

THE BRIDGE



*With open arms
for all!
All are welcome!*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, May 14	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Michael Early +Richard Ackerson, Sr. 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Pat Carlo +Michael Kistner +Joseph Verdi	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn. 15:9-17 Acts 14:21-27; Rv. 21:1-5a; Jn. 13:31-33a, 34-35	9:45 AM Contemplative Living, Sr. Lounge
Sunday, May 15	8:30 AM +Joan Fulmer 10:00 AM +Karen Campareale +James McCaffrey +Harry Snyder 11:30 AM +Noreen Sullivan	Acts 14:21-27; Rv. 21:1-5a; Jn. 13:31-33a, 34-35	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 10:00 AM First Eucharist celebrated
Monday, May 16	9:00 AM <i>Feast of St. Brendan</i> <i>+Franciscan Mass League</i>	Acts 14:5-18; Jn. 14:21-26	
Tuesday, May 17	9:00 AM <i>+Franciscan Mass League</i>	Acts 14:19-28; Jn. 14:27-31a	9:45 AM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday, May 18	9:00 AM +Ronald Waranowicz +John V. Raftery +Vincent Ferraro	Acts 15:1-6; Jn. 15:1-8	2:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, May 19	9:00 AM +Dennis Hughes +Eugene D'Amico +Georgeann Esmerado	Acts 15:7-21; Jn. 15:9-11	
Friday, May 20	9:00 AM +Richard Nigro (L) Anna Ramasamy & Family	Acts 4:8-12; Jn. 14:12-17	
Saturday, May 21	9:00 AM +Rosemarie B. Wirth 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Fran Jennette +Anne C. Gove +Barbara Truncellito	Acts 16:1-10; Jn. 15:18-21 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14:23-29	10:00 AM Men's Spirituality, Sr. Lunch Rm. 4:30 PM Blessing of the Lifeguards, Aquatic Center
Sunday, May 22	8:30 AM +Richard Finan +Edward Shanley +Judith Filoon 10:00 AM +James "Butch" McCaffrey +Margared "Maggie" Onorato +Salvatore Mazzella 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn. 14:23-29	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi

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.

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](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

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, May 15	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League
Sunday, May 22	10:00 AM +Loretta McGinn

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

St. Clare's Church, Loveladies, NJ
Closed for the Season

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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.

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 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
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

Newly Baptized, Registered, Married, Deceased

March/April 2022

Baptized:

Michael Harry Vitale
Beau Kerr Darling
Penelope Tomara
Crew Jameson Notte
Madelyn Mae Sacco

Gabriella Luna Tropiano
Nolan Michael Hartranft
Ayla Elizabeth Gavan
Justin James Sacco
Andrew Robert Chencharik

Registered:

Robert and Christine Morgan
The Graves Family
Fredrick and Sylvia Churchill
The Cassetta Family
Paul and Teresa Martins
Louis and Jacqueline DiFranco
The Virgin Family
The Friedland Family
Jeanne Giordano
The Walsh Family
Christine Morgan
Joseph and Nora Vele
The Reed Family

The Sutton Family
Stan & Jane Cudnik
Margaret Forrester
Marisa Ganguzza
The Karp Family
Kristen Hamilton
Bernard & Jeanne Hogan
The Reyes Family
The Cummings Family
Vincent and Loretta O'Toole
Robert McGeehan & Emily Raleigh
Kara Kiensicki

Married:

David VanSciver and Christine Leichte
Patrick Morrissey and Deanna Stephan
Gerard Boyle and Jessica Schollcraft

Deceased:

Robert Olkiewicz
Susan Lipko
Barbara Truncellito
Domenica "Mickey" Robertozzi
Dolores Degheri-O'Hara
Constance Hnat

Patricia Campoli
Harry Snyder
Jeffrey Tucker
Bonnie Buchan
Richard Bradley
Margaret "Maggie" Onorato

Mass Schedule - through May 21/22, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

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

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

St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City

Sunday, 10:00 AM

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

St. Clare, Loveladies - Closed for the Season

Peace Prayer Project

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



Weekly Reflections...



Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM, Pastoral Associate

Today's gospel has a powerful message and commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you... This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

I frequently like to see the saints for the next week. I must confess in our parish of St Joseph in East Rutherford we had a collection of stain glass windows of Franciscan Saints.

