

THE BRIDGE



With open
arms for all!

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 30, 2021

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

*"...they worshiped
but they doubted..."*



Allegany Art
Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Gospel Challenge:

**The Apostles worshiped Jesus but feared the future
without him. Jesus reminded them and us when he said,
"I am with you always."**

*How does my faith in Jesus help me overcome my doubts and
fears?*

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 29	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 9:00 AM +John T. "Jack" Miaskowski +John Connelly 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frances Jennette +Jo Hellawell	Sir. 51:12cd-20; Mk. 11:27-33 Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mk. 28:16-20	
Sunday, May 30	7:15 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i> 8:30 AM +Vidalia Mendez +Judith Filoon 10:00 AM +Michael Jacobson & George DePalma +Gerald & Frances Rothstein +George Russo 11:30 AM +Todd Barbuto	Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mk. 28:16-20	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi
Monday, May 31	9:00 AM (L)Chris, Maggie & Keira O'Neill	Zep. 3:14-18a; Lk. 1:39-56	Parish Office & Center is CLOSED
Tuesday, June 1	9:00 AM +Anne McNiff Huey +Elaine Onufer +Raymond Kilgallen	Tb. 2:9-14; Mk. 12:13-17	9:30 AM Adult Enrichment, Mini Retreat
Wednesday, June 2	9:00 AM +Mary Leonardi	Tb. 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk. 12:18-27	10:30 AM Contemplative Living, via Zoom 7:00 PM Scripture Study Zoom Meeting
Thursday, June 3	9:00 AM +Edward Shanley	Tb. 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a; Mk. 12:28-34	
Friday, June 4	9:00 AM +Jane Holland +Alfonso Passaro	Tb. 11:5-17; Mk. 12:35-37	
Saturday, June 5	9:00 AM +Catherine Scales (L)+Cornerstone Sisters 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Frances Jennette	Tb. 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk. 12:38-44 Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15; Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26	
Sunday, June 6	8:30 AM +Maggie Banilla +Porfiria Medina 10:00 AM +Anthony Galietti +Ann McNiff Huey +Henry Klaas 11:30 AM +Bucky Shimp	Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15; Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26	10:00 AM <i>Live-Streaming Mass</i> www.facebook.com/stfrancisparishlbi 1:00 PM OFS Fraternity Zoom Meeting

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 29	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +Anna & Thomas (Hap) Cerebe +Claire Ray +Rev. John M. Harkins
Sunday, May 30	8:30 AM +Jo Vennwald +Carol Ann Connell +Len Wojnarowicz 10:00 AM (L)+Stein & Kempski Families +Carol Dever 11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass League</i>
Saturday, June 5	5:00 PM +Thomas Keuper +Fred Peters +Margaret McCully
Sunday, June 6	8:30 AM +Joan Stankus 10:00 AM +James M. Kempski +Carol Dever 11:30 AM +Carol Hodgson

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 29	<u>(L) Living +Deceased</u> 5:00 PM +A.J. Cooper +Dorothy M. Keegan
Sunday, May 30	8:30 AM +David Bohan 10:00 AM +Barbara Boosmann +Millie & Anthony Cammarta +Joseph Reynolds 11:30 AM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>
Saturday, June 5	5:00 PM + <i>Franciscan Mass Intentions</i>
Sunday, June 6	8:30 AM +Doris Hutchinson 10:00 AM +Virginia Frigo

May 22/23 was the last weekend for **"Drive through Communion"** in Brant Beach. If you are not able to attend Mass yet to receive communion, please call Fr. Kevin at St. Francis Parish office to make other arrangements, (609) 494-8861.

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:

Friary Maintenance

St. Francis Parish has a large complex of buildings that includes the house where the friars live. It takes a great amount of personnel and financial resources to maintain and care for this old house. Thank you for your generosity

Last Week's 2nd Collection

St. Francis Children Services

Collected: \$4,904

Ascension Envelope - May 23/24

Collected: \$950

This Week We Need:

Budgeted: \$50,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$22,000

Collected: \$16,951



A Letter From The Pastor...

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. We welcome back all those who have been away for the season as well as those of you who might be visiting just for the weekend. Where else would you want to be on Memorial Day weekend than LBI? Welcome!

