# **BRIDGE**

With open arms for all!

#### THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 2021

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Parish Office (609) 494-8813 Mon. - Fri. 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

Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can

Daily gospel reflections can be found on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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**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 One Parish - Four Churches Summer Mass Schedule through September 4/5



Reconciliation: 3:30 - 4:30 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM Daily 9:00 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

# **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS** 2nd & Atlantic Avenue

Beach Haven, NJ 08008



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



ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA 13th & the Boulevard Surf City, NJ 08008

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

**ST. CLARE** 56th St. & the Boulevard Loveladies, NJ 08008



Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

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, July 24	9:00 AM +Russell G. Stein +Richard Nigro 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Vaughan Family	Ex. 24:3-8; Mt. 13:24-30 2 Kgs. 4:42-44; Eph. 4:1-6; Jn. 6:1-15	
Sunday, July 25	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Henry Klaas +Walter & Lucy Czarzasty +Michael Bent 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Aurelio Casiano	2 Kgs. 4:42-44; Eph. 4:1-6; Jn. 6:1-15	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, July 26	9:00 AM +Edward Sarom +Ann Marie O'Gorman	Ex. 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt. 13:31-35	9:30 AM Adult Faith Enrichment
Tuesday, July 27	9:00 AM +Charles Wall +Gary Van Sciver +Mary Leonardi	Ex. 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt. 13:36-43	1:30 PM Book Club Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, July 28	9:00 AM +Diane Pietrefesa +Dolores & Buddy Heintz	Ex. 34:29-35; Mt. 13:44-46	
Thursday, July 29	9:00 AM +Jo Vennewald +John Connelly	Ex. 40:16-21, 34-38; Jn. 11:19-27	9:30 AM Adult Faith Enrichment
Friday, July 30	9:00 AM +Denny Bloomer	Lv. 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt. 13:54-58	
Saturday, July 31	9:00 AM +James Oleson 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Thomas Walsh (L)Patricia & Edward O'Donnell	Lv. 25:1, 8-17; Mt. 14:1-12 Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph. 4:17, 20-24; Jn. 6:24-35	
Sunday, August 1	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Joseph Cenname, Jr. 10:00 AM +Michael Bent +Ruth Phelps +Domenico Astemborski, III 11:30 AM +Terence F. Sullivan	Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph. 4:17, 20-24; Jn. 6:24-35	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <i>www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</i> 11:00 AM, OFS Fraternity Social, Pool Meeting Room

## St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, July 24	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Elizabeth & William Ulmer +Stella & Adam Merkhoffer +Carmela & Salvatore Giampiccolo
Sunday, July 25	8:30 AM +Eleanor Carsley 10:00 AM +Russell G. Stein +Martha Spinelli +Nancy Anderson 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League
Saturday, July 31	5:00 PM +Frank Esposito +Elizabeth Polifroni
Sunday, August 1	8:30 AM +Eleanor Flanagan 10:00 AM +Eileen Baldassari (L)Isabel & +Frank Friedholf 11:30 AM +Delmar K. Mitchell

St. Clare Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
	(L) Living +Deceased			
Saturday, July 24	5:00 PM +Frank Esposito			
Sunday, July 25	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Schultz			
Saturday, July 31	5:00 PM +Mark Belli			
Sunday, August 1	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +Jo Vennewald			

## 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  $2^{nd}$  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  $3^{rd}$  Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

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

<u>Marriage</u>: In accordance with the Common Policy of the five Dioceses of New Jersey, arrangements must be made ONE YEAR in advance. Couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation classes. Weddings are performed on Friday or Saturday. Weddings are NOT performed on Sundays, the beach, Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Labor Day weekends.

<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.

#### St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2<sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, July 24	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
Sunday, July 25	8:30 AM +Dr. John D. Barone 10:00 AM +Joseph Reynolds +Richard O'Donnell 11:30 AM +Mary & Michael Longo	
Saturday, July 31	5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper +Frank Giusti +Gene Taylo	
Sunday, August 1	8:30 AM +Rose Ridgik 10:00 AM +John Sweeney +Kim Lukenda +Gregory Hamill & Michael Clarke 11:30 AM +Louis B. Sabbers +Dr. Thomas Massa	

## Festival of the Sea Sponsorship Opportunity





June 2021

Greetings and many blessings to you.

