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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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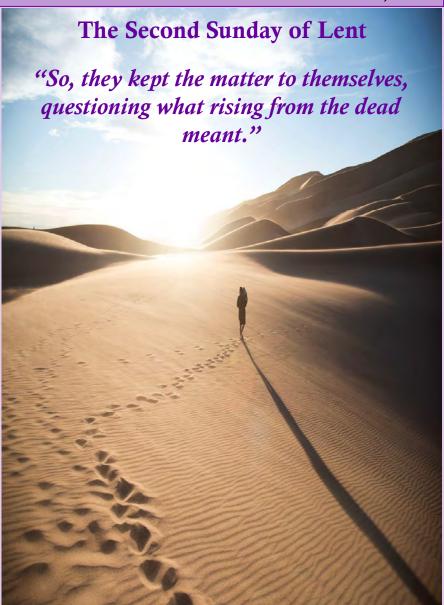
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In the Gospel, a voice from the cloud says, "This is my beloved Son, Listen to him."

When I pray, I talk to God. Do I also listen?

"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith."

St. Francis of Assisi, "The Prayer Before the Crucifix." 40

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, February 27	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Sal Ferraro	Dt. 26:16-19; Mt. 5:43-48 Gn. 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom. 8:31b-34; Mk. 9:2-10		
Sunday, February 28	8:30 AM +Jo Vennewald +Anne Dennigan 10:00 AM +Carmen M. Alonso +John Weigle 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Gn. 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom. 8:31b-34; Mk. 9:2-10	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion	
Monday, March 1	9:00 AM +Neno Venturo	Dn. 9:4b-10; Lk. 6:36-38		
Tuesday, March 2	9:00 AM +Anne McNiff Huey	Is. 1:10, 16-20; Mt. 23:1-12		
Wednesday, March 3	9:00 AM +George Pawlikowski	Jer. 18:18-20; Mt. 20:17-28	5:00 PM Live-Streaming Adoration www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi	
Thursday, March 4	9:00 AM +Beverly Klingler	Jer. 17:5-10; Lk. 16:19-31		
Friday, March 5	9:00 AM +Arthur D'Souza	Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46	9:45 AM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA, Sr. Lounge Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM Live-Streaming Service www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi	
Saturday, March 6	9:00 AM +Ann McNiff Huey 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Patrick Collum	Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32 Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25		
Sunday, March 7	8:30 AM +Tom Laverty 10:00 AM +Vince McHale +Russell G. Stein 11:30 AM +Frank Caputo +Patricia Lynn Surat	Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion	

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City			
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday,	(L) Living +Deceased		
February 27	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
February 28	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
Saturday, March 6	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
March 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		

Peace Prayer Project

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



St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven			
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday, February 27	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday, February 28	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
Saturday, March 6	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday, March 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		

St. Clare's Church, Loveladies, NJ Closed for the Season

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.

Faith Formation and Education: For children ages six through high school. 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.

<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 Collections

Second Collection Today:

St. Francis Parish Center

St. James reminds us that "Faith, by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (2:17). The Center is the helping hands of the parish, offering care & comfort to the needy. Thank you for your generosity as you put your faith to work.

Last Week's 2nd Collection Black & Native American Missions

Collected: \$2,912

This Week We Need: Budgeted: \$15,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000 Collected: \$12,749



January Online Giving Collections

 1st Collections:
 \$13,234

 2nd Collections:
 \$2,300

 Total
 \$15,534

Weekly Reflections...

Please Don't Judge Me!

There is a fallacy within our church that anyone whose spiritual life involves praying novenas, the Rosary, the Chapel of Divine Mercy, and likes to attend Mass in Latin must have a conservative worldview. Yes, it is true that most people who tend to use these spiritual tools have a conservative outlook. There are of a minority of people who use these spiritual tools who embrace Vatican II and the liturgical reforms from this Council.

This misconception comes from what we call in psychology Overgeneralization. Overgeneralization is a cognitive distortion, it is a way of thinking where you apply one experience to all experiences, including those in the future. In this example because the majority of people who are conservative pray this way, then all who pray this way are conservative. This false belief can flow to the sin of judging. When we judge we than place a value on to these spiritual tools. We tend to look at the way we pray as the best way and the right way to pray. When we do that, we also put limitation on God. In short, we are saying one cannot be touched by God's loving Spirit through these methods of prayer.

