# **BRIDGE**



With open arms for all!

All are welcome!

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



Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

| DATE                     | MASS INTENTIONS   | READINGS   | EVENTS  |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| Saturday,<br>January 7   | (L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +John Gazo 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Donald DeLotto +Diane Fleishinger, ofs   | 1 Jn. 5:14-21;<br>Jn. 2:1-11<br>Is. 60:1-6;<br>Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6;<br>Mt. 2:1-12 | 9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom  |
| Sunday,<br>January 8     | 8:30 AM +Michael Natale<br>+Diane Fleishinger, ofs<br>10:00 AM +Marianne Gaudia<br>+Bruce Brodbeck<br>11:30 AM +James M. Kempski<br>+Scott Collins<br>+Richard Doyle, ofs | Is. 60:1-6;<br>Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6;<br>Mt. 2:1-12                                 | 10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass<br>www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi<br>12:30 PM Order of Secular Franciscan OFS |
| Monday,<br>January 9     | 9:00 AM <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i><br>+Bill Kunz  | Is. 42:1-4, 6-7;<br>Mt. 3:13-17  |   |
| Tuesday,<br>January 10   | 9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League   | Heb. 2:5-12;<br>Mk. 1:21-28  | 9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena<br>7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Plan., Surf City  |
| Wednesday,<br>January 11 | 9:00 AM +Marilyn DiLorenzo  | Heb. 2:14-18;<br>Mk. 1:29-39   | 9:30 AM Bible Talk After Mass<br>2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament   |
| Thursday,<br>January 12  | 9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League   | Heb. 3:7-14;<br>Mk. 1:40-45  | 7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide, Room 212  |
| Friday,<br>January 13    | 9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League   | Heb. 4:1-5, 11;<br>Mk. 2:1-12  | 10:00 AM Knit/Crochet, Family Faith Office  |
| Saturday,<br>January 14  | 9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League<br>3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:00 PM +Carol Henderson<br>+Gary Shemrief<br>+Jack Grundy  | Heb. 4:12-16;<br>Mk. 2:13-17<br>Is. 49:3, 5-6;<br>1 Cor. 1:1-3;<br>Jn. 1:29-34 | 10:30 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom   |
| Sunday,<br>January 15    | 8:30 AM +Ronald Cohen<br>+Tim Kelly<br>10:00 AM +Danny & Jimmy Cancro<br>+Lottie & John Bencivenga<br>11:30 AM +Bruce Brodbeck  | Is. 49:3, 5-6;<br>1 Cor. 1:1-3;<br>Jn. 1:29-34                                 | 10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi  |

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

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM **Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM** 

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St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - CLOSED

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - CLOSED

St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

# St. Anthony Novena

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



#### Read our bulletin online at

www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram: **StFrancisChurchLBI** 

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA Vocation Office vocations@osfphil.org

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

#### Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

**Parish Registration:** The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

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

**Family Faith:** For children in grades one through eight. Please call Judith Clayton at (609) 494-8813 ext. 153 for more information.

*Marriage:* In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE YEARin 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.

The St. Francis Parish and Center will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Parish Office

| Michele Beck, Director, Musicmbeck@stfrancislbi.org                    |  |  |
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| Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFMsbrookbank@stfrancislbi.org                    |  |  |
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| Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worshipjreeder@stfrancislbi.org              |  |  |
| Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFMareitz@stfrancislbi.org                           |  |  |
| Sr. Pat Klemm, OSF (in-residence)srpatklemm@gmail.com                  |  |  |
| Marie Maslanka, Parish Secretarymhuber@stfrancislbi.org                |  |  |
| Parish Office - (609) 494-8813,  |  |  |
| Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)  |  |  |
| Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153                       |  |  |

#### St. Francis Center

Community Center - (609) 494-8861 Children's Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 114 Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554 Educational & Career Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 407 Family Support Services - (609) 494-8861 Food Pantry - (833) 511-0760 Recreation & Aquatics - (609)494-8861 ext. 105 Senior Services - (609) 494-8861 ext. 108 or 109

Parish Finance Council

| Cecelia Fowler              | 201 264 5965 cgfowler413@gmail.com       |
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| Angelo Rinaldi              | 609 661 9052 clamlbi@comcast.net         |
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| Stacey Kelsall, Comptroller | 609 494 8861 skelsall@stfrancislbi.org   |

# **Emergency Information**

1. Call the main office (609) 494-8861. There will be a recording.

2. Check Facebook www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi St Francis of Assisi Parish for updates.

# 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.

# **Appeals Box**

#### **Interfaith Health & Support Services**

St. Francis is a founding member of Interfaith Health & Support Services, a coalition of area congregations. Volunteers provide free services: respite care, medical transportation and shopping for the frail elderly & isolated in our community. This collection is our annual contribution to this valuable service.

#### **Second Collection:**

**Utilities** 

Collected: \$4,211

This Week We Need:
Budgeted: \$20,000

Last Week's Collection:



Collected: **\$16,612**Budgeted: **\$23,000** 

(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal raised over \$6 million. 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal began February 19/20. Goal this year is \$6.5 million.