One that I was not familiar with was a Third Order Woman named **St. Margaret of Cortona**, born in 1247. At the age of 7 her mother died and her father was not a great deal of help in raising her. They said she had a rare beauty. I would compare her life at this point to Madonna's Song, a *Material Girl*. The man she was in relationship with was murdered. The man's dog brought Margaret to the unfortunate man's body. This terrible scene made her reevaluate her life and started out on a positive direction. She was led by Divine Grace and started to look at the spirituality in her life. She joined the Third Order following a life of penance and prayer. In the spirit of St Francis, she started taking care of the poor and ill. After years of penance she was called by God to come home to the Kingdom of God, February 22, 1297. Her feast day is May 16.

A second Friar Brother I was not familiar with was **St. Paschal Baylon**. He was born on Pentecost in 1540 in Spain. His family was poor. To help his family he would take care of the stranger's cattle. He made such a wonderful presence that the family he worked for wanted to adopt him. That great honor was not to be; he wanted to be a friar and beggar. His spirituality centered on the Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament.

Both these Franciscan Saints came from humble beginnings and witnessed to God's love by service to the poor and the outcasts in society. His feast day is May 17, the same day he died in 1592.

The Good News of Easter:



"I give you a new commandment:
Love one another."

How???

"As I have loved you."

Help Needed in St. Clare's Church



"Here am I Lord, I come to do your will."

The St. Clare Church in Loveladies will open for Memorial Day on **May 28/29**. It then will be closed until **July 2/3** when it will be open for the summer. We very much need **Eucharistic Ministers**, including **Coordinators** and **Host Transfer Ministers** for the **5:00pm Saturday Masses** and the **8:30am Masses**. If you have ever thought that you would like to be a minister in order to serve your brothers and sisters, this would be a wonderful time to start. We are in need, and you can help. We will be very happy to train you if you have never been a Eucharistic Minister.

The Lord calls each one of us to the challenge and joy of discipleship. We are called to serve one another. We are called to serve the Church!

Please contact Arlene Morrison, our St. Clare's Church EM coordinator, at morrison23j@comcast.net

Or call JoAnne Reeder at the St. Francis Center 609-494-8861 Ext 164.

Peace and all Good!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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

St. Anthony Novena



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

Praying the Rosary



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

Blessing of the Lifeguards
Saturday, May 21st 4:30 PM
The 14th Annual Blessing of Lifeguards will take place in the St. Francis Aquatic Center located in the St. Francis Center. Deacon Bob Cunningham will preside. Each year we invite lifeguards from the ocean beaches, pools, and the bay to receive a blessing as well as our thanks as they begin a new season. It is their mission to protect all who come to the shore to enjoy the gifts of God's creation. Please keep these brave men and women in your prayers. Peace and all good

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.

Feast of St. Brendan the Navigator
Patron Saint of Mariners
Monday, May 16, 9:00 AM Mass
St. Francis Church, Brant Beach

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)

In preparation for Easter, grades one through four will have an opportunity to experience the events of the week before and after Easter. Children will be using the Easter Story Eggs to tell the story of the Resurrection. In addition, they will be introduced to the Pascal candle by making a representational candle using styrofoam, a sharpie, tissue paper and cloves for the nails at Jesus' feet and hands. Grade five received their First Reconciliation with many family members participating in the Sacrament as well.

Grade six will conclude their formal classes with instruction – The Messianic Fulfillment. Discussion will include the Gospel writers' meaning of "disciple", why the twelve were chosen, why Jesus had to die and the Emmaus story. The Encounter book will concentrate on God's plan and the important part each person has in His plan for salvation. He has a mission that only you can carry out. The Saint of the week is Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Grade seven will have a retreat as their last class. It will begin with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The theme is "Filling Your Spiritual Tool Box". There will be special break-out sessions offering ideas on how the pre-Confirmation candidates can prepare as they move on to the last phase of Confirmation preparation in the Fall.

Confirmation for the 2022 candidates will be on April 29th at 4:00 pm. The presider will be Bishop O'Connell.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 7th and 8th and again **May 15th**.

Family Faith will close the year on **May 19th** with a prayer service and the crowning of the Blessed Mother.

Judith Clayton
 Director, Family Faith

Eucharistic Minister Sign-up Sheets

The Eucharistic Minister Sign-up sheets were sent by email and also placed in the hanging plastic file box by the sacristy door on May 9th.

Please return the completed schedules by **May 16th** by email, or place in box in sacristy in Brant Beach,

or take to the center in an envelope marked with your name, "EM", and parish office on it.

Thank you.

Appeals Box

Second Collection:

St. Francis Children Services

St. Francis Community Center Children's Services is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Quality, year round programming is our commitment to the community. We appreciate your continued support.

