

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	EVENTS
Saturday, September 22	(L) Living +Deceased *New Time 9:00 AM +Pedro Theodore deCarvalho 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Manuel & Maria DeSousa +Al & Eileen Carey +Richard Bazner +Kelsey Kramer	1 Cor. 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk. 8:4-15 Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37	
Sunday, September 23	7:30 AM +Fr. Robert Stewart, ofm 8:45 AM +Stephen Ryan, MD 10:00 AM +Marc Perugini +Michael Dooley 11:15 AM (L)The Sisters of St. Francis 2:00 PM <i>Spanish Liturgy</i>	Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37	11:15 AM Sr. Pat McNiff's Jubilee Celebration
Monday, September 24	9:00 AM +Charles Ribinsky	Prv. 3:27-34; Lk. 8:16-18	
Tuesday, September 25	9:00 AM +Peter J. Braun	Prv. 21:1-5, 10-13; Lk. 8:19-21	9:30 AM St. Anthony Devotions 10:00 AM Parish Nurse, Room 106 1:00 PM Book Club, Room 212 7:00 PM RCIA, Room 212
Wednesday, September 26	9:00 AM +John Morrison	Prv. 30:5-9; Lk. 9:1-6	7:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September 27	9:00 AM +Catherine Gerczak +Marie Crespo +Margaret Carey	Ecc. 1:2-11; Lk. 9:7-9	7:00 PM Scripture Study, Sr. Lounge 1:00 PM "Experiencing the Goodness of God", Room 212
Friday, September 28	9:00 AM +Charles Romanowski +Bernadette Brady Stephan	Ecc. 3:1-11; Lk. 9:18-22	
Saturday, September 29	9:00 AM +Adolpfo Cardet 3:30 - 4:30 PM Reconciliation	Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn. 1:47-5	10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals Brant Beach Church

Mass Schedule - Now through September 30, 2012

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

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 22	(L) Living +Deceased *New Time No Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Sofina Truncellito +Fr. John Ruane
Sunday, September 23	10:00 AM +Margaret Kappes +Cynthia Frascella +Thomas J. Carney

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church
2nd & Atlantic Ave., Beach Haven, NJ**

DATE	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, September 22	(L) Living +Deceased *New Time No Reconciliation 5:00 PM +Richard Begley
Sunday, September 23	10:00 AM +Joan Braender +Thomas Boney +Joan Mezzadri

**18-Mile Run Special Mass Schedule
October 6 & 7, 2012**

<u>Beach Haven</u>	<u>Brant Beach</u>	<u>Surf City</u>
5:00PM	5:00PM	5:00PM
	7:30AM	
8:45AM	8:45AM	8:45AM
		10:00AM

**St. Clare Church *CLOSED*
56th Street & Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies, NJ**

A Note From The Pastoral Staff...



Summer is officially over and the beauty of fall is upon us - this is probably my favorite season. I love the crispness of the air, the angle of the sun, and the changing foliage.

One of the things I do not like is the abundance of political ads at this time of year. I am saddened that respectful dialogue between people of differing political opinions seems to be less and less frequent. Looking back in history, political debates have always been passionate and even vitriolic. We can get caught up in partisan discussions as Election Day approaches, but we need to remember our true identity as citizens and especially as Christians.

It is so easy to become arrogant about our own interpretation of history, principles, and motives. If we refuse to listen to those with whom we disagree, we cannot hear the truth that just might be evident in a different position.

Political discussions certainly can bring our emotions to the fore. Our lives, our futures and those of our children depend on decisions made by the people who govern us. It is never an easy task and most of us would not like to bear the burdens of leadership that we place on those who represent us. We can make the process of choosing them more responsible if we are willing to engage in dialogue that is civil and respectful. Our active participation and our concern for the common good are necessary elements of the political process.

We should also bring prayer into the mix, praying for those involved in the political process. When we include in our prayer those with whom we disagree, it is much harder to belittle them. We have the life of Jesus as our guide in the way we should interact with others - He never stopped loving anyone, and that love was not an intellectual construct, it was real and personal. It was obvious in the way Jesus dealt with saints and sinners alike. We profess the gospel; we say we want to follow Jesus. The challenge is to do that in the real time in which we are living, in this real world, each and every day.

Perhaps the clear fall air will open our minds to see the good in others and to be willing to listen respectfully to the "other side"!

