# BRIDGE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- PARISH STAFF -Fr. Francis DiSpigno, OFM, Pastor Michele Beck, Music Fr. Scott Brookbank, OFM Judith Clayton, FFF Deacon Robert Cunningham Fr. Kevin Daly, OFM Fr. John Frambes, OFM Fr. Stephen Kluge, OFM Sr. Patricia McNiff, OSF Jo Anne Reeder, Worship Fr. Andrew Reitz, OFM

Parish Office (609) 494-8813 Mon. - Fri. 9 AM to 3 PM (Closed for lunch 12 - 1 PM) **Family Faith Formation** 

(609) 494-8813 ext. 153 **Community Center** (609) 494-8861

**Counseling Services** (609) 494-1554

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# "Receive the Holy Spirit"



**Gospel Challenge:** Jesus addresses the disciples, "Peace be with you." How are you in need of the Lord's peace?

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

MAY 23, 2021

With open arms for all!

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
	(L) Living +Deceased		
Saturday, May 22	9:00 AM (L)Chris, Maggie & Keira O'Neill 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frances Jennette	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn. 21:20-25 Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23, L63b	4:45 PM Blessing of Lifeguards, Aquatic Ctr.
Sunday, May 23	Pentecost Sunday 8:30 AM (L)Maryann O'Neill 10:00 AM +Dr. Richard R. Gove +Josephine & Joseph Onufer (L)Michelle Cook 11:30 AM +Gustavo Acosta +Peter Boffa	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23, L63b	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <i>www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</i> 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion
Monday, May 24	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Gen. 3:9-15, 20; Jn. 19:25-34	
Tuesday, May 25	9:00 AM (L)Maryann O'Neill	Sir. 35:1-12; Mk. 10:28-31	9:30 AM Adult Enrichment, Mini Retrea
Wednesday, May 26	9:00 AM +Dr. Anthony Campanella	Sir. 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk. 10:32-45	7:00 PM Scripture Study Zoom Meeting
Thursday, May 27	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Sir. 42:15-25; Mk. 10:46-52	
Friday, May 28	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Sir. 44:1, 9-13; Mk. 11:11-26	
Saturday, May 29	9:00 AM +John T. "Jack" Miaskowski +John Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frances Jennette +Jo Hellawell	Sir. 51:12cd-20; Mk. 11:27-33 Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mk. 28:16-20	
Sunday, May 30	7:15 AM +Franciscan Mass League 8:30 AM +Vidalia Mendez 10:00 AM +Michael Jacobson & George DePalma +Gerald & Frances Rothstein +George Russo 11:30 AM +Todd Barbuto	Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mk. 28:16-20	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> <i>www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</i> 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion

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

DATE **MASS INTENTIONS** (L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM + Franciscan Mass Intentions Saturday, May 22 Sunday, 8:30 AM +Elizabeth Barrett May 23 10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families Saturday, 5:00 PM + Anna & Thomas (Hap) Cerebe May 29 +Claire Ray +Rev. John M. Harkins Sunday, 8:30 AM +Jo Vennewald May 30 +Carol Ann Connell +Len Wojnarowicz 10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families 11:30 AM +Carol Dever

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 <sup>ND</sup> & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday, May 22	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass Intentions			
Sunday, May 23	10:00 AM +Helen Royer			
Saturday, May 29	5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper +Dorothy M. Keegan			
Sunday, May 30	8:30 AM +David Bohan 10:00 AM +Barbara Boosmann +Millie & Anthony Cammarta +Joseph Reynolds 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass Intentions			

## **Peace Prayer Project**

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



## Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

<u>Emergency Information</u>: Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on the following website: schoolclosingsni.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.

*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.

<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.

