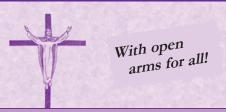
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

- 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

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Read our bulletin online at www.stfrancisparishlbi.org



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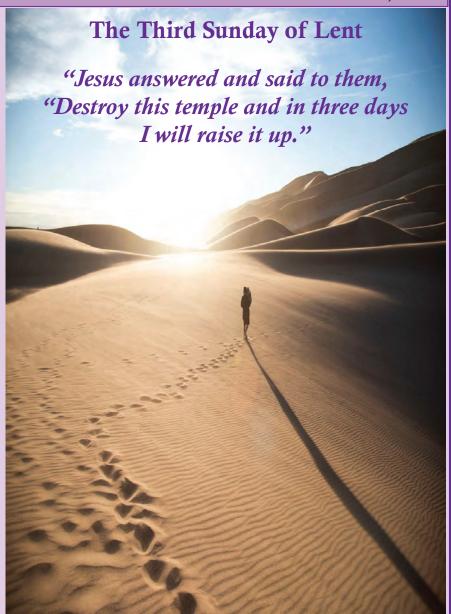
St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Franciscan Faith Community of Holy Name Province in the Diocese of Trenton.

Find out more about Holy Name Province online at: www.hnp.org

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY **Vocation Office** vocations@fsallegany.org

Franciscan Sisters of Philadelphia, PA Vocation Office vocations@osfphil.org

St. Francis is a sending Parish to St. Mary Academy 609-597-3800 or visit: www.stmaryknights.org



In the Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple. How can I be a light for my faith community?

"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me certain hope."

St. Francis of Assisi, "The Prayer Before the Crucifix." 40

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
Saturday, March 6	(L) Living +Deceased 9:00 AM +Anne McNiff Huey 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Patrick Collum	Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32 Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25	
Sunday, March 7	8:30 AM +Tom Laverty 10:00 AM +Vince McHale +Russell G. Stein 11:30 AM +Frank Caputo +Patricia Lynn Surat	Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 12:30-1:00 PM "In car" Communion 1:00 PM OFS Fraternity <i>Zoom</i> Meeting
Monday, March 8	9:00 AM +Ronald Waranowicz +Charlie Weigle	2 Kgs. 5:1-15ab; Lk. 4:24-30	
Tuesday, March 9	9:00 AM +James W. Forsythe	Dn. 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35	
Wednesday, March 10	9:00 AM +Louis F. (Sirrie) Purul +Thomas Lally +Andrew Noll	Dt. 1:1, 5-9; Mt. 5:17-19	5:00 PM Live-Streaming Adoration www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Thursday, March 11	9:00 AM +Anne McNiff Huey	Jer. 7:23-28; Lk. 11:14-23	
Friday, March 12	9:00 AM +Mary Sarin	Hos. 14:2-10; Mk. 12:28-34	9:45 AM Adult Faith Enrichment/RCIA, Sr. Lounge Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM Live-Streaming Service www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Saturday, March 13	9:00 AM +James Powers 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Thomas Walsh +Joseph Moeller	Hos. 6:1-6; Lk. 18:9-14 II Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph. 2:4-10; Jn. 3:14-21	
Sunday, March 14	8:30 AM +Jo Vennewald +Paul Kubeck 10:00 AM +Irene Flanagan +Jean Cunningham 11:30 AM +Mary & Daniel Dempsey +Jeffrey Pocaro	II Chr. 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph. 2:4-10; Jn. 3:14-21	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass 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		
Saturday,	(L) Living +Deceased		
March 6	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
March 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
Saturday, March 13	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League		
Sunday,	8:30 AM +Franciscan Mass League		
March 14	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League		

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 14
at 2:00 AM EST
turn Your Clocks <u>AHEAD</u> One Hour.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2 ND & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven		
DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, March 6	(L) Living +Deceased 5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
Sunday, March 7	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	
Saturday, March 13	5:00 PM +Franciscan Mass League	
Sunday, March 14	10:00 AM +Franciscan Mass League	

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

Parish Information - (609) 494-8813

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

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

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

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

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:

Human Concerns Project

Our Family Support Services Department is an important component of our efforts in homelessness prevention. Our services include workshops on parenting support, violence prevention, anger management, the Food Pantry, utilities assistance, auto ownership of Ocean County & annual projects. Grants, donations & this collection support this crucial work. Thank you for your generosity.

Last Week's 2nd Collection St. Francis Parish Center

Collected: \$2,981

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$15,000

Last Week's CollectionBudgeted: \$15,000
Collected: \$15,111





Easter Flowers and Decorations Memorial Fund Drive



"Some women...were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive." Luke 24:13-35

We are having our annual Easter Flower Memorial Fund Drive which allows us to decorate the Brant Beach, Beach Haven and Surf City churches from Palm Sunday through the Holy Season of Easter.

