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for all!
All are welcome!*

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 16, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, January 15	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 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	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm.
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/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, January 17	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	1 Sm. 15:16-23; Mk. 2:18-22	Parish and Center are CLOSED
Tuesday, January 18	9:00 AM +James J. Flanagan	1 Sm. 16:1-13; Mk. 2:23-28	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone Workshop, Surf City
Wednesday, January 19	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	1 Sm. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk. 3:1-6	9:45 AM IRA Presentation, Church Hall 2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 3:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Kate Mtg. Rm. 7:00 PM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA
Thursday, January 20	9:00 AM +Ralph Polifroni	1 Sm. 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk. 3:7-12	
Friday, January 21	9:00 AM +Alice "Mimi" Moeller +Helen Foley	1 Sm. 24:3-21; Mk. 3:13-19	
Saturday, January 22	9:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Larry A. Patrizi +Mary Frances Ventresca	2 Sm. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk. 3:20-21 Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Lk. 1:1-4, 4:14-21	After 5:00 PM Mass IRA Presentation, Church Hall
Sunday, January 23	8:30 AM +James Rogan +John Schultz 10:00 AM +Mae E. Kempski +Richard O'Donnell (L)+Pham Family 11:30 AM (L)Kevin Kilgallen	Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Lk. 1:1-4, 4:14-21	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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

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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

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





Fr. Francis Di Spigno, OFM,
Pastor

The Cycles and Rhythms of Life

I do hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations. It is a great time to remember our blessings; to remember the love that holds us together *and* the love that keeps us going. Hopefully, in the gifts that we may have given or received, or in the cards that we sent to those far off, we were reminded of all the people in our lives that we love, and who love us. It is always good to remember that. Even if it was only one person that we connect with over the holidays, it is a great reminder of the love of God’s Incarnation in our midst. Of course, on the heels of that great celebration we then begin our New Year. I do like beginning again. It can be a time to correct the things we missed in the past year, as it can also be a time to start something new.

As we start anew, the readings at Mass speak of Jesus starting anew, as he begins his public ministry. With God’s affirmation last week, “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,*” [Luke 3:22] Jesus enters into a new phase of his life. Our liturgical time, now “ordered,” hence, Ordinary Time, walk us through the different phases and developments of Jesus’ ministry and teachings. That, of course will be interrupted when Ash Wednesday comes along [*March 2nd, in case you were wondering*] so we can then begin our Lenten journey leading us to the Easter mysteries. If nothing else, as yet another Christmas and New Year have come and gone, we are aware that life has its cycles and has its rhythms.

Of course, our “normal” cycle and rhythm has been interrupted for almost two years. Our celebrations have become muted and there always seems to be a pall over everything we do now, wondering if that last sneeze means we have Covid. It is not a great way to live and the frustration level is very high. We all want it to end so we can get back to where we were...back to “normal.” Who knows, maybe we just might get there. I don’t know. All I do know is that right now the Omicron variant has quickly made its way across the globe and certainly into our community. Along with Covid, I can personally attest to the fact that there is also a nasty flu going around. I have tested negative, twice, for Covid, but this flu certainly did knock me down for a good two weeks.

With what is “in the air,” I strongly encourage everyone to be as careful as possible. I know we are all tired of the masks and the hand sanitizers [at least I know I am!] but in lieu of simply waiting for it to be over, it might be better to figure out how we can continue to best live our lives, with everything that is going on around us. We can’t repeat last year’s three month shut down but we can’t pretend as if Covid or the flu doesn’t exist.

To that end, I have asked our Pastoral Staff, that when having meetings or events that they be via Zoom and/or if in person, to have everyone wear a mask. In these cold months, when we are spending more time inside, the possibility of catching something increases tremendously. Although you do not have to wear a mask during Mass I would strongly encourage you to do so as an act of charity for those around you as well as for yourself.

We cannot stop living, and we cannot live in fear, but we can be wise. We are beginning a new cycle but the rhythm is certainly different. We will adjust. God is still good, all the time, and we still live that message.

May God continue to bless us, our New Year, and teach us how to live the Incarnation anew in the world that is before us.

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Pastor

GOSPEL CHALLENGE:

“Do whatever he tells you.”

Mary had faith that Jesus would help in a difficult situation. Her advice was simply to listen to him.

How can I listen more carefully to what God is telling me?



The St. Francis Parish and Center will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

Friar's Infirmary

The Friar's who serve you all belong to the Franciscan Province of the Holy Name. The elderly men in our community receive excellent care at Holy Name Friary in Ringwood, NJ. This collection helps cover the costs of caring for those men who cared so much during their lives of active ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$29,322.50**

Budgeted: **\$20,000**

Second Collection:

Interfaith Health & Support Services

Collected: **\$4,822**

January 1/2 Collection:

Collected: **\$18,963.50**

Budgeted: **\$23,000**

January 1/2 Second Collection:

Utilities **\$5,319**



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Online Giving!
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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**



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

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

St. Francis Liturgical Community

Family Faith

Judith Clayton, Director of Family Faith (Ext. 153)

jclayton@stfrancislbi.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@stfrancislbi.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@stfrancislbi.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.

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancispshlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancispshlbi



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

Peace Prayer Project

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



January 22nd
Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a professional ministry in which a spiritual director accompanies others to grow in intimacy with God as they experience the challenges and joys of life. This sacred ministry assists individuals to notice and savor their experiences of God and to respond to God's abundant love. We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment 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 **ZOOM** sessions:

Wednesday, February 2, 10:30 AM;

Saturday, February 12, 9:45 AM

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.**

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.

Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Book Club

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. Tuesday, **January 25**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

Men's Cornerstone Planning Meeting

Tuesday, **January 18**, 7:00 PM, St. Thomas Church, Surf City

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Saturday, **February 5, 9:30 AM**, Maris Stella, Harvey Cedars, *Fraternity Day of Recollection*

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. Wednesday, **January 19**, 3:00 PM, Sr. Kate Meeting Room

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. Thursday, **February 10**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

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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

Did You Know??

Our own Giovanni Mele, who works security at the front desk served in our US Army. He was a Corporal and did a tour in Danang, Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in July 1965. When you greet Giovanni at the front desk, please join me in thanking him for his service.

The Rosary Project

Dear Parish Family,
We will **temporarily suspend** collecting rosaries until we deplete what you have already so generously given.

Over 135 rosaries were donated. These will be given out to hospital patients and others along with an instruction card on praying the rosary.

Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your donations and support.

The Ladies of Women's Cornerstone

(The collection basket will be removed on **February 1st.**)



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 slamarco@stfrancislbj.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@stfrancislbj.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.

Special Events Coming Up at St. Francis Parish

Annual Fish Fry
Friday, April 8

Beefsteak Dinner
Friday, June 3

Annual Fashion Show,
Cedar Bonnet Island
Wednesday, June 22

Details to follow.

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

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 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

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.

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.**

Community Bulletin Board

Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Due to the current upsurge in Covid cases, the Soroptimist Clothes Closet will be temporarily closed until February.

For more information, call Madelyn at (609) 276-3308.

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



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.



A private Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

with Father Steve Kluge

October 26-November 3, 2022

A presentation will be held on Friday, January 28, 2022 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at St. Francis Center, by Jim Myers from Myers Tours and Home Town Travel.

RSVP is required to attend. Please call Tara at Home Town Travel to confirm your attendance and find out more what this great trip entails.
(609) 597-5100

*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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