One of the lines from the St. Francis' Peace Prayer is, "Lord make me an instrument of your peace, where there is darkness, light."

These last fourteen months have been dark and difficult. We know this to be true because we, at St Francis, made every effort to reach out to the community. We witnessed firsthand the need for spiritual consolation and for the first time in decades, kept three churches open for mass and for private prayer. We did our best to minister to anyone who came to us in need. Our Community Center became a place of refuge and hope for the recently unemployed, food insecure, and those with counseling needs.

That said, we need your support. This year, we are asking you to be a sponsor for *The Festival of the Sea*. We believe that the Festival of the Sea is one of the island's favorite summer events. This year, however, we are reinventing our marketing and promotional activity. (Don't you just love the new logo?) We want to have a party and celebrate the community that is LBI; this community which has come through many dark times, has a history of coming together to make the light is strong and true.

Please see the opportunities below

**Ferris Wheel Sponsorship: \$1,000**- Recognition at our event and prior to, unlimited rides for 4, complimentary food/ beverage on night of your choice

**The Carousel Sponsorship: \$500.00-** Recognition at event and prior to; unlimited rides for 2

The Popcorn Sponsorship: \$250.00- Recognition at our event and prior to

The Cotton Candy Sponsorship: \$100- Recognition at our event

We are still accepting sponsorships. We are currently at **\$17,000** in sponsorships and thank you for your generosity.

We would like to thank **Berkshire Hathaway** for graciously agreeing to be the *Presenting Festival Sponsor*.

We hope you can be a part of the celebration. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Fr. Francis Di Spigno Pastor Barbara Truncellito Director Parish Development

To help support and sponsor *The Festival of the Sea* please contact: Amanda DeFusco, Sponsorship Coordinator (609) 494-8861 ext. 118 or email at *adefusco@stfrancislbi.org* 

## Weekly Reflections...

This is my first summer back here on LBI in 15 years. I had six summers in Tampa, Florida - a little hot and steamy. Then nine summers in mid-town Manhattan - just as hot and steamy as Tampa. I am enjoying the breezes and this year Fr. Fran and I have planted a garden adjacent to the Friary in Beach Haven. There are zinnias, marigolds, dahlias, morning glories and gladiolas. And lettuce, tomatoes, zucchini and eggplant. In the enclosed area we have many potted plants. Everything is growing well because there is good dirt and manure and lots of attention daily. There is a spirituality that comes with gardening: you learn to pay attention to the plants, to care for them daily, to be patient and to thank God for their beauty. I also thank God for the zucchini that the garden has given me and the zucchini casserole that I made for dinner the other evening. I have to keep my eye on the zucchini plants because once they start producing, they grow quickly. Doesn't our spiritual life, our life with God require some of the same qualities: attention, daily care, patience? When I don't water the garden often enough and plants start to wilt, they are telling me to "get with it and give us a drink." Sometimes our spiritual life wilts also and it needs attention. Like St. Francis, I praise God everyday for "Mother Earth."

It is so good to look around each day and see families and friends having a good time. The pandemic kept us apart and even normal life has us living away from one another. To see gatherings and cook outs and people enjoying the beach is wonderful to see. There are often summer Baptisms and Memorial Masses when families can get together and celebrate these occasions. Jesus encourages us to take time to relax because this strengthens us and provides the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed. The Scriptures tells us how He would go to "deserted places."

So, enjoy every day!

Fr. Andrew

## **GOSPEL CHALLENGE:**

"There is a boy here who has 5 barley loaves and 2 fish; but what good are these with so many?"

The disciples' faith, like ours, is often limited, unable to envision the unlimited outpouring of God's abundance.

How does my life as a disciple reflect God's abundance?

