

THE BRIDGE



With open
arms for all!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

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(609) 494-8813
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(609) 494-8813 ext. 153

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(609) 494-8861

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(609) 494-1554

Read our bulletin online at
www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



Daily gospel reflections can be
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www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi



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Find out more about
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www.stmaryknights.org

The Baptism of the Lord



*"I have baptized you with water;
He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit."*



*Our Challenge:
How have you experienced the actions
of the Holy Spirit in your life?*

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, January 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +Bill Kunz +Bryan Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Shirley Rackauskas +Larry Tevnan +Joan Mino	1 Jn. 5:14-21; Jn. 3:22-30 Is. 55:1-11; 1 Jn. 5:1-9; Mk. 1:7-11	
Sunday, January 10	8:30 AM +Joan Chenard 10:00 AM +James M. Kempski +Nicholas Ballinger 11:30 AM +Romao Robles Figueroa	Is. 55:1-11; 1 Jn. 5:1-9; Mk. 1:7-11	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion 1:00 PM OFS "Zoom" Fraternity Mtg.
Monday, January 11	9:00 AM Special Intention of Reinard Family	Heb. 1:1-6; Mk. 1:14-20	
Tuesday, January 12	9:00 AM +William Lattanze +Heather Vennewald	Heb. 2:5-12; Mk. 1:21-28	
Wednesday, January 13	9:00 AM +Patrick Harrington	Heb. 2:14-18; Mk. 1:29-39	
Thursday, January 14	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>	Heb. 3:7-14; Mk. 1:40-45	
Friday, January 15	9:00 AM +Judy Lee	Heb. 4:1-5; Mk. 2:1-12	9:45 AM Adult Faith Formation/RCIA, Sr. Lounge
Saturday, January 16	9:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Paul H. Wirth, Sr. +Jean Cunningham	1 Cor. 4:9-13; Mt. 10:16-22 1 Sm. 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn. 1:35-42	
Sunday, January 17	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM +James J. Flanagan +Madeline Macgrouthar 11:30 AM +Jo Vennewald	1 Sm. 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn. 1:35-42	10:00 AM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion

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

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Saturday, January 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 10	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Saturday, January 16	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 17	8:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven

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Saturday, January 9	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 10	10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Saturday, January 16	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Sunday, January 17	10:00 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>

The St. Francis Parish and Center
will be **CLOSED** on
Monday, **January 18th**
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



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

Peace Prayer Project

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



Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

Parish Registration: The Parish Office is located on the second floor of St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Twp., NJ. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible if you are moving.

Baptism: The sacrament is celebrated three times a month at St. Francis Parish. Group Baptisms are the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM and the last Sunday at 12:45 PM each month at St. Francis Church in Brant Beach. Baptisms during Mass are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the last Mass in each Church. Call the Parish Office for availability and requirements: (609) 494-8813 ext. 154 or 155.

Faith 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:

Interfaith Health & Support Services

St. Francis is a founding member of Interfaith Health & Support Services, a coalition of area congregations. Volunteers provide free services: respite care, medical transportation and shopping for the frail, elderly and isolated in our community. This collection is our annual contribution to this valuable service.

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Utilities

Collected: \$4,265

Solemnity of Mary - December 31/January 1

Collected: \$3,084

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$15,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000

Collected: \$23,957



December Online Giving Collections

2020 Christmas Fund	
“Perfect Light Society”:	\$24,674
Christmas Collection:	\$15,075
1 st Collections:	\$12,486
2 nd Collections:	\$ 2,140
Total	\$54,375

A Letter From The Pastoral Staff...



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord that brings the Christmas season to a close. It is the conclusion of one season and the beginning of another which will be Ordinary Time. The readings are well chosen and it is good to spend some time with them and read them in a personal way. By this I mean when you read the sentence in today's Gospel “*You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased*”, think of the fact that since you have been baptized that God is “well pleased” that you have a special relationship with Him. Hopefully, our living this out in our daily lives supports this and even when we make mistakes, God understands our humanness and that we are not perfect and are serious about our being a disciple of Jesus.

The Baptismal ceremony is a very positive experience that makes us a member of the Body of Christ. We become a sharer in Christ's light as we receive the lighted candle that has been lighted from the Paschal Candle. We are anointed with Sacred Chrism and now share in Christ's role as “priest, prophet and king.” The white garment reminds us that we have become a “New creation.” As infants we are not aware of the great gift that we have received through Baptism, but when we experience an adult being baptized, it strikes us that we have been given something tremendously life giving by our parents. A prayer of gratitude to them and God is appropriate.

The church season that we are entering is called Ordinary Time but nothing is “ordinary” when God is part of our lives. The Christmas season was certainly different for many people this year, but the meaning of the season was still there telling us that Jesus came into an imperfect and hostile world and that He has chosen to stay in this world because of His love and concern for us. This makes each day a gift from God and hopefully each day filled with reminders that Christ is present for each of us.