## **Parish Collections**

#### Second Collection Today:

#### 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.

#### Last Week's 2nd Collection Catholic Communication Campaign Collected: \$5,523

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$22,000 Last Week's Collection Budgeted: \$22,000 Collected: \$19,218





## Weekly Reflections...

Happy Birthday! Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. We celebrate it 50 days after Easter, thus the name Pentecost from the Greek, pentekoste, meaning fiftieth. The Church exists because of the power of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus' mission was completed, God the Father sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost to continue the work of God the Son. Since that time the Spirit has been present to us, guiding us to spread the good news and to follow Jesus in his mission to the world. In today's Gospel, we are told that the disciples had gathered together in a locked room. Jesus appeared to them and said "Peace be with you"...he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." In the first reading from Acts, we hear that there was a strong, driving wind and tongues of fire. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in tongues so that all could understand and to testify of Jesus to the world. The two different accounts of the coming of the Spirit show that like the Father and the Son, as humans, we do not have the capacity to comprehend the workings and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon us when we receive the sacrament of Confirmation, [wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord] so that we can do the work of Christian ministry. Today's second reading from Ephesians urges us "to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." We have all been called to use the gifts and the fortitude bestowed on us...to forgive, to love and serve one another, to spread the good news. Every day I am inspired as I see the people of our parish who have answered the call by using their diverse gifts to serve one another; visiting the sick, comforting those who mourn, teaching children in Family Faith Formation classes, serving as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, choir members and musicians, altar servers, food bank workers, praying for the addicted, the marginalized. The list of these acts of care and kindness does not end here. The needs are many and if you have thought you would like to join one of our ministries, perhaps this is the time to answer that call. I can be reached at (609) 494-8611, ext. 164. I'll be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you might have.

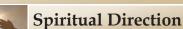
I would like to recognize someone in our parish who has served as an usher and usher coordinator. His name is Richie Casler. He has faithfully served his Church and his brothers and sisters for many years. Now on your retirement, the entire St. Francis family would like to say thank you Richie for your joy and tireless devotion to your ministry. May God continue to keep and bless you always.

Peace and all good, JoAnne Reeder, Director of Worship

St. Clare Church 56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies				
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS			
May 22 & 23	(L) Living +Deceased CLOSED			
Saturday, May 29	5:00 PM + Franciscan Mass Intentions			
Sunday, May 30	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>			

## Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





We now have five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:

Barbara H. Angeline, ofs, (609) 384-6188, Maryann Barrek, ofs, (609) 661-4441, Anne Bock, ofs, (609) 204-3835, Kathy Egan, (215) 694-4651, 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/87537640297? pwd=TFdKS05NYINuNWJvODVtbld3KzNVQT09* Next scheduled *zoom* session: June 2

## **Scripture Study**

This group meets bi-monthly on Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM to learn, discuss and reflect on passages of the Sacred Scriptures. It is a *"zoom meeting"* led by Tom Troyano. No prior bible study background needed, just an interest in bible study and your own copy of the bible.

Call (609) 261-4721 or email: *tomtroyano@comcast.net* for more information.

Next scheduled zoom meeting: June 2

## 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.

Next scheduled meeting: June 19

## **Monthly Meetings:**

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



#### Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs

Sunday, June 6, 1:00 PM, Fraternity "Zoom" Meeting.

#### 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.

## Family Faith Formation

Judith Clayton, Director of FFF (Ext. 153) *jclayton@stfrancislbi.org* Eileen Bowker, Youth Minister (Ext. 178) Angie Graiff, Elementary Coordinator (Ext. 150) Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 179)

The Family Faith ministry has been working for over a year on the formation of a Family model catechesis. Our new program will begin in September with a Mass and dinner. Families will meet their catechists. Books and materials will be given to the children at that time. With the expansion of the program we are in need of a number of catechists at all grade levels. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact our office. there is a training session scheduled for June.

Please don't forget to register for the 2021-2022 classes. Contact Marion Pierri if you need further registration information.

## St. Francis Memorial Scholarship



### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Southern Regional, Pinelands Regional, Barnegat HS & MATES

On behalf of St. Francis Parish, we are pleased to offer High School Seniors an application for the St. Francis Memorial Scholarship. Applications are available by contacting Marie Maslanka, Parish Secretary at <u>mhuber@stfrancislbi.org</u> or (609) 494-8813 extension 155.

The following criteria will be considered in selecting the recipients:

- 1. The candidate attends Mass and participates in service to the Parish, school and community. Through these endeavors the candidate demonstrates the qualities of the St. Francis philosophy.
- 2. The candidate provides a letter of recommendation from the leader of the parish ministries in which he or she serves.
- 3. The candidate can show that they are academically responsible.
- 4. The candidate has been accepted as a first year student in college or technical school.
- 5. The candidate can establish the need for additional financial supplement for college.