## **Appeals Box**

#### Second Collection Today: **Summer Priest Stipend**

During the summer months, many visiting priests come to our parish to help with over 18 Sunday masses, 3 Saturday confessions & 6 daily masses. This collection will go toward the stipend for visiting presiders at our summer liturgies. We appreciate your generosity.

Last Week's 2nd Collection St. Francis Parish Ministries: Worship Collected: \$8,640

This Week We Need: Budgeted: \$39,000

Last Week's Collection Budgeted: \$39,000 Collected: \$30,371.50



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures) \*\* Thank you for your generosity! \*\*



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

## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: <b>\$100,000.00</b>				
Gift Count: 324				
Donors: <b>260</b>				
Raised:	\$49,589.00			
Collected:	\$46,448.04			
Pledge Balance:	\$ 2,630.96			



## **Peace Prayer Project**

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



**Embrace Our Way of Life** THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF HOLY NAME PROVINCE Franciscan Vocation Ministry Br. Basil Valente, OFM 129 West 31st Street, 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001-3403 1-800-677-7788 www.BeAFranciscan.org

## 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: *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. Monthly "zoom sessions" on the practice of contemplative prayer are scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/87537640297pwd=TFdKS05NYINuNWJvODVtbld3KzNVOT09 Next scheduled zoom session: August 4, 10:30 AM

## Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lounge on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob of Father Steve to reserve your place. *The August 21 meeting is cancelled.* Next scheduled meeting: **September 18, 10:00 AM** 

## **Meetings:**

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.

#### Book Club

The July and August Book Club will continue on *zoom*. September through November 2022 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 *zoom* meeting; July 27.

#### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, August 1, after 10:00 AM Mass, Fraternity Social, Pool Meeting Room in Aquatic Center, in-person and "Zoom".

#### **Scripture Study**

Meets **Bi-monthly on Wednesdays**, at 7:00 PM via "Zoom" to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. Call Tom Troyano at (609) 261-4721 or email: *tomtroyano@comcast.net* for more information. Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **August 4**.

#### **Survivors of Suicide**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM via "Zoom". Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: August 12.

**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* 

## **Family Faith Formation**



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)



Dear families: don't forget to register your children for the upcoming Family Faith year! We look forward to welcoming you all back in September. Contact Marion

Pierri at *mpierri@stfrancislbi.org* or (609) 494-8813 ext. 177 for information on the registration process. New families to our program should contact our Director Judy Clayton at jclayton@tfrancislbi.org or 609-494-8813 ext 153

## Adult Faith Enrichment and

**RCIA** - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

15 Minute Mini Retreat on the "Life and Ministry of Dorothy Day" Mondays & Thursdays after the 9:00 AM Mass through August 5 in the Brant Beach Church Presented by Sr. Pat and Fr. Steve

## Women's Cornerstone Retreat



Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, endure in prayer Romans 12:12

#### SAVE THE DATE WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2021

Women's Cornerstone Retreat Invitation for the women (18+) of St. Francis Parish & Friends, Friday, October 22 to Saturday, October 23, Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars. *Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information:* 

l<u>gf\_finelli@hotmail.com</u> or (609) 332-8366

All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

## Did You Know??

In Late 2020 the **Maintenance Department** began the process of converting the under utilized Brant Beach Church Hall stage into a functional storage loft. We started by cutting out part of the stage floor to make an area so the chair racks can roll safely inside, we also built a second story so we can use it for record storage. The project should be wrapped up late Summer 2021. If you have a minute, walk through the hall and take a look.

