BRIDGE



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28, 2021

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> **Community Center** (609) 494-8861

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"Truly this man was the Son of God."



The Gospel Challenge: In today's psalm we hear the words of Jesus, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" How can I reach out to those who feel abandoned?

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers ONLINE GIVING Parishioners who prefer to donate through our Online Giving Service, a secure and personalized way to give to the Parish, can visit our website at: http://www.stfrancisparishlbi.org

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
	(L) Living +Deceased		
Saturday, March 27	9:00 AM +Gladys Ribinsky 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Florence Grant	Ez. 37:21-28; Jn. 11:45-56 Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mk. 14:1-15:47	
Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday 8:30 AM +JoVennewald 10:00 AM +James E. Kempski +Patrick Harrington +Daniel Donahue 11:30 AM +Anthony Cardone +Victoria Ninivaggi +Frank Caputo	Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mk. 14:1-15:47	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion
Monday, March 29	9:00 AM +Anne McNiff Huey	Is. 42:1-7; Jn. 12:1-11	
Tuesday, March 30	9:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	Is. 49:1-6; Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38	
Wednesday, March 31	9:00 AM +Thomas Foley +Ralph Jones	Is. 50:4-9a; Mt. 26:14-25	5:00 PM <i>Live-Streaming Adoration</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 7:00 PM Scripture Study <i>Zoom</i> Mtg.
Thursday, April 1	Holy Thursday 7:00 PM +Anne Armstrong, ofs +Bill Kunz +Richard Cortellino +Joseph & Judy Filoon	Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 1:23-26; Jn. 13:1-15	7:00 PM <i>Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi</i> Silent Prayer until 9:00 PM
Friday, April 2	Good Friday 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 2:00 PM Silent Private Devotion 3:00 PM Franciscan Mass League	Is. 52:13-53:12; Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn. 18:1-19:42	3:00 PM Live-Streaming Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Saturday, April 3	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 7:00 PM +Saverio "Sammy" D'Amico +Bryan Connelly +Jean Cunningham +Anne McNiff Huey	Gn. 1:1-2:2; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Ez. 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom. 6:3-11; Mk. 16:1-7	7:00 PM Live-Streaming Vigil Mass www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday 8:30 AM +Eugene & Lucille D'Amico +David & Kathleen Barndt +John & Rosa Primerano 10:00 AM +Fred Peters +Gladys Dzwonek +Jane & George Holland 11:30 AM +Patricia Kakstis	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4; Mk. 16:1-7	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion

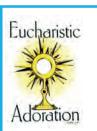


The St. Francis Parish and Center will be CLOSED: Good Friday, April 2; Holy Saturday, April 3; and Easter Sunday, April 4

St. Thomas of Villanova Church 13th & Long Beach Blvd., Surf City		
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, March 27	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday 8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League 10:00 AM +Anthony Galietti +Frank Gisoldi 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League	
Friday, April 2	Good Friday 2:00 PM Silent Private Devotion 3:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday 8:30 AM +Jo Vennewald +Hugh Flanagan +Bert Minnella 10:00 AM +James M. Kempski +Eugene & Eleanor Patten 11:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League	

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven		
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Saturday, March 27	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
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St. Clare's Church, Loveladies, NJ Closed for the Season



Adoration With St. Francis and St. Clare

Wednesdays of Lent Facebook Livestream www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 5:00 - 8:00 PM

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:

Church Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Living at the shore requires consistent maintenance & repairs to the 4 churches that make up St. Francis Parish. This collection helps us fund the upkeep of our facilities & the significant costs in maintaining our grounds. Please help us serve you by being

Last Week's 2nd Collection Franciscan Missionary Union

Collected: \$3,123 This Week We Need: Budgeted: \$15,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$15,000 Collected: \$13,715





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

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil

What will be different this year?

In an effort to keep our worship community safe during the Sacred Triduum, our Parish is following the directives from the Diocese of Trenton.

The dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day obligation remains in effect.

Holy Thursday:

The Mandatum (Washing of feet) is omitted. The command of love of neighbor is expressed in the washing of feet. We will have, however, a symbolic washing of feet where the priest will kneel in front of the empty chair where the feet are usually washed so that we may remember the love we have for our neighbor. It will also remind us of the more than 500,000 people who have died in the pandemic and all those who now mourn their loved ones.

The procession with the Holy Eucharist at the conclusion of Mass is also omitted. The Holy Eucharist will be placed at an altar of repose for the Adoration of the faithful after the post-communion prayer and before the silent departure of the ministers.

Good Friday:

The reading of the Passion Narrative will take place. The Solemn intercessions will be read, not sung. People will remain at their places in the pews for the Veneration of the Cross. The priest will hold the Cross in the sanctuary and invite the people to adore the cross. There will not be any individual veneration of the Cross or any physical contact.

