

The Parish Family of

Saint Brigid

"I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all."...Saint Brigid

February 14, 2021 - Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

St. Brigid on the Web

Visit our website for:

- * Live streamed Masses and reflections *
- * Archived videos *

Click this graphic when on our site:



Plus, use all our other online resources for you and your family:

- * Numerous spiritual resources *
- * Current parish news *
- * Special announcements and Alerts *
- * Faith Formation Program news *
- * Special Messages from Father Tony *
- * Links to our Bishop and the Diocese

www.saintbrigid.net

Welcome to our Parish Family

Church Address:

85 Post Avenue, Westbury NY 11590

School Chapel Address

101 Maple Avenue, Westbury

Phone: 516-334-0021

Fax: 516-334-0082

E-mail: parish1@saintbrigid.net

Parish webpage: www.saintbrigid.net

Public Masses have resumed at St. Brigid's as indicated in the schedule inside this bulletin and on the parish website (saintbrigid.net).

Call the Parish Office (516-334-0021 x 0) to arrange for Baptisms, Weddings and Memorial Masses. Otherwise, all meetings and events (other than virtual) at St. Brigid's Church are canceled until further notice.

The St. Brigid Parish Center at St. Anthony Hall is located at 85 Post Avenue, diagonally across the street from the Church.

Confession

The sacrament of reconciliation is offered in the Church from 4pm to 5pm on Saturdays, and on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after the 12:10 pm Mass (when there are no holidays).

Visitors are asked to enter the Church by way of the handicapped doors (doors nearest the cemetery) using your elbow to access the automatic door openers. Once inside the Church, those desiring to receive the sacrament are asked to stand on the side aisle standing on the appropriate marks on the aisle that maintain the safe 6 foot distance between penitents.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, these hours are subject to change, please check the website for updates.

Give Us, O God

the vision which can see your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust the goodness in spite of our weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

Amen



life at *Saint Brigid*

Sacramental Life of our Parish

Baptism for children (*under the age of 7*) is celebrated in English on the first three Sundays at 1 pm; in Spanish on the last Sunday of the month at 1 pm; in Kreyol on the 3rd Saturday at 1 pm. Parents attend a preparation session on the first Monday of the month from 8 to 9:30 pm in the church. Please call the Parish Center (334-0021) to make arrangements to speak to one of our priests or deacons about your child's upcoming baptism.

Celebration of Marriage

Please call the Parish Center (334-0021) at least six months in advance to make arrangements for an interview with one of our parish deacons or priests who will meet with the engaged couple, set the time and date of the wedding, and make arrangements for our parish marriage preparation program.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Adults who have never been baptized are prepared for the reception of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) through the RCIA process. Other adults may have already been baptized, but are seeking to receive Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Those interested in knowing more about the process of becoming a full member of the Catholic Church are invited to call Sister Ann Horn at 516-334-0021, ext. 353. Parents who have school-aged children who have never been baptized are also invited to speak to Sister Ann about their process of preparation for these sacraments.

Sacraments of School Age Children

Our parish faith formation program prepares children for the celebration of the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. The norm is that children receive a two-year preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist (normally celebrated in the second grade) and a two-year preparation program for Confirmation (normally celebrated in the eighth grade). Our religious education program deepens the experience of faith and religious formation in the years between the celebrations of these sacraments.

Parents who have children older than first grade and are seeking to have them receive the sacraments of Eucharist (First Communion), Reconciliation or Confirmation are asked to call the Religious Education office.

Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Anyone who is not able to attend Mass because of frailty, chronic or temporary illness, or admission to hospice can have Holy Communion brought to them at home on a regular basis. Please call the parish office to make arrangements for a lay minister to bring holy communion.

Care for those in need. . .

Parish Outreach Program

Our parish outreach program, located in the Father Schaefer Outreach Building, provides a range of social services for people of the local community. Ximena Aravena, Lupe Ramirez, Yanira Chacon and Barbara Powell are the coordinators of Parish Outreach which operates Monday to Friday between 10 am and 3 pm. 516-334-0021, ext. 361.

