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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

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Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

is a Franciscan Faith Community of Holy Name Province in the Diocese of Trenton.

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St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy

609-597-3800 or visit: www.stmaryknights.org

The Epiphany of the Lord



"And behold, the star that they had seen ... preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."



Our Challenge: The newborn king of the Jews is not found in the palace in Jerusalem but in a humble home in Bethlehem.

> How do you recognize Jesus in the poor and vulnerable?

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		
	(L) Living +Deceased				
Saturday, January 2	9:00 AM +Antonio Silva 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Joseph Moeller +Richard T. Daly +Candy Engle	1 Jn. 2:22-28; Jn. 1:19-28 Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt. 2:1-12			
Sunday, January 3	8:30 AM +Tony Conte 10:00 AM +Dr. Anthony, Sr. & Irene D'Souza +Lida Boyle 11:30 AM +Stanley Dudek +Phyllis Bigg	Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt. 2:1-12	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion		
Monday, January 4	9:00 AM +Brien Boston	1 Jn. 3:22-4:6; Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25			
Tuesday, January 5	9:00 AM +Theresa DeFrancesco	1 Jn. 4:7-10; Mk. 6:34-44			
Wednesday, January 6	9:00 AM +BettyAnn Goodwin +Judy Lee	1 Jn. 4:11-18; Mk. 6:45-52	7:00 PM Scripture Study "Zoom" Mtg.		
Thursday, January 7	9:00 AM +Richard T. Daly	1 Jn. 4:19-5:4; Lk. 4:14-22a			
Friday, January 8	9:00 AM +Vincent J. Leheny	1 Jn. 5:5-13; Lk. 5:12-16			
Saturday, January 9	9:00 AM +Bill Kunz +Bryan Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Shirley Rackauskas +Larry Tevnan +Joan Mino	1 Jn. 5:14-21; Jn. 3:22-30 Is. 55:1-11; 1 Jn. 5:1-9; Mk. 1:7-11			
Sunday, January 10	8:30 AM +Joan Chenard 10:00 AM +James M. Kempski +Nicholas Ballinger 11:30 AM +Romao Robles Figueroa	Is. 55:1-11; 1 Jn. 5:1-9; Mk. 1:7-11	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion 1:00 PM OFS "Zoom" Fraternity Mtg.		

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday,	(L) Living +Deceased			
January 2	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League			
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League			
January 3	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League			
Saturday, January 9	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League			
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League			
January 10	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League			

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven			
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday, January 2	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday, January 3	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
Saturday, January 9	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday, January 10	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		



St. Francis Parish now has an Instagram account: stfrancischurchlbi St. Clare's Church, Loveladies, NJ Closed for the Season

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

Emergency Information: Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: schoolclosingsnj.com and facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi.

Evacuation Information: In the event of a hurricane, severe weather, or extreme high tides, please do not call the Parish Office for assistance and note that **none** of the parish buildings (churches, community center, residences or maintenance facilities) has been designated as an evacuation site. Evacuate as soon as you can, following the direction of local officials.

Parish Registration: The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

Baptism: The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

Faith Formation and Education: For children ages six through high school. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

<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.

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:

Utilities

All of us are concerned about the rising cost of utility bills. We here at St. Francis are not immune from those increases and we need your assistance to ensure that we cover our utility expenses. Please be generous.

Christmas - December 24/25 Christmas Gift:

Collected: \$28,610

St. Francis Parish Ministries: Music

Collected: \$3,661

Last Week's 2nd Collection St. Francis Parish Ministries: Worship

Collected: \$3,417

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

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000 Collected: \$7,762



A Letter From The Pastoral Staff...



Saints of God, the Lord be with you!

Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord in which three Gentile Kings or Magi seek out the newborn King of the Jews, adore Him, and give Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Mt. 2: 1-12). What the evangelist is trying to do is to ease the tension of his mostly Jewish community to the reality that Christ came for people of all nations.

In his mystical writing The Five Feasts of the Child Jesus, the Franciscan Saint Bonaventure, writes that the question of the Magi, "Where is the newborn King of the Jews" is our question too. Where can we find Christ in this new year 2021? Bonaventure writes that we are to SEEK Christ present among us through our use of meditation, SEARCH for the Christ in our longings, and INQUIRE of the Child in our prayerful reflections. He goes on to write that we have all somehow and somewhere have seen His splendor. I would suggest that most often this splendor is swaddled in humility. We have seen Christ's splendor in listening to His word found in Scripture. We have tasted His splendor in the Eucharistic bread and wine. But as this feast reminds us, Christ's splendor wraps the earth: we can experience Christ when we go down to the ocean or the bay, when we look up at the stars and planets, when we meditate and give thanks for our own lives. We experience Christ revealing Himself through the love of a spouse or a friend, or dare I say it even a pet. Like the magi, we are called to find the Christ not necessarily in the usual places, but also in the unexpected ones.