The Easter Vigil:

There will be no preparation or lighting of the Easter fire and no vigil candles for the congregation. The Paschal Candle will be prepared privately and lit in a dignified manner. The procession through the church will be omitted. The singing of the Exsultet will take place. The Liturgy of the Word will take place as usual. We will use the short form for the Blessing of Water and we will renew our Baptismal Promises.

This year there are no candidates for Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation.

What will not change this year or ever is our belief in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the season of Easter we will continue to live this mystery. "We will sing with the bells of heaven: Glory to God in the highest!"

Triduum, Easter Sunday & Easter Season through Pentecost Sunday Schedule of Masses

Holy Thursday Mass in the Brant Beach Church at 7:00 PM Silent Prayer at the Altar of Repose following Mass until 9:00 PM The Holy Thursday Mass will be *live streamed*

Good Friday - Traditional 14 Stations of the Cross in the Brant Beach Church at noon

Good Friday - An hour of silent private devotion from 2:00 until 3:00 PM in the Beach Haven, Brant Beach, Surf City Churches Good Friday - Liturgy at 3:00 PM in the Beach Haven, Brant Beach, Surf City churches

The Good Friday Liturgy will be *live streamed* at 3:00 PM in the Brant Beach Church

Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM in the Brant Beach Church The Easter Vigil Mass will be *live streamed*

There will NOT be an Easter Sunrise Mass at the beach this year due to Covid precautions

Easter Sunday Morning Masses
Beach Haven Church - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM
Brant Beach Church - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
Surf City Church - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
Drive-Thru Communion at 12:30 PM until 1:00 PM in the
Brant Beach Church parking lot until further notice
The Easter Sunday morning Mass will be live streamed at the
10:00 AM Mass in Brant Beach

Weekend Mass Schedule - April 10 thru May 23

Beach Haven - 5:00 PM, 10:00 AM
Brant Beach - 5:00 PM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
Surf City - 5:00 PM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM
The 10:00 AM Mass in Brant Beach will be *live streamed*Confessions in Brant Beach Church Saturdays from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM
Drive-Thru Communion at 12:30 PM until 1:00 PM in the
Brant Beach Church parking lot until further notice.

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)

Faith Offices, 2nd floor of the Community Center.

Mary Lou Ligus, Administrative Assistant (Ext. 179)

Marion Pierri, Registration & Tuition Coordinator (Ext. 177)
In-person registration for 2021-2022 Religious Education
Program will be on April 21 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM in the Family

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.

Weekly Reflections...

Thin places? It's an Irish expression. A "thin place" is a spot where the separation between heaven and earth shrinks or where the boundary becomes indistinct. It is not a theological concept or church teaching, of course; just a sensation that feels true. At a thin place, God feels close and approachable. A thin place may be a mountain, a pilgrimage site, an empty beach, a soup kitchen, a hospital, a playground. Feeling the presence of God there, we experience something moving in our hearts.

Maybe there are "thin times", too. When I am called to pray with people in their last days and hours, I always feel like God is very close. The boundary between time and eternity is vanishing. Sorrowful as it is, it is a time of grace, a thin time.

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, another thin time. God is near churning our hearts and souls as we contemplate Jesus in the days and hours that lead to the Cross.

The churning reveals the Passion of Christ continuing in the brokenness we see around us, but always with hope. And our desire to be part of what Christ does for the world grows.

Although God may not be at the forefront of our awareness at every moment, God is always present. I hope that we can feel it throughout this thin time of Holy Week and wake up changed and joyful on Easter morning.

Peace.

John Frambes, ofm

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 for more information.

Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: March 31

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 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM. Email Kathy Egan for more information at: klegan.chaplain@gmail.com
Next scheduled zoom meeting: April 7

Did You Know??

Did you know that we are an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE/AA)?

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforces Federal laws prohibiting employment discrimination. These laws protect employees and job applicants against employment discrimination when it involves:

Unfair treatment because of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information.

Harassment by managers, co-workers, or others in the

workplace, because of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information.

Denial of a reasonable workplace accommodation that the employee needs because of religious beliefs or disability. Retaliation because the employee complained about job discrimination or assisted with a job discrimination investigation or lawsuit.

Peace Prayer Project

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



Easter Flowers and Decorations Memorial Fund Drive



Easter Flowers

Your participation in our Easter Flower Memorialization Program and Fund Drive allows us to decorate the Surf City, Brant Beach, and Beach Haven churches for the Holy Season of Easter. Names of those memorialized or honored will be published in the online church bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Memorialization

Easter flower envelopes have been mailed and placed in the churches. You may also use a plain envelope. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. <u>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY THE NAME/S OF THOSE YOU WISH REMEMBERED OR HONORED and include your phone number in case of questions.</u> The envelopes can be placed in the weekend collection basket, dropped off or mailed to the St. Francis Parish Office by <u>March 27th</u>.