Casa Mary Johanna, also located in the Father Schaefer Outreach Building provides services and counseling. Yanira Chacon is the coordinator of Casa Mary Johanna and can be reached at 516-334-0021 ext 362

Our Parish Outreach Food Pantry is located in the Father Schaefer Outreach Building (75 Post Avenue). Hours of operation are: Monday (4:30 - 8pm), Tuesday (10:30 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm), Wednesday (10:30 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm), Thursday (10:30 am - 12 pm; 4:30 - 8 pm), Friday closed. Ximena Aravena (516-334-0021 (ext 327) is the coordinator of our food pantry.

Ministry to the Bereaved

We reach out to those who have suffered the death of a loved one. Rosemary Fischer coordinates our Bereavement Ministry throughout the year.

Parish Regional School

Saint Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School offers an excellent education in the spirit of the Gospel for children from Nursery to 8th Grade. Students are prepared for the Sacraments of Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Liturgies and Prayer Services are celebrated throughout the school year. Programs are offered for a wide range of student needs and interests. To arrange a visit, please call the school office at 333-0580. Mr. Paul Clagnaz is the Principal. Father Tony Stanganelli and Father Thomas Arnao are co-pastors. Visit our Website at www.stbolh.org.



Directory of the Pastoral Staff

PARISH CLERGY 516-334-0021

Father Anthony Stanganelli, pastor
e-mail: FatherTony@saintbrigid.net

Rev. Romulo C. Gomez, associate pastor
e-mail: fatherromulo@saintbrigid.net

Father Nesly Jean-Jacques SMM, associate pastor
e-mail: jeanjacques_nesly@yahoo.fr

Monsignor John Martin, in residence
e-mail: msgrjohn@saintbrigid.net
cell phone (text only) - 516-319-5389

Father Eric Kasongo, in residence
e-mail: freric@saintbrigid.net

Deacon Darrell Buono

Deacon Jim Morris

Deacon Frank Pesce

e-mail: deaconfrank@saintbrigid.net

Deacon Manuel J. Ramos

e-mail: rmanuelj@aol.com

FAITH FORMATION 516-334-0021 ext 350

e-mail: faithformation@saintbrigid.net

Sister Ann Horn OP 334-0021 ext. 353
Pastoral Associate of Faith Formation
e-mail: sisterann@saintbrigid.net

Socorro Moreno 334-0021 ext. 355
Director of Faith Formation
e-mail: socorro@saintbrigid.net

Vince Buzzeo 334-0021 ext. 356
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
e-mail: youth@saintbrigid.net

Barbara Budion 334-0021 EXT. 352
Office Manager
e-mail: faithformation@saintbrigid.net

Rosemary Moreno 334-0021 ext. 350
Office Assistant

PARISH ADMINISTRATION 516-334-0021

Fax: (516)430-7141

Rob Cammarata 334-0021 ext. 336
Pastoral Associate for Administration
e-mail: robcb@saintbrigid.net

Maria Pineiro 334-0021 ext. 333
Office Manager
e-mail: maria@saintbrigid.net

Chris Tomitz 334-0021 ext. 301
Business Office Assistant
e-mail: christ@saintbrigid.net

Carol Beck ext. 351
Business Office Assistant
e-mail: carolb@saintbrigid.net

Raphael Dejean ext. 365
Business Office Assistant
e-mail: raphael@saintbrigid.net

Alex Cipollone
IT Support & Design Specialist
email: alex@saintbrigid.net

PARISH OUTREACH 516-334-0021

Deacon Darrell Buono ext. 308
Vicar for Outreach Services
e-mail: deacondarrell@saintbrigid.net
Yanira Chacon-Lopez ext. 362

Casa Mary Johanna
e-mail: yanira@saintbrigid.net

Ximena Aravena, Saint Brigid's Food Pantry - ext. 327
e-mail: ximena@saintbrigid.net

