# BRIDGE



With open arms for all!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2021

#### - PARISH STAFF -

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

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Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be facebook found on Facebook at:

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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: www.hnp.org

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St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy 609-597-3800 or visit: www.stmaryknights.org



#### Discover AND Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It has traditionally been held the last week in January. From January 31 to February 6, 2021, we will host Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities to celebrate and congratulate all the students, families, principals, teachers, staff members, sending parishes, and volunteers. We recognize the dedication of all who give so generously of their time and talents to provide our children an atmosphere of faith, excellence in education, and service to the community.

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 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 +Franciscan Mass League	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
Monday, February 1	9:00 AM +Bill Larkey	Heb. 11:32-40; Mk. 5:1-20	
Tuesday, February 2	9:00 AM <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> +Georgeann Esmerado +James M. Kempski	Mal. 3:1-4; Heb. 2:14-18; Lk. 2:22-40	9:00 AM Blessing of Candles
Wednesday, February 3	9:00 AM <i>St. Blaisé</i> - <i>Blessing of Thro</i> ats +Georgeann Esmerado +Marco Mendez	Heb. 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk. 6:1-6	7:00 PM Scripture Study <i>Zoom</i> Mtg.
Thursday, February 4	9:00 AM +Emily Campanella	Heb. 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk. 6:7-13	
Friday, February 5	9:00 AM +Constance Radomski	Heb. 13:1-8; Mk. 6:14-29	9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation/RCIA Sr. Lounge
Saturday, February 6	9:00 AM +Viola Larzelere 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Vincent Ferraro +Timothy Toner +Margaret Winnifred Lowery	Heb. 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk. 6:30-34 Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39	10:00 AM OFS Fraternity Zoom Retreat
Sunday, February 7	8:30 AM +Jim Haggerty, ofm +Judy Czechowski 10:00 AM +James E. Kempski +Carmen M. Alonso 11:30 AM +Jo Vennewald	Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City					
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS				
Saturday,	(L) Living +Deceased				
January 30	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League				
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League				
January 31	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League				
Saturday, February 6	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League				
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League				
February 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League				

The Contactless Blessing of Throats will take place at 9:00 AM Daily Mass Wednesday, February 3 in the Brant Beach Church.



St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven					
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS				
Saturday, January 30	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League				
Sunday, January 31	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League				
Saturday, February 6	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League				
Sunday, February 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League				

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.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: 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.

<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: Diocesan Assessment** 

Last Week's 2nd Collection Latin America Collected: \$2,524

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

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000 Collected: \$13,761





St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
stfrancisparishlbi.org

#### Gospel Challenge:

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches in the synagogue.

Are you willing to learn from Jesus what you do not know?

#### Weekly Reflections...

#### Saints of God, the Lord be with you!

As I reflect on today's Gospel according to Mark (1:21-28) I wonder what it was like to hear Jesus teach in the synagogue. I wonder if I would be one of those astonished, or perhaps one of those so tied to tradition that I would feel threatened. As if that were not enough, Jesus then takes control of an unclean spirit and expels it. This too leads all to be amazed, yet again I wonder if some felt threatened?

I think most of us living through these tumultuous times feel a mixture of amazement tinged with a bit of fear. We don't know what's next, and we don't really know where we are going, or when we will get there (wherever there is). We can all probably name the demons among us, but do we recognize the Christ that is present among us?

But what I do know for sure is that no matter what is happening in our lives, our families, or our communities, Christ is with us and can use everything for our good and for God's glory.

The people of Capernaum met Christ as He taught in the synagogue. Every time we read the Scriptures we just don't get information about Jesus. The Church teaches that we actually encounter the Risen Christ. At every Mass, we meet Christ in the proclaimed Word, we meet Christ in the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine, we meet in the assembly and in the presider. And for me, this reality overwhelms me with amazement and not fear, but awe.

This week, let's be a bit more conscious of the many ways we meet Christ and just as important, the many ways we are Christ to others. And also, let's thank all those who are Lectors at mass...theirs is a holy and vital ministry. For it is through their breath that the Word of God continues to speak and to breathe into the world.

Fr. Steve Kluge, ofm

#### **Peace Prayer Project**

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



#### 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

## 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 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: *thatbrotherbob@aol.com* or Fr. Steve at: *skluge@stfrancislbi.org* for more information.

#### Presentation of the Lord

The Church celebrates the feast of the *Presentation of the Lord*40 days after the birth of Jesus.

A blessing of candles has been traditionally included with the "Candle Mass" on this feast day, it became known as "Candlemas Day."

The candles serve as a symbol of
Jesus being "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel," as foretold by Simeon. (Luke 2:32).

Please bring your candles from home to the

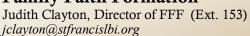
9:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, February 2

for a special blessing.

## The Perfect Light Society & Christmas Flower Memorials

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

#### **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).

#### **Adult Faith Enrichment and**

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

Are you 18 years of age or older

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

A presentation entitled: "Reconciliation" will be given by Fr. Andrew on Friday, February 5 at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Lounge.



### St. Francis Parish prayer list of men and women now serving overseas

With gratitude, we remember our veterans and we also pray for the safe return of our loved ones who now serve us faithfully in foreign lands.

As a visible reminder of their sacrifice and our love, we have been publishing a prayer list of the women and men who are actively serving overseas.

If you wish to include a family member who is actively serving overseas in the military, please call the Parish Worship Office at (609) 494-8813 ext. 164 and leave a message that includes the individual's name and rank. Please spell out the name. You may also email the information to: *jreeder@stfrancislbi.org*.