It is also great for those who have been fully vaccinated to be able to gather without masks and not be as concerned with social distancing. It is a great relief to know that we are moving in the right direction after 14 months of living under the dark cloud of the Covid pandemic. Many people, however, have spoken with me about their hesitation of gathering in large crowds. I do think that hesitation is to be expected. To help create a transition into our "new normal" we will be offering seating options within all of our churches. Some sections of the church will be fully open and other sections will allow for social distancing. The wearing of masks is at your discretion for those who are fully vaccinated. For those who are not, we encourage you to wear a mask for your own protection. Bishop O'Connell sent an email to all the priests of the diocese this past Monday. In it he reminded us that "the COVID pandemic is still active and wearing masks is still an option for those who want to continue wearing them. Those who are unvaccinated are also encouraged to continue wearing masks. No one is to be refused sacraments due to vaccination status." Bp. O'Connell also informed us that the "the dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation will end June 5, except for the sick or those with COVID symptoms, etc." Again, all signs that we are heading in the right direction. Because the pandemic is still active I will ask that the reception of communion continue to only be in the hand.

Memorial Day weekend is typically understood as the unofficial beginning of summer, and it is one of those great moments when Long Beach Island is fully alive, but we would be remiss if we left this weekend with only memories of going to the beach and a BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs and beer.

Tradition tells us that numerous communities began to remember those who died in battle during the Civil War but it wasn't until May 30, 1868 that it was formally observed as a holiday. Originally called Decoration Day, because folks would decorate the graves of the fallen soldiers, it honored all those lost in the Civil War. It has obviously expanded to include those who died in all wars, including World War I & II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War, as well as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Interestingly enough, Memorial Day did not become a federal holiday until 50 years ago when the law passed in 1968, declaring it to be the last Monday in May and recognizing it as a federal holiday, officially went into effect on May 31, 1971.

On Monday we are asked to remember those men and women who died while in service of our country in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. We will be praying for them at all of our Masses this weekend but I ask that we all offer a special prayer at 3 PM on Monday for those who did give the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Let us also remember their families whose pain, I am sure, runs deep as they continue to live with the scars of war. There is no doubt that we live in a great country but we must never forget that it came at a great cost for so many.

So summer is here! We pray that it is a good one where we are all safe, the pandemic continues to retreat, and God's grace inspires us to continue to build the Kingdom of God right here on LBI.

May God's Peace and All Good bless you and your families always.

Fr. Fran, OFM

Pastor


St. Clare Church

56th St. & the Boulevard, Loveladies

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
	(L) Living +Deceased
Saturday, May 29	5:00 PM +Elvira Bell +Eugene & Eleanor Patten +Frank Esposito
Sunday, May 30	8:30 AM +Jimmy Mears 10:00 AM +Jim Morrison
June 5 thru 20	CLOSED



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Online Giving!
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The St. Francis Parish and Center will be **CLOSED:**
Monday, May 31
in observance of Memorial Day.

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.*

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

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87537640297?pwd=TFdKS05NYlNuNWJvODVibld3KzNVQT09>

Next scheduled *zoom* session: **June 2**

Scripture Study

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

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

Next scheduled *zoom* meeting: **June 2**

Men’s Spirituality Group

The Men’s Spirituality Group meets in the Senior Lounge on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Seating is limited. Please contact Deacon Bob of Father Steve to reserve your place.

Next scheduled meeting: **June 19**

Mass Schedule **CHANGE** June 5/6 through June 19/20

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

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**

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)

The Family Faith ministry has been working for over a year on the formation of a Family model catechesis. Our new program will begin in September with a Mass and dinner. Families will meet their catechists. Books and materials will be given to the children at that time. With the expansion of the program we are in need of a number of catechists at all grade levels. If you are interested in serving in this ministry please contact our office. There is a training session scheduled for June. Please don’t forget to register for the 2021-2022 classes.

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

Mini Retreat on the Holy Spirit

Tuesdays after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Church

The retreat will provide a short reflection on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (one gift each Tuesday for the next 8 weeks) All are invited to pray and reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives today. No need to register...there will be room for all.

Weekly Reflections...

How is the food at the friary? Who cooks? I am surprised, but parishioners like to know this stuff.


St. Francis fasted to the point of illness, but this has not been a problem for most friars. We eat well and we enjoy eating together. Each of us has a style of cooking. Scott does tried and true recipes that have succeeded over the years. Steve does well with off the shelf victuals, not fancy, but not to be sniffed at, either. Kevin’s motto is “Quick and easy”, but he is modest. Kevin is the king of the outdoor grill. Fran is godlike. He can make a great creation out of nothing...and with no time. Andrew, thinking in terms of a week instead of one meal, has the long view. His skill in planning bears fruit in great food. I find my recipes on line and often prepare something I have never had before. Always an adventure. I like the alone time, washing, chopping, mixing.

