# BRIDGE



With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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



"The desert and the parched land will exhault; the steppe will rejoice and bloom." (Is. 35:1)

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, December 10	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Eugene Joseph Kelly, Jr. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Harry O'Hanlon +Larry Coates +Heather Egan Puig	Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt. 17:9a, 10-13 Is. 35:1-6a, 10; Jas. 5:7-10; Mt. 11:2-11	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom
Sunday, December 11	8:30 AM +Anna Mae Morrisroe 10:00 AM +Edward Stein +Richard Hans Gove +Gerald & Frances Rothstein 11:30 AM +Katherine "Karen" Grundy	Is. 35:1-6a, 10; Jas. 5:7-10; Mt. 11:2-11	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 2:00 PM Children's Christmas Pageant
Monday, December 12	9:00 AM +Rosemarie B. Wirth +Kathryn Fiore	Zec. 2:14-17; Lk. 1:26-38	
Tuesday, December 13	9:00 AM +James M. Doyle	Zep. 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt. 21:28-32	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, December 14	9:00 AM +Gerald G. Broxmeyer, Jr.	Is. 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk. 7:18b-23	9:45 AM Bible Talks After Mass 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Room
Thursday, December 15	9:00 AM +Frederick Flake	Is. 54:1-10; Lk. 7:24-30	
Friday, December 16	9:00 AM +Daniel Knode +Ethel Kelly	Is. 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn. 5:33-36	10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office
Saturday, December 17	9:00 AM +John Cahill 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frantisek "Frank" Porubsky +Heather Egan Puig	Gn. 49:2, 8-10; Mt. 1:1-17 Is. 7:10-14; Rom. 1:1-7; Mt. 1:18-24	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
Sunday, December 18	8:30 AM +Genevieve Kaczynski 10:00 AM +Jack Maher +Emma, Sal & Vincent Ferraro +Jim Morrison 11:30 AM +Katherine "Karen" Grundy	Is. 7:10-14; Rom. 1:1-7; Mt. 1:18-24	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

## St. Anthony Novena

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach **Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass** 



#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM



Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday, December 12
7:00 PM
St. Mary of the Pines
100 Bishop Way, Manahawkin

## **Emergency Information**

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

#### Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



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

Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram: StFrancisChurchLBI

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

#### Mass Schedule through March 25/26, 2023

#### 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

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED



## **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.

#### Parish Office

Parish Office - (609) 494-8813, Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

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

#### St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861 Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114 Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407

Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861

Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760

Recreation & Aquatics - (609)494-8861 ext. 105 Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

### 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 4:00 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.

<u>Marriage</u>: In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE YEAR

in advance. Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation classes. Weddings are performed on Friday or Saturday. Weddings are NOT performed on Sundays, the beach, Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day weekends.

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

#### Parish Finance Council

Cecelia Fowler	201 264 5965 cgfowler413@gmail.com			
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## **Appeals Box**

#### **Second Collection:**

#### **Religious Retirement Fund**

Did you know you help all retired priests, sisters and brothers? Please be generous.

## This Week We Need: Budgeted: \$23,000

## **Last Week's Collection:**

Collected: \$22,128 Budgeted: \$23,000



**Second Collection:** 

**Parish Ministry - Adult Faith Formation Programs** 

Collected: **\$4,975** 

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



<u>St. Francis of Assisi Parish</u> <u>Online Giving!</u> 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: \$55,243.38 (55% of Goal) Total Collected: \$54,683.38 (55% of Goal)

Total Donors: 204
Total Gifts: 227
Average Gift: \$243.36

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

It was greatly appreciated!

We look forward to your continued support.

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

## St. Francis Liturgical Community

## Family Faith



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

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179) Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)

The **O Antiphons of Advent** have been cherished by Christians for centuries. One of the antiphons is chanted each evening at prayer from **December 17**<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each includes a title Christians give to Jesus. The titles are taken from the poetry of the scriptures.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – O Wisdom! Isaiah 11:2-3, 28-29 Name some ways our world is divided. Where does our world look for wisdom and insight? We pray that God will bring peaceful order to creation.

