno	Eccl. 11:9-12:8; Lk. 9:43b-45 Am. 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm. 6:11-16; Lk. 16:19-31	
Sunday, September 25	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Steven Goodman 10:00 AM +Marc Perugini +Eugene Sweeney +Richard Malone 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Charles Englert	Am. 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm. 6:11-16; Lk. 16:19-31	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a>
Monday, September 26	9:00 AM +Agnes P. Thackston	Jb. 1:6-22; Lk. 9:46-50	
Tuesday, September 27	9:00 AM +Leon J. Santilli	Jb. 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk. 9:51-56	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 1:30 PM Book Club, Sr. Lunch Room 7:00 PM RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, September 28	9:00 AM <i>Our Lady, Untier of Knots</i> +Chris D'Ettorre	Jb. 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk. 9:57-62	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September 29	9:00 AM +Phyllis Ryan +Albert Virili	Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn. 1:47-51	
Friday, September 30	9:00 AM +Ursula McDowell	Jb. 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk. 10:13-16	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, October 1	9:00 AM +Leon J. Santilli 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Louis Ferrante +Bunnie Bellotti	Jb. 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk. 10:17-24 Hb. 1:2-3, 2:2-4:2; 2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10	10:00 AM Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 2	<i>Feast of St. Francis Weekend Celebration</i> 7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Jean Giordano +Joan Cunningham +Steven Goodman 10:00 AM +Matilda Stein +Edward W. Shanley +Carl & Helen Filipovsky 11:30 AM +Edice L. McGill +Rocco Milano +Charles Black	Hb. 1:2-3, 2:2-4:2; 2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 12:30 PM OFS <i>Fraternity Meeting</i> , BB Church Hall

### Mass Schedule 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](http://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*

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)

### Emergency Information

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

#### Read our bulletin online at

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



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



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

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA

Vocation Office [vocations@osfphil.org](mailto:vocations@osfphil.org)

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

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 24	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 25	10:00 AM (L)Eileen & Stephen McGlynn +Joselyn & Joseph Leo McGlynn +Jerry Rote
Saturday, October 1	5:00 PM +Jeffrey Tucker
Sunday, October 2	10:00 AM +Mrs. Nancy A. Barone +Arlene Felber

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 24	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, September 25	8:30 AM +Elizabeth Tranzillo +Rosemarie Morreale 10:00 AM +Marianne Gaudio
Saturday, October 1	5:00 PM +Mike McGurkin
Sunday, October 2	8:30 AM +Rosemarie Morreal 10:00 AM +Richard Heuser

St. Clare's Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies	
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, September 25	(L) Living +Deceased 10:00 AM



**SAINT FRANCIS ADULT CHOIR**  
FALL/ WINTER SEASON

**JOIN US!**  
No audition required.

All that you need is a love of music, singing, and praising GOD!

**REHEARSAL BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 7:00 PM**

**RSVP your spot by Monday, September 26th**  
to Michele Beck, Director of Music Ministry, at  
[mbeck@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:mbeck@stfrancisbi.org) or 609-494-8813 ext.159

## A Letter From The Pastor...



Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,  
Pastor

### New Director of Development, FOS & Car Raffles

One of the lessons I learned from my time at St. Bonaventure University is that the school would never be able to operate on tuition alone. There is a surprising tone to that since we all know that tuition for a college degree is very expensive, but it is true. The same can be said for a parish. We do need to have a variety of fundraisers throughout the year to help bridge the gap between the Sunday collections, bequests, gifts and donations, and our annual expenses. From my experience at St. Bonaventure, I saw the need to hire a Director of Development for the parish to coordinate and advance the initiatives that bridge our budgetary gap. Sadly, with Barbara Truncellito's passing, we need to fill the position much sooner than any of us had anticipated. We have just begun a search for a new Director of Development. The position is posted on the local search engines as well as our own website. We are looking for someone who, believing in the mission and work of St. Francis Parish, has the experience and skills to coordinate the variety of events that will allow our parish to continue to grow and move forward. If you are interested in the position, I would invite you to visit our website to learn more about it and submit your resume to Amy Bodine, our Director of Human Resources.

Related to that, I also would like to report to you that after sifted through all the details, the Festival of the Sea 2022 added \$55,996.81 to our general fund. That is a great help to us, and we certainly could not meet our expenses without it. Once again, I thank everyone who made it possible. Thank you to all the volunteers, committee members, sponsors, and everyone who attended. The other good news I share with you is that as of Wednesday, Sept. 21st, we only have 203 car raffle books left! If you are planning to take a chance on this year's cars, I would suggest you do it quickly. I have no doubt that we are going to sell out once again. Finally, if you like pasta, you are going to love this year's Spaghetti Dinner. Joe and Lorri D'Orsi are preparing the tomato sauce already. [I have already had a sample... you won't want to miss this.] The spaghetti dinner is Oct. 8 in the St. Francis Center, the night of the car raffle drawing. You can purchase your tickets at the front desk at the Center or on our webpage. It is a lot of fun. I hope you can come and enjoy the evening! May God continue to bless you and your families with peace and all good!

Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM  
Pastor



## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

**Emergency Information:** Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: [schoolclosingsnj.com](http://schoolclosingsnj.com) and [facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](https://facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi).

**Evacuation Information:** In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

**Parish Registration:** The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

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

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

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

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

### Parish Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music  
Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM  
Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation  
Deacon Robert Cunningham  
Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM  
Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor  
Fr. John Frambes, OFM  
Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF  
Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship  
Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM  
Parish Office - (609) 494-8813  
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
(Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)  
Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153  
Community Center - (609) 494-8861  
Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

### Gospel Inspirations:

"...lying at his door was a poor man..."



The message is clear: those who have much cannot ignore the suffering of those who have very little.

Let's resolve to do more to relieve the suffering of the poor.

## Appeals Box

### Second Collection:

#### St. Francis Ministries - Peace & Justice

This collection helps the parish fulfill the vision of the friars of Holy Name Province in their work on behalf of Justice, Peace, and the integrity of Creation. Thank you for your support.

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

### Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$27,904**

Budgeted: **\$38,000**

### Second Collection:

#### Debt Reduction

Collected: **\$8,944**



(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)



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: **\$43,858.00** (44% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$42,873.00**

Total Donors: **179**

Total Gifts: **196**

Average Gift: **\$223.77**

*Thank you for your generosity  
in contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal.  
It was greatly appreciated!  
We look forward to your continued support.*

Visit the parish website for a  
YouTube video on the  
Annual Catholic Appeal by Bishop O'Connell at:  
[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/annual-catholic-appeal)



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+)

Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars

Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information:

[lgf\\_finelli@hotmail.com](mailto:lgf_finelli@hotmail.com) or 609-332-8366



## St. Francis Liturgical Community

### Family Faith

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

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

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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



### Parish Celebrations for the Feast of St. Francis



**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**10:00AM**

**Brant Beach Church (Rain or Shine)**

Please come by with or without a pet. The animals will be blessed and receive a St. Francis medal. It is a wonderful way to recall Francis' love for all creation.

All are welcome!

**October 2/3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Weekend Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis**

**Regular Weekend Schedule**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi. In these times of war and conflict, we are reminded that Francis knew that "warfare unleashed the worst in men's hearts" and that his path to peace was never to shed blood, but to show understanding and love, and to spread the Word of God. We pray for peace in the many countries around the world now at war or in conflict including Ukraine, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Myanmar, South Sudan, and Syria. May we follow in the footsteps of Francis and learn to live lives of peacefulness and love.

**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi**

**5:00PM**

**Brant Beach Church**

There is a tradition among Franciscan communities to commemorate the Transitus (passing or death) by distributing the small almond cookies that were St. Francis' favorites. They were made by his friend, Lady Jacoba Pico, who was summoned to Francis as he lay dying. She quickly came to him bearing the almond confections and the cloth she used to make the brother's robes, candles, incense, and a beautiful white burial cloth. Since women were not allowed into the room where Francis lay, he called out to her "Brother Jacoba" and she was able to enter. At the Transitus this year, the Secular Franciscans will be distributing the homemade almond cookies. We sincerely hope you will join us at 5:00 PM on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate this beautiful and spiritual service.

All are welcome!

**Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of St. Francis**

**9:00AM Special Daily Eucharist**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church.**

Please join us in the hall after Mass for refreshments.

Happy Feast Day!

## St. Francis Speaks to Me



When I take time to notice God's creation, I think of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creation. The wisdom of Francis is alive whenever we take the time to appreciate God's gifts including people, animals, plants, the sun, the moon and absolutely everything.

If Francis could share his thoughts with us perhaps he would say, "As I sought to follow Jesus closely, I began to see the world as God meant for it to be. I became more aware of all God's creatures, the largest and the smallest. I began to see how even a blade of grass or the smallest pebble are gifts from God and worthy of respect. Through peace, love, forgiveness, we can see God who is all loving."

He might add, "Live the Gospel life. Take care of God's creations. Be loving and peaceful. Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

-Jean Roberts, OFS

### St. Francis, the Transitus, and the Almond Cookies

What do each of these have to do with the other? Simple answer, almond cookies were St. Francis of Assisi's favorite treat. For many years they were made for him by his dear friend, Lady Jacoba Pico. As he lay dying, she went to his side and brought the almond confections. Along with his brothers, she was with him when he welcomed Sister Death and passed from this earthly life to everlasting life. This was the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi. It is a beautiful way to celebrate our Franciscan spirit. Like many Franciscan Parishes, our Secular Franciscans will be making and giving out homemade almond cookies, the favorite treat of St. Francis as we honor the humble man who is the patron saint of our parish. We hope you will join us for this special celebration! All are welcome!

**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM**

RCIA



### Come Journey with us . . .

Whether you were born into the Catholic Faith and are looking to deepen your faith, or inquiring about becoming Catholic, please join us as we explore, rediscover, and share our Catholic Culture. Each week a new topic is offered to enrich your faith journey.

The topic for **September 27<sup>th</sup>** is:

**"What is Church?" and "How are we Church?"**

If you are looking into fully realizing your faith walk with the Catholic church by baptism, holy communion, or confirmation you are invited and encouraged to join us at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing of the Parish

Center – call Sr. Pat McNiff or Fr. Francis at 609-494-8813.

## Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass & Reception

### Mercer/Burlington County Parishes

Bishop David O'Connell extends his invitation to the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass and Reception on **Sunday, October 2**, 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton to all Catholic married couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> (or more) wedding anniversary along with their families. Registration closes on **Friday, September 30, 2022**. Registration is available online or by contacting the parish office.

### Ocean/Monmouth County Parishes

Bishop David O'Connell extends his invitation to the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass and Reception on **Sunday, October 9**, 3:00 pm at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold to all Catholic married couples celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> (or more) wedding anniversary along with their families. Registration closes on **Friday, September 30, 2022**. Registration is available online or by contacting the parish office.

## Our Lady, Untier of Knots



### Who is Our Lady, Untier of Knots?

This **Wednesday at the 9:00 AM daily Mass**, we will be celebrating Mary under the title of "Our Lady, Untier of Knots." This may be a new title of Mary for many but it is very popular elsewhere. Where does this title come from? Pope Francis brought this devotion to our attention. The devotion was inspired by a 1700 painting in the Church of St. Peter am Perlach in Augsberg, Germany. It portrays Mary as she is untying the knots in a white ribbon that has many knots in it. What do the knots mean? They represent all the troubles and trials that are often in our lives and our sins that separate us from God. Such "knots" can be financial problems, employment, illness, fears, worries, addictions, family discord, racism, violence and grudges. This devotion asks Mary to help us untie the knots in our lives. All are invited to this Eucharist.

# 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!



KEEP CALM  
&  
GARDEN ON!

### 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.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



### Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

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

## An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Our times together invite us into prayerful reading and discussion of Scripture or other spiritual writing through Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" and a period of silent prayer. In these experiences we support each other in our prayer and faith. We meet by *Zoom* on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM - write Kathy Egan ([klegan.chaplain@gmail.com](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!  
Next *Zoom* session - **October 5**; next *in-person* session - **October 8**

## 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: **October 15, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room.**

## 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 30**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **October 2**, 12:30 PM *Spiritual Life, 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.  
Next meeting Wednesday, **October 5**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Rm.

### 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.



## 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

### 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

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## Employment Opportunity cont'd.

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

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

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

**Only 3,500 Books Available**

Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only. Scan to purchase online!

Books cost \$100.

Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles.  
 Each book may carry more than one name.  
 Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer.  
 The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 8, 2022**  
 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Center Gymnasium.  
 Winner need not be present.  
 No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize.  
 Winner is responsible for taxes.

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

**2022 Car Raffle**

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

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## SPECIAL EVENTS



*Spaghetti Dinner*  
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Saturday October 8th, 2022  
5:00pm

St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium  
asking for dessert donations as well

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**Saturday, November 19**  
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Sunday, November 20**  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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### 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

## 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.



## 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:

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

## Did You Know??

The Human Concerns department is already working on the Thanksgiving and Gift of Warmth Holiday projects? We kicked off our project season in August with our Back-to-School project where we served 254 children. Our department received a large donation of 75 backpacks filled with school supplies from the LBI Soroptimist Women's Club. Thanks to donations the department was able to spend about \$1700 on school supplies and additional backpacks needed for the project. We look forward to serving 250 families for both Thanksgiving and Gift of Warmth.

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.





## Recreation & Aquatics

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

### \* FALL SESSION \*

#### Recreation




Tot & Tyke Basketball with Coach Manzo,  
Co-Ed Basketball Recreation League (ages 7-14),  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Co-ed League Evaluations,  
Fall Basketball Clinic with John Pampalone,  
All Level Yoga



Tennis Fundamentals (ages 5-12)  
Pickleball (Oct. 12 - May 19)

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and Lifeguard Training Hybrid Class

## 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.grownkids.gov](http://www.grownkids.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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## Employment & Career Services

For information call ext. 407.

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

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

## Community Bulletin Board

### Coastal Volunteers in Medicine

730 Lacey Rd., Suite G-6, Forked River, NJ 08731

Coastal Volunteers in Medicine invites you to an evening of fine food and drink at the elegant **Gables Inn and Restaurant in Beach Haven** on **Thursday, October 6** from 5:30-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased online at [coastalvim.org/fundraisers](http://coastalvim.org/fundraisers) or by check made out to CVIM and mailed to PO Box 99, Manahawkin 08050. Please join us and support this very worthy cause whose mission is to serve the uninsured and medically underserved in Southern Ocean

### St. Mary of the Pines

100 Bishop Way, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

#### Catholic Women of Zion

#### Chapter 2 at St. Mary of the Pines

**Saturday, October 22, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Mass: 9:00 AM Monsignor Ken Tuzeneu will be celebrating in the Church.

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Admission: \$20 includes lunch (Pay at the door)

You are invited to CWOZ Chapter 2, Retreat Day. The day consists of Mass, worship-music, speaker, living Rosary, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker: Janet Pfeiffer, international inspirational speaker and award-winning author is a Fortune 500 consultant and seminar leader, inspirational and spiritual speaker, globally syndicated radio host (Anger 911 and Between You and God), TV personality (CNN, Fox News, Lifetime, ABC News and more), and spiritual life coach. She's N.J. State certified in domestic violence issues and worked with battered women for 15 years. Janet specializes in healing anger and conflict, creating inner peace, and becoming more Christ-like. She's also a columnist for the Jefferson Chronicle, former contributor to the Dr. Phil Show, and an adjunct instructor at County College of Morris. Janet is a registered provider for the NJ Education Association is the author of 8 books including the highly acclaimed *The Secret Side of Anger* and her most recent, *The Great Truth*, which invites readers to pursue an intimate relationship with God.

Janet invites us to join her as she shares: "*Divine Purpose and Passion; Living the Master's Plan*"

**Reservations are necessary.** Please call and leave your phone number, spell your last name at **732-475-7113** no later than

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. You can also register online: [www.cwoz.org](http://www.cwoz.org) (**Chapter 2**) *Come and bring a friend!*

### Maris Stella Retreat Center

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#### Pre-Advent Day of Reflection:

*"Fallow Ground: Restoring the Soil of the Soul"*

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 10:00 AM-3:30 PM**

Through poetry, music and short spiritual exercises we will explore ways to open ourselves to Emmanuel, God with us!

Presenter: Margaret Roman

Cost: \$60.00 - Includes "Coffee and..." Bring bag lunch - Lunch Drinks provided. Limited Overnight Accommodations available on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> at an additional cost.

Non-Refundable Non-Transferable Deposit: \$25.00 due **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

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