After dining comes the clean up. This is actually my favorite part. Everyone finds something too. Without our thinking about it, a natural choreography develops as we navigate around each other while washing, stacking, putting away and talking. This is my point on Trinity Sunday. I am uncomfortable “explaining” the Holy Trinity. Who can explain God? But it seems that God wants us to experience trinitarian life and to be caught up in it. It is the joy of loving, of pouring ourselves out for the sake of our neighbor, of building up the reign of God on earth. It is God’s divine choreography for us.





Peace and good.

John Frambes, ofm

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**2021
Car Raffle**


	2021 Jeep Renegade Valued at: \$28,075
	2021 Jeep Compass Valued at: \$28,150
	2021 Jeep Cherokee Valued at: \$29,305
	2021 Jeep Wrangler (yellow) Valued at: \$31,675
	2021 Jeep Wrangler (blue) Valued at: \$31,675

Only 3,000 Books Available
 Five chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only.
Books cost \$100.
 Bearer is entitled to win all five vehicles. Each book may carry more than one name. Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer. The drawing for all five vehicles will be Saturday, **October 9, 2021** at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, St. Francis Community Center Gymnasium. Winner need not be present. No substitution of prize or cash in lieu of prize. Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Please make your check payable to **St. Francis Parish & indicate "Car Raffle"** on the envelope.
2021 Car Raffle

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

of Books Requested (\$100 each) ____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____
 Credit Card purchase must be presented in person. **NO PHONE PURCHASES.**

 **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.


Women's Cornerstone Retreat

SAVE THE DATE
October 22 & 23, 2021
 Maris Stella Retreat House, Harvey Cedars.
 Please contact Lauren Finelli with questions or for information:
lgf_finelli@hotmail.com or (609) 332-8366.
 All prevailing COVID-19 regulations will be observed.



Monthly Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.



Order of the Franciscans Secular offs
 Sunday, **June 6**, 1:00 PM, Fraternity "Zoom" Meeting.

Survivors of Suicide
 Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month at 7:00 PM via "Zoom". Call Sr. Pat McNiff, osf at (609) 494-8813 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fish & Chip Dinner

Thistle of Kearny returns!
Saturday, June 12
 4:30 - 7:00 PM
 \$20 adults / \$10 child
 St. Francis Community Center Gym
Take Out Only
 Take out dinners begin at 4:30 PM.
 Includes: Fish or Chicken Dinner,
 Beverage and Dessert



Tickets are on sale at the Front Desk of the Community Center and a limited amount of tickets will be available the day of the event.
Proceeds to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 (609) 494-8861 ext. 118.

Craft Show & Sale

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
To Sell 50/50 and Car Raffle Tickets
after all Masses at Brant Beach Church.
Call (609) 494-8861 ext. 118

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.

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.*



Did You Know??

The St. Francis Counseling Service has continued to provide free and confidential services to survivors of sexual assault and other crimes throughout the pandemic by utilizing virtual technology. St. Francis Counseling Service provides low cost general mental health services to residents of Southern Ocean County and is available Monday thru Friday with evening hours until 9:00 PM; available Tuesday thru Thursday. In addition, St. Francis Counseling Service received grants in the past year to work specifically with those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, as well as members of the LGBTQ community at no cost. St. Francis Counseling Service will be participating in the Pride Month Event in Toms River on **June 13th**. We continue to offer services to all residents, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender or socioeconomic status. Counseling services can be accessed by calling (609) 494-1554.

Employment Opportunity



Preschool Teacher and Teacher Assistant (Toddler & Preschool)

Seeking individuals with a warm, nurturing, and friendly personality, be able to relate well with children and families. Be willing to fulfill his/her responsibilities in accordance with the Center's/ Children's Services Philosophy/Mission Statement. Prefer a background in early childhood education and/or experience working with children. Must be 18 or older. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual a plus.

Positions: Year-round - Full-time (with Benefits), Part-time, and substitute

Pay: \$12.00 per hour

Days: Monday-Friday

Counseling Services

Positions: Full-time and Part-time Licensed Counselors and Bilingual (Fluent English/Spanish) Licensed Counselors

Days: Monday-Friday (Some evening hours required)

Must complete 40-hour Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate Training (provided free of charge by the agency).

Must have Current Professional License: LSW, LAC, LPC or LCSW.

Summer Camp 2021- Seasonal Employment

Seeking self-motivating, understanding, creative, fun, and responsible individuals to care for children 5 years to 13 years of age. First Aid & CPR Certified and Bi-Lingual in Spanish a plus. Experience preferred, but not required. Must be 18 or older and be available 6/21/21 to 9/2/2021.