Donations for Easter Flowers & Plants May Be Made In Any Amount.

Donations toward the purchase of other specific items to be memorialized:

\$100 Cherry Blossoms and large Easter Wreaths for the church sanctuary.

\$75 Flowers for Sanctuary Urns for Easter & Holy Thursday \$50 Peace Lilies and Hydrangea \$35 Ferns, & Candle Rings

Thank you for your support and generosity! Questions? Please call JoAnne Reeder at the center (609) 494-8861 ext. 164



St. Francis Parish prayer list of men and women now serving overseas

With gratitude, we remember our veterans and we also pray for the safe return of our loved ones who now serve us faithfully in foreign lands.

As a visible reminder of their sacrifice and our love, we have been publishing a prayer list of the women and men who are actively serving overseas.

If you wish to include a family member who is actively serving overseas in the military, please call the Parish Worship Office at (609) 494-8813 ext. 164 and leave a message that includes the individual's name and rank. Please spell out the name. You may also email the information to *jreeder@stfrancislbi.org*.

SPECIAL EVENTS

American Red Cross Blood Mobile

Tuesday, April 20; 1:00 - 6:00 PM St. Francis Church Hall



Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery, organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Please call the Community Center at (609) 494-8861 ext.118 or visit: *www.redcrossblood.org* to schedule an appointment.

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 c njall (609) 494-1554.



Are you a high school or college student with a story to tell about sexual assault through art or poetry?

Do you want to raise awareness about the importance of consent through a public service announcement poster?

SHARE YOUR ART WITH OCEAN COUNTY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT!

Send your artwork to Danielle at ddunne@stfrancislbi.org by March 27th to be entered for a sexual assault awareness month prize and be featured in sexual assault awareness month promotions!

By submitting artwork for the contest, participants grant St. Francis Counseling Service permission to use their likeness in a photograph, video or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration. Artwork can be submitted as anonymous if needed.

This event was supported by the State of New Jersey Sexual Assault, Abuse and Rape Care (SAARC) Funds, administered by the Department of Children and Families.









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.

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 **Spring Brochure** online at *www.stfranciscenterlbi.org* or pick up a Brochure at the Center lobby.

Registration Session II

Monday, April 5 9:00 AM



Spring Swim Clinic Traditional (Ages 5-10)

Monday & Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 PM **April 5 - May 26**



Lifeguard Training

(Ages 15 & up) **April 21,** 5:00 - 7:00 PM; **April 22 - 23,** 4:00 - 8:00 PM; **April 24 - 25,** 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Attendance at the above dates & times is required.

There will be no opportunities to make up missed classes.

If you have concerns about your ability to complete the pre-requisites, please schedule a swimming skill evaluation by calling the pool reception desk at ext. 187 (there is a \$10 guest fee for all evaluations).

Basic Boating Safety Course - NJ Certified

(Ages: 13 & up)



Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00 - 9:00 PM **April 27 & 29**

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

Workbooks will be provided.

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

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-1:00 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! **

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

Items needed (Personal Products):

Baked Beans, Chef Boyardee Raviolis & Spaghettios, Dinty Moore Stew, Canned Chicken, Ketchup/Mustard/Mayo, Coffee

> We are still in need of: Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Body Wash/Soap, Toilet Paper, Dish Detergent

Gift Cards to Acme, Murphy's Market, Walmart, Target, & ShopRite,

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).

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

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

Year-round Childcare for Children TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

Full Day and Work Day
Toddlers: Ages 13 months to 2 1/2
Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

Employment Opportunity



Counseling Services

Trauma Informed Licensed Clinicians

Full-time and Part-time Trauma Informed Licensed Clinicians and Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish). Days/Hours: Monday-Friday (Some night 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.

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 and substitute.

Pay: Teacher Assistant - \$12/hour.

Preschool Teacher/Lead Teacher - \$13 with BA Degree in Early Childhood

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday

Recreation/Pool

Private Swim Lesson Instructors

Year round, part-time 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, ages 4 years to adults.

Days/Hours: Hours range from 8 to 29 per week, (may occasionally exceed 29 hours dependent upon season).

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

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 and 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 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

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

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For more information or reservations, contact Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100

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2021 Lenten Holy Hour for World Peace

Wednesday, March 31

3:00 - 4:00 PM; Maris Stella Chapel

Holy hour will provide an opportunity for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer for world peace. Registration not needed to attend.

2021 Holy Week Private Retreat

Wednesday, March 31 - Easter Sunday, April 4

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