Barbara Powell, Saint Brigid's Well - ext. 361
e-mail: barbarap@saintbrigid.net

Lupe Ramirez, Saint Brigid's Well - ext. 335
e-mail: luper@saintbrigid.net

HAITIAN APOSTOLATE 516-334-0021

Sister Cecilia FDM ext 357

MUSIC MINISTRY: 516-334-0021 ext 311

Susan Porteus Director of Music
e-mail: music@saintbrigid.net

SUPPORTING STAFF

Receptionists 334-0021- ext.300
Irma Camacho • Kris Marasca
Carla Escobar • Maria Cipollone • Gloria Wilson

Weekend Church Sacristan

Edith Neus John Cleere
Kent Evans Tony Perfetti

Facilities and Risk Manager

Andy Murano 334-0021 ext. 305
e-mail: andym@saintbrigid.net

Church Custodian - 334-0021

Roberto Fernandez

ST. BRIGID/OUR LADY OF HOPE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 516-333-0580

Paul Clagnaz, Principal
email: pclagnaz@stbolh.org

School Office: 333-0580
Terri Ruggiero
e-mail: truggiero@stbolh.org

Special phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by
church personnel and volunteers: (516) 594-9063

Parish Ministries Coordinators

Altar Servers 334-0021	Ministry of Consolation - 334-0021 Walter Wilczek
Bereavement 516-238-5633 Joan McGovern	Ministry of Winter Grace 334-0021 Sister Julie Thompson
Choir (Adult English) 334-0021 ext.311 Susan Porteus	Ministry to Catholics of African Ancestry -334-0021 Charles Givens - caa@saintbrigid.net
Choir (10am - Youth) 334-0021 ext 311 Laura Naughton	Pastoral Council 334-0021 Father Anthony Stanganelli
Choir (Italian) 334-0021 ext. 311 Susan Porteus	Pastoral Formation Institute Parish Representatives: Carleen Barten 640-5735
Choir (Spanish) 334-0021 Guillermo Roman (12:15) Ricardo Ossandon (10:45)	Pre-Cana Program: Deacon Darrell & Diane Buono
Choir (Spanish Sat 7 pm) Omar Chirinos 997-9054	Thinking of Becoming a Catholic? Sr. Ann Horn, OP - 333-9434
Choir (Haitian) 334-0021 Martine Louis XVI	Respect Life Michael Posillico 626-8946
CYO Sports Gerard Gordon - 338-6640: gjgordon07@msn.com	Rock Band 334-0021 Elissa Hanson
Decorating Team Lorraine Sherman - 333-6511	Rock Mass - 334-4755 Denise Pratesi & Chuck Cutolo: email: chukcutolo@aol.com
Eucharistic Ministers Anna Moruzzi - 997-6860 or Linda McGowan - 735-4988	Rosary Altar Society 317-9269 Julie Ann Laurie
Family Mass Committee Deacon Darrell Buono - 516-334-0021 ext. 390	Scouts (Boy Scouts/Cub scouts) Troop 469 Scoutmaster:
Folk Group (9:15am Mass) Susan Porteus 334-0021	Girl Scouts Harriet Gibaldi - 741-2550
FOCCUS Inventory: Sophie & Michael Mundy - 516-605-0152	Spiritual Direction 334-0021 Deacon Jim Morris Carleen Barten lu28ke1@optonline.net or 516-640-5735
Finance Council 334-0021 ext. 336 Matthew Cahill	Ushers 334-0021 Charles Givens
Garden Club Sheila Leonard	ST. BRIGID OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL
Senior Connections 334-0021 Barbara Fleming	Parent Association - 516-695-9515 Noreen Mormando- pa@stbolh.org
Lectors Katie Sheehan - 794-6388	School Board 333-0580 Lisa Kumbatovic - pa@stbolh.org
Junior Lectors Deacon Darrell Buono	Fatima Prayer Cell - World Peace Garol Spear - 516-414-7610