The application and personal reference must be received by **Friday, May 28, 2021**.

## Mass Schedule

Memorial Weekend May 29/30

- St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach 9:00 AM Daily Mass Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi "In-car" Communion: Sundays <u>12:30 to 1:00 PM</u>
- St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
- St. Clare, Loveladies Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 AM

2021 Car Raffle (609) 494-8813 • stfrancisparishlbi.org FB: StFrancisParishLBI • Instagram: StFrancisChurchLBI				
	2021 Jeep Renegade Valued at: \$28,075			
	2021 Jeep Compass Valued at: \$28,150			
	2021 Jeep Cherokee Valued at: \$29,305			
	2021 Jeep Wrangler (yellow) Valued at: \$31,675 2021 Jeep Wrangler (blue) Valued at: \$31,675			
Only 3,000 Books Available     Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only.     Books cost \$100.     Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles. Each book may carry more than one name. Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer.     The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium. 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 & indicate "Car Raffle" on the envelope. 2021 Car Raffle				
Name: Street Address:	 			
City: Phone:	State: Zip:			
# of Books Requested (\$100 each) Total Amount Enclosed: Credit Card purchase must be presented in person. NO PHONE PURCHASES.				

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

Mini Retreat on the Holy Spirit Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Church The retreat will provide a short reflection on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (one gift each Tuesday for the next 8 weeks) All are invited to pray and reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives today. No need to register...there will be room for all. Women's Cornerstone Retreat



#### SAVE THE DATE October 22 & 23, 2021

Women's Cornerstone Retreat Invitation For the Women (18+) of St. Francis Parish & Friends. If you've never had the experience of the Women's Cornerstone Retreat this could be the year for you to take time for yourself, or for someone that you love. Friday, October 22 to Saturday October 23. Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars. Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information: lgf\_finelli@hotmail.com or (609) 332-8366. All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

## Make A Gift to St. Francis Parish

If you are planning your will and/or estate and would like to make a gift to St. Francis Parish or LBICC, Inc., please contact: Fr. Francis DiSpigno, Pastor at: <u>fdispigno@stfrancislbi.org</u> or Wendy Saunders, Executive Director, at: <u>wsaunders@stfrancislbi.org</u> or call (609) 494-8861 for more information.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Fish & Chip Dinner



Thistle of Kearny returns! Saturday, June 12 4:30 -7:00 PM

 4.30 - 7.00 FM
\$20 adults / \$10 child
St. Francis Community Center Gym Take Out Only
Take out dinners begin at 4:30 PM.
Includes: Fish or Chicken Dinner, Beverage and Dessert

Tickets are on sale at the Front Desk of the Community Center and a limited amount of tickets will be available the day of the event.

> Proceeds to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish (609) 494-8861 ext. 118.

## Craft Show & Sale

**Saturday, July 24** 9:30 - 4:00 PM Admission: \$2



#### 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.

#### Surviving to Thriving

A Safe Space for Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault. Empower yourself - unlock the skills and tools necessary to move forward and thrive in this *free and confidential online support group*, Tuesdays, time to be determined. Open to all residents of Ocean County, 18 years or older. Please call Bianca Valentini, LSW to register and reserve your space, (609) 494-1554.



## Did You Know??

That St. Francis Counseling Service has continued to provide free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault and other crimes throughout the pandemic by utilizing virtual technology. St. Francis Counseling Service provides low cost general mental health services to residents of Southern Ocean County and is available Monday thru Friday with evening hours until 9 PM available Tuesday thru Thursday. In addition, St. Francis Counseling Service received grants in the past year to work specifically with those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as members of the LGBTQ community at no cost. St. Francis Counseling Service will be participating in the Pride Month Event in Toms River on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We continue to offer services to all residents, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender or socioeconomic status.

**Employment Opportunity** 



Preschool Teacher and Teacher Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking individuals with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be 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 and Part-time Licensed Counselors and Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselors

**Days:** Monday-Friday (Some evening hours required) Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency). **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. Must be 18 or older and be available 6/21/21 to 9/2/2021.