2021 St. Francis of Assisi Parish 4700 Long Basch Blud	Festival of the Sea & Progressive 50/50
2021 Car Raffle Long Beach Township, NJ 08008 (609) 494-8813 • stfrancisparishlbi.org FB: StFrancisParishLBI • Instagram: StFrancisChurchL	BI Jestival of the Sea
2021 Jeep Renegade Valued at: \$28,075	TUESDAY AUG 10TH - SATURDAY AUG 14TH RIDES - CAMES - FOOD - FUN Ride Bracelets Everyday!
2021 Jeep Compass Valued at: \$28,150	St. Francis Church * 4700 Long Beach Blvd. * Brant Beach
2021 Jeep Cherokee Valued at: \$29,305	Bring the whole family for five nights of fun for all ages! Pay one price every night to ride the rides all night long. Rides are for all ages.
2021 Jeep Wrangler (yell Valued at: \$31,675	ow) Hourly 50/50's, Games of Chance! Super Progressive 50/50! Drawing: August 14 10:00 PM
2021 Jeep Wrangler (blu Valued at: \$31,675	ue) Our goal this year is   Progressive 50/50 \$30,000.   The winner will receive
Only 3,000 Books Available   Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets   Books cost \$100.   Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles. Each book may carry more one name. Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bea   The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, October 9, 2021 a   Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Community Center Gymnasi   Winner need not be present. No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize   Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.   Please make your check payable to St. Francis Parish & indica   Car Raffle   Name:	Great food! And so much more! Tickets can be purchased at the front desk of the Community Center and before & after Sunday masses. We need donations of Soda and Homemade Desserts
Street Address:    City:    Phone:    # of Books Requested (\$100 each)    # of Books Requested (\$100 each)    Credit Card purchase must be presented in person. NO PHONE PURCH/	Searching for
SPECIAL EVENTS	To Sell 50/50 and Car Raffle Tickets after all Masses at Brant Beach Church
Swimming Under the Stars Thursday, July 29, 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM St. Francis Center Outdoor Pool Participants will have an opportunity to swim afte hours in our heated outdoor pools and stay for a spec complimentary showing of Monsters Inc.	r Festival of the Sea
Special night swimming pass must be purchased at the front desk Don't forget your beach chairs and towels!	L

## **Employment Opportunity**



#### Preschool Teacher's Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking individuals with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, able to relate well with children and families. Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's/Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement. Prefer a background in early childhood education and/or experience working with children. Must be 18 or older. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus. Positions: Year-round- Full-time (with Benefits), Part-time, and substitute

**Pay:** \$12.00 per hour Days: Monday-Friday

#### **Counseling** Services

Positions: Full-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.

#### Summer Camp 2021- Seasonal Employment

Seeking self-motivating, understanding, creative, fun, and responsible individuals to care for children 5 years to 13 years of age. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus. Experience preferred, but not required. It is preferred that applicants are 18 or older, individuals 17 years old may apply for camp counselor position.

Positions: Camp Counselor Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Pay: Camp Counselors- \$12.00 per hour Days: Monday-Friday

#### Senior Services

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

Days/Hours: 40 hours a week- Monday-Friday Pay: \$12 per hour

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

#### Front Desk

The Front Desk is seeking an afternoon/evenings and weekend Receptionist. Applicants must have experience with customer service, answering telephones, and basic computer software knowledge. Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) is a plus. Applicants must be able to lift at least 40 pounds.

**Position:** Year round part-time

Day/Hours: Approximately 15 to 26 hours per week, including some weekends.

Pay: \$12 per hour

Part-time employees are eligible for employee discounts and paid sick time.

\*\*All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off, life insurance, 403B Matching and more.

> Please send resumes to abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## **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.

## 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.



#### 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.

## **Recreation & Aquatics**

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Summer Brochure** online at *www.stfranciscenterlbi.org* or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

#### <u>Aquatics</u>

Water Tots, Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate & Advanced Swim Lessons, Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, Arthritis Water Exercise and Splash Dance

#### **Recreation**

Basketball Clinic, Tee Ball Clinic, Baseball Games, Gymnastics Clinic, Flag Football, Ultimate Recreation Camp Games, Soccer Skills & Drills, All Level Yoga, Summer Recess with Mr. LaMarco

#### **NEW!!** Camp Crafty

(Boys & Girls - explore the art of sewing & fiber arts) July 26 - July 30



**Basic Boating Safety Course - NJ Certified** (Ages: 13 & up)

> Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00 - 9:00 PM July 27 & 29 (Must attend both nights)

The NJ State Police Certification Course for Basic Boating Safety will prepare and certify you to operate a motor boat or a personal water craft vessel in NJ. *Workbooks will be provided*.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/ LongBeachTownship/18milerun



#### Family Support Services Food Pantry Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Walk-ins are welcome

Walk-ins are welcome during Pantry Hours & appointments are no longer required. Appointments will still be available for those who would like a faster pick-up. All Walk-ins will be asked to take a number and wait outside the building until their number is called. Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to complete a COVID questionnaire.

