

# THE BRIDGE



With open  
arms for all!

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

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[www.stmaryknights.org](http://www.stmaryknights.org)

*“As the Father loves me,  
so I also love you.  
Remain in my love.”*



**Gospel Challenge:**

*“In following Jesus’ command to love others, do you  
strive to have your words match your actions?”*

**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>

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, May 8	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Dolores Pottichen +Mary E. Mathews +Frances Jennette	Acts 16:1-10; Jn. 15:18-21 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn. 4:7-10; Jn. 15:9-17	
Sunday, May 9	<b><i>Mother's Day</i></b> 8:30 AM +Lucille D'Amico +Rose Ridgik +Emma Ferraro 10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Mothers</i> 11:30 AM +Edith Nonziato	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn. 4:7-10; Jn. 15:9-17	10:00 AM <b><i>Live-Streaming Mass</i></b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion After All Masses, Mother's Day Plant Sale
Monday, May 10	9:00 AM +Saverio "Sammy" D'Amico +J. Adolf Braun	Acts 16:11-15; Jn. 15:26-16:4a	
Tuesday, May 11	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Acts 16:22-34; Jn. 16:5-11	
Wednesday, May 12	9:00 AM +Patrick Soranno <b><i>Ascension of the Lord - Vigil</i></b> 6:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn. 16:12-15 Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	7:00 PM Scripture "Zoom" Meeting
Thursday, May 13	<b><i>Ascension of the Lord</i></b> 9:00 AM +James M. Kempfski +George Holland	Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	7:00 PM Survivors of Suicide "Zoom" Meeting
Friday, May 14	9:00 AM +Michael Early +Pat Carlo +Richard Ackerson	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn. 15:9-17	
Saturday, May 15	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frances Jennette	Acts 18:23-28; Jn. 16:23b-28 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn.4:11-16; Jn. 17:11b-19	
Sunday, May 16	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +James Kempfski +Anne McNiff Huey +Ann Flyntz 11:30 AM +Anna Marie Monteforte +Jacqueline Ruczynski	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn.4:11-16; Jn. 17:11b-19	10:00 AM <b><i>Live-Streaming Mass</i></b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi">www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</a> 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 8	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Patrick Romano
Sunday, May 9	8:30 AM +Denise Taurino 10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Mothers</i>
Saturday, May 15	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday, May 16	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i> 10:00 AM +William Chesner

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 8	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Dona Alfarone Colasurdo
Sunday, May 9	10:00 AM + <i>Intentions of All Mothers</i>
Saturday, May 15	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday, May 16	10:00 AM +Karen Camporeale

**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](http://schoolclosingsnj.com) and [facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi](https://www.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<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 Collections

### Second Collection Today:

#### Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund

For more than 45 years, the Parish has offered a number of scholarships to our area graduating seniors who have demonstrated noteworthy involvement in the Parish. We are truly grateful for their services and this is one way to show our appreciation. Subsequently, we will announce the winners in the bulletin.

#### Ascension Envelope - May 12/13

#### Last Week's 2nd Collection St. Francis Inn & Dwelling Place

Collected: \$6,637

#### This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$22,000

#### Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$22,000

Collected: \$19,644



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

[stfrancisparishlbi.org](http://stfrancisparishlbi.org)

## Weekly Reflections...

On April 23, 2021, 33 of our young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation completing their full initiation as members of the Catholic Church that began at their Baptism. The Gift of the Holy Spirit is confirmed, strengthened and perfected for living the Christian life and spreading the faith to others. It strengthens us for discipleship to Christ.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

**Wisdom:** The wise person sees where the Spirit of God is at work and is able to share that insight with others. Through wisdom, the wonders of nature, every event in history, and all the ups and downs of our life take on deeper meaning and purpose. Wisdom helps us to see that the world is only a temporary place for us, that Heaven is our true home. It helps us to set our hearts on the things that really count in life, such as God, virtue and prayer. Desire for the things of God direct our life and actions to His honor and glory.

**Understanding:** The ability to comprehend how a person must live her or his life as a follower of Jesus. The gift of understanding helps Christians realize that the Gospel tells them not just who Jesus is; it also tells them who **they** are. Understanding gives us an insight into the mysteries of faith and helps us to explain the faith to others.

**Right Judgment:** This is sometimes called good counsel. Right Judgment is the ability to know the difference between right and wrong and then to choose what is good. It helps us to make correct decisions about God's will for our lives and warns us of the deceptions of the devil and of dangers to our salvation.

**Courage** (or fortitude): The gift of Courage enables us to take risks and to overcome fear as we try to live out the Gospel of Jesus. Courage gives us the strength to be faithful to Christ even when it is difficult to do so. Courage strengthens us to do the will of God in all things.

**Knowledge:** The gift of knowledge gives the ability to comprehend the basic meaning and message of Jesus. Knowledge helps us to see everything in life in relation to God and eternity. It enables us to discover the will of God in all things.

**Reverence:** Sometimes called piety, this gift gives the Christian a deep sense of respect for God, but with a warmth and familiarity. Jesus called God "Abba", which is more like Daddy than Father. Reverence inspires us to worship God and to love Him as our Father. Reverence is love of God as a Father and obedience to Him because we love Him.

**Fear of the Lord:** This is sometimes called "awe and wonder". Though we approach God with the trust of little children, we are also aware of God's unlimited power and awareness of what we do. Fear of the Lord shows us the evil of sin and helps us to live in God's grace. It is also called "wonder and awe" in God's presence because it reminds us that He is great and all-powerful.

We read in St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians that: "there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Let us pray and listen to the workings of the Spirit in our lives. Our gifts are important to the building up of the Body of Christ, his Church in the world today!

