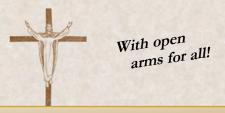
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- PARISH STAFF -

Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor Michele Beck, Music Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM Judith Clayton, FFF Deacon Robert Cunningham Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM Fr. John Frambes, OFM Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF Jo Anne Reeder, Worship Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM

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Family Faith Formation (609) 494-8813 ext. 153

> Community Center (609) 494-8861

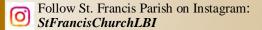
Counseling Services (609) 494-1554

Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



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

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY Vocation Office vocations@fsallegany.org

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

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place where he prayed."



Gospel Challenge:

Just as Jesus went off to a "deserted place" to pray, we need a "deserted place" to be with God.

God is always with us but we need to find a place to be with God.

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
	(L) Living +Deceased		
Saturday, February 6	9:00 AM +Viola Larzelere 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Vincent Ferraro +Timothy Toner +Margaret Winnifred Lowery	Heb. 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk. 6:30-34 Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39	10:00 AM OFS Fraternity Zoom Retreat
Sunday, February 7	8:30 AM +Jim Haggerty, ofm +Judy Czechowski 10:00 AM +James E. Kempski +Carmen M. Alonso 11:30 AM +Jo Vennewald	Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion
Monday, February 8	9:00 AM +Christopher Adamo	Gn. 1:1-19; Mk. 6:53-56	
Tuesday, February 9	9:00 AM +James E. Kempski +Neno Venturo	Gn. 1:20-2:4a; Mk. 7:1-13	
Wednesday, February 10	9:00 AM (L)Fr. Joseph Radomski	Gn. 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk. 7:14-23	
Thursday, February 11	9:00 AM +Joanne Cribben	Gn. 2:18-25; Mk. 7:24-30	
Friday, February 12	9:00 AM +Walter Cramer +Raymond Bock	Gn. 3:1-8; Mk. 7:31-37	9:45 AM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA, Sr. Lounge
Saturday, February 13	9:00 AM +Matilda Stein 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Rose Kane	Gn. 3:9-24; Mk. 8:1-10 Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45	
Sunday, February 14	8:30 AM +Bob Dunn (L)Joan Salata 10:00 AM +Vince McHale +Matilda Stein 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass 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 6	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
February 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
Saturday, February 13	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
February 14	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		



Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist

If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx [host container] to mass. If you forget your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven		
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, February 6	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
Sunday, February 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	
Saturday, February 13	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
Sunday, February 14	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	

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

Peace Prayer Project

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



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:

Friars & Sister Stipends

Did you know that the salaries for the Friars and Sisters are paid for through your donations? Thank you for your generosity.

Due to a inclement weather, the collection totals will be printed in the next bulletin.





Weekly Reflections...

As you may be familiar this weekend is the Fifth Sunday of ordinary time.

But I cannot help but think of my Mother on this day. We are also ready for the Super Bowl. She said that the Super Bowl was her favorite football game, "the last one". We are celebrating two teams, Kansas City and Tampa Bay that have completed the regular and post season winning their respectful division games. I was pulling for both the Buffalo Bills and the Cleveland Browns (that may have been their downfall). My thinking was: give it to the team that has not won a super bowl. We celebrate the persistent effort and self- sacrifices of time, talent and team work that brought both teams to this point. Those athletes demonstrated a commitment to the task. We are challenged as well to make the same effort in our prayer and fraternal life as baptized Christians so we can elevate the completing of our pilgrimage to God.

Second to that is the parish Polar Plunge. It was started in 2005, for you Eagles fans, they played the New England Patriots but the Pats won. I am told we will have a 2021 polar plunge at a later date, so stay tuned.

This weekend we also remember the anniversary of 26 Japanese laymen, Jesuit and Franciscan Martyrs including St Peter Baptist and St. Paul Miki in 1597. They were canonized in 1627. St Paul Miki a Japanese noble man spoke these powerful words, "Since this (Christian) Way teaches me to forgive my enemies I willingly forgive the King and all those who have desired my death. I pray that they will obtain the desire of Christian Baptism." I do not know about you but to follow those words of faith, I have to try a little harder and do a better job of following Jesus.

Fr. Kevin Daly, ofm

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 <u>12:30 to 1:00 PM</u>

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

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 presentation entitled: "Conversion: Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving" will be given on Friday, February 12 at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Loungeby Fr. Steve Kluge, ofm Seating is limited so call Sr. Pat or Fr. Steve to reserve your place.