December 18<sup>th</sup> – O Lord of Might! Isaiah 11:4-5
We call Jesus the Lord our God. Through Jesus we know what God is like. In Jesus we see God face to face.

December 19<sup>th</sup> – O Flower of Jesse's Root! Isaiah 1:1

Jesse lived in Bethlehem 1000 years before Jesus. He was the father of King David and grandfather of King Solomon. Joseph and Mary were their descendants.

Jesse was like a root. Jesus is like a flower growing from this root.

December 20<sup>th</sup> – O Key of David! Isaiah 9:6

Jesus is like a key. He locks the door that leads to death.

He unlocks for us the gate of Heaven.

December 21<sup>st</sup> – O Dayspring! Isaiah 9:1

Jesus is the Light of the World. We are called to let our light shine before others.

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – O Keystone! Isaiah 9:5

The Keystone keeps other stones from falling down.

Jesus is called the Keystone because he unites all people of the world as sisters and brothers.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – O Emmanuel! Isaiah 7:14 Emmanuel means "God is with us". In Jesus, God is with us in our human lives.

Please join the children of the Parish on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Brant Beach Church as we celebrate the birth of Christ with our Christmas Pageant.

Peace, Judy Clayton Director of Religious Education

## **Praying the Rosary**



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

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Advent and Christmas Season Liturgies and Services 2022-23 All Liturgies in Brant Beach Unless otherwise noted.

- Weekend Mass Schedules Saturdays – 5:00PM Sundays – 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM
- Sundays of Advent December 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday Brant Beach 4:00PM & 6:00PM Surf City 4:00PM
- The Nativity of the Lord December 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:00AM
- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph December 30<sup>th</sup> Friday 9:00AM
- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00PM Solemnity January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Sunday 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM
- The Epiphany of the Lord
   January 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday 5:00PM,
   January 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday
   8:30am, 10:00AM, 11:30AM



## Blessing the Infant Jesus at Home

Readers and one person are chosen to hold the Infant Jesus.

Soft Christmas hymn playing as family and friends gather around the Christmas tree and the Nativity stable.

Reader 1 begins: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Reader 2:

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ we pause to bless the infant Jesus that we will place in our manger. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by St. Francis as a means to send forth the message of Christmas. When we look upon the figure of the Infant Jesus, the Christmas Gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

The Infant Jesus will now be held up as **Reader 3** reads the Blessing.

God of every nation and people,
From the very beginning of creation
You have made manifest your love;
When our need for a Savior was great you
sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless all who look upon this infant;
May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up
our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and Savior
of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Infant Jesus is now placed in the manger.

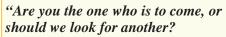
Reader 1: Let us pray the Hail Mary together.

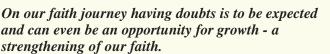
Reader 2: Let us now exchange a Sign of Peace.

You may now choose to sing a Christmas Carol as the Blessing of the Infant Jesus is concluded

Silent Night
Away in a Manger
O Little Town of Bethlehem
The First Noel
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all.

## Gospel Inspirations:





As the third candle is lit, things become brighter. The route to deep faith may go through deep doubt. God is here. The promise is fulfilled in Jesus.

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



## **Spiritual Direction**





(The third chair is for the Holy Spirit, the real Director).

How is God active in your life? Where is God in times of crisis? Is your relationship with God what you'd like it to be? Questions like these are

the focus of spiritual direction or "soul care". The director or companion is someone trained to listen and respond to spiritual movements in the life of others.

One on one meetings with you can be in person, by video call or phone call. Like to know more? Contact one of the certified spiritual directors in the parish:

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

## An Invitation to Contemplative Living

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

On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us! Next zoom session - December 10

## Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place. Next scheduled meeting: December 17, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room



SAINT FRANCIS MUSIC MINISTRY YOUTH CHOIR
JOIN US! No audition required. All that you need is a
love of music, singing, and praising GOD.