Organizations in Our Community

Alcoholics Anonymous 292-3040	Marriage Encounter Jim and Diane Popp - 516-794-0069
Birthright Emergency Hotline:1-800-550- 4900	Padre Pio 631-827-5334
Cursillo/Ulteria Carleen Barten - 640-5735	Prison Families Anonymous Kent Evans - 732-3018
Donatello Lodge #2559, Sons of Italy Rae Lanzilotta - 334-0830	Retrouaille (Marriage Support) John & Linda Pisano - 516-532-3225
Durazzano Society	Saint Anthony Society Phyllis Caggiano - 796-2928
Knights of Columbus 516-830-8802 Augustin Berry Grand Knight	Veterans of Foreign War
Maria SS Dell'Assunta Society Glen Ullo - 516-790-1811	Westbury Senior Citizens Paul Ragusa-Schweitzer -334-5886

Upcoming Events

Collection Information -

Collection for 2/6-2/7: \$11,781

Mail-Ins \$1,378

2nd Collection for Snow Removal: \$2,676

Avg. Weekly Auto Giving - Regular Collection: \$4,788

Avg. Weekly Auto Giving - Other: \$1,056

As we now resume regular collections (even though we are not up to 100% attendance), hopefully, our much needed weekly income will go up. We continue to rely heavily on what comes in the mail or by automated giving.

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support us during this difficult time!

Presidents Day

In observance of Presidents Day, all parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th

Super Bonanza Winners

2/7	John G. Brautigam	\$30
2/8	Jennifer Spencer	\$30
2/9	Mary Benzie	\$30
2/10	Allison Shippos	\$30
2/11	Anne Benroubi	\$30
2/12	John Zurell	\$30
2/13	John Zurell	\$30

Grow + Go is Here!

Father Tony has arranged that our parishioners can partake of something new... Grow+Go...

Grow+Go invites everyone to a deeper understanding of what it means to be an evangelizing disciple of Christ. Using the Sunday Scriptures as the basis for reflection, Grow+Go offers insight into how we can all more fully GROW as disciples and then GO evangelize, fulfilling Christ's Great Commission to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) The concept behind the weekly series is to make discipleship and evangelization simple, concrete and relatable. Look for Grow+Go in our weekly bulletin and on our parish website.



Many thanks...

...to all our parishioners and friends who continue to support St. Brigid's Parish during these days. We are grateful to our loving God for each one of you!

We thank all who:

- Give to our Regular Collections
- Support the parish through **GivePlus+**
- Contributed to our Christmas Fund (donations are still coming in!)
- Support our Parish Outreach, Food Pantry, raffles, special collections and donations - all our fund-raising efforts
- Use their God-given gifts to assist in various parish ministries and groups.

Father Tony, the Priests, Deacons, Sisters - the entire Parish Staff of St. Brigid - is grateful to YOU!

We are able to join with YOU to continue the mission of Jesus here in this part of the Kingdom, guided by the Father, moved by the Holy Spirit - and supported by YOU!

Visit saintbrigid.net and click on



to join **GivePlus+**

We pray for those who are sick. . .

Wanda Melendez Martino	Muhammad Nasim	Cindy Palazzo	Judith Ruff
Rosanna Rivera DeLeon	Christine Clancy	Sandra Bourdier	Heidi, Tracie & Brian Goodsell
Patti Purcell	Chris Caplice	Nuriz Herran	Antoniette Garay
James R. Smith	Bob Leo	Yolanda Tirado	Francesca Posillico
Thomas Mitchell	Elizabeth Aurelia-Parker	Louis D'elia	Bernice Campbell
Rayman Thormen	Gerome Byrd	Mary Catherine Aivaliotis	Linda Meyer
Al Cavalle	Linda Oleksiak	David Stayer	Joseph Peter Giordano
Johnny Miller	Edna Baltamore	Daniel Murphy	Carley Barten
Jeff Aaronson	Michael Pereia	Josephine Morano	Denise Pratesi
Baby Liam Collins	Judy Mangual	Rosemarie	Christopher Devane
Madison Milio	Joan Walsh	Lynn Cucci	Pamela Cruz
Catherine Dillon	Rush L.	Jackson Decillis	Gail Geiselman
Sean Pokress	Altagracia Peña	Irene Knapp	Steven Jacaruso
Mary Murphy	Rafael Mangual	Margaret Riley	Raymond Arias
Ralph Williams	Jeanette Murphy	Robert Brady	Janice Brunstrom
Shannon Kula	Luis Maldonado	Gordon Shaw	Lillian Morris
Raymond Thomen	Wanda Balbuena	Giuseppe Sposito	Anthony Sturiale
Ana Siegel	Miguel Balbuena	Marge Scherr	Rosemary Belardo
Halina Kozik	José M. Baco	Grace Bivona	Richard Haemerlie
Tony Corsentino	Luisito Diaz	Eileen Janec	Anthony Sturiale
Michelle Finnan	Gwen Thompson	Jamie Strien	Angela Byrne