Goal: **\$100,000.00** 

Total Pledged: \$56,523.38 (57% of Goal) Total Collected: \$55,999.38 (56% of Goal)

Total Donors: 207
Total Gifts: 234
Average Gift: \$241.55

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

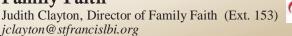
It was greatly appreciated!

We look forward to your continued support.

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

# St. Francis Liturgical Community

#### **Family Faith**



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

# Gospel Inspirations:

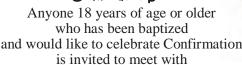


"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrth."

Among the first to worship Jesus were strangers who sought him out and brought Him gifts.

What can we give Jesus? Ourselves.

# Adults For Confirmation Come and See



Sr. Pat on **January 17** at 7:00 PM in Room 212. For further information about celebrating the Sacrament, please contact Sr. Pat at (609) 494-8861 ext. 157.



# Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





# **Spiritual Direction**

Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God? Do you experience a desire to pray always? Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?

Spiritual Direction is not about problem solving. It is neither counseling nor therapy. It is about enhancing one's prayer life. Directors help people recognize and respond to God's will in their life experiences. One Director summed up the process this way, "All I do is listen. People already have a spiritual life; they are not starting here. Often they need relief from the pressure that they are not doing the right thing. I help them see the goodness in where they are on their journey, not where they think they're supposed to be." God is the real spiritual director.

The Diocese of Trenton has several training programs called an internship. These are two or three year programs focusing on deepening one's own spiritual life and on learning the dynamics of Spiritual Direction. Upon completion of the program a person receives a Certificate from the Diocese.

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors.

There is no charge for Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your life please call:

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

#### An Invitation to Contemplative Living

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

On the second Saturday of the month we meet in person in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center at 9:45 AM when we also have a presentation. We always welcome new folks to join us! Next zoom sessions - January 14

# Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Fran to reserve your place. Next scheduled meeting: January 21, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



#### **Meetings:**

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



#### Bible Talks After Mass

Tom Troyano will be doing brief monthly talks on the bible after the 9:00 AM Mass. Next talk Wednesday, **January11**, 9:30 AM, Brant Beach Church

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

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

Next meeting Friday, January 13, 10:00 AM, Family Faith Office

#### **Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting**

Meets weekly on Tuesdays, beginning at 7:00 PM,

First meeting Tuesday, **January 10**, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church Hall

#### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, <mark>January 8</mark>, 12:30 PM *Spiritual Life, Fraternity Meeting,* Brant Beach Church Hall.

#### **Scripture Study**

Meets bi-monthly on Wednesdays, from 10:00-11:30 AM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (732) 261-4721 or email: tomtroyano@comcast.net for more information. Next meeting Wednesday January 18, 10:00 AM, location to be announced..

#### **Survivors of Suicide**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212). Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

#### What's Your New Year's Resolution?



Men's Cornerstone Retreat
March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Maris Stella Retreat Center - Harvey Cedars Registration Brochures in Church Lobby

# **Prison Ministry in Our Parish**

" I was in prison and you came to visit me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:36, 40)

There is a prison ministry being started in the Parish. The ministry will bring Eucharist and review the Gospel readings from Sunday Mass. We will be visiting the Ocean County jail in Toms River. Anyone interested please contact Jim Collery *jcollery@gmail.com*.

#### Join us for a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul

### GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

#### 11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 19-29, 2023

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



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

\*Air/land tour price is \$3379 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges For More Information, Please Contact: Fr. Andrew Reitz Tel: (917) 275-5593 Email: areitz@stfrancislbi.org

LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

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



 Weekend Mass Schedules Saturdays - 5:00PM Sundays - 8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM

• The Epiphany of the Lord January 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday 5:00PM, January 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8:30am, 10:00AM, 11:30AM

#### Flower Fund

A list of those who contributed to our Flower Fund drive may be viewed online at the parish website: www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

# **Praying the Rosary**





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

# **Employment Opportunity**

\*Full-time positions are offered Health Care, Paid time off (with additional earning for years of service), 15 Paid Holidays, Life Insurance, 403B (retirement plan) w/ company match, & more.



\* Part-time positions are offered Paid sick time, Paid Holidays (excluding seasonal/variable) and Employee Discounts.

# **Community Center**

**Counseling Services** 

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

**Days:** Monday through Friday (Some evening hours required) Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). On-site clinical supervision is provided.

Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

#### **Community Center and Parish**

Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator

Position: Full time, 40 hours week. The coordinator is responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing Special Events for the Community Center and Parish as well as developing new events and fundraisers. The coordinator will be responsible for recruiting new volunteers from among the parish, the center, and from the larger LBI community. This position is also responsible for overseeing and assigning volunteers for special events and for various programs throughout the Center and Parish. Applicant must be proficient in Microsoft Office. Must have Valid Driver's License and be able to lift at least 40lbs. Expertise in communication, social engagement, and working cooperatively with others.