Sister Pat Klemm, ofS

Parish Celebrations for the Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, **September 29**, 10:00 AM, Brant Beach Church

September 29 and 30 - Weekend Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, Regular Weekend Mass Schedule.

The Transitus of St. Francis

Wednesday, **October 3**, 7:00 PM, Brant Beach Church

The Transitus is a celebration to mark St. Francis' passage from this earthly life to everlasting life. It is a beautiful way to celebrate our Franciscan spirit and to honor the humble man who is the patron saint of our parish. We hope you will join us for this special tradition.

Feast of St. Francis

Thursday, **October 4**, 9:00 AM, Special Daily Eucharist, Brant Beach Church

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Second Collection Today: Debt Reduction

Did you know that we have a mortgage? This collection will help us make our monthly payments and help bring down our debt. Thank you for your generosity

This Week We Need

Budgeted: \$23,000

Last Week's Collection

Budgeted: \$27,000

Collected: \$30,565.80



Last Week's 2nd Collection Human Concerns Project

Collected: \$8,183

St. Francis Parish now offers Online Giving!

Approved by the Diocese of Trenton.

Parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft, Online Giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. Sign up by visiting our parish website at: **www.stfrancisparishlbi.org**.

Be aware that it is not necessary to check the box for an additional gift to offset fees. Our fee structure using this service is the typical 2.5% discount charged to credit card usage and is not a set fee of three dollars. Most of the formats seen on the software screens are standardized and not subject to our modifications.

Declaración de Capacidad Cultural

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

"Experiencing the Goodness of God"

Are you ready for some reflective sharing now that the summer visitors are gone?

Join us in the Knight Wing (Room 212) on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM for six weeks from now **until October 18th.**

Come whenever you are able and no need to register.

For more information contact Sr. Pat Klemm, (609) 494-8813 ext. 161 or email: pklemm@stfrancislbi.org.

2012 Car Raffle



- 1 Honda Accord LX Sedan \$22,950
- 1 Ford Escape XLS \$23,570
- 1 Ford Mustang V6 Coupe \$24,300
- 1 Honda Accord LX Coupe \$24,550
- 1 Ford Mustang V6 Coupe \$24,300
- 1 Ford F150 Truck \$25,050



Only 3,000 Books Available

Six Chances to win in each book. Tickets sold in booklets only.

Books cost \$100.

Bearer is entitled to win all six vehicles. Each book may carry more than one name. Joint ownership is possible at the discretion of the bearer. The drawing for all six vehicles will be Saturday, **October 6, 2012**, 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.

Car Raffle Entry Form

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

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

of Books Requested (\$100 each) _____

Total Amount enclosed: _____

Visa and MasterCard accepted if presented in person.

Booklets may be purchased at St. Francis Center's Front Desk.

St. Francis Shop

Religious & Inspirational Gifts Since 1976

"The Best Gift Shop on LBI!" - "A Hidden Treasure"

New Items Are Arriving Daily

Sea Glass pendants back in stock. Many colors from our local beaches. *New - Sea Glass Bookmarks. These make great gifts.*

Start Your Shopping Early!"

Books, CD's, Greeting Cards, Jewelry,
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4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ 08008

(609) 494-7269

(attached to the back of St. Francis Church)

Like us on Facebook at St. Francis Shop, LBI

Gift Certificates Available

HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Weekends: 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. Saturday Evenings after Mass (staff permitting).

The JPIC Corner:

Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation

"The Church is called to be on the side of the poor and oppressed." #60, THE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY OF THE CHURCH, Pope John Paul II.

Congress must renew the Farm Bill by September 30. This bill includes SNAP, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps) which serves 40 million people with incomes below the poverty line - \$22,113 for a family of four.

Meanwhile, all the food provided by charities in the U.S. amounts to less than 5% of the food distributed by federal food programs like SNAP and school meals.

Along with all the food we donate to our food bank, we can complement our charity by urging congressional support for full funding of SNAP.

See: www.bread.org/go/OL.

An Invitation to Contemplative Living

Tuesday, **October 9**, 7:00 PM, Surf City Church
and

Wednesday, **October 10**, 9:30 AM Brant Beach Church

Presented by: Sr. Marcy Springer, ssj
Director of Francis House of Prayer
A Retreat House and Spiritual Center
serving the Diocese of Trenton
All are welcome.

