

# THE BRIDGE



With open  
arms for all!

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

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(609) 494-8813

Mon. - Fri. 9 AM to 3 PM  
(Closed for lunch 12 - 1 PM)

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

Community Center  
(609) 494-8861

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(609) 494-1554

Read our bulletin online at  
[www.stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org)



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**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:  
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St. Mary Academy**  
609-597-3800 or visit:  
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*“Behold the Lamb of God.”*



Allegany Art  
Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

## Gospel Challenge:

**John called Jesus the “Lamb of God.” He saw him as compassionate, loving and gentle. The reaction of the two disciples was to follow him.**

*Who is this Lamb of God to me and how am I following him?*

**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, January 16	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Paul H. Wirth, Sr. +Jean Cunningham	1 Cor. 4:9-13; Mt. 10:16-22 1 Sm. 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn. 1:35-42	
Sunday, January 17	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +James J. Flanagan +Madeline Macgrouthar 11:30 AM +Jo Vennewald	1 Sm. 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn. 1:35-42	<b>10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion
Monday, January 18	9:00 AM <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Heb. 5:1-10; Mk. 2:18-22	Parish & Center is CLOSED
Tuesday, January 19	9:00 AM +Nancy Venturo	Heb. 6:10-20; Mk. 2:23-28	
Wednesday, January 20	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Heb. 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk. 3:1-6	7:00 PM Scripture Study Zoom Mtg.
Thursday, January 21	9:00 AM +Alice "Mimi" McMahon +Helen Foley	Heb. 7:25-8:6; Mk. 3:7-12	
Friday, January 22	9:00 AM +Mae E. Kempfski	Heb. 8:6-13; Mk. 3:13-19	9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation/RCIA, Sr. Lounge
Saturday, January 23	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Dom & Angie Belli +Mary Frances Ventresca	Heb. 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk. 3:20-21 Jon. 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mk. 1:14-20	
Sunday, January 24	8:30 AM +Edward Pottichen 10:00 AM +Mae E. Kempfski +Carmen M. Alonso 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	Jon. 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mk. 1:14-20	<b>10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, January 16	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 17	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Saturday, January 23	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 24	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

### St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2<sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, January 16	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 17	10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Saturday, January 23	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 24	10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

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

*Week of Prayer for  
Christian Unity begins  
January 18*

*Day of Prayer for  
Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children  
January 22*

The St. Francis Parish and Center  
will be **CLOSED** on  
Monday, **January 18th**  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



## 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.

**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.

**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 Collections

### Second Collection Today:

#### Friar's Infirmary

The Friar's who serve you all belong to the Franciscan Province of the Holy Name. The elderly men in our community receive excellent care at Holy Name Friary in Ringwood, NJ. This collection helps cover the costs of caring for those men who cared so much during their lives of active ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

### Last Week's 2nd Collection

#### Interfaith Health & Support Services

Collected: \$3,053

### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$15,000

### Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000

Collected: \$33,438



## A Letter From The Pastor...

### Second Sunday, Ordinary Time

The Christmas decorations are gone. The festivities are over. The run from Thanksgiving, through Christmas, into the New Year, is an exciting time but it is an exhausting time. There is so much going on and the expectations are so high. This year the stress was even higher than normal. I know many of us had to struggle with those expectations this year. Do we do what we always did, or do we celebrate only in our "bubble?" Then we had to figure out who's bubbles we trusted and who's we didn't.

Liturgically, we are now in "Ordinary" time – meaning ordered, referring to the sequence of the weeks ahead, 1st Week in Ordinary Time, 2nd Week, etc. In comparison to the past few months, we might interpret ordinary time to mean plan and simple ... well, ordinary. That might be so, but today's readings call us to anything but a plan, simple, ordinary time.

We hear the call of Samuel and then of Andrew who in turn goes and grabs his brother Peter. Not that ordinary! What I find interesting, however, is these extraordinary encounters with the Lord happen in the normal, ordinary, events of their day: a restless night's sleep – who hasn't had one of those?, or spotting something or someone that catches our eye while walking in the streets, supermarket, or driving on Rt. 72?

Perhaps it is when we are sleeping or just wondering about that the Lord calls us to "come and see." Perhaps it is in the mundane routine of our life that God's grace touches us and opens our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Perhaps it is in these times that we might be more available to hear Jesus' invitation to "come and see" and allow ourselves to "live with him."