**<u>Positions:</u>** Camp Counselor Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Head Counselor- Full time (40 plus hours)

Camp Counselors- \$12.00 per hour

Head Counselors - \$13.00 per hour

Days: Monday-Friday

Pay:

#### **Recreation/Pool**

**Positions:** Private Swim Lesson Instructors For year round employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. Pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification are not required but preferred. **Days:** For weekend and weeknight lessons, Age 4 years to adults

Hours range from 8 to 29 per week, (may occasionally exceed 29 hours dependent upon season) **Job Type:** Part-time

#### Senior Services

**Positions:** Full time 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.

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

> Please send resumes to Amy Bodine abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

Counseling services can be accessed by calling 609-494-1554.

## **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.

#### **Educational Services** For information call ext. 185.

#### St. Francis Adult Basic Education FREE Classes

Due to COVID-19 all classes have been moved to a virtual platform with live instruction. All classes will maintain a weekly class schedule. Classes will return to in person instruction when possible.

**The Adult Basic Skills Consortium of Ocean County** provides Adult Basic Skills (ABE), High School Equivalency (HSE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. The program offers college and career readiness skills, assist students interested in post-secondary education or training, credentials, obtaining citizenship skills and resources to enter and/or retain employment. All classes and services are provided by the Ocean County Basic Skills Consortium through a grant from the NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development. Classes are subject to change. Visit our website at: *stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support*.

## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

Summer Aquatic & Recreation Class registration begins on Monday, **June 14** at 9:00 AM.

## Super Plunge Thank You

To all of our sponsors, volunteers, plungers and everyone else who helped make Saturday, May 8 possible. Thank you!

Long Beach Township Beach Patrol Long Beach Township Police Department Fantasy Island Amusement Park Hotel LBI Panzone'e Pizza Barnegat Bay Dredging Company Blue Claw Seafood Market Harvey Cedars Shellfish Henry J. Mancini & Associates Kline Brothers Pool Company Inc. Lighthouse Marina.





**Three Month Pool Membership** Single only, \$160. Flat rate, no discounts

## **Community Center Donations**



St. Francis Center/LBICC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Our federal tax ID number is 22-2003458. We have provided supportive services to the community for over 45 years and with your help we will continue to do so. Our online donations are processed by *PayPal* so it's fast, easy and secure. We are only able to process online donations from NJ residents only.

If you would like to recognize a donation to the Center in someone's name, donation cards are available at the front desk of the Center and at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## **Family Support Services**

**Food Pantry Hours:** 

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM By Appointment Only

St. Francis Human Concern Food Pantry is operating by appointment only. Food Pantry hours will remain Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 171 or 172 to schedule your appointment. Upon arrival for your appointment, you will be asked to park in a designated parking spot in the first row of parking spaces in front of the building. Please call when you arrive.

#### 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.

Oatmeal, Nutritional Drinks (ie. Boost/Ensure) Baked Beans, Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta, Canned Beef Stew, Chili, Ketchup & Mustard, Coffee

We are still in need of Personal items: Bar Soap or Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Dish Detergent, Hand Soap

\*\*Gift Cards to: Acme, Murphy's Market, Shoprite, Target or Walmart

#### **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.

#### Parenting and Anger Management Groups

St. Francis Community Center and locations throughout Ocean County. To register, please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 197. Funded by the Department of Human Services.

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#### Auto Ownership Program

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.naevc.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

## Vacation Club

June 21 through September 2, 2021

*Ages 5 to 13* (must have completed Kindergarten)

## Amazon Smile - Fundraiser



#### 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.

## Self Help Groups

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

Due to COVID-10 please call (609) 641-8855 for updated meetings and locations.

#### AA HOTLINE (609) 494-5130

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope to maintain continuous sobriety through a 12-step program of recovery, and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

## 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

A special note from Nancy Schott, owner of Home Town Travel: The light at the end of the tunnel is, in fact, finally getting brighter. The world is beginning to open her arms as we prepare to again see the wonders she has to offer. With more people getting vaccinated travel is again becoming a reality. I would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Francis for their past support and look forward to assisting you with any travel plans. Look for our presentations on Iceland & Oberammergau for 2022.