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.

Building on Sr. Marcy's invitation, monthly sessions on the practice of contemplative prayer are scheduled.

We will meet in the Knight Wing Conference Room (Room 212) in the St. Francis Community Center from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on:

October 27 - Fr. Steve will share his personal prayer life and encourage us to ask, in the midst of the chaos of daily life, "*Where is God in this?*"

December 1 (no meeting in November) - Sr. Pat Klemm, ofm, will help us to see "*Advent as an Invitation to Contemplation*".

Future programs include: Barbara Sweeton, ofm, who will talk about the "*Relationship Between Contemplative Living and Modern Psychology*" and Fr. Jim Scullion, ofm, will encourage us to see the "*Lord's Prayer*" as an invitation to contemplative living.

Family Faith Formation

"Building a Community of Love"

Questions on anything below? Please call ext. 153 or 179

Question of the Week

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

Jesus tells us to care for (be good to) the little ones...the people who seem unimportant people in the world.

*Who are the unimportant people in your life,
who can you care for (be good to)?*

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Sept. 25 & 26** - First day of FFF Elementary Classes

FFF Registration documents are on the parish website.
Scroll to the right and click on Family Faith Formation.

Symbolism of the Menorah



Dear Father Steve,

Since I entered the hospital on May 30th, I have missed some major events on LBI. I missed the dedication and 50th celebration of the JCC, I missed the presentation of the Menorah at St. Francis and I missed being in the pulpit. I am recuperating - day by day - but still am homebound. I hope to be allowed in a week or two to go out. I am hopeful of being able to celebrate the High Holy Days in September at the Jewish Community Center (JCC).

Were I to have been present at the time you received the Menorah, I would have given what I see as its symbolism. Facing the front of the Menorah and looking at each branch, I see the following symbolism. From right to left; 1st branch represents Kindness, source Bible, Proverbs 3:3; 2nd branch represents Equality, source Philo, "Equality is the mother of Justice, queen of all virtue"; 3rd branch represents Love, source Apocrypha, II Enoch, 52:11; middle branch represents God, source Bible, Deut. 4:34; 5th branch represents Justice, source Bible, Deut. 16:20; 6th branch represents Forgiveness, source Apocrypha, Ben Sira 28:2; 7th branch represents Peace, source Bible, Isaiah 57:19. The base represents Humanity.

These are symbols of the Menorah to me. Others may find different meanings when looking at the Menorah. I am hopeful that as soon as I can travel, I will visit St. Francis Church and with you.

Give my regards to the staff.

With God's Blessings,

Rabbi Jack

Monthly Meetings:

St. Francis Center unless otherwise noted.

Book Club

See Page 1, Calendar of Events

The Postmistress by Sarah Blake

Scripture Study

See Page 1, Calendar of Events

Catholics Separated & Divorced

Friday, **October 5**, 7:00 PM, Room 105

Women's Spirituality Discussion Group

Wednesday, **October 10**, 6:45 PM, Room 212

Survivors of Suicide

Thursday, **October 11**, 7:30 PM, Room 212

Order of the Franciscans Secular

Sunday, **October 14**, 11:15 AM Mass followed by Social, Ongoing Formation, Spiritual Life and Business Meeting, Brant Beach Church Hall.

Men's Spirituality Discussion Group

Saturday, **October 27**, 8:30-10:00 AM, Room 212

Just Faith, JPIC

TBA

Knights of Columbus Council #3826

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM

St. Mary's Church, Msgr. Reinbold Hall - Barnegat

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

"What Does It Mean To Be Catholic?"

"What Is Catholicism?"

a 2,000 year old living tradition?...a mystery?

...a relationship?...a way of life?...a world view?



We invite those who are Catholic, those who want to have your questions answered, those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, those who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and those who are seeking to continue to find God in the everyday goodness of life to join with us as we continue to journey in faith with God and one another.

The RCIA is a process that enables us to reflect on our identity and our mission as people of God.

Tuesday, **September 25**, 7:00 PM, Room 212, *"Amazed and Afraid...The Church and the Reign of God"*.

All are welcome.

Spiritual Direction

We now have three parishioners offering *free* Spiritual Direction in our parish. For an appointment please call:
Pat Simmons, ofs, (609) 661-1361,
Barbara Horwath, ofs, (609) 597-8540, or
Maryann Barrek, ofs, Intern, (609) 492-7502

Parish Information

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 noon 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.