Jesus' invitation calls us to enter into his world, where he lives, and find out who he is. Don't you get to know your friends a bit more when you go to their house and see how they live, where they live? How did they decorate the house, or not? Aren't we able to have a deeper conversation with others in the privacy of their home, or ours, than in Acme or Target?

Jesus invites us to meet him, not to rely on what other people say. He invites us personally to go deeper. Go beyond the superficial and what we have always known, so we can begin to understand the person who calls us to forgive 77 times, and why he calls us to forgive 77 times. What does he possess, that I don't, to have the desire to wash the feet of his followers or to have the ability to love his enemies?

I do love the holidays and decorations and music and all-around joy of the season but maybe, just maybe, with the distractions behind us, we can hear the Lord's invitation, in our ordinary, regular, repetitive days, to get to know who he is and who he is calling us to be.

Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor

### 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](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)



### St. Francis of Assisi Parish Online Giving!



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

## 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next scheduled zoom meeting: **January 20**

## Adult Faith Formation 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:  
**“What Catholics Believe”**  
will be given on **Friday, January 22**  
at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Lounge  
*Seating is limited so call*  
*Sr. Pat or Fr. Steve to reserve your place.*

## Monthly Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



**Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs**  
**Saturday, February 6**  
**Fraternity “Zoom” Retreat**  
*”Praying with the Franciscan Rule*

## Family Faith Formation



Judith Clayton, Director of FFF (Ext. 153)

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

First Eucharist parent meeting set for **January 28, 2021**. Details to follow.

## 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/stfrancispishlbi](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi)

**“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**

## Diocese of Trenton Catholic Marriage Encounter



### Catholic Marriage Encounter

For a truly meaningful New Year’s Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Experience? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via **Zoom** for eight evening sessions presented on Sunday & Wednesday evenings from **January 20 to February 14**. For an application and information, contact Tony & Linda Massino, (302) 220-9833; visit us at [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org).

**October/November/December 2020**

**Registered:**

Mary Jane Ambrose-Kajon  
 Mary Kunka  
 Alfred & Anna D'Souza  
 John & Megan Avoletta  
 Daniel Leone  
 Julianne Fleming  
 William Bella  
 Dom & Theresa Magnolo  
 Kathie Fording  
 Christian Cabot  
 Meg McNally  
 Stephen & Patty Gonzalez  
 Patricia Cabot  
 Cheryl Moore  
 Bill & Coleen Kane  
 Brenda Collier  
 Robyn Poinsett  
 Michel Quinn  
 Marc & Susan Tatto  
 Andrew & Jenna Thomas  
 Diane Toner  
 Joan Tracey  
 John & Geraldine Vesey  
 Anthony Veteri  
 Lori Zennario  
 Brian & Lindsey Zorda  
 Annemarie Tarsitano

Joshua & Alexandra Corle  
 Marianne Armstrong  
 Joanne LaQuaglia  
 Winifred Derfus  
 Arthur & Deborah Ballinger  
 Rose Marie Lynch Foehr  
 Marie Ford  
 Sue Bernetich  
 M. Alysia Mastrangelo  
 John & Carol Gercke  
 Lauren Cabot  
 Steven & Gina Medina  
 John & Amanda Greaney  
 Peter & Cathy Cokelet  
 Cathy Pavlosky  
 William & Tracey Kane  
 Paul Conway Marta Kiernan  
 Laurence Riccardi  
 James & Behann Robertiello  
 Sue Rubinfeld  
 Gregory & Emily Ruffing  
 Patricia Sherlock  
 Carol Smith  
 John Spadaccini  
 Thomas & Karen Stutz  
 Margaret Talbot

**Baptized:**

Jack Francis Goeckel  
 Brynlee Claire Atkinson  
 Ruby Charlotte Tranz  
 Finn Michael Gavan  
 Emma Ginny Petrino  
 Ruby Catherine Ucci  
 Luca Alexander Kaplan  
 Hazel Flood Fidyk  
 Giovanni Paul Maniaci  
 James Hawk Soden  
 John Ryder Atkinson

Avianna Cecilia Corle  
 Brea Love Glenn  
 Alana Sage Rodgers  
 Easton Michael Sabat  
 Skylar Alexandra Pope  
 Sienna Joan Sikora  
 Carter Aiden Murray  
 Declan Charles Goganzer  
 Elyse Lynne Blasi  
 Richard Michael Kaminski III

