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



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St. Francis of Assisi, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, January 8	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Richard Doyle, <i>ofs</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +James O'Brien +Jim Keigher +Anne Marie Devine	1 Jn. 5:14-21; Jn. 3:22-30 Is. 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Zoom
Sunday, January 9	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 8:30 AM +Bob Carpenter +John Schultz 10:00 AM +James M. Kempinski +Theresa Bray 11:30 AM +Joan Moran +Maureen Wuelfing, <i>ofs</i>	Is. 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi 12:30 PM OFS Fraternity Meeting
Monday, January 10	9:00 AM +Joan Chenard	1 Sm. 1L1-8; Mk. 1:14-20	
Tuesday, January 11	9:00 AM +Louise Yysis-Smith	1 Sm. 1:9-10; Mk. 1:21-28	9:30 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, January 12	9:00 AM +Eleanor Flanagan	1 Sm. 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk. 1:29-39	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, January 13	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	1 Sm. 4-11; Mk 1:40-45	
Friday, January 14	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	1 Sm. 8:4-7,0-22a; Mk. 2:1-12	
Saturday, January 15	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Eileen Gallagher +Adam Frank +Christofer Michael Bagnato	1 Sm. 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk. 2:13-17 Is. 62:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Jn. 2:1-11	
Sunday, January 16	8:30 AM +Paul H. Wirth +Robert Connor 10:00 AM +Eleanor Tarsitano +Emanuel "Sonny" Tarsitano +Valerie Tarsitano Reddam 11:30 AM +Anthony Chirico	Is. 62:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Jn. 2:1-11	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi

Mass Schedule - **Until Further Notice**

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM

Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM
www.facebook.com/stfrancispishlbi

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City - Closed for the Season

St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven - Closed for the Season

St. Clare, Loveladies - Closed for the Season

See Page 4 for additional Christmas Season Masses & Services

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

Praying the Rosary

St. Francis of Assisi Church Brant Beach
Monday through Saturday, 8:20 AM



St. Anthony Novena

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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





First Snow Storm of 2022

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 Faith: For children ages six 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 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 Staff

Michele Beck, Director, Music
 Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM
 Judith Clayton, Director, Family Faith Formation
 Deacon Robert Cunningham
 Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM
 Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor
 Fr. John Frambes, OFM
 Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM
 Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF
 Jo Anne Reeder, Director, Worship
 Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM
 Barbara Truncellito, Director, Parish Development

Parish Office - (609) 494-8813
 Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

Family Faith Formation - (609) 494-8813 ext. 153
 Community Center - (609) 494-8861
 Counseling Services - (609) 494-1554

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

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.

Collection totals will appear in the next bulletin, January 16, 2022.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$100,000.00**

Gift Count: **428**

Donors: **306**

Raised: **\$63,860.00**

Collected: **\$62,557.09**

Pledge Balance: **\$ 797.91**



Did You Know??

The majority of grants received by the Center only cover a portion of the costs to offer our programs, most of which is allotted to the employee salaries directly providing those services. Other operational costs, as well as administrative costs, utilities, and insurance, all depend on donations from the public to help support running these programs. We are thankful for any and all support from the community!

Weekly Reflections...



Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM, Pastoral Associate

Saints of God, the Lord be with you.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord in which Jesus having no need for repentance stands in solidarity with sinners. The feast we celebrate is the close of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary time.

Over the past several months, my friends in Raleigh, Antonio and Aracely, have been sharing with me their preparations for the birth of their first child. They know the baby is a boy and I've been suggesting possible names; my favorite is little Esteban [Stephen for those who don't know Spanish]. Unfortunately, this was quickly nixed.

I did ask Antonio to think about the first words he was going to whisper into the ear of his first born. His reply was, "Aren't you glad we didn't name you Esteban." I think he was joking. As our conversation turned more serious he said that he would think about what he was really going to say.

I wonder how different our lives would be if we had heard the words that Jesus did, "You are my beloved son/daughter; with you I am well pleased." Baptism gives us the identity of Christ as well as His mission to be "priest, prophet, and king" in the world. In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah [40: 1-5, 9-11] we are told some of the ways we can live who we are by our baptism. We are to give comfort to each other, to speak tenderly to one another, to reveal the glory of the Lord not only in our words, but more importantly in our actions.

Every time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we are re-dipped into the waters of Baptism. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we are given another chance to celebrate who God makes us to be through Baptism. At the end of every mass we are charged to live in the world who we are becoming through our participation in the mass.

Think about your baptism today. Hear God the Father say to you, "You are my beloved son/daughter. With you I am well pleased."