*Due to space limitations, names placed on the sick list will remain for four weeks.
Please call the parish office to remove or add a loved one.*

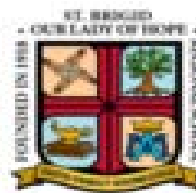
We pray for those who have died. . .

Catherine Sennelly, Sally Sacone and Barbara Accardi

We pray for those who serve in the military. . .

Sgt. Jason Howland, National Guard Army	Rigoberto Castro, USMC
Sgt. Victor Raynoso, USMC	Master Sgt. Stephen Eagnelli, USAF
Lt. Col. Charles J. Tulaney, USMC	Thomas Ruse, LCpl, USMC
Sgt. Craig Clark, US Army	James Eugene, US Marine
Adam C. Belding, SPC US Army in Korea	Alvin Jordan
Andrew Lyons	Jim Arbelaez, US Marine
Neil Falls Percifull, US Army	Thomas Cetin, US Navy
Mike Tarsa, LTC US Marine	Steven Federlien, Navy Reservist
James E. Geiselman, US Army in Afghanistan	Christopher Ponsot
Major James McLean	US Army Sergeant John Patrick Riffle
Chao Li, US Army	Johanna Romero, US Marine
Staff Sgt. Christopher Schultz, US Army	Kenneth Furst, USMC
2nd Lt. Kurth McDermott, USMC	Sgt. Madzsima Nerestant, USMC
Master Sgt. Jill Agront	Lt. Branson Berger, USMC
Staff Sgt. Edwin Philip Julean USMC in Afghanistan	Lucky Isaac Jacques, USP US Army in Iraq
Staff Sgt. Rodney Agustin, USMC	Corp. Jerry Kubis, US Marine
Captain Brendan T. Echausse, US Army	Sgt. Robert Thomas Ludwig, US Army
Lt. Cody McDonald in Afghanistan	Sgt. 1st Class Sean Schenck, US Army
Christopher Counts, U.S. Marine in Afghanistan	Jarrett Corbin, US Navy in Japan
Major Matthew Kessler, US Marine	Sr. Chief Brian Berretta, US Navy
Vladimir Julin, US Navy Petty Officer	Neale John Marquez, US Marine
SR Charles Zaino, USN	Matthew Cote, US Marine
Ens. Patrick Simons, US Navy	Lt. Jessica Serafin - US Navy in Kabul, Afghanistan
Hunter Margolnick, US Marine Corp	Danilo Del Pino, Jr., US Army
Hajin Choi, USMC	Thomas Del Pino, US Army
E2 Demetrios Vrahnas - 4th Infantry Div. U.S. Army Afghanistan	

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School



Interested in joining our school family?
This year, let the Open House come to YOUR house!
Register for our next **Virtual Information Session** on **February 25:**

**Visit our website to join us for one of our
upcoming Information Sessions**



- ✓ **SMALL**
- ✓ **SAFE**
- ✓ **SMART**

Scan the QR code to sign up
for a personal tour →
or to register for one of our
upcoming Information Sessions
to learn more about our school



www.stbolh.org 516-333-0580

101 Maple Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope: a place where
FAITH shapes the spirit, **FAMILY** shapes the heart
and **KNOWLEDGE** shapes the mind



Breaking Open the Word

Reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel before you come to Mass can bring so much more meaning to your experience of liturgy. Here's the Gospel for next Sunday. How does this Gospel touch your life?

