BRIDGE

With open arms for all!

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2021

- PARISH STAFF -

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

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"...they abandoned their nets and followed him."



Gospel Challenge:

The disciples were willing to give up everything to follow Jesus.

What am I willing (or unwilling) to give up to follow Jesus?

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, 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. Kempski +Carmen M. Alonso 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	Jon. 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mk. 1:14-20	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion
Monday, January 25	9:00 AM +Sr. Alicia M. Ruane, ssnd	Acts 22:3-16; Mk. 16:15-18	
Tuesday, January 26	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	2 Tm. 1:1-8; Mk. 3:31-35	
Wednesday, January 27	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Heb. 10:11-18; Mk. 4:1-20	
Thursday, January 28	9:00 AM +Kathy Casey	Heb. 10:19-25; Mk. 4:21-25	6:30 PM First Eucharist Parents Mtg., Brant Beach Church
Friday, January 29	9:00 AM +Michelle Ogle +Alfonso Passaro	Heb. 10:32-39; Mk. 4:26-34	9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation/RCIA, Sr. Lounge
Saturday, January 30	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Rose Kane +Jean Cunningham	Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk. 4:35-41 Dt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 7:32-35; Mk. 1:21-28	
Sunday, January 31	8:30 AM +Jo Vennewald 10:00 AM +Nicole Ward +Albert & Colleen Schanz 11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Dt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 7:32-35; Mk. 1:21-28	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

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Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League
January 31	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League

Peace Prayer Project

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



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

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

DATE

Saturday, January 23 Sunday,

January 24 Saturday,

January 30 Sunday,

January 31

2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

MASS INTENTIONS (L) Living +Deceased

5:00 PM + Franciscan Mass League

10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League

5:00 PM + Franciscan Mass League

10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League

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 2^{nd} 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^{rd} 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:

Latin America

This collection, mandated by the Diocese, is our way of helping our sisters and brothers in Latin America. Thank you for your support.

Last Week's 2nd Collection Friar's Infirmary Collected: \$3,606

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

Last Week's Collection Budgeted: \$15,000 Collected: \$12,040





A Letter From The Pastor...



Happy Sunday Good People!

It has been a bit over 4 months since I assumed the ministry of pastor from Fr. Jim. Because we do live in this "*Age of Covid*" the transition on September 14, 2020 was quiet and uneventful, literally. My only regret is I feel we have really not had the opportunity to meet one another. One way I would like to bridge that gap is to occasionally bring back the "Letter from the Pastor." It is not the same as our in-person festivities that are so much a part of our Catholic and Franciscan heritage, but it is, at least, one way that we can connect.

Many people have been asking, "How is it going?" "How do you like your new job?" My reply is the same, "It's not that the parish runs itself but in many ways the community is so engaged that it almost feels like it does." We are a community of wonderful and committed people who hear the Word of God and then proclaims it by their acts of kindness, works of charity, compassionate listening, caring for those who mourn, and in so many other ways, privately and or publicly, attending to the needs of our brothers and sisters. In many, many ways, the roots of the Gospel are deep here on Long Beach Island. A new pastor's dream!

One of those great supports and consistencies of our parish is our Director of Liturgy, JoAnne Reeder. Believe it not, on January 1, 2021 she marked her 40th Anniversary of working for St. Francis Parish. She must have started when she was 5! I would like to publicly thank JoAnne for her dedication to our liturgical worship and her faithfulness to using her gifts and talents to proclaim the Word to us. May God continue to bless her as her ministry has blessed us for so many years.

Another grace of this wonderful community is you and your incredibly generous response to my letter in November 2020. I wrote then that our financial situation was tenuous. We had ended our last fiscal year with a great deficit, and it looked like we were heading into an even worse situation for this fiscal year. It is humbling to share with you that as of Tuesday, January 19, we have collected \$313,925. To our parishioners and all the friends of St. Francis Parish who donated to the *Christmas 2020 Giving Fund* I thank you for your response to our need. We have published on Facebook and our webpage the most up to date listing of the "Perfect Light Society."

Some may wonder if that effected our Christmas collection. It did, but not as much as one might have expected. Last year, we brought in \$86,139. This year our Christmas collection, \$132 less than last year, was \$86,007. That is in addition to the *Christmas 2020 Giving Fund!* One more great example of the goodness of this community.

It does go without saying, however, that we are living in a strange and uncertain time. We have all learned that we cannot take the past for granted or expect to move forward in the same way we have before. Unfortunately, I don't think we are settled on what the "new normal" will be but we do have some ideas of what we need to do.

The Pastoral Staff has been working very hard to figure out how we can continue to be available to serve the community. Zoom has become a new household word and it has also become a new parish word.

Michele Beck, our Director of Music, and her two sons, Andrew and Jonathan, have been working very hard to bring our liturgical prayer to the internet. This has allowed not only our parishioners to connect to our common prayer it has also allowed those who have moved away to stay connected. Again, by your generosity, we will soon be installing permanent cameras, in honor of Fr. Jim Scullion, OFM, in St. Francis Church. (con't on next page)

A Letter From The Pastor... con't.

We were also able to purchase a portable camera, in honor of Pat Simmons, so we can live-stream different lectures and events that do not take place inside the church. We are confident that these upgrades will enhance the at home experience but more importantly help us all to stay connected.

The last bit of news to share with you is that a few of us have been working with two wonderful young men to create a new website for St. Francis Parish. It is our aim to create a website that is user friendly, informative, and yet another tool that can help us all be community for one another.