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: **\$22,000**

Last Week's Collection:

Collected: **\$18,923.50**

Budgeted: **\$22,000**

Second Collection:

Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund

Collected: **\$5,295**



(Online Giving totals are included in the above figures)

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



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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022
What does **LOVE** have to do with it... *everything!*

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: **\$32,294.00** (32% of Goal)

Total Collected: **\$29,470.00**

Total Donors: **151**

Total Gifts: **158**

Average Gift: **\$204.39**

***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

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 four certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

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

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 **in-person** session **May 14th** with Sr. Pat Dotzauer presenting.

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: **May 21, 10:00 AM, Sr. Lunch Room.**

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.

A Fierce Radiance by Lauren Biefer.

Tuesday, **May 31**, 1:30 PM, Sr. Lunch Room

Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, **June 5**, 12:30 PM *Fraternity Meeting*, Brant Beach Church Hall

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, **May 25**, 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, ofs at (609) 494-8813 for more information. Thursday, **June 9**, 7:00 PM, Room 212

Employment Opportunity



*All full-time positions are offered benefits including Health Care, Paid time off (w/ additional earning for years of service), approx. 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

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.

Maintenance- Housekeeping

Position includes: Perform scheduled and unscheduled cleaning of Community Center and Parish properties. Must be able to lift 25lbs.
Part time position - Monday through Friday – up to 29 hours per week.

Pay: \$13 per hour

****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

THE ANNUAL
BEEFSTEAK
Dinner

JUNE 3, 2022
5:30 PM
ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY
CENTER GYM

You're Invited

The
Annual Garden
Party by the Sea
A Fashion Show

Bonnet Island Estate
June 22, 2022
2:00pm-4:30pm

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN
FOOD FASHION PRIZES

Tickets: \$55.
Available at the
Front Desk.
For more information
on sponsor
opportunities please
visit our website at:
www.stfrancisparishlbj.org/fashion-show
or on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbj

Rejoice!

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

SAVE THE DATE
WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE
EXPERIENCE
OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2022

Women's Cornerstone Invitation
For Women of St. Francis Parish & Friends (18+)
If you've never had the experience of
Women's Cornerstone
this could be the year for you to take time for yourself,
or for someone that you love.

Friday, October 21 to Saturday October 22
Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars
Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions
or for information:
lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or 609-332-8366

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:

Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Body Wash, Hand Soap, Dish Detergent, Coffee

Canned Goods:

Corn, Peas, Carrots, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, Chick Peas, Spaghettios, Beef Stew, Chicken

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

Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Spring 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,
Intermediate &
Advanced Swim
Lessons,
Aquatic Aerobics,
Deep Water Aerobics,
Arthritis Aquatic
Exercise and Spring
Swim Clinic

Recreation

All Level Yoga,
Pickleball,
Nightly Recess with
Mr. LaMarco

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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Did you know that **St. Francis Counseling Service** offers affordable mental health services to residents of Southern Ocean County as well as several groups on various topics? Our licensed counselors and social workers provide professional clinical services for a variety of mental health concerns, including anxiety, depression, and PTSD. We know the pandemic has had an effect on everyone's mental health and we are here to help! Access our services by calling 609-494-1554! Our services are hybrid-offered both in person and virtually.

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.

Did You Know??

Did you know that May is Older Americans Month? The Older Americans Act of 1965 was the first federal level initiative aimed at providing comprehensive services for older adults. It created the National Aging Network comprising the Administration on Aging on the federal level, State Units on Aging at the state level, and Area Agencies on Aging at the local level. This year's theme is "Age My Way," encouraging everyone to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities. Contact **St. Francis Senior Services** at 609-494-8861 so we may assist you with services you may need and keep you involved in our community!

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



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**

Please call Tara at Home Town Travel to find out more on what this great trip entails. (609) 597-5100 *or visit St. Francis Parish*

Website at: <https://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org/travel>

**ONLY 4 MORE SEATS OPEN
SINGLE OCCUPANCY IS WAITLISTED**

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

Maris Stella Retreat Center, Harvey Cedars, NJ

Guided Retreat: *"When the soul longs and the heart sings!"*
Sunday, June 12th – Saturday June 18th, 2022

Presenter: Carmel Boyle

Registration due: **May 20, 2022.**

For more information: www.marisstella.org or
Call Sr. Pat at 609-494-2917

Preached Retreat: *"Surprised by Hope"*
Sunday, June 19th – Saturday June 25th, 2022.

Presenter: Fr. Anthony Ciorra

Registration due **May 30th, 2022.**

For more information or to register logon to www.marisstella.org
or call Sr. Pat at 609-494-2917 or email pdotzauer@comcast.net

Donovan Catholic

711 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753

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