Diocese of Trenton Catholic Marriage Encounter

The Cana Rosary for Marriage (February 7-13, 2021)

To commemorate World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 14) and National Marriage Week (February 7 – 14), the Diocese of Trenton will host a special livestreamed event for all Catholic families – The Cana Rosary for Marriage - from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm each evening, Sunday, February 7 through Saturday, February 13, 2021. This recitation of the rosary and reflection on marriage will be led by a different couple each evening; it will help all couples rely on our Most Holy Mother Mary to assist with their greatest needs and bring them closer to the Lord. All information for this event can be found at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day.

Diocese of Trenton Department of Catechesis

Lenten Retreat with Kathy Hendricks February 16, 6:00 PM Lenten Inspiration for Families

The three Lenten practices - prayer, penance, and almsgiving offer a particular way of being lived out within the home. This is especially true as we navigate these challenging times. Join us for a webinar on ideas for families that mesh with the fabric of their lives during the six weeks of Lent. Suggestions for resources, online inspiration, and ways connecting home and parish will be offered.

15+ Free Resources for Lent You Will Love

For more information, contact Laurel Marchesini, Sadlier Representative, (201) 966-8625 or *lmarchesini@sadlier.com*.

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:

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: February 17

Men's Spirituality

The Men's Spirituality Group will meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 20 in the Senior Lounge. Seating is Limited. If interested, please contact Deacon Bob at: thatbrotherbob@aol.com or Fr. Steve at: skluge@stfrancislbi.org to reserve your place.

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)

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

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



O Lord, be present with these men and women who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence and grant them strength, wisdom and grace.

SSgt. Stephen Ballinger GySgt. Jason Benedict GvSgt. Rvan Benedict Maj. Michael Berk Lt. Col. Maureen Davis-Berk PFC Thomas J. Bonder LCDR Garv Brose, USN **Pvt. Matthew Cacace** Capt. Andrew Cairns Spc. Nicholas Campoli Sean Michael Campoli, USN Maj. Robert Cunningham **PFC Tim Edwards** Lt. David Elsenbeck Capt. Michael J. Elsenbeck, MD Airman Patrick Esmerado A1C Matt Fitzpatrick Lt. Cmdr. Bob Gerstemeier PFC Matthew Gurten Sr. Airman John Hall **PFC Anthony Hardado** Lt. Cpl. Forrest Hendricks Sgt. Matthew Hill Lt. Cameron Hockman Capt. Ryan Hughes **Tech Sgt. Bradley Iseminger** PO Anthony Juliano Lt. Col. Michael Kloepper Capt. Timothy Koenig Pvt. Emily Jane Konzelmann Sgt. Amanda A. Kuchta Cpl. Travis Lastfogel L Cpl. Cole Lattanzi

SSgt. Stephen Leddy Spc. Jose Paul Lopes 1st Lt. Sean Patrick Mackenzie 2nd Lt. Christopher Martinelli Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Martins **Sgt. Anthony Mauro** 1st Lt. John McElvenny 1st Lt. Stephen McNamara Lt. Vincent P. Moscatello, USN Capt. Brendan Murphy **Capt. Catherine Murphy** SSgt. Conor Neil Lt. John S. Ondik Sgt. Kristopher Pickarts Tyler Rallo, PFC LTC Brett Robistow Sr. Airman Christopher Rossi Lt. Michael Rossi, Jr. 2nd Lt. Marc Schwartz Michael Sheremeta E4 FT USN **PFC Kyle Stewart** Sgt. Robert Taylor Sgt. Dillon Thiel Lt. Shereen Thomas 2nd Lt. Cody Waits Lt. Col. Thomas Walsh Sgt. Alex Werner Sgt. Brandan K. White 1st Lt. Daniel White Lt. Daniel White SSG Reid Wilbraham Lt. Mark Woodard

Sr. Airman Arrian Youssefi

The Perfect Light Society & Christmas Flower Memorials

Please visit our website at http://stfrancisparishlbi.org or the St. Francis Facebook page for the additional names & memorials of the Perfect Light Society & the Christmas Flower donations. God bless you all for your generosity & kindness.