February 21st - First Sunday in Lent

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."



We begin this Lenten season knowing that God not only grieves, but God forgives, heals and loves. In these forty days ahead, let us fast from all of the negative in our lives and in the world such as fear, anger, and hatred. Let us feast upon God's word and all of the good that is and can be in our lives. Just as Jesus, alone in the wilderness, was tested as he was tempted by Satan, yet was cared for by God, we too will have God on our side, walking beside us, carrying us through good and bad as long as we remain faithful to Him.

Gospel Reflection Questions

- Think of what God might be asking of you this Lent.
- Think of how you can become closer to God.

Some Questions for Families & Children

- Think of a time when you were tempted or tested in your faith.
- Think of ways in which you can become closer to God during this time of Lent.



Scripture texts are taken from the New American Bible with Revised New Testament and Revised Psalms ©1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington DC and used by permission of the copyright owner. All rights reserved.

Sunday
Morning

POST

Loving the Outcast

E-mail Father Tony: FatherTony@saintbrigid.net

This Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 17th - and, like many things in this Covid Climate, it is challenging to think how ashes can be safely and effectively administered this year. For those who wish to celebrate Mass, **we will have three Masses - 7am, 9am and 7:30pm in the evening (note: to avoid crowding, we are not having a Mass at 12:10pm).** Ashes will be distributed after those Masses.

Ashes will also be distributed nonstop after the 9:30am Mass (or, if a funeral is scheduled, immediately after the morning funeral) until our 7:30pm Mass.

Once again, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and readings will be provided for people who wish to reflect upon their commitment to grow closer to the Lord through this holy season of Lent. For the sake of safety, ashes will be distributed with a q-tip that is disposed after each recipient receives ashes. All recipients as well as all ministers will be masked.

For those who feel uncomfortable in coming to Church to receive ashes, we will have prayer-cards with blessed ashes attached for families who choose not to attend. **These prayer-cards with ashes can be picked up at the parish center or at the Schaefer Outreach Center beginning this weekend.**

This weekend we celebrate Valentine's Day, the traditional day of exchanging tokens and expressions of love. I can remember as a child that I could never quite muster the courage to approach the girl upon whom I had such a crush and give her that home-made crayola-creation-card that dared to put forth the question, "Will you be my Valentine?" Of course, choosing someone to be your Valentine meant that you would choose someone whom you judged to be attractive, fun to be with, popular, or any one of many positive characteristics. No one would even think of reaching out to the not-so-popular or the not-so-pretty. And while it is nice that people, secure in their relationships with those whom they have chosen to love, will exchange cards or other tokens of friendship and love this Sunday, the day falls short of what we as Christians profess to be true love.

In his recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis hopes that the world will be able to emerge from this time of pandemic into a better society, one that is built upon the principals of "love of the outcast." In the introduction to his encyclical, Francis speaks about the great saint whose name he chose, Francis of Assisi. Francis writes, "Wherever he [Saint Francis] went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters." In contrast to the over-used word that oozes from the culture of this Sunday, Francis echoes the call of Jesus to reach out consistently to the least of our brothers and sisters.

In today's gospel, we hear the story of Jesus encountering a leper. The cry of the leper is so bold: "If you wish, you can make me clean." The leper knows that he is unclean, unfit, unworthy to be anyone's "Valentine." He knows that he stands on the outskirts of humanity as a social and religious outcast. Yet, he senses in Jesus the unconditional love and acceptance of the Father. He sensed that this love could both repair his flesh and restore his spirit.

Jesus, speaking on behalf of this restorative love that the Father possesses for all the marginalized of this world, responds, "I do will it. Be made clean." In the pronouncement itself comes the dramatic gesture of Jesus - he stretches out his hand and touches the leper. Not obeying the rules of social distancing that one needed to maintain from lepers, lest one also become ritually impure, Jesus enters into that world of "unclean" and touches the man. Those are the sacred words and the sacred gestures that Jesus invites us to do on this Valentine's Day - to reach out to the outcast, those whom we have judged to be ugly and disgusting.