Some might be wondering why we are offering Eucharistic Adoration during this Lenten season. Some might think that Adoration is "out of date" or does not have a place in a progressive parish. Being what I call a Vatican II baby, I was always fascinated by my grandparents' spiritual practices. One being Adoration.

Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries-old practice rooted in our belief that Jesus Christ is truly and completely present in the Eucharist. We have to remember that our theological understanding of the Eucharist has developed over time.

Adoration was established out of a spiritual need of the laity. Eucharistic Adoration developed in the 13th century because people felt personally unworthy to receive the Sacrament. Some waited to receive on their death bed. For a period of time only the clergy would receive the Sacrament. Adoration was called "ocular communion". This spiritual practice was used as an instructional method to teach the doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It also gave the people a way of experiencing the real presence of Christ.

As a result of Vatican II there is more lay participation at Mass and people are encouraged to receive the Eucharist regularly. Therefore, Adoration is no longer needed for the purpose it was created for, the experience of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This does not mean that this method of prayer cannot be life giving and spiritually nourishing.

So why are we offering Eucharistic Adoration? Lent is a time to work on our relationship with God. Spending alone time with a person we are developing an intimate relationship with is extremely important, therefore spending time with God is also essential. We know through the life of Jesus that he went by himself to a desert place to pray to his heavenly father. We, too, are encouraged to spend quiet time with God. One way is through praying in front of the Eucharist. During online Adoration you will experiencing being in front of the real presence of God. There will be Scripture Reading, meditative silence, a reading from the writing of St. Francis or St. Clare, prayers of the faithful and closing prayer.

Just like how people have different learning styles so also are people's prayer styles. The hardest thing for me to learn was just because I am not being spiritually fed by a certain prayer style does not mean others are not being fed. As an ordained priest I need to be open to participating in methods that don't meet my spiritual need, for the spiritual growth of others. Therefore, I need to stop judging others spiritual practices. If we say that all are welcome here, I need to meet people where they are and how they pray.

Scott F. Brookbank, OFM

Franciscan Spiritual Center **Presents:**



Spiritual Direction

We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering free Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

> Barbara H. Angeline, ofs, (609) 384-6188, Maryann Barrek, ofs, (609) 661-4441, Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835, Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651, Pat Simmons, ofs, (609) 661-1361.

Scripture Study

This group meets bi-monthly on Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. It is a "zoom meeting" led by Tom Troyano. No prior bible study background needed, just an interest in bible study and your own copy of the bible.

Call (609) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information.

Next scheduled zoom meeting: March 3

Adult Faith Enrichment and

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you 18 years of age or older and would like to join the Catholic faith Community? Here at St. Francis classes are beginning for anyone who would like to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, and/or First Communion and Confirmation. Call Fr. Steve or Sr. Pat at (609) 494-8813 for more information or to register.

A power point presentation entitled: "The Teachings of Jesus" with a focus on the Beatitudes will be given on Friday, March 5 at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Lounge Since seating is limited, please call Sr. Pat or Fr. Steve to reserve your place.



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

Family Faith Formation



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

Eileen Bowker, Youth Minister (Ext. 178)

Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

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

In-person registration for 2021-2022 Religious Education Program will be on April 21 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM in the Family Faith Offices, 2nd floor of the Community Center.

All classes will continue to be home based for the rest of this

Please remember to return the permission slip to allow for video or virtual learning (Grades 6-8 only).

Mass Schedule until further notice

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM

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

Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

"In-car" Communion: Sundays 12:30 to 1:00 PM

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

Closed for the Season



Soup and Stations



Stations of the Cross

We invite you to Stations of the Cross on Friday nights March 5, 12, 19 at 5:00 PM

in the Brant Beach Church. Due to the Covid virus we have made some changes to assure safety. We will not be having a meal of bread and soup this year before the Stations, but you may wish to bring a can of soup to put in the St. Francis Food Pantry basket in the church lobby. The Stations will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend. Each week we will contemplate three of the Stations of the Cross through scripture, hymns and reflection. All are invited. Feel free to bring friends and neighbors!

This week we will reflect on **Station 7** - Jesus Falls the Second Time; Station 8 – Jesus Speaks to the Weeping Women; **Station 9** - Jesus Falls the Third Time.