A Blessed and Happy New Year!

Fr. Andrew

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



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Online Giving!

stfrancisparishlbi.org



Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:



Spiritual Direction

Are you interested in a deeper relationship with God? Do you experience a desire to pray always? Are you searching for a better understanding of the actions of God's grace in your life?

Spiritual Direction is not about problem solving. It is neither counseling nor therapy. It is about enhancing one's prayer life. Directors help people recognize and respond to God's will in their life experiences. One Director summed up the process this way, "All I do is listen. People already have a spiritual life; they are not starting here. Often they need relief from the pressure that they are not doing the right thing. I help them see the goodness in where they are on their journey, not where they think they're supposed to be." God is the real spiritual director.

The Diocese of Trenton has several training programs called an internship. These are two or three year programs focusing on deepening one's own spiritual life and on learning the dynamics of Spiritual Direction. Upon completion of the program a person receives a Certificate from the Diocese.

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors.

There is no charge for Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your life 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 for more information.

Next scheduled zoom meeting: **January 20**

Mass Schedule until further notice

St. Francis of Assisi, Brant Beach

9:00 AM Daily Mass
Reconciliation: 3:30-4:30 PM
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
Live-Streaming Mass - Sundays 10:00 AM
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 for the Season

Family Faith Formation



Judith Clayton, Director of FFF (Ext. 153)

jclayton@stfrancislbj.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).

First Eucharist parent meeting set for **January 28, 2021**. Details to follow.

Family Faith Formation wishes all our families the joy of the birth of our Lord who brings the light and peace into our midst, now and forever.

Judith Clayton, Angie Graiff, MaryLou Ligus, Marion Pierri

Adult Faith Formation 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.
Seating is limited.

Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation
Friday, January 15

at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Lounge
Presenter: Fr. Steve Kluge, *ofm*

Monthly Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs
Sunday, January 10, 1:00 PM
Fraternity "Zoom" Meeting

Did You Know??

During the summer of 2020 **St Francis Maintenance Department** replaced all the windows at the Friary. The windows were replaced back in the early 1990's but needed upgrading badly as the windows leaked and were not very energy efficient. We changed out a total of 63 windows around the building including all of the basement windows. We plan on changing all exterior doors and adding storm doors to make the house even more energy efficient. The windows used were double pain vinyl windows from Home Depot.

Diocese of Trenton Catholic Marriage Encounter



Catholic Marriage Encounter

For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Experience? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via **Zoom** for eight evening sessions presented on Sunday & Wednesday evenings from **January 20 to February 14**. For an application and information, contact Tony & Linda Massino, **(302) 220-9833**; visit us at www.wvme-delmar.org.

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@stfrancislb.org or

Wendy Saunders, Executive Director,
at: wsaunders@stfrancislb.org or
call (609) 494-8861 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Crazy Over Apples Raffle

1st Prize: Apple iPad Pro 256GB
Value: \$899.00

2nd Prize: Apple Watch Series 6 (GPS & Cellular 40mm)
Value: \$484.99

3rd Prize: Apple AirPods with Wireless Charging Case
Value: \$154.98

Only 1,000 Tickets Sold
\$20.00 per ticket



Drawing: February 8, 2021 - 10:00 AM
St. Francis Community Center

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Township, NJ

No substitution of the offered prize. No cash in lieu of prize.

Winner need not be present. Proceeds

benefit St. Francis Community Center. RL: 20-11

Please make your checks payable to St. Francis Center and mail to:



St. Francis Community Center
Attn: Crazy Over Apples Raffle
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

of tickets requested (\$20.00 each) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Visa and MasterCard accepted in person.

No substitution of the offered prize. No cash in lieu of prize.
Winner need not be present.

Proceeds benefit St. Francis Community Center 609-494-8861

www.stfrancislb.org  [stfrancislb](https://www.facebook.com/stfrancislb)  Instagram: [stfranciscommunitycenter](https://www.instagram.com/stfranciscommunitycenter)

All mail in forms must to be received no later than Saturday, February 6.

Cell Phone Drop Off



Please help
St. Francis Parish & Center
by dropping off your old **Cell Phones**
in the lobby at St. Francis Center.
Please NO accessories, chargers, etc.

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.



When survivors of sexual assault present to the hospital, their clothing is often taken for evidence. St. Francis Counseling Service, in collaboration with the Ocean County Sexual Assault Response Team, is accepting donations of **NEW** clothing items so survivors have clothes to go home in. This includes towels, washcloths, hair ties, women's yoga pants, t-shirts, underwear, sports bras, men's sweatpants, t-shirts, and boxer briefs in all sizes.