#### <u>Painted Canyons of the West</u> (featuring Utah's five National Parks)

October 3-11, 2021 Highlights of this tour include Colorado National Monument, Moab, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Dead Horse Poin

Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Park with many more experiences. Rate of \$3,649 double occupancy will include: round trip air from Newark, eleven meals, all sightseeing, and some unique culinary inclusions. Please call for more information.

#### St. Francis Ireland with Father Kevin October 21-29, 2021

Father Kevin will escort a private journey to Ireland with Belfast and Giants Causeway. Round trip airfare on United from Newark (including all current government fees and taxes), seven hotel nights (2-Westport, 1-Donnegal, 2-Belfast & 2-Dublin) with private facilities and full Irish breakfast; including day of arrival. Six dinners including Taste n' Tour Belfast and a dinner show at Taylors Three Rock. Highlights include: Cliffs of Moher, Achill Island, Mass at Knock Shrine, Giants Causeway, Guinness Brewery, and Titanic Belfast along with a city tour there, Dublin and Derry. Double occupancy rate is \$3,499 per person. We currently have 10 seats left. Please call for more information.

#### Join Father Steve in Iceland February 1-6, 2022

Five years ago Father Steve went to Iceland and said he couldn't wait to go back again! Join him as he returns to one of his favorite destinations. Our custom holiday includes round trip airfare from Newark to Reykjavik, hotel accommodations. For four nights at the four star Fosshotel Reykjavik (inc. taxes and fees), full Icelandic breakfast daily, continental breakfast on arrival at Viking World Museum enroute to the Blue Lagoon (admission and towel), private Golden Circle tour (waterfalls, Kerio crater, geysers and Thingviller National Park) along with a special tomato soup lunch and stable visit to see the Icelandic horses up close and personal while experiencing the gait only these horses have. We will have two chances to see the Northern Lights\*. You will also have a free day with optional tours to the black sand beaches of the south shore or explore the inside of a glacier (only place in the world) or see a recent volcano flow. Father Steve will also say Mass. A valid passport and proof of COVID vaccination will be required. Trip requires a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 participants. Price \$1,699 per person double. A few singles will be available at an additional charge. Insurance is recommended. \*Northern Lights are not guaranteed

#### Imperial Cities with Oberammergau Passion Play September 19-29, 2022

Set out on an exciting cultural experience of the Imperial Cities of Central Europe featuring traditional entertainment and the epic Oberammergau Passion Play. Highlights include: Budapest, Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion, Bratislava, Vienna, Schonbrunn Palace, Cesky Krumlov. Prague, Hradcany Castle, The Passion Play and Munich. Rate of \$6,099 double occupancy includes 16 meals, round trip air Newark, sightseeing, Passion play and much more. For more info. please call Nancy.

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#### HOME TOWN TRAVEL cont'd.

14 Night Trans-Atlantic <u>Greenland and Iceland aboard</u> Celebrity Summit (Departure from Bayonne and returning from Southampton. August 1-15, 2021. Ports: Sea day, Halifax, NS, two sea days, Qaqortoq, Greenland, overnight in Reykjavik, Iceland and half-day in Akureyri, Iceland, sea day, Kirkwall, Scotland and a sea day before arriving in Southampton.

*Thanksgiving Cruise - Anthem of the Seas* (Round trip Cape Liberty, NJ) *November 21-28, 2021* Have a Royal Caribbean waiter carve your turkey instead of cooking it. 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

## **Community Bulletin Board**

#### **Coastal VIM Clinic - Volunteers in Medicine**

Coastal Volunteers in Medicine is a free health clinic in Forked River serving the uninsured in our neighborhoods. We have recently increased our income eligibility level to accommodate families whose income falls within 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. Spanish translators are available and rides can be arranged for any patient without their own means of transportation. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (609) 384-0102.

## Fundraiser for St. Francis Community Center!

We now have blue Recycle America bins located: **St. Francis Community Center** 

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach

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



**St. Clare Church** 

56 St. & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

These bins can be filled with clothes, purses, shoes, bedding and pillows. Recycle America will collect the items and redistribute them to those in need. In turn, this is a Fundraising opportunity for us – we receive a percentage of every pound collected.

## **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.



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