Fr. Stevek, ofm

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

"You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased".



God sent his Son to teach us how to live our lives so that we will return to him for eternal life.

How does Jesus' message influence the way I live my life every day? How am I following the teaching of Jesus?

St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)
jclayton@stfrancislbj.org
Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150)
Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)
Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)



Classes for all grades 1-8 are under way.

Contact Marion Pierri at mpierri@stfrancislbj.org or (609) 494-8813 ext. 177 for more information on the tuition process.

New families to our programs should contact our Director, Judy Clayton at jclayton@stfrancislbj.org or (609) 494-8813 ext. 153.

Adult Faith Enrichment and RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Adult Faith Enrichment group invites you to a talk on "Sacraments"
Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 PM
in the St. Francis Church, Brant Beach.



- Sunday **January 9th**, **Baptism of the Lord**, Regular Sunday Masses in Brant Beach Church, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Did you notice?

The first lector does not process out with the Lectionary at the end of Mass. It is meant to stay in the sanctuary. The Word of God remains with the assembled.

Help Wanted - Altar Server Ministry

CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS



Do you find mass boring? If you do, why not sign up to be an altar server. We need young people [after First Communion] to help with priests and/or carry the cross in the parade at the beginning and end of mass. The more you do during the mass, the more interesting mass becomes.

Have your parents contact Ms. Toby McCarthy via email toby121e@comcast.net or call/text (609) 923 5417.

Parents, don't worry...Ms. Toby will do the training, and your child will serve only ONE mass per month.

Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbj.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbj



Follow St. Francis Parish on Instagram: [StFrancisChurchLBI](https://www.instagram.com/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

Do You Have an IRA ?
Are You Older Than 70 1/2 ?
Would You Like To Withdraw \$\$\$ From Your IRA TAX FREE...
(and Help Our Parish in the Process?)
LEARN HOW ON
January 19th at 9:45 AM
and
January 22nd after the 5:00 PM Mass
in the
Brant Beach Church Hall
Presentation by Parishioner Andy Matthews

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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.

Peace Prayer Project

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



SAVE THE DATE !

2022 ST. FRANCIS MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

This could be the time for you to take a break from your busy schedule and reconnect to what really matters.

Friday, **March 11th** - 6:00 - 10:00 PM
Saturday **March 12th** - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Maris Stella - Harvey Cedars

Brochures with pertinent information are available at the Church entrances.

Please contact Jim Brady with questions or for additional information at sabrady@hotmail.com

The Rosary Project

St. Francis Parish Women's Cornerstone ladies are now collecting gently used rosaries to clean and re-package and send to hospital patients.

Please place your donation of used rosaries in the collection basket in the lobby of the Brant Beach Church and we thank you!



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.

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Book Club

Now through November 2021 we will meet in person at St. Francis Center in either Room 102 or the Knight Wing Conference Room, (Room 212) on the last Tuesday of the month from 1:30-2:30 PM.

Next scheduled meeting: **January 25, Sr. Lunch Room**

Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Next scheduled meeting: **TBA**

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **January 9, 12:30 PM**, *Fraternity Meeting*, via Zoom.

Scripture Study

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 3:00 PM 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 scheduled meeting: **TBA**

Survivors of Suicide

Meets the **2nd 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.

Next scheduled meeting: **January 13, Room 212**

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, ofs, (609) 661-4441,

Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835,

Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651,

Mary Lou Jacoby, (732) 995-6917

Pat Simmons, ofs, (609) 661-1361.

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

This program calls out to those who desire to live more contemplatively in the world, to grow in union with God and others, and to become more aware, intentional and free. God liberates us and heals us through the practice of contemplative prayer. All our meetings, will be on Zoom for both Wednesdays and Saturdays through March then back in person for April through July 2022. Email Kathy Egan for more information

at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com

Next scheduled sessions: **January 8, 9:45 AM via Zoom**

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lunch Room on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob or Father Steve to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: **January 15, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Rm.**

Employment Opportunity



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

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

Children's Services - Toddler Room Supervisor

Seeking a person with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Bachelor's degree in early childhood education is required and experience working with Toddlers (13 months-2yrs of age) is preferred. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Position: Year-round, Full-time

Pay: \$14.50 per hour ***A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding- More information will be provided in the interview***

Days: Monday-Friday

Children's Services - Teacher's Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

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.

Positions: Year-round, Full-time

Pay: \$13.00 per hour ***A recruitment bonus of \$1,000 may be available through state funding- More information will be provided in the interview***

Days: Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

Positions: Full-time and Part-time Licensed Counselors Full-time and Part-time Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselors

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.