A link to our Amazon With List can be found at <https://a.co/1JR3Qcq> which is also linked on our Facebook. Donations will only be accepted by mail through Amazon or a similar retailer. We are not accepting donations in person due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All donations can be sent to:

St. Francis Community Center
ATTN: Delaney Cronin
4700 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008

For questions please contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or dcronin@stfrancisbi.org. Thank you for your support!

Find our wish list here: <https://a.co/1JR3Qcq>



Are you interested in becoming a volunteer As a Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate?

Advocacy is based on the principle that the individual is the best person to make decisions in their life. Once trained you will be on call to provide crisis intervention, educational information and resources to survivors of sexual violence. All potential advocates encouraged to apply.

Bilingual advocates needed.

**Join our team of trained Forensic Nurses,
Advocates and Law Enforcement.**

Our no cost 40-hour training will certify you to advocate for people who have experienced sexual violence. The training infuses principles of anti-oppression and multiculturalism in every step.

Advocates will gain a strong understanding of how racism, oppression, and inequality intersect with sexual violence, which will help them best serve every survivor they interact with in their role.

Spring class 2021

Virtual Sessions

Tuesday nights 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

February 9 - May 18

To apply and schedule an interview
Contact Delaney Cronin at (609) 494-1554 or
dcronin@stfrancisbi.org

A flyer with a dark blue background and white and orange leaf and branch graphics. The text is in white and orange. It includes the title "Covid Support Group", a subtitle "Staying Connected in a Socially Distant World", and details about a free virtual meeting group.

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

The logo is circular with a central figure and the text "ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER" around the perimeter.

Journey Through Grief - Virtual

This program is designed to help men and women, of all ages, work through the normal stages of grief with education and group support. The program stresses that grief is a journey, a natural and normal reaction to a significant loss in our lives.

Education and support can ease our way on this journey. **The group is open to all members of the community regardless of religious affiliation.** Registration is required. There is NO FEE for this program.

GrandParenting Support Group - Virtual

Have you found yourself in a parenting role, raising your grandchild? This **FREE**, 8-week confidential group provides a safe space for individuals to share their stories, receive support and develop coping skills.

Please call 609-494-1554 to register.
For further information on either group, call and ask to speak with either Shannon or Karin.

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 and 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.

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

2nd & 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.

Recreation & Aquatics

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

Pickleball

A cross between Ping Pong, Tennis, Racquetball and Badminton. Pickleball is played as a singles or doubles game. 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

Daily Guest Pool Fees:



\$10 Per Person

Book of 5 Passes: \$45

Book of 10 Passes: \$80

Open Swim Only

(Space Permitting) Open Swim Hours
subject to change without notice.

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.

Family Support Services

Food Pantry Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 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-1:00 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! ****

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

Shampoo	Soap
Detergent	Toothpaste
Deodorant	Toilet Paper
Brown Gravy	Egg Noodles
Powdered Potatoes	Canned Goods
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Cereal
Kids Snacks	Personal Products
Gift Cards to Walmart, ShopRite, Acme & Target	

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.

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).

www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families.org. We are also a Grow NJ Kids 4 Star Program. www.grownjkids.gov.

Masks will be required for 2 years and up - they will be encouraged to wear a mask throughout the day.

Year-round Childcare for Children

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Available Care 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM, 5 Days a Week

Full Day and Work Day

Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2

Employment Opportunity



Preschool

Early Childhood 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.

Position: Year-round full time with benefits. Part time (with potential for full time) and substitute

Pay: Hourly rate based on degree.

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday

Please send resumes to Amy Bodine

abodine@stfrancislbi.org

St. Francis Center is an EOE/AA Employer

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



Ireland 2.0 (2021)

with **Father Kevin** and Home Town Travel

Dates have been confirmed for **October 21-29, 2021** exploring Ireland with Belfast and Giants Causeway.

"Irish Information Night" - Tuesday, February 2, 2021
in the St. Francis Community Center Gym

We will have all pricing and information regarding the tour at this time. **RSVP is mandatory** due to social distancing. Please call to RSVP or for more information at (609) 597-5100.

Portugal and its Islands

April 24 - May 6, 2021

Painted Canyons of the West

(featuring Utah's five National Parks)

October 3-11, 2021

Imperial Cities with Oberammergau 2022

Oberammergau 2020 has been cancelled and rescheduled for 2022. If you were not able to go this year, maybe you can join us when our new plans and dates are announced soon.

HOME TOWN TRAVEL & CELEBRITY GROUPS CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR 2020-2021

San Juan to Cape Liberty - May 1-6, 2021

Celebrity Summit Fly Newark to San Juan. 5 night getaway with a stop at St. Maarten and 3 relaxing days at sea returning to Cape Liberty. Aqua class cabin, nightly dinner Blu, gratuities and unlimited beverage package.

Newport, Charleston & Bermuda - May 15-26, 2021

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