Days: Monday- Friday, attendance at various night and weekend events is required

#### **Parish**

**Position:** *Director of Parish Development*, Full time position This position is responsible for planning, organizing, administering, and evaluating the fund raising initiatives and special events for the St Francis Parish. Prefer a bachelor's degree and experience in management and fundraising. Applicants should have good communication skills and computer skills including, Microsoft Office, website management, and the ability to manage multiple social media pages. Applicants must be able to lift 30lbs and have a valid Driver's License. Attendance at Sunday liturgies and Holy days is encouraged. **Days/Hours:** Monday- Friday, with attendance at Evening/weekend events required

**Position:** Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry, Full time position.

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

**Days:** Monday-Friday with some evenings and weekends required

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

Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

# SPECIAL EVENTS



# 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.

#### **Family Support Services**

**Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:** 

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

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

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

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#### **Donations needed for the Food Pantry:**

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

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked "donation" in the front of the Community Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry it can be made through our website: <a href="http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate">http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate</a> via PayPal.

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

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

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

# Did You Know??

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 our projects served 86 families who enrolled and 50 extra backpacks that were given to the Lacey School District reaching a total of 254 children for the Back to School project, 215 families reaching 553 adults and 307 children for the Thanksgiving Project, and 208 families reaching 536 children for the Gift of Warmth Project. In 2022 for the first time the Human Concerns Department held the Spring Dinner project and served a total 108 families reaching a total of 275 adults and 163 children.

The Human Concerns Department would like to thank all of our Staff and Volunteers who make these projects possible. We would also like to thank our generous community members who have donated to each of our projects this year.

#### **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.

### **Aquatics:**

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

#### **Recreation:**

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

# 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 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, 5 Days a Week

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

# **Employment & Career Services**

For information call ext. 407.

Adult Education ProgramFirst Step to Self SufficiencyNext Step to Employment

All participants must be verified for eligibility through the Ocean County PIC Office. Programs funded through a grant provided by the Ocean County Department of Human Services. For additional information call: (732) 281-8653

#### **Senior Services**

For information call ext. 108 or 109.



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

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



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

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

#### St. Francis Travel

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



# Sightseeing Trips & Cruises



#### May 14-23, 2023

# British Landscapes Featuring England, Scotland and Wales

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

#### October 11-19, 2023

#### Egypt and Nile Cruise

Have you always wanted to take a camel ride by the Pyramids or a hot air balloon ride over the Nile while cruising these ancient ports? Spend two nights in Cairo visiting the National Museum, the Great Pyramids of Giza, the enigmatic Sphinx along with a camel ride. Visit Old Cairo. Fly to Luxor and board the H/S Nebu for a four night Nile cruise visiting Karnak and Luxor Temple, Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut, Edfu, Kom Ombo and more. Breakfast daily and full board while cruising. Rate per person double occupancy is at \$3,988.00. Airfare pricing will be available in January.

#### November 2-12, 2023

#### 10 night Ultimate Southern Caribbean Cruise Celebrity Reflection

Cruise round trip from Fort Lauderdale in a balcony cabin visiting: Antigua, Barbados, Grenada, Martinique St. Kitts & Nevis. Our special "always included" package incorporates your stateroom in a balcony, all current port and government taxes, all meals, beverage package, Wi-Fi and gratuities. Rate per person is at \$2,069.00.

# **Cultural Competency Statement**

The St. Francis Center recognizes a culturally diverse community and makes a commitment to the principles of multiculturalism as a means of understanding, accepting, valuing, and supporting cultural diversity. The term Multicultural is applied broadly to include issues of minority or marginalized status as it relates to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, use of English as a second language, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, spirituality, and the elderly. The St. Francis Center proposes to develop programs and practices that assist staff, board members, and volunteers to recognize, accept, and affirm differences and similarities among people and provide services that are supportive and inclusive of all members of the community.

# **Community Bulletin Board**

#### **Soroptimist Clothes Closet**

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

Regular hours resume in January: Saturdays from 10-1; First & third Wednesday from 4-6. For further info Call Madelyn 609-276-3308

#### **Diocese of Trenton**

701 Lawrenceville Rd., Trenton, NJ 08638

#### Standing Together for Life Friday, January 20, 2023

St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold *Mass for Life* will begin at 11:00 AM Mass will be livestreamed on

#### Youtube.com/trentondiocese

Lunch and Seminar from 12:30 - 3:30 PM
Featuring Charles Camosy, Author & Speaker, in Dentici Hall.
Advanced registration is required. Deadline January 10, 2023

<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/standing-together-for-life-tickets-464741041967">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/standing-together-for-life-tickets-464741041967</a>

Scan to register 🚆

Additional questions may be sent to jramos/@dioceseoftrenton.org

Retrouvaille Weekend, February 3 – 5, 2023

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- · Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
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