#### **Monthly Meetings:**

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



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

Presenter: Fr. Steve Kluge, ofm

#### **Diocese of Trenton**

World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week 2021

Special announcement for Catholic Married Couples! In observance of

World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 14, 2021





The Diocese of Trenton has launched an exciting new web resource for Catholic married couples to enhance their marriage in three important ways:

- 1) Reconnect with Your Spouse,
- 2) Make Your Marriage Even Better, and
- 3) Serve Others in Your Marriage.

Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary!

(Part of the *BuildingStrongMarriages.org* initiative of the Diocese of Trenton).

### The Cana Rosary for Marriage February 7-13



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

#### 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: <u>fdispigno@stfrancislbi.org</u> or

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

#### Postponed/Cancelled Due to Covid-19

Annual Super "Plunge" Sunday
Postponed until April

Annual March Madness
Free Throw Contest
Cancelled





Fish & Chip Dinner
Postponed until June

#### 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

ID # 265-1-7526 benefit St. Francis Community Center. 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: 2	Zip:
Daytime Phone:		
# of tickets requested (\$20.00 each)	Total Amount Enclose	ed:
Visa and MasterCard accepted in person.		
No substitution of the offered prize Winner need not Proceeds benefit St. Francis Comm	be present.	
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All mail in forms must to be received no	later than Saturday	y, 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







#### Journey Through Grief

This program is designed to help men and women, of all ages,

work through the normal stages of grief with education and group support.

The program stresses that grief is a journey, a natural and normal reaction to a significant loss in our lives.

Education and support can ease our way on this journey.

The group is open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation.

Registration is required. There is NO FEE for this program.

#### **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.

#### Amazon Smile - Fundraiser



#### You Shop....Amazon Gives!

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

It is the same products and the same great prices!

The only thing you need to do differently is log onto Amazon Smile:

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

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

#### **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. Thomas Aquinas Church

2<sup>nd</sup> & 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.

#### 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



#### Did You Know??

After a few delays due to COVID-19, the High School swim season will finally be kicking off soon! The **Recreation Department** is following all safety precautions set by the state to help provide a return to normalcy for the swimmers of Barnegat and Southern Regional. The teams will be practicing in the pool Monday to Friday starting at 3:00 PM from **February 1 through March 26**.

### **Pickleball**

A cross between Ping Pong, Tennis, Racquetball and Badminton. Pickleball is played as a singles or doubles game. It's a great sport for teens and up including baby boomers and active seniors.



Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:15-3:00 PM

in the Gymnasium

\$5 Drop-in or \$30 for a book of 10 passes
Passes available at the Front Desk
of the Community Center

### Family Support Services Food Pantry Hours:

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

By Appointment Only

St. Francis Human Concern Food Pantry is operating by appointment only. Food Pantry hours will remain Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 171 or 172 to schedule your appointment. Upon arrival for your appointment, you will be asked to park in a designated parking spot in the first row of parking spaces in front of the building. Please call when you arrive.

#### Pantry based text alerts

We now have a text message alert system which will alert you to any changes to the food pantry and any projects going on.

#### TO ENROLL TEXT "PANTRY" TO 833-511-0760

\*\*carrier text message rates may apply \*\*

Pantry procedures are subject to change at any time and clients should call St. Francis Community Center at (609) 494-8861 or check Facebook for the most up to date information about the food pantry.

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: <a href="http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate">http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate</a> via PayPal. <a href="https://a.co/00HTAhy">https://a.co/00HTAhy</a> or can be dropped off at the Community Center.

#### Parenting and Anger Management Groups

St. Francis Community Center and locations throughout Ocean County. To register, please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197. Funded by the Department of Human Services.



#### **Auto Ownership Program**

The Auto Ownership Program at St. Francis Community Center is looking for donated vehicles. Donated vehicles are provided to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients for whom transportation is a major barrier to employment. Cars are donated, repaired, and turned over to clients involved in a work or training activity of the Ocean County TANF program. All donations will receive a letter and 1098c form for tax purposes.

Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197 if you are interested in donating.

### Children's Services

For information call ext. 114.



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

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

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

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

Available Care 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day
Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2
Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

St. Francis was chosen by Wally's
#LBIBites Restaurant Week Give Back

100% of the net proceeds of all meals purchased January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 7<sup>th</sup> will be evenly distributed between

**St. Francis Community Center** 

David's Dream & Believe Cancer Foundation and Hunger Foundation Of Southern Ocean

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



#### Self Help Groups

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

Due to COVID-10 please call (609) 641-8855 for updated meetings and locations.

#### AA HOTLINE (609) 494-5130

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope to maintain continuous sobriety through a 12-step program of recovery, and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

#### St. Francis Travel

Home Town Travel 128 Bartlett Ave., Bartlett Commons, Rt. 9 South, West Creek, NJ 08092 Call Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100 Email: hometowntravel@comcast.net



### Sightseeing Trips & Cruises



#### Ireland 2.0 (2021)

with Father Kevin and Home Town Travel

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

"Irish Information Night" - Tuesday, February 2, 2021 At 4:00 PM 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

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.

14 Night Trans-Atlantic Greenland and Iceland 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.

Seattle to Vancouver - September 3-10, 2021

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The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is now open by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

With a voucher and an appointment you can choose from: work attire, jackets & coats, everyday clothing, shoes and accessories! Vouchers are available at St. Francis Food Pantry, Churches, & Stafford Community Center.

Call Madelyn at (609) 276-3308 to book an appointment.

#### **Employment Opportunity**



#### Preschool

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(Toddler & Preschool)

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