**Married:**

Harry Kohl III & Allison Capone  
 Anthony Brennan & Donna Giovannetti  
 James Maleski & Elaina DeSantis  
 Zachary Haapaaja & Kyla Murray

**Deceased:**

Joseph & Judy Filoon	Marion Paulsen	Patrick Harrington
Gretchen Gaudet	Antoinette Hutt	Timothy Toner
Robert Frank	John Ross, Sr.	Margaret Burkat
Helen Gamella	John Mulhern	Theresa Green
Rita Glembocki	Kathleen Dupree	Marion O'Donnell

**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: [fdispigno@stfrancislb.org](mailto:fdispigno@stfrancislb.org) or

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

**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.

ID # 265-1-7526

RL: 20-11

Please make your checks payable to St. Francis Center and mail to:



St. Francis Community Center  
 Attn: Crazy Over Apples Raffle  
 4700 Long Beach Blvd.  
 Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets requested (\$20.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa and MasterCard accepted in person.

No substitution of the offered prize. No cash in lieu of prize.

Winner need not be present.

Proceeds benefit St. Francis Community Center 609-494-8861

[www.stfrancislb.org](http://www.stfrancislb.org) [stfrancislb](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancislb) Instagram: [stfranciscommunitycenter](https://www.instagram.com/stfranciscommunitycenter)

**All mail in forms must be received no later than Saturday, February 6.**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, February 18**  
**1:00 - 6:00 PM**  
**Brant Beach Church Hall**



Book your appointment today at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call (609) 494-8861.

## 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.



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 Wish 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@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:dcronin@stfrancisbi.org). Thank you for your support!

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



### 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@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:dcronin@stfrancisbi.org)



ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE

## Covid Support Group

Staying Connected in a Socially Distant World

This FREE group is open to ages 18+ to provide support for anyone that has been affected by the change and challenges that have been brought forth by COVID-19. Join us for a confidential space where we can stay connected and find support during these difficult times.

**Virtual Meetings  
Mondays 3PM - 4:30PM**

Please call  
(609) 494-1554 to register!  
For further questions, please ask to speak with Jenna

### 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.

### GrandParenting Support Group - Virtual

Have you found yourself in a parenting role, raising your grandchild? This **FREE**, 8-week confidential group provides a safe space for individuals to share their stories, receive support and develop coping skills.

Please call 609-494-1554 to register. For further information on either group, call and ask to speak with either Shannon or Karin.

## 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.

## Educational Services

For information call ext. 185.

### St. Francis Adult Basic Education FREE Classes

*Due to COVID-19 all classes have been moved to a virtual platform with live instruction. All classes will maintain a weekly class schedule. Classes will return to in person instruction when possible.*

**The Adult Basic Skills Consortium of Ocean County** provides Adult Basic Skills (ABE), High School Equivalency (HSE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. The program offers college and career readiness skills, assist students interested in post-secondary education or training, credentials, obtaining citizenship skills and resources to enter and/or retain employment. All classes and services are provided by the Ocean County Basic Skills Consortium through a grant from the NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development. Classes are subject to change. Visit our website at: [stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support](http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support).

## Recreation & Aquatics

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

### Spring Registration Tuesday, February 15; 9:00 AM

#### Aquatics:

Water Tots, 4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate, Advanced Swim, Spring Swim Clinic, Lifeguard Training, Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics And Arthritis Water Exercise

#### Recreation:

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

## 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**

**Gym**

**\$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.



## 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! \*\***

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

Shampoo	Soap
Detergent	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Toilet Paper
Brown Gravy	Egg Noodles
Powdered Potatoes	Canned Goods
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal
Kids Snacks	Personal Products
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**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.

## Did You Know??

During the months of October, November, and December, the **Food Pantry** typically sees an increase in the amount of families served. This year during the months of October and November, the pantry served **216, 266 and 143 families** respectively.

In addition to assisting families with food, the **St. Francis Human Concerns Program** also holds three special projects on an annual basis; Back to School, Thanksgiving, and Gift of Warmth. This year we served 100 families for the Back to School project, **250 families** for the Thanksgiving Project, and **208 families** for the Gift of Warmth Project.

We want to thank everyone who donated to our projects this year. Without you, these projects would not be successful.

## 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.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.gov).

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## 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.

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## Self Help Groups

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