To answer the question, "How is it going?" I would have to say that it is going very well! You and your faithfulness have been a shining light to me and to the Pastoral Staff. In this time of darker days, both literally and figuratively, I thank you. We thank you.

May God continue to bless you and may you continue to bless St. Francis Parish, and the world.

Fraternally, Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM, Pastor

Weekly Reflection

Even the devil can quote the Scripture.

That is not an exact quote from Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*, but it's close. My sophomore English teacher, Mrs. Flower, a wise woman, dropped it on me once when she thought I needed it. I never forgot. It has informed my respect for the Word of God: don't misuse it.

Preachers have to be aware of the sacredness of the words of Scripture. We should not yank them out of context just to make a point or beat down someone else; rather, we have a duty to use the holy texts to bring light to our souls, to challenge us to a higher standard of morality and charity, to be God's holy people and to draw us into deeper intimacy with the One who loves us and blesses us with the Holy Word.

It is the same for all of us. When we read and pray the Bible, the Lord is truly present. It is he who speaks and nourishes us. Therefore, we come to the Holy Book with reverence, humility and love and even with the expectation of joy and transformation.

Pope Francis has set aside the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. Somehow I don't think this celebration will capture the Catholic imagination as does Saint John Paul II's Divine Mercy Sunday. Too bad. Even the *Monitor* only gave it two inches! Still, we ourselves can pledge always to receive the Holy Word with focused attention and act on it with gratitude.

When we are able, I read the gospel to a friend who is physically handicapped. Before I can open the Bible, he takes it in his hand and closes his eyes in silent prayer. His profound reverence for the Sacred Scripture always stirs my heart to a deeper desire for the Word of God.

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith. John Frambes, ofm

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





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: February 3

Men's Spirituality

The Men's Spirituality Group under the direction of Deacon Bob and Fr. Steve is getting ready to restart. If interested, please contact Deacon Bob at: <u>thatbrotherbob@aol.com</u> or Fr. Steve at: <u>skluge@stfrancislbi.org</u> for more information.

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: **"The Teachings of Jesus"** will be given on Friday, January 29 at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Lounge Seating is limited so call Sr. Pat or Fr. Steve to reserve your place. St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs Saturday, February 6; 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Fraternity "Zoom" Retreat "Praying with the Franciscan Rule" Presenter: Fr. Steve Kluge, 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 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*

Family Faith Formation

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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).

First Eucharist Parent Meeting, Thursday, January 28, 6:30 PM in the Brant Beach Church. Fr. Steve will present a beautiful narrative on the Eucharist. Communion materials, books and schedule will be distributed. Families will be able to select the Mass of their choice. Important dates will be reviewed at this meeting which is for adults only.

> St. Francis Parish now has an Instagram account: stfrancischurchlbi

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

St. Francis Community Center	
4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Township), NJ
No substitution of the offered prize. No cash in lieu of pr Winner need not be present. Proceeds benefit St. Francis Commu	
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Please make your checks payable to St. Francis Center and n	mail to:
St. Francis Community Center Attn: Crazy Over Apples Raffle 4700 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach Township, NJ 08008	
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Visa and MasterCard accepted in person.	
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Proceeds benefit St. Francis Community Center 609-494-8861 www.stfrancislbi.org · stfrancislbi · j Instagram: stfranciscommunitycenter All mail in forms must to be received no later than Saturday, February 6.

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.

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.

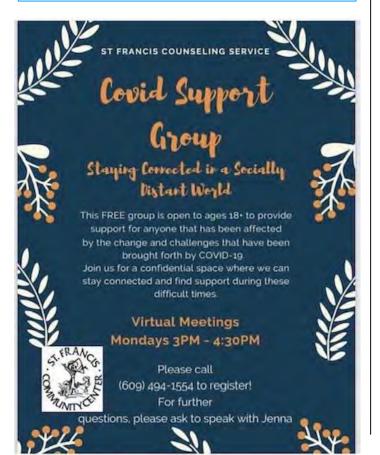
Bilingual advocates needed.

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*



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 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*.

Cell Phone Drop Off



Please help **St. Francis Parish & Center** by dropping off your old *Cell Phones* in the lobby at St. Francis Center. **Please NO accessories, chargers, etc.**

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.

Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located: **St. Francis Community Center** 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach



St. Clare Church

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.

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, 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

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.

Family Support Services Food Pantry Hours: Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM to 1

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: <u>http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate</u> via PayPal.<u>https://a.co/00HTAhy</u> 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.

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).

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

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

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!

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.

<u>"Irish Information Night" - Tuesday, February 2, 2021</u> in the St. Francis Community Center Gym

We will have all pricing and information regarding the tour at this time. <u>RSVP is mandatory</u> 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.

<u>HOME TOWN TRAVEL & CELEBRITY GROUPS</u> <u>CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2020-2021</u>

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.

<u>Newport, Charleston & Bermuda – May 15-26, 2021</u>

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 <u>Greenland and Iceland</u> 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.

<u>Seattle to Vancouver</u> - <u>September 3-10, 2021</u>

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.

For more information or reservations, contact Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100

Employment Opportunity



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 (with potential for full time) and substitute. *Pay:* Hourly rate based on degree.

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday

<u>Pool Lifeguard</u>

Year round employment for 1 inside pool and 2 outside pools. **MUST** currently possess Red Cross pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification. *Position:* Year-round part time *Pay:* \$12 per hour *Days/Hours:* MUST have weekday and weeknight availability.

> Please send resumes to Amy Bodine <u>abodine@stfrancislbi.org</u>

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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.

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