Recreation/Pool

Position: Part-time Lifeguard (possibility for year round hours)

Not Red Cross certified yet? We can train you!

For anyone interested in this position who is not a currently a Red Cross certified pool lifeguard, we can get you certified! Employment is for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. If interested please reach out to slanarco@stfrancisbi.org with any questions or for more information.

Days: Monday-Friday, and/or weekend - Flexible schedule

Pay: \$12 per hour (Increasing to \$13 per hour on January 1st)

Bilingual Caseworker

Position: Full Time Employment. **Applicants must be fluent in both English and Spanish.**

Applicants must have strong interpersonal skills, familiar with factors which influence child abuse and neglect, valid driver's license, and a minimum of High School Diploma, preferred Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (BSW) or related field. Case worker will be required to travel throughout Ocean County for home visits and provide transportation to clients.

Days: Monday-Friday

Senior Services

Position: Full time Caseworker (Outreach and Information Assistance Worker)

Days/Hours: 40 hours a week - Monday-Friday

Pay: \$13 per hour

Must have Phone/Communication, Computer & Organization skills
Must have valid driver license. Due to COVID-19 restrictions most work is being conducted from the office however normally the position requires home visits with clients.

****Background check and fingerprinting required for all positions.**

Please send resumes to
abodine@stfrancisbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

SPECIAL EVENTS



Save the Date!

Super "Plunge" Saturday February 12, 2022, 1:00 PM

An alcohol-free event!

Join us for the **18th Annual Ocean Plunge** on Super Bowl Sunday! Are you part Polar Bear? Do you have what it takes to brave the icy cold Atlantic Ocean in February? Save the date and meet us on the 48th Street beach (Brant Beach).

Pre-Registration is required. \$30 per person, \$15 per student. Registration Forms will be available online at: www.stfranciscenterlbi.org and at the Center soon.

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.

Effective **January 1, 2022** PAAD and Senior Gold limits will increase by 10,000 each.

This increases the income eligibility limits established in the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program to \$38,769 for single persons and \$45,270 combined income for married couples. Under the Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program, income eligibility limits are \$10,000 higher than PAAD income eligibility limits. Therefore, the bill will increase income eligibility limits under the Senior Gold Prescription Discount program to \$48,769 for single persons and \$55,270 combined income for married couples. If you need assistance in filling out an application call Senior Services to schedule an appointment (609) 494-8861.

Are you in need of assistance with Dental, Vision, Pharmaceutical and Physicians co-pay cost? We are here to help! St. Francis Senior Services received a grant from the **Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia Mission Fund** to assist low-income seniors in need of dental and vision care and prescription and physician co-pay cost. Please call Linda Falb, Director Senior Service for information. (609) 494-8868 ext. 111.

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.

Pickleball

A cross between Ping Pong, Tennis, Racquetball and Badminton. Pickleball is played as a singles or doubles game. Players use oversized ping pong paddles and a whiffle ball. The game is played on a badminton sized court that is divided by a 34 inch high net. Pickleball is a great sport for teens and up including baby boomers and active seniors.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

12:15-3:00 PM

Saturdays

9:30 AM-12:30 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

Please be advised we can no longer take donations of durable medical equipment or adult undergarments; we do not have the space to store them.

Thank you, Sr. 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) 494-8861 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

Family Support Services

Human Concerns Food Pantry Hours:

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

Walk-ins are welcome!

Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to wear a mask.

*The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-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***

Donations needed for the Food Pantry:

Cereal, Canned Soup, Rice Side Packets, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Vegetables such as Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Detergent, Soap, Personal Products, Dish Detergent.

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

Family Support Services:

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

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

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.

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.grownkids.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 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

Community Bulletin Board

Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is now open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:00 PM and every Saturday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Free clothing to any women having trouble making ends meet and in need of clothing.

With a voucher 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 for more information.

No appointment necessary.

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.

St. Francis Travel

Home Town Travel

128 Bartlett Ave., Bartlett Commons,

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Call Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100

Email: hometowntravel@comcast.net



Sightseeing Trips & Cruises



Join Father Steve in Iceland

February 1-6, 2022

(Wait listed)

Imperial Cities with Oberammergau Passion Play

September 19-29, 2022

Rate of \$6,099 double occupancy includes: 16 meals, round trip air from Newark, sightseeing, Passion play and much more.

For more information or reservations, contact

Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100

or visit St. Francis Parish Website at: <https://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/travel>

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