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 & Vegan Options, Baby Food, Formula, Diapers in sizes Newborn to size 6 & pull-ups, Laundry Detergent, Sanitizer, and Face coverings. Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.

#### Pantry based text alerts

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

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

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

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

\*\*If you are experiencing any symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, PLEASE STAY HOME & make arrangements for someone else to pick up food for you! \*\*

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St. Francis is asking for donations for the food pantry.

Canned Vegetables: Peas, Corn, Green Beans, Mixed, Carrots, etc. Spaghetti Sauce, Ziti, Egg Noodles, Macaroni, Fruit

**Any Personal Products** 

Gift cards: Acme, Murphy's Market, Shoprite, Target or Walmart

We are NOT in need of Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti, Cereal. We have an overabundance of it right now.

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



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).

<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 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





#### 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.

## Back to School Project 2021

## Project Sign-Ups through July 29 Sign-ups will be held during regular

Food Pantry Hours (Monday - Thursday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Children K-12 are eligible for the **Back to School Program**. Parents and caregivers are asked to provide proof of address and school enrollment (i.e. report cards or school records).

The program goal is to provide 150 children with backpacks filled with assorted school supplies including: pencils, pens, notebooks, binders, filler paper, safety scissors, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, and more!

For questions or concerns please call us at (609) 494-8861 ext. 171 or 172. Donations can be dropped off at the Center lobby or check out our Amazon wishlist: *https://a.co/25bwcec* 



## **Community Bulletin Board**

#### Surf City Fire Company & EMS

#### Picnic in the Park (Zachariah Ball Field) July 30 - 5:00 to 9:00 PM

This fund raiser will include food, family friendly activities, and a movie at dusk. For additional information please call the Surf City Fire Company at (609) 494-6127.

#### **MesotheliomaHope**

1330 Boylston St., Suite 400, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 (855) 722-2974

Receiving a mesothelioma diagnosis can leave you feeling overwhelmed, shocked, and afraid. Thankfully, many support options are available to provide you and your family with financial, practical, and emotional aid. Learn more about how to access mesothelioma support. Visit: <u>https://www.mesotheliomahope.com/resources/support-groups/</u>

## 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



Painted Canyons of the West (featuring Utah's five National Parks) October 3-11, 2021

Rate of \$3,649 double occupancy will include: round trip air from Newark, eleven meals, all sightseeing, and some unique culinary inclusions.

#### <u>St. Francis Ireland with Father Kevin</u> October 21-29, 2021

Ireland is officially opened for our group tour with Father Kevin in October. We still have 6 more seats if interested. Proof of COVID vaccination is required. Please call. Rate of \$3,499 double occupancy will include: round trip air on United from Newark (including all current government fees and taxes).

Join Father Steve in Iceland (currently waitlisted) February 1-6, 2022

Price \$1,699 per person double occupancy will include: round trip airfare from Newark to Reykjavik, hotel accommodations for four nights (inc. taxes and fees). Two chances to see the Northern Lights\*. A valid passport and proof of COVID vaccination will be required. \*Northern Lights are not guaranteed

#### 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.

*Thanksgiving Cruise - Anthem of the Seas* (Round trip Cape Liberty, NJ) *November 21-28, 2021* Experience the tallest waterslide in North America or snap a photo 450 feet above the beach in CoCo Cay. Rates start at \$1,179 per person and include a \$50/cabin on board credit.

> 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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