The Art & Environment Team would like to thank you for your continued generosity and support which allows us to prepare the worship area in a manner that reflects our great joy and gratitude as we affirm our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life.

You may choose to memorialize or honor a loved-one, family member, friend or special occasion by making a donation toward the Easter flowers, decorations or Art & Environment. The names of those memorialized or honored along with the donor names will be published in our online church bulletin for the Easter season.

<u>Donations for Easter Flowers & Plants</u> 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



To make a donation, please use the Easter Flower envelopes that were mailed to your home. Additional envelopes are available at the doors of the church or you may use a plain envelope with the following information:

<u>PLEASE PRINT CLEARY</u> your name, the name of the person being memorialized or honored, and a <u>CONTACT PHONE</u> <u>NUMBER</u>. The envelope can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or dropped off at the Center by <u>March 27th</u>. Memorials not received in time for the first publishing of names will be published in a subsequent online Church Bulletin during the Easter Season.

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



Celiac Disease and Holy Eucharist

If you have Celiac disease and wish to receive Holy Eucharist, we now have low gluten hosts in all the churches. Please bring your own pyx [host container] to mass. If you forget your pyx, please tell the priest. We have some extras in the safe. Please see the priest before mass and he will provide you with a low gluten host. Complete directions are posted in the vesting sacristy.

Franciscan Spiritual Center Presents:





Spiritual Direction

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

Our parish has five certified Spiritual Directors offering *free* Spiritual Direction. If you think this might be a way for you to recognize God's actions in your daily 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: March 17

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.chaplin@gmail.com*Next scheduled meeting: April 7



Soup and Stations



Stations of the Cross

We invite you to Stations of the Cross on Friday nights March 12, 19 at 5:00 PM

in the Brant Beach Church. Due to the Covid virus we have made some changes to assure safety. We will not be having a meal of bread and soup this year before the Stations, but you may wish to bring a can of soup to put in the St. Francis Food Pantry basket in the church lobby. The Stations will be *live streamed* for those not able to attend. Each week we will contemplate three of the Stations of the Cross through scripture, hymns and reflection. All are invited. Feel free to bring friends and neighbors!

This week we will reflect on **Station 10** - Jesus is Stripped of His Garments; **Station 11** - Jesus is Nailed to the Cross; **Station 12** - Jesus Dies on the Cross.

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. 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 Faith Offices, 2nd floor of the Community Center.

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

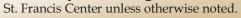
RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

A discussion and meditation entitled:
"The Gospel according to John"
(9:1-34 - the man born blind)
will be lead on Friday, March 12
at 9:45 AM in the Sr. Lounge
by Fr. John Frambes, ofm
Since seating is limited, please call
Sr. Pat or Fr. Steve to reserve your place.

Monthly Meetings:





Order of the Franciscans Secular ofs Sunday, March 7, 1:00 PM Fraternity "Zoom" Meeting

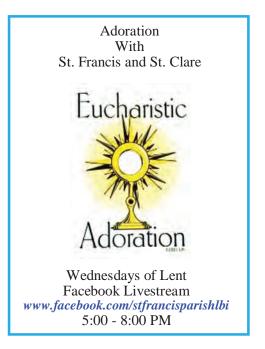
Embrace Our Way of Life

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



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.

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@stfrancislbi.org or

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



O Lord, be present with these men and women who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence and grant them strength, wisdom and grace.

SSgt. Stephen Ballinger GySgt. Jason Benedict GySgt. Ryan Benedict Maj. Michael Berk Lt. Col. Maureen Davis-Berk PFC Thomas J. Bonder LCDR Gary Brose, USN Pvt. Matthew Cacace **Capt. Andrew Cairns** Spc. Nicholas Campoli Sean Michael Campoli, USN Maj. Robert Cunningham PFC Tim Edwards Lt. David Elsenbeck Capt. Michael J. Elsenbeck, MD **Airman Patrick Esmerado A1C Matt Fitzpatrick** Lt. Cmdr. Bob Gerstemeier **PFC Matthew Gurten** Sr. Airman John Hall **PFC Anthony Hardado** Lt. Cpl. Forrest Hendricks Sgt. Matthew Hill Lt. Cameron Hockman Capt. Ryan Hughes Tech Sgt. Bradley Iseminger **PO Anthony Juliano** Lt. Col. Michael Kloepper Capt. Timothy Koenig Pvt. Emily Jane Konzelmann Sgt. Amanda A. Kuchta Cpl. Travis Lastfogel L Cpl. Cole Lattanzi

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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.





Parenting AFTER

Join this FREE confidential group with other parents managing the world after your child has been sexually abused. Gain support, develop emotional coping skills and learn ways to understand and manage the post-trauma behaviors and emotions of your child.