Peace be with you,

Judy Clayton

Director Family Faith



## 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:

*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.*

### 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](mailto:tomtroyano@comcast.net) for more information.

Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **May 12**

### 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](mailto:klegan.chaplain@gmail.com)

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537640297?pwd=TFdKS05NYlNuNWJvODVtbld3KzNVQT09>

Next scheduled *zoom* session: **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**

### 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: [fdispigno@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:fdispigno@stfrancisbi.org) or  
Wendy Saunders, Executive Director,  
at: [wsaunders@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:wsaunders@stfrancisbi.org) or  
call (609) 494-8861 for more information.

### Family Faith Formation



Judith Clayton, Director of FFF (Ext. 153)  
[jclayton@stfrancisbi.org](mailto:jclayton@stfrancisbi.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. 177)

All classes will continue to be home based for the rest of this year.

Please remember to return the permission slip to allow for video or virtual learning (Grades 6-8 only).

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

Are you 18 years of age or older  
and would like to join the  
Catholic faith Community?



Here at St. Francis classes are beginning  
for anyone who would like to celebrate the  
Sacraments of Baptism, and/or First Communion  
and Confirmation.

Call Fr. Steve or Sr. Pat at (609) 494-8813 for more  
information or to register.

### 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, ofsf at (609) 494-8813 for  
more information.

### 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](http://www.BeAFranciscan.org)



## Mass Schedule through May 22/23

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi)

**"In-car" Communion: Sundays 12:30 to 1:00 PM**

### St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City

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

### St. Thomas Aquinas, Beach Haven

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

### St. Clare, Loveladies - CLOSED

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**IT'S BACK!!!**  
**17TH ANNUAL SUPER "PLUNGE"**

**SUPER PLUNGE XVII**

**MAY 8, 2021**  
**@ 1PM**

**\$20 STUDENT**      **48TH ST. BEACH**  
**\$30 ADULT**        **BRANT BEACH**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. FRANCIS  
COMMUNITY CENTER AQUATIC & RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

## 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](mailto:lgf_finelli@hotmail.com) or (609) 332-8366.

All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

## Order of Franciscan Secular (ofs)



### Mother's Day & Spring Flower Sale



**Saturday, May 8**

(after 5:00 PM Mass)

**Sunday, May 9**

(after all Masses)

**Saint Francis of Assisi Church - Brant Beach**

\*\*\* All proceeds benefit the Saint Francis Food Pantry \*\*\*

## 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.

## Fish & Chip Dinner



### Thistle of Kearny returns!

**Saturday, June 12**

4:30 - 7:00 PM

Tickets on sale now at the Community Center Front Desk!

## 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.



ST FRANCIS COUNSELING SERVICE

## Covid Support Group

*Staying Connected in a Socially Distant World*

This FREE group is open to ages 18+ to provide support for anyone that has been affected by the change and challenges that have been brought forth by COVID-19. Join us for a confidential space where we can stay connected and find support during these difficult times.

**Virtual Meetings**  
Mondays 3PM - 4:30PM

Please call  
(609) 494-1554 to register!  
For further questions, please ask to speak with Jenna



## 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.

## Employment Opportunity



### Preschool Teacher and Teacher Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking a person 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:** Teacher Assistant- \$12.00/hr.  
Preschool Teacher/Lead Teacher- \$13.00 w/ BA Degree in Early Childhood

**Days:** Monday-Friday

### Counseling Services

**Full-time and Part-time Licensed Counselors and 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). **Must have Current Professional License:** LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

### Recreation/Pool

#### 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.

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

**\*\*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@stfrancislbj.org](mailto:abodine@stfrancislbj.org)

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

## 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.

## 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](http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support).

## Recreation & Aquatics

For info. please call ext. 105. Visit the **Spring Brochure** online at [www.stfranciscenterlbi.org](http://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.

### Three Month Pool Membership

Single only, \$160. Flat rate, no discounts.

### Yearly Center Membership

Adults (ages 18 through 59), \$50.  
Senior Citizens (60 & up), \$40.

## Pickleball

*A cross between Ping Pong, Tennis, Racquetball and Badminton. Pickleball is played as a singles or doubles game. It's a great sport for teens and up including baby boomers and active seniors.*



**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
**12:15-3:00 PM**

**in the Gymnasium**

**\$5 Drop-in or \$30 for a book of 10 passes**

Passes available at the Front Desk  
of the Community Center

## 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**

**Wednesday: 3:00 to 5:00 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 & Wednesday 3:00-5:00 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.

**Baked Beans, Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta,  
Canned Beef Stew, Chili, Hamburger Helper,  
Ketchup & Mustard, Coffee**

We are still in need of Personal items:  
**Shampoo, Deodorant, Toilet Paper,  
Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent**

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:

<http://stfranciscenterlbi.org/donate> via PayPal. <https://a.co/00HTAhy>  
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.



### 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.

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## 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](http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org). We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. [www.grownjkids.gov](http://www.grownjkids.gov).

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## Did You Know??

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## Declaración de Capacidad

El Centro St. Francis reconoce una comunidad culturalmente diversa y hace un compromiso con los principios de multiculturalismo como un medio para entender, aceptar, valorar y apoyar la diversidad cultural. El término Multicultural se aplica ampliamente para incluir asuntos de minorías o estado de marginalización con respecto a raza, etnicidad, cultura, estado socioeconómico, uso del inglés como segundo idioma, género, orientación sexual, discapacidad, religión, espiritualidad y vejez. El Centro St. Francis propone desarrollar programas y prácticas que ayuden al personal, miembros de la junta directiva y voluntarios a reconocer, aceptar y afirmar las diferencias y similitudes entre la gente así como proveer servicios que apoyen e incluyan a todos los miembros de la comunidad.



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## 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.

### Painted Canyons of the West (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 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**

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