While there is much to be afraid of in this world, and while the events of this upcoming year remain unknown, there is much for which to be grateful. We have found and experienced Christ. And even more wonderful is the fact that Christ has found and remains with us...no matter what.

Happy New Year, Saints of God!

Fr. Steve Kluge, ofm

Peace Prayer Project



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



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: January 6

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

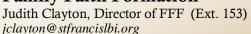
Closed for the Season



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.

Family Faith Formation





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.

Family Faith Formation wishes all our families the joy of the birth of our Lord who brings the light and peace into our midst, now and forever.

Judith Clayton, Angie Graiff, MaryLou Ligus, Marion Pierri

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.

Classes are starting on **January 12, 2021** in the St. Francis Center.

Call Fr. Steve or Sr. Pat at (609) 494-8813 for more information or to register.

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.

Did You Know??

During the summer of 2020 St Francis Maintenance **Department** replaced all the windows at the Friary. The windows were replaced back in the early 1990's but needed upgrading badly as the windows leaked and were not very energy efficient. We changed out a total of 63 windows around the building including all of the basement windows. We plan on changing all exterior doors and adding storm doors to make the house even more energy efficient. The windows used were double pain vinyl windows from Home Depot.



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 GySgt. Ryan 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. Rvan 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 1st Lt. Shereen Thomas 2nd Lt. Cody Waits Lt. Col. Thomas Walsh Sgt. Alex Werner Sgt. Brandan K. White 1st Lt. Daniel White SSG Reid Wilbraham Lt. Mark Woodard Sr. Airman Arrian Youssefi

Monthly Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs Sunday, January 10, 1:00 PM Fraternity "Zoom" Meeting

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



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:	
Daytime Phone:	
# of tickets requested (\$20.00 each)	Total Amount Enclosed:
Visa and MasterCard accepted in person.	
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www.stfrancislbi.org f stfrancislbi	•
All mail in forms must to be received no	

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@stfrancislbi.org or

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

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 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



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

Educational Services For information call ext. 185.



St. Francis Adult Basic Education **FREE Distance Learning Classes**

ABE/High School Equivalency (HSE) Registration/Testing will be held January 4th & 6th

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

ESL- English As A Second Language Registration/Testing will be held on January 5th & 7th
Please call 732-551-2270

to schedule an appointment.

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 and 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. Thomas Aquinas Church

2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

St. Clare Church

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.

Session III: Classes start January 4, 2021

Aquatics:

Water Tots,
4-Year Old Beginner Swim,
Beginner Level 2 swim lessons.
Aquatic Aerobics,
Deep Water Aerobics
and Arthritis Aquatic Exercise.

Recreation: All Level Yoga

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

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!

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:

Shampoo Soap
Detergent Toothpaste
Deodorant Toilet Paper
Brown Gravy Egg Noodles
Powdered Potatoes Canned Goods
Peanut Butter & Jelly Cereal

Kids Snacks Personal Products 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:

 $\label{lem:http://aco/00HTAhy} $$ \text{ or can be dropped off at the Community Center.} $$$

Thank You - St. Francis Community Center would like to thank the community and all of the local businesses who participated in The Human Concerns **Gift of Warmth** project. The Gift of Warmth project was an overwhelming success this year. We received many generous donations which allowed us to assist **210** Families. The majority of children received all three of their wishes. Gift cards were purchased using donations for the children who did not receive all three wishes. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase from the Amazon Wish list - it was so successful that we look forward to continuing to utilize it in the future.

Thank you to our Local business or Community groups who sponsored families:

Jetty
Berkshire Hathaway Zack Shore Reality group
Manasquan Bank, Manahawkin Branch
Brant Beach Yacht Club members
Long Beach Township Employees & Mayor Mancini
Long Beach Township PBA # 373
St. Peters at the Light members
Home Depot of Manahawkin Employees
Beach Haven First Aid

Thank you to our Tag Location Sponsors:

Farias Surf Shop Ship Bottom Local Market ScoJo's Restaurant Murphy's Fresh Market Old Causeway

Breanne (Gesicki) La Marco, LCSW Program Director of Family Support Services

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

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

Please send resumes to Amy Bodine abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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.

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 ave been confirmed for October 21-29, 2021 exploring

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

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

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

<u>Painted Canyons of the West</u> (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 FOR 2020-2021

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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Interfaith Health & Support Services

By the generosity of Hackensack Meridian Health, Interfaith Health and Support Services along with the Ocean County Office of Senior Services have opened a satellite office in the Hackensack Meridian Health building at 279 Mathistown Road in Little Egg Harbor.

The new Little Egg office space is just off the lobby at 279 Mathistown Road and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM even during the pandemic. IHSS helps the homebound and the elderly who may not be able to drive to their medical appointments or get to the grocery store. Volunteers also offer respite to caregivers of people suffering from early-onset dementia. Call (609) 978-3839 for more information.

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