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 and Center Closings: When making a decision to close the parish and center due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the primary factor is your SAFETY, given the age of most of our parishioners. When in doubt remember, PRUDENCE IS A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...AND PRUDENCE TRUMPS PIETY.
Fr. Steve, ofm, Pastor.

Emergency Information: Available on our answering machine (609) 494-8861 and on WJRZ 100.1 FM; 98.5 FM; The Breeze 99.7 FM; WOBN 92.7 FM; *wobm.com*; and *1057thehawk.com* and *stfranciscenterlbi.org*.

Evacuation Information: In the event of a hurricane or severe weather, 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.

Make a Gift to St. Francis Church or LBICC, Inc.

If you are planning your will and/or estate and would like to make a gift to St. Francis Church or LBICC, Inc., please contact Connie Becraft, Executive Director at *cbeecraft@stfrancislbi.org* or (609) 494-8861 ext. 162 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!



Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, October 6
5:30 to 8:00 PM

\$15.00 Adult & \$8.00 Child (under 12)

Be Here for the 2012 Car Raffle Drawing!

Catered by Scojo's. Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Pre-purchase is recommended.

Tickets on sale September 17th at the Front Desk of the Community Center.

NEEDED

Home Baked Cakes, Brownies, Pies, etc.

If you are planning on bringing some baked goods, please call Claudia Aschenbrenner at (609) 494-5010 or Tina Haynes at (609) 494-8861 ext. 106 to let us know what you will be bringing.



"40th Annual Long Beach Island Commemorative"

18 Mile Run

Sunday, October 7, 2012

Race starts at 10:30 AM in Holgate

Applications are available at the Front Desk of the Community Center and a printable version online at *stfranciscenterlbi.org*.



Mah Jong Tournament
Wednesday, October 24, 2012
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Jewish Community Center

The Jewish Community Center and St. Francis Center invite you for an afternoon of Mah Jong, lunch, door prizes and a raffle. Please register in advance. For more information or to register, please call Tina Haynes at (609) 494-8861 ext. 106 or Judy Smith (609) 618-4443.

Women's Cornerstone Retreat 2012
11th Annual Retreat
"We are Called Through Mary"
November 2 and 3, 2012



Registration brochures are available at the entrances of the church and at St. Francis Community Center. For more information, please contact Donna Snyder at (609) 597-3355 or *snyderdo@comcast.net*.

Planning meetings are scheduled at St. Francis Center on:
Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:45 PM on **October 24**; and
Sundays, 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM on **September 23**, **October 14**, and **October 28**. All Cornerstone Sisters are encouraged to attend these planning sessions. Come! Share your gifts as a TEAM member!
For more information, please contact Lauren Finelli at *lgf_finelli@hotmail.com*.

Senior Services

For information call ext. 108 or 109.

“Move Today”

non-aerobic exercise program for seniors. Two sessions: Mondays and Fridays, 9:45 - 10:45 AM, **Now to October 19**, and **October 22 to December 3**. Call (609) 494-8861, ext. 109 to register.

Flu Shots

Offered by the LBI Health Dept., Thursday, **September 27**, 1:00-3:00 PM, St. Francis Parish Hall. FREE if enrolled in NON-HMO Medicare Part B, \$20 if enrolled in an HMO Medicare Part B or if you have a Medicare Managed Care Plan. Please present NON-HMO Medicare Part B card at the door. Minors 9 years of age and older need to be accompanied by their parent or guardian. For information please call (609) 492-1212.

Struggling with Medicare Part B payments?

You or a loved one may qualify for assistance. The Medicare Savings Program can help by providing Medicare Part B savings. CALL SENIOR SERVICES FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2012 Guidelines: Income Resource

Individual	\$15,080	\$ 8,440
Couple	\$20,426	\$13,410

ONE phone call could save more than \$1,000 each year.

County Connection Mobile Unit

Second Thursday of every month, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Passports, Senior Services, Veterans Services, Consumer Affairs, Voter Registration, Parks & Tourism Information.

Caregiver Support Group

Second Tuesday of every month, 1:00 PM

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Substitute Drivers needed for all routes!
Call Sherry today to sign up.

Walking Program

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Gym

Ladies' Exercise Class

Tuesdays & Fridays 8:40 - 9:20 AM
Room 99 - All are welcome to attend.