Monthly Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs Saturday, February 6, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Fraternity "Zoom" Retreat

Presenter: Fr. Steve Kluge, ofm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Crazy Over Apples Raffle

1st Prize: Apple iPad Pro 256GB

Value: \$899.00



2nd Prize: Apple Watch Series 6 (GPS & Cellular 40mm)

Value: \$484.99

3rd Prize: Apple AirPods with Wireless

Charging Case **Value:** \$154.98



Only 1,000 Tickets Sold \$20.00 per ticket

Drawing: February 8, 2021 - 10:00 AM

St. Francis Community Center

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Township, NJ

No substitution of the offered prize. No cash in lieu of prize. Winner need not be present. Proceeds benefit St. Francis Community Center.

American Red Cross Blood Drive



Thursday February 18 1:00 - 6:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery, organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Please call the Community Center at (609) 494-8861 ext. 118 or visit: *www.redcrossblood.org* to schedule an appointment.

Postponed/Cancelled Due to Covid-19

Annual Super "Plunge" Sunday
Postponed until April

Annual March Madness
Free Throw Contest
Cancelled



CHININE

Fish & Chip Dinner
Postponed until June

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.



Are you interested in becoming a volunteer As a Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate?

Advocacy is based on the principle that the individual is the best person to make decisions in their life. Once trained you will be on call to provide crisis intervention, educational information and resources to survivors of sexual violence. All potential advocates encouraged to apply.

Bilingual advocates needed.

Join our team of trained Forensic Nurses, Advocates and Law Enforcement.

Our no cost 40-hour training will certify you to advocate for people who have experienced sexual violence. The training infuses principles of anti-oppression and multiculturalism in every step. Advocates will gain a strong understanding of how racism, oppression, and inequality intersect with sexual violence, which will help them best serve every survivor they interact with in their role.

Spring class 2021 Virtual Sessions Tuesday nights 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM February 9 - May 18



To apply and schedule an interview Contact Delaney Cronin at 609) 494-1554 or *dcronin@stfrancislbi.org*





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

Parenting AFTER

Join this FREE confidential group with other parents managing the world after your child has been sexually abused. Gain support, develop emotional coping skills and learn ways to understand and manage the post-trauma behaviors and emotions of your child.

Group will run for six weeks
every Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM
and will be held in Toms River, NJ.
For information please call Nina Vitale, LPC,
St. Francis Counseling Service,
(609) 494-1554. Please note: *Group size is limited and registration is required*.

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)

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!

Amazon Smile - Fundraiser



You Shop....Amazon Gives!

You can support St. Francis Community Center by doing your regular shopping with Amazon. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Long Beach Island Community Center, Inc. (St. Francis Community Center) whenever you shop on Amazon Smile.

It is the same products and the same great prices!

The only thing you need to do differently is **log onto**

Amazon Smile:

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2003458

and sign in using your normal Amazon login and password. That's it! Amazon will automatically make the donation.

Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the Fall/Winter Brochure online at www.stfranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

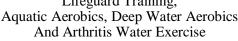
Spring Session I Registration Tuesday, February 16; 9:00 AM

Classes begin March 1

AQUATICS:

Water Tots, 4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate, Advanced Swim, Spring Swim Clinic, Lifeguard Training,





RECREATION:



Tot and Tyke Basketball, Spring Basketball Clinic, All Level Yoga and Basic Boating Safety Course

Did You Know??

After a few delays due to COVID-19, the High School swim season will finally be kicking off soon! The **Recreation Department** is following all safety precautions set by the state to help provide a return to normalcy for the swimmers of Barnegat and Southern Regional High Schools. The teams will be practicing in the pool every Monday through Friday starting at 3:00 PM until **March 26.**

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

Family Support Services Food Pantry Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 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

St. Francis was chosen by Wally's

#LBIBites Restaurant Week Give Back

100% of the net proceeds of all meals purchased
January 29th through February 7th
will be evenly distributed between
St. Francis Community Center
David's Dream & Believe Cancer Foundation
and
Hunger Foundation Of Southern Ocean

To learn more about our
Mission Of Hope Giving Initiative,
please visit bit.ly/DDBCFMOH.

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.

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.

"Irish Information Night" has been postponed due to the weather and rescheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM in the St. Francis Community Center Sr. Lounge.

We will have all pricing and information regarding the tour at this time. RSVP is mandatory due to social distancing. Please call to RSVP or for more information at (609) 597-5100.

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.

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