Positions: Camp Counselor Full-time (40 plus hours) and Part-time (29 hours)

Head Counselor- Full time (40 plus hours)

Pay: Camp Counselors- \$12.00 per hour

Head Counselors - \$13.00 per hour

Days: Monday-Friday

Recreation/Pool

Positions: Private Swim Lesson Instructors

For year round employment for an indoor pool and 2 seasonal outdoor pools. Pool lifeguard certification, CPR/AED and First Aid Certification are not required but preferred.

Days: For weekend and weeknight lessons, Age 4 years to adults Hours range from 8 to 29 per week, (may occasionally exceed 29 hours dependent upon season)

Job Type: Part-time

Senior Services

Positions: Full time Outreach and Information Assistance Worker

Days/Hours: 40 hours a week- Monday-Friday

Pay: \$12 per hour

Must have Phone/Communication, Computer & Organization skills

Must have valid driver license. Due to COVID-19 restrictions all work is being conducted from the office however normally the position requires home visits with clients.

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

Please send resumes to Amy Bodine

abodine@stfrancisli.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.

Jersey Cares - Senior Shoppers Program

If you are 60 years or older and in need of food shopping services, you should know that the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and St. Francis Senior Services has partnered with a reputable nonprofit, Jersey Cares, to provide this service.

You can be assured your safety is our top priority and that all volunteers are fully vetted including background checks.

If you are interested in participating in this program please call St. Francis Senior Services at (609) 978-6220 or St. Francis Senior Services Berkeley Office at (732) 244-9600.

Educational Services

For information call ext. 185.

St. Francis Adult Basic Education FREE Classes

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

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

Recreation & Aquatics

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

Summer Aquatic & Recreation Class Registration Session I

Monday, **June 14** at 9:00 AM

First Class Begins June 21

Aquatics

Water Tots, 4 Year Old Beginner Swim, Beginner Level 1 and 2, Intermediate & Advanced Swim Lessons, Youth Swim Team, Aquatic Aerobics, Deep Water Aerobics, Arthritis Water Exercise and Splash Dance

Recreation

Tot & Tyke Basketball, Basketball Clinic, Tee Ball Clinic, Baseball Games, Lacrosse 101, Tyke Gymnastics, Gymnastics Clinic, Flag Football, Ultimate Recreation Camp Games, Soccer Skills & Drills, All Level Yoga, Summer Recess with Mr. LaMarco

NEW!! Camp Crafty
(Boys & Girls - explore the art of sewing & fiber arts)



Basic Boating Safety Course - NJ Certified

(Ages: 13 & up)



Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00 - 9:00 PM
June 22 & 24

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.



Are you looking for a place to hold a birthday party?

St. Francis Community Center

offers a wet and wild time!

Each party is two hours. We provide the party room, which includes: tables, chairs, a full kitchen and garbage cans. You supply the party decorations, food and beverages.

Call the Aquatic Center today for more information or to book a Party; (609) 494-8861 ext. 187.



Family Support Services

Food Pantry Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Walk-ins are welcome

*The Food Pantry Hours will be expanding beginning **May 24th**, Monday - Thursday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.*

Walk-ins are welcome during Pantry Hours & appointments are no longer required. Appointments will still be available for those who would like a faster pick-up. All Walk-ins will be asked to take a number and wait outside the building until their number is called. Everyone who enters the building will have their temperature taken & will be asked to complete a COVID questionnaire.

The St. Francis Food Pantry has a variety of food options, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies available. Please ask about our Dairy-Free Milk alternatives, Gluten-Free & Vegan Options, Baby Food, Formula, Diapers in sizes Newborn to size 6 & pull-ups, Laundry Detergent, Sanitizer, and Face coverings. Spanish-speaking staff is available to translate.

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.

**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.

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.grownkids.gov.

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June 21 through September 2, 2021

Ages 5 to 13 (must have completed Kindergarten)

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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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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

Our custom holiday includes round trip airfare from Newark to Reykjavik, hotel accommodations for four nights at the four star Fosshotel Reykjavik (inc. taxes and fees), full Icelandic breakfast daily, continental breakfast on arrival at Viking World Museum enroute to the Blue Lagoon (admission and towel), private Golden Circle tour (waterfalls, Kerio crater, geysers and Thingviller National Park), a special tomato soup lunch and stable visit to see the Icelandic horses. Two chances to see the Northern Lights*. You will also have a free day with optional tours to the black sand beaches of the south shore or explore the inside of a glacier or see a recent volcano flow. Father Steve will also say Mass. A valid passport and proof of COVID vaccination will be required. A minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 participants. Price \$1,699 per person double. A few singles will be available at an additional charge. Insurance is recommended.

*Northern Lights are not guaranteed

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**For more information or reservations, contact
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Community Bulletin Board

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.

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