## ST. FRANCIS YOUTH CHOIR SINGS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE! Now accepting members 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Now accepting members 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 12<sup>nd</sup> grade. Rehearsals are at 5:30 PM in the Brant Beach Church **DECEMBER 15 & 22** 

Youth Choir will sing at the 4:00 PM Brant Beach Christmas Eve Mass

If you are interested in joining us, please contact MICHELE BECK at mbeck@stfrancislbi.org

#### **Sacred Silence**

In the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal", we find that the Church calls us to Sacred Silence in our liturgical celebrations. The silence enables us to set aside the noise and distraction so that we may meet God. It is in the quiet that we are able to hear and allow the word of God to enter our hearts.

There are five times in the Mass when we are called to silence; the Penitential Act, when the priest says, "Let us pray", after each scripture reading, after the homily, and after receiving communion.

When we arrive at Mass, we prepare ourselves when we hear the quiet music begin and we let the noise and distraction fade as the sacred silence envelops us.

May God's peace be with you.

### **Meetings:**



St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.

#### **Bible Talks After Mass**

Tom Troyano will be doing a brief explanation of the "Infancy Narratives in Matthew's Gospel" after the 9:00 AM Mass, Wednesday, December 14.

#### **Knitting & Crocheting Circle**

Meets weekly on Fridays, 10:00 ÅM to 12:00 Noon, in the Family Faith Office. For more information please contact Fr. Scott at (609) 494-8813.

Next meeting Friday, **December 16**, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

#### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, January 8, 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* for more information. Next meeting Wednesday **December 14**, 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, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

**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* 

## GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19-29, 2023

VISITING: ATHENS \* CORINTH \* MYKONOS \* EPHESUS
PATMOS \* SANTORINI \* DELPHI \* KALAMBAKA \* THESSALONIKI
Including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey



## FR. ANDREW REITZ, OFM \$3899 FROM NEW YORK\*

\*Air/land tour price is \$3379 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact : Fr. Andrew Reitz Tel: (917) 275-5593 Email: areitz@stfrancislbi.org

SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!



20th Annual Men's Cornerstone Retreat

Friday March 10, 2023 Saturday March 11, 2023

Maris Stella Retreat Center Brochures at Church Entrances

## The Rosary Project



St. Francis Parish Women's Cornerstone ladies are now collecting gently used rosaries to clean and re-package and send to hospital patients. Please place your donation of used rosaries in the collection basket in the lobby of the Brant Beach Church and we thank you!

#### **Embrace Our Way of Life**

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE Franciscan Vocation Ministry

Br. Basil Valente, OFM

129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403 1-800-677-7788 www.BeAFranciscan.org

## **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.

#### **Community Center**

#### **Counseling Services**

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

<u>Days:</u> Monday through Friday (Some evening hours required)

Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). On-site clinical supervision is provided.

<u>Must have Current Professional License</u>: LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

#### **Parish**

Position: Director of Parish Development, Full time position
This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events for the St Francis Parish. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising.

Applicants should have good communication skills and computer skills including, Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Applicants must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged.

<u>Days/Hours:</u> Monday- Friday, with attendance at Evening/ weekend events required

<u>Position:</u> Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry, Full time position.

Previous experience as a volunteer or intern providing services in a parish youth ministry program preferred. Responsible for reaching out to our parish young adults and to our post confirmation young people to create a vibrant, inspiring, and relevant faith based program that will foster spiritual and faith based growth. Responsible for recruiting volunteers, coordinating outreach service projects and participating in other parish activities. Must be capable of administrative tasks such as developing and managing the program's budget. Must have excellent communication and leadership skills, and must be an active and participating Catholic.