The Season of Lent at St. Brigid's

We would like to direct you to some of the many opportunities that are available for you to make this Lent a time of spiritual growth and encounter. Prayer, fasting and good works, the three-fold traditional practice of the season, are designed to open our hearts to the love that the Father has for us, a love most beautifully manifest in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

But, admittedly, Covid-19 is a huge distraction for all of us - not only in the various protocols that we now need to observe, but in the creation of a climate which seems strange and even irritating at times. Yet, those very irritations are opportunities to embrace the acts of self-denial that are now imposed upon us. In other words, this could be the best Lent ever for all of us because of the very sacrifices we now have to make in the midst of a world-wide pandemic.

So, we invite you to explore these Lenten offerings - and may the Lord allow these spiritual moments to draw you more deeply into the intimate love that the Father has for each of you.

Sundays with Francis and Tony

Beginning Sunday, February 28, Father Tony will offer a video-reflection on the most recent teaching of Pope Francis in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. Each of these four Sundays will focus on the challenges that the Pope wishes to offer the world - a world that is wracked with division and mutual mistrust of others. Each video session will be accompanied by texts of the encyclical as well as scripture passages for our further reflection during the week.

Sacraments: Encounters with the Father's Love

In this three-week Adult Enrichment course, Father Martin will provide us with key insights to enter into a renewed understanding of the sacramental celebrations of the Father's love for us. These presentations will take place beginning the week of March 8th on both Monday evenings and repeated on the following Tuesday mornings. They will also be made available online through our parish website.

Friday Stations of the Cross

Once again, in each of our languages, we will have opportunities for our parish to gather to pray this traditional prayer of the Church throughout the Fridays of Lent. You may also access the Stations of the Cross "virtually" through our parish website - a video that combines the beautiful stations of our Church with a reflection by Father Tony and an opportunity to engage in personal reflection with each station.

Penitential Soup Supper:

While we will not be able to have this traditional gathering *en masse*, this year, we will produce a video presentation which you can watch while having a penitential meal in your own home. This video will be available on our parish website beginning Tuesday, February 23rd.

Also, our usual spiritual nourishment continues throughout the season of Lent including daily reflections by our parish clergy. Throughout Lent we will be providing additional resources and opportunities to deepen your faith and your encounter with the loving Father. Please continue to check the Parish Website www.saintbrigid.net throughout this great season of grace.

Free Health Screenings *Gratis Exámenes de Salud*



St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus

St. Francis Hospital Autobús de Alcance Comunitario

Free Health Screenings

Includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older. We also provide patient education and referrals. No appointment is required.

Exámenes Gratis de Salud

Los exámenes incluyen: Una breve historia cardiaca, presión arterial, análisis de sangre para el colesterol y la diabetes. Educación para al paciente y referencias apropiadas según sean necesarias para los adultos que tienen 18 años de edad o más.

FREE FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

St. Brigid Church

75 Post Avenue

Westbury, NY 11590

February 23, 2021

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

(Last screenings at 1:45 pm)

40 Cans for Lent

40 CANS FOR LENT **Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday**



Help Us Feed The Hungry

The Knights of Columbus, Westbury Council 1012, invites the parish family of St. Brigid to join them in their ~ **“40 Day Lenten Sacrifice”** ~ a traditional Lenten almsgiving, by donating 40 non-perishable food items (1 per day/7 per week) to help stock up St. Brigid’s Food Pantry.

Non-perishable food items (canned soup not needed) may be donated at the Saturday Evening or Sunday Masses in the Church, School Chapel or Code Auditorium vestibules or during the week at the St. Anthony's vestibule or at the Outreach Center.

We are so grateful to our Knights who continually immerse themselves in the care of “those who are in great need”.

Deaon Darrell & Everyone at Outreach



Virtus Update

Background Screening Update FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

From The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, Diocese of Rockville Centre

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account.

Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry.

Comunidad