Make A Gift to St. Francis Parish

If you are planning your will and/or estate and would like to make a gift to St. Francis Parish or LBICC, Inc., please contact:

Fr. Francis DiSpigno, Pastor at: <u>fdispigno@stfrancislbi.org</u> or

Wendy Saunders, Executive Director, at: wsaunders@stfrancislbi.org or call (609) 494-8861 for more information.

Adoration With St. Francis and St. Clare



Wednesdays of Lent Facebook Livestream www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 5:00 - 8:00 PM



St. Francis Parish prayer list of men and women now serving overseas

With gratitude, we remember our veterans and we also pray for the safe return of our loved ones who now serve us faithfully in foreign lands.

As a visible reminder of their sacrifice and our love, we have been publishing a prayer list of the women and men who are actively serving overseas.

If you wish to include a family member who is actively serving overseas in the military, please call the Parish Worship Office at (609) 494-8813 ext. 164 and leave a message that includes the individual's name and rank. Please spell out the name. You may also email the information to *jreeder@stfrancislbi.org*.

Monthly Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs Sunday, March 7, 1:00 PM Fraternity "Zoom" Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS

Postponed/Cancelled Due to Covid-19

Annual March Madness Free Throw Contest





Fish & Chip Dinner Postponed until June

Employment Opportunity



Counseling Services

Trauma Informed Licensed Clinicians

Full-time and Part-time Trauma Informed Licensed Clinicians and Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish). Days/Hours: Monday-Friday (Some night hours required). Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

Preschool

Early Childhood Teacher Assistant

(Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement. Prefer a background in early childhood education and/or experience working with children. Must be 18 or older. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Position: Year-round full time (with benefits), Part time and substitute.

Pay: Teacher Assistant - \$12/hour.

Preschool Teacher/Lead Teacher - \$13 with BA Degree in Early Childhood

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday

All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off, life insurance, 403B Matching and more.

Please send resumes to Amy Bodine abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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 c njall (609) 494-1554.



Are you a high school or college student with a story to tell about sexual assault through art or poetry?

Do you want to raise awareness about the importance of consent through a public service announcement poster?

SHARE YOUR ART WITH OCEAN COUNTY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT!

Send your artwork to Danielle at ddunne@stfrancislbi.org by March 27th to be entered for a sexual assault awareness month prize and be featured in sexual assault awareness month promotions!

By submitting artwork for the contest, participants grant St. Francis Counseling Service permission to use their likeness in a photograph, video or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

Artwork can be submitted as anonymous if needed.

This event was supported by the State of New Jersey Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care (SAARC) Funds, administered by the Department of Children and Families.







When survivors of sexual assault present to the hospital, their clothing is often taken for evidence. St. Francis Counseling Service, in collaboration with the Ocean County Sexual Assault Response Team, is accepting donations of **NEW** clothing items so survivors have clothes to go home in. This includes towels, washcloths, hair ties, women's yoga pants, t-shirts, underwear, sports bras, men's sweatpants, t-shirts, and boxer briefs in all sizes.

A link to our Amazon With List can be found at https://a.co/1JR3Qcq which is also linked on our Facebook. Donations will only be accepted by mail through Amazon or a similar retailer. We are not accepting donations in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All donations can be sent to:

St. Francis Community Center ATTN: Delaney Cronin 4700 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

For questions please contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or dcronin@stfrancislbi.org. Thank you for your support!

Find our wish list here: https://a.co/1JR3Qcq

The therapists from St. Francis Counseling Services, offers you their favorite energizing self-care activities to beat the winter blues.

Walking Stargazing Listening to music Cuddling with my pets

Watching the sunrise or the sun set Driving to random places Visiting Barnegat Lighthouse

Decluttering

Laughing and talking with friends Hiking in the woods

Yoga

Meditation 54321

- Name 5 things you see.
- Name 4 things you hear.
- Name 3 things you feel.
- Name 2 things you smell.
- Name 1 thing you taste.

Mindful drinking and eating

Asking for help

Making a date with yourself and keeping it!