Bachelor's degree required- Theology or Religious Studies or related field

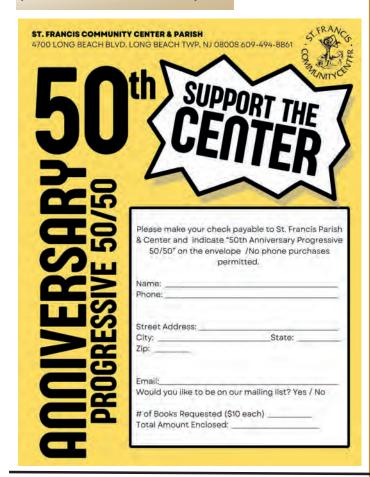
<u>Days:</u> Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

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

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## SPECIAL EVENTS



## Did You Know??

Did you know that **The Community Center's 50**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** year is coming to a close? Not to worry, we still have a couple of great ways to continue to support The Center. We are hosting a Christmas Concert on **December 9**<sup>th</sup>, with Dakota and Elle performing classic hits to get you into the Holiday spirit, with a wine and cheese intermission. Tickets are \$30 per person and available now at the Front Desk. The Front Desk is also selling The Center's first ever Progressive 50/50 raffle tickets. **50/50 FOR OUR 50!!!**With the drawing being held in **February**, there is plenty of time to get that winning jackpot total high. Tickets are \$2 each or a book of 6 chances for \$10.

'Tis the season and raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers!

## **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

### **Family Support Services**

**Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:** 

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

**Donations needed for the Food Pantry:** 

Pasta, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Snacks.
Canned Goods: Corn, Peas, Baked Beans, Black Beans,
Spaghettios, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Soup, Coffee, Tea,
Hot Chocolate, Juice Boxes, Ensure/Boost
Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Body Wash/Soap, Toilet
Paper, Feminine Products

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: <a href="http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate">http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate</a> via PayPal.

#### **Family Support Services:**

To learn more about our programs visit our website at <a href="http://stfranciscenterlbi.org">http://stfranciscenterlbi.org</a>

- Parenting & Anger Management Groups
- Auto Ownership
- Parents As Teachers
- Maintaining the Integrity of Spanish Speaking Families

## **Recreation & Aquatics**

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

#### SESSION III

REGISTRATION DECEMBER 12, 9:00 AM Classes start January 4, 2023

#### **Aquatics:**

Water Tots,
4-Year Old Beginner Swim,
Beginner Level 1 & 2 swim lessons,
Intermediate & Advanced,
Aquatic Zumba Aerobics,
Aqua Zumba/Arthritis Aquatic Exercise,
Aquatic Exercise.

#### **Recreation:**

Tot & Tyke Basketball with Coach Manzo, All Level Yoga, Tennis Fundamentals (ages 5-12).

#### **Senior Services**

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



Information and Assistance, Telephone Reassurance Calls, Caregiver Assistance Options Counseling: Application Assistance for PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled), Meals on Wheels, SHIP Counseling (State Health Insurance Program), Energy Assistance, JACC (Jersey Assistance for Community Caregivers) and many more. Socialization, Recreation, and Exercise programs are available please call for availability.

The LBI Health Department is doing
Blood Pressure Screenings
the second Tuesday of each Month
from 11:00 am - 11:30 am
in the Community Center Senior Lounge.
Please call 609-494-8861 ext. 111
for more information.



## Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

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

Masks will be required for 2 years and up - they will be encouraged to wear a mask throughout the day.

#### Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day

Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2 Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

## Counseling Service by appointment (609) 494-1554

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

St. Francis Counseling Service is currently accepting participants for our next round of group services **beginning** in January!

Our available groups will be the following:

<u>Parenting After</u> – A group for parents who are learning to navigate parenting after a child has experienced sexual violence.

<u>Surviving to Thriving</u> – Guidance and skills building for survivors of sexual violence.

<u>Journey Through Grief</u> – Education and support for adults that are working through the stages of grief.

All groups are **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** to residents of Ocean County, NJ.

In addition to these groups we continue to provide many other counseling services including individual, couples, and family therapy services with in-person and virtual options.

For more information or to enroll in a service, please contact us at 609-494-1554.

#### 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



#### May 14-23, 2023

#### British Landscapes Featuring England, Scotland and Wales

Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle, discover the narrow Snickelway lanes of York, explore Wales during a tour of the picturesque village of Llangollen in addition to the ruins of an ancient fort during a visit to Hadrian's Wall. Enjoy Stratford upon Avon and Oxford before ending your British adventure with two nights in London. Rate per person double including airfare from Newark \$3,799.00.

#### October 11-19, 2023

#### Egypt and Nile Cruise

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