Volunteer Attorney

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
By appointment only for those who qualify.

Cards: Senior Lounge

Call if you have questions or wish to register.
Canasta: Monday, 12:30 - 5:00 PM
Mah Jongg: Tuesday & Friday, 12:30 - 3:30 PM
Pinochle: Wednesday, 12:30 - 4:30 PM
Party Bridge: Thursday, 12:30 - 3:15 PM

Recreation & Aquatics

For information please call ext. 105
Visit the **Fall/Winter Brochure** online at stfranciscenterlbi.org or pick up a Brochure in St. Francis Center's lobby.

Fall/Winter Brochure is now available at the Center and online.

Baseball 101 with Tom Natoli - September 24-27
Private Baseball Lessons with Tom Natoli - call the Center for availability.

COMING SOON:

Tot & Tyke Basketball - starts October 1
Dick Manzo's Fall Basketball Clinic
October 15 - 18



Recreation League (*Ages 8 - 14, Co-ed League*)
Registration: October 10 or October 17, 6:00-8:00 PM

Second Grade Youth Basketball

December 7 - February 15.
Registration: October 29.

Basketball Volunteers Needed

Coaches, Instructors and Referees.

Lifeguard Training (*Ages 15 and Up*)

October 30 - November 4

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Aquatic Center Pool Desk, afternoons. Please call ext. 105.

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS:

Private Swim Lessons: \$25 (half-hour).
Semi-Private Swim Lessons: \$20 per person (half-hour).

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Are you looking for a place to hold a birthday party?
St. Francis Aquatic Center offers pool parties at reasonable rates. Please contact the pool reception desk at ext. 187 for more information.

The Parish Nurse

FREE Blood Pressure Screenings:
Tuesdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
St. Francis Community Center, Room 106.

Help Wanted

Part time Certified Teachers for
Adult Basic Education/GED preparation classes.
Evening hours, Toms River/Lakewood area.
Please send resume to: nchiorazzi@stfrancislbi.org.

Family Support Services

Human Concerns and the Food Pantry are closed on Thursdays.



Human Concerns new hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Food Pantry currently needs:

Canned Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Beef Stew, and Shampoo.



Parenting and Anger Management Groups

St. Francis Community Center. Locations throughout Ocean County. To register, please call (609) 494-8861 ext. 194. Funded by the Department of Human Services.

New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) will host its annual Energy Assistance Day at St. Francis Community Center, Wednesday, **September 26**, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the gym. To qualify and apply for energy assistance program, participants are asked to provide proof of identification, proof of income, proof of home ownership or rental agreement, and recent copies of energy bills. During this event, New Jersey's Family Care information and applications will also be available.

Auto Ownership Program

Please consider donating your old car (in fair to good condition) to St. Francis' auto ownership program. We are in need of donated cars to assist clients to make the transition from welfare to work.



For more information on a tax-deductible donation please call: Auto Ownership Program Coordinator (609) 494-8861 ext. 190.

Educational Support Services

(609) 494-8861 ext. 185

Southern Regional High School
600 North Main St., Manahawkin, NJ

GED Preparation Classes

Monday & Wednesday, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
(9/10 Bldg. - Room 7-0)

ESL Classes

Monday & Wednesday, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
(9/10 Bldg. - Room 2-3)

St. Francis Community Center

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Township

ESL Classes start **September 25**

Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, (2nd Floor)

Additional Classes are located throughout Ocean County. Please call for more information at (609) 494-8861 ext. 185 or www.stfranciscenterlbi.org/educational-support to locate a class near you.

Children's Services

St. Francis Preschool is an accredited program from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC-Accredited programs must meet NAEYC's 10 standards for high-quality early childhood education. For more information about NAEYC standards visit: www.rightchoiceforkids.org.

CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Open Enrollment! *Full Day, Work Day or Extended Day*

Toddlers: Ages 14 months to 2 1/2

Preschoolers: Ages 2 1/2 to 5.

Please continue collecting Campbell's Soup Can Labels



Collection containers are located in the lobby of St. Francis Center and the Children's Services hallway. For an updated list of products please visit labelsforeducation.com or pick up a copy in the front lobby of the center. Thank you for your continued support!