Coloring

Eating healthy foods

Lunch with a friend

Cooking

Lighting a Scented candle

Exercising

Bike riding

Strength training

Weight training





St. Francis Counseling Service provides individuals, couples and families with affordable, professional psychotherapy services addressing a wide range of issues. Services are available to all regardless of race, sex, age, disability, income or religious affiliations. Master-level therapists provide all professional counseling services. All services are offered in English and Spanish. For an appointment call (609) 494-1554.

Surviving to Thriving

A Safe Space for Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault. Empower yourself - unlock the skills and tools necessary to move forward and thrive in this *free and confidential online support group*,

Tuesdays, time to be determined.

Open to all residents of Ocean County,

18 years or older.

Please call Bianca Valentini, LSW to register and reserve your space,

(609) 494-1554.

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



During these uncertain times, although we do not know when our exercise, socialization and recreation programs will resume, please keep in mind we are here for you.

We are still providing the following:

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.

Please call (609) 978-6220 if you are in need of services.

Jersey Cares - Senior Shoppers Program

If you are 60 years or older and in need of food shopping services, you should know that the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and St. Francis Senior Services has partnered with a reputable nonprofit, Jersey Cares, to provide this service.

You can be assured your safety is our top priority and that all volunteers are fully vetted including background checks.

If you are interested in participating in this program please call St. Francis Senior Services at (609) 978-6220 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

Community Center Donations



St. Francis Center/LBICC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Our federal tax ID number is 22-2003458. We have provided supportive services to the community for over 45 years and with your help we will continue to do so. Our online donations are processed by *PayPal* so it's fast, easy and secure. We are only able to process online donations from NJ residents only.

If you would like to recognize a donation to the Center in someone's name, donation cards are available at the front desk of the Center and at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

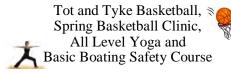
Classes begin March 1

AQUATICS:

4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1, Intermediate, Lifeguard Training, Aquatic Aerobics, and Arthritis Water Exercise



RECREATION:



Pickleball

A cross between Ping Pong, Tennis, Racquetball and Badminton. Pickleball is played as a singles or doubles game. It's a great sport for teens and up including baby boomers and active seniors.



Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:15-3:00 PM

in the Gymnasium

\$5 Drop-in or \$30 for a book of 10 passes
Passes available at the Front Desk
of the Community Center

Daily Guest Pool Fees:



\$10 Per Person Book of 5 Passes: \$45 Book of 10 Passes: \$80 Open Swim Only

(Space Permitting) Open Swim Hours subject to change without notice.

Indoor Pool Hours March 1 - March 26

Monday to Friday: 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Family Support Services Food Pantry Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

By Appointment Only

St. Francis Human Concern Food Pantry is operating by appointment only. Food Pantry hours will remain Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 171 or 172 to schedule your appointment. Upon arrival for your appointment, you will be asked to park in a designated parking spot in the first row of parking spaces in front of the building. Please call when you arrive.

Pantry based text alerts

We now have a text message alert system which will alert you to any changes to the food pantry and any projects going on.

TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760

carrier text message rates may apply

Pantry procedures are subject to change at any time and clients should call St. Francis Community Center at (609) 494-8861 or check Facebook for the most up to date information about the food pantry.

**If you are experiencing any symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, PLEASE STAY HOME & make arrangements for someone else to pick up food for you! **

St. Francis is asking for donations for the food pantry.

Items needed (Personal Products):

Laundry detergent
Shampoo
Body Wash/Soap
Deodorant
Hand Soap
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Gift Cards to Walmart, ShopRite, Acme & Target

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. https://a.co/00HTAhy or can be dropped off at the Community Center.

Parenting and Anger Management Groups

St. Francis Community Center and locations throughout Ocean County. To register, please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197. Funded by the Department of Human Services.



Auto Ownership Program

The Auto Ownership Program at St. Francis Community Center is looking for donated vehicles. Donated vehicles are provided to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients for whom transportation is a major barrier to employment. Cars are donated, repaired, and turned over to clients involved in a work or training activity of the Ocean County TANF program. All donations will receive a letter and 1098c form for tax purposes.

Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197 if you are interested in donating.

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 7:30 AM - 6:00 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

Did You Know??