Group will run for six weeks
every Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM
and will be held in Toms River, NJ.
For information please call Nina Vitale, LPC,
St. Francis Counseling Service,
(609) 494-1554. Please note: *Group size is limited and*registration is required.

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

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

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

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.

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.

AOUATICS:

4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1, Intermediate, Lifeguard Training, Aquatic Aerobics, and Arthritis Water Exercise





RECREATION:

Tot and Tyke Basketball, Spring Basketball Clinic, All Level Yoga and Basic Boating Safety Course

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.

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

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/22-2003458and sign in using your normal Amazon login and password.That's it! Amazon will automatically make the donation.

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.

Indoor Pool Hours through March 26

Monday to Friday: 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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.

Items needed (Personal Products):

Laundry detergent
Shampoo
Body Wash/Soap
Deodorant
Hand Soap
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Gift Cards to Walmart, ShopRite, Acme & Target

Donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the bins marked

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.

"donation" in the front of 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
Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5

Did You Know??

- Vacation Club is a summer camp for school age children from age 5½-13 years of age.
- Children must have completed Kindergarten to attend Vacation Club.
- The program offers a variety of activities designed to promote the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of children, while allowing them to grow in confidence and self-esteem. It provides a comprehensive array of activities in arts and crafts, cooking, sports, daily swimming and weekly fieldtrips.
- Some themes that the campers will be participating in this year are: "Pursing Peru", "Food Frenzy", "Funky Physics" and "Treasure Island."
- With an additional fee, on premises "field trips" will take place this year with "Chef It Up", "Pirate Ron" and "Murder Mystery Company" just to name a few.
- Parent Registration is Monday, May 3rd at 4:30 PM and a parent or legal guardian must be present.
- The program operates from June 21st until September 2nd.
- Due to COVID only Ocean County children who attended an Ocean County school will be enrolled this year.

Educational Services

For information call ext. 185.



St. Francis Adult Basic Education FREE Distance Learning Classes

Registration & Testing will be held in March for our spring session of classes.

ABE/High School Equivalency (HSE)

Please call 732-281-8653 or email Stfrancishse@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

ESL- English As A Second Language Please call 732-551-2270 to schedule an appointment.

> Registration 1258 ROUTE 166, Suites A & B TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753 Stella Towne Center

Registration Includes: Intake, Assessments, & Orientation. Visit our website at:

stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support.

Classes are provided by the Ocean County Consortium through a grant from the Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development.

(Classes are subject to change)

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.

Portugal and its Islands April 24 - May 6, 2021

<u>Painted Canyons of the West</u> (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

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

Celebrity Summit (R/T Bayonne). Ports: Newport, RI (full day), Charleston, SC (overnight), Kings Wharf, Bermuda (three days/two nights) with three days at sea (one between each destination). \$300 onboard credit.

14 Night Trans-Atlantic Greenland and Iceland aboard Celebrity Summit (Departure from Bayonne and returning from Southampton (Air will be available mid-October) 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.

Seattle to Vancouver - September 3-10, 2021

Celebrity Solstice Start at the Space Needle for a panoramic view of Seattle. Thread the fjords of the Inside Passage and watch Dawes Glacier produce icebergs in Endicott Arm Fjord. Do some dog sledding at Juneau, discover totem poles at Ketchikan, experience the Gold Rush at Skagway, and admire British colonial architecture in Victoria and the gardens. Special rate \$1,770 per person, double includes: balcony accommodations, all taxes and government fees, and all meals (specialty restaurants additional). Free classic beverage package.

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

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Maris Stella - Harvey Cedars

2021 Lenten Holy Hour for World Peace Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 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 Lenten Day of Reflection: "A Time to Gather Stones"

Saturday, March 27, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Presenter: Sr. Marion Scranton, SC

Cost: \$50.00 - Non-Refundable, Non-Transferable

Deposit: \$25.00

Registration and Deposit due: March 10

Limited Overnight Accommodations Available on Friday or

Saturday at an additional cost.

For more information or to register: <u>www.marisstella.org</u> or Email/Call Sr. Pat at: <u>pdotzauer@comcast.net</u> or

(609) 494-2917.

2021 Holy Week Private Retreat

Wednesday, March 31 - Easter Sunday, April 4

Maris Stella is available for those interested in private retreat time during Holy Week. There is no formal retreat program or meals offered. There is limited space available.

For Reservations Contact: Sr. Mary Morley, SC (609) 494-1182 or mmorleysc@gmail.com

Soroptimist Clothes Closet

Stafford Community Center, 25 Pine St., Manahawkin

The Soroptimist Clothes Closet is now open by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

With a voucher and an appointment you can choose from: work attire, jackets & coats, everyday clothing, shoes and accessories! Vouchers are available at St. Francis Food Pantry, Churches, & Stafford Community Center.

Call Madelyn at (609) 276-3308 to book an appointment.

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.

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