Campbell Foods has introduced a new program that allows shoppers to register their ShopRite card online. Any *Labels for Education* purchases, we will automatically receive 1 point for each product. To register your ShopRite cards go to www.ShopRite.com/eLFE with the following information: Saint Francis Preschool, Beach Haven, New Jersey 08008.

Only residents of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut or Massachusetts are eligible to participate.

Counseling Services

Become a Volunteer **Sexual Abuse and Assault Training**

Please call (609) 494-1554
to learn more about the program.

Healing the Child Within

Incest Survivors Group, for women and men ages 21 and over. Group members will explore how childhood sexual abuse impacts their life today and learn self-empowering strategies to heal emotionally.

St. Francis Counseling Services
4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, NJ
Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 PM,
for 12 weeks

Contact Susan Taylor, MSW, LSW at (609) 494-1554.
There is no cost for participation.

St. Francis Travel

Call Nancy at Home Town Travel (609) 597-5100

Danube Christmastime Cruise - Nov. 26 - Dec. 6, 2012
\$4,299 per person double occupancy. For more information contact Nancy at Home Town Travel or stfranciscenterlbi.org.

Paris and Normandy - April 4 - 12, 2013

\$3,985 per person double occupancy. Five nights in Paris and 2 nights in Normandy. Includes round trip flights, all transfers in France, seven breakfasts & seven dinners. Sightseeing of Paris including the Eiffel Tower, Rouen where Joan d'Arc was burned at the stake for her heresy, Normandy and the D-Day Beaches, and the Palace of Versailles.

Poland - September 2013

The trip includes: airfare into Warsaw and returning from Krakow, eight hotel nights, eight breakfasts and four dinners. Included are visits and admission fees to the Chopin concert in Lazienki Park, Warsaw Royal Castle, the Black Madonna, Church of the Holy Virgin, Sacred Family Church, the Wooden Church, Pieniny National Park, Wawel Castle, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auschwitz and Birkenau Concentration Camps, Wieliczka Salt Mines and St. Kinga Chapel. Final dates and pricing should be available in late Fall of 2012.

Hawaii - September 2013

Fly to Vancouver for one night, five days at sea to Hawaii, seven days cruising the islands and flying back from Honolulu.

DID YOU KNOW...

In honor of our 40th Anniversary,
The St. Francis Community Center
is raffling off a
\$5,000 Travel Voucher Gift Certificate
to be used ANYWHERE in the WORLD



Only 1,000 Tickets to sell and
YOURS could be
the winning ticket!
Each ticket is only \$25



For \$25 you have the chance to win \$5,000 to travel anywhere you wish, any way you wish! The winning ticket will be pulled on Friday, **September 28th**.

Visit the Front Desk of the Center **NOW** to purchase tickets! Time is running out and you don't want to miss your chance for a dream vacation! Winner need not be present.

Weekly Meetings

Always open to everyone!

Al Anon

St. Francis Center, Room 116
Beginners Meeting, Thursday, 7:00 - 7:30 PM
Open Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous

SOMC, Sunday, 7:30 PM
St. Thomas of Villanova, Surf City
Monday thru Friday, 12:30 PM

Ship Bottom Firehouse
Friday (men), 8:00 PM

For Saturday Meetings:
Call the AA Hotline (609) 494-5130

Narcotics Anonymous

St. Francis Center, Room 116
Wednesday, 7:30 - 8:45 PM

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Maris Stella Retreat & Conference Center

7201 Long Beach Blvd., Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008
(609) 494-1182 or (609) 494-2917

"The Seven Sorrows & the Seven Joys of Mary" **Thursday, October 11, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM.**

Presenter: Sister Patricia Dotzauer, SC

\$35 includes lunch. Non-refundable, non-transferable
\$15 deposit. Registration due **October 5, 2012**.
Please call (609) 494-2917 or (609) 494-1182 for more
information or to register.

Silent Preached Retreat "Do Not Be Afraid" **Sunday, October 14 to Friday, October 19, 2012**

Presenter: Brother Andre Mathieu, CP

Cost: Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth: \$300;
Sisters of Other Congregations: \$375; Laity: \$450.
Commuter rate available. Non-transferable,
non-refundable deposit: \$50.
Registration due **October 1, 2012**.

All Saints Regional Catholic School

400 Doc Cramer Blvd., Manahawkin, NJ, 08050
(609) 597-3800 or visit www.asrcs.org.

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