- Vacation Club is a summer camp for school age children from age 5½-13 years of age.
- Children must have completed Kindergarten to attend Vacation Club.
- The program offers a variety of activities designed to promote the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of children, while allowing them to grow in confidence and self-esteem. It provides a comprehensive array of activities in arts and crafts, cooking, sports, daily swimming and weekly fieldtrips.
- Some themes that the campers will be participating in this year are: "Pursing Peru", "Food Frenzy", "Funky Physics" and "Treasure Island."
- With an additional fee, on premises "field trips" will take place this year with "Chef It Up", "Pirate Ron" and "Murder Mystery Company" just to name a few.
- Parent Registration is Monday, May 3rd at 4:30 PM and a parent or legal guardian must be present.
- The program operates from June 21st until September 2nd.
- Due to COVID only Ocean County children who attended an Ocean County school will be enrolled this year.

Educational Services

For information call ext. 185.



St. Francis Adult Basic Education FREE Distance Learning Classes

Registration & Testing will be held in March for our spring session of classes.

ABE/High School Equivalency (HSE)

Please call 732-281-8653 or email Stfrancishse@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

ESL- English As A Second Language Please call 732-551-2270 to schedule an appointment.

> Registration 1258 ROUTE 166, Suites A & B TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753 Stella Towne Center

Registration Includes: Intake, Assessments, & Orientation. Visit our website at:

stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support.

Classes are provided by the Ocean County Consortium through a grant from the Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development.

(Classes are subject to change)

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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



Ireland 2.0 (2021)

with Father Kevin and Home Town Travel

Dates have been confirmed for October 21-29, 2021 exploring Ireland with Belfast and Giants Causeway.

Portugal and its Islands
April 24 - May 6, 2021

Painted Canyons of the West
(featuring Utah's five National Parks)
October 3-11, 2021

Imperial Cities with Oberammergau 2022

Oberammergau 2020 has been cancelled and rescheduled for 2022. If you were not able to go this year, maybe you can join us when our new plans and dates are announced soon.

HOME TOWN TRAVEL & CELEBRITY GROUPS CURRENT SCHEDULE

San Juan to Cape Liberty - May 1-6, 2021

Celebrity Summit Fly Newark to San Juan. 5 night getaway with a stop at St. Maarten and 3 relaxing days at sea returning to Cape Liberty. Aqua class cabin, nightly dinner Blu, gratuities and unlimited beverage package.

Newport, Charleston & Bermuda - May 15-26, 2021

Celebrity Summit (R/T Bayonne). Ports: Newport, RI (full day), Charleston, SC (overnight), Kings Wharf, Bermuda (three days/two nights) with three days at sea (one between each destination). \$300 onboard credit.

14 Night Trans-Atlantic Greenland and Iceland aboard Celebrity Summit (Departure from Bayonne and returning from Southampton (Air will be available mid-October) August 1-15, 2021 Ports: Sea day, Halifax, NS, two sea days, Qaqortoq, Greenland, overnight in Reykjavik, Iceland and half-day in Akureyri, Iceland, sea day, Kirkwall, Scotland and a sea day before arriving in Southampton.

Seattle to Vancouver - September 3-10, 2021

Celebrity Solstice Start at the Space Needle for a panoramic view of Seattle. Thread the fjords of the Inside Passage and watch Dawes Glacier produce icebergs in Endicott Arm Fjord. Do some dog sledding at Juneau, discover totem poles at Ketchikan, experience the Gold Rush at Skagway, and admire British colonial architecture in Victoria and the gardens. Special rate \$1,770 per person, double includes: balcony accommodations, all taxes and government fees, and all meals (specialty restaurants additional). Free classic beverage package.

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Maris Stella - Harvey Cedars

2021 Lenten Holy Hour for Peace

Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 3:00 - 4:00 PM; Maris Stella Chapel

Holy hour will provide an opportunity for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer for world peace. Registration not needed to attend.

Coastal VIM Clinic - Volunteers in Medicine

Coastal Volunteers in Medicine is a free health clinic in Forked River serving the uninsured in our neighborhoods. We have recently increased our income eligibility level to accommodate families whose income falls within 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. Spanish translators are available and rides can be arranged for any patient without their own means of transportation. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (609) 384-0102.

Self Help Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Due to COVID-10 please call (609) 641-8855 for updated meetings and locations.

AA HOTLINE (609) 494-5130

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope to maintain continuous sobriety through a 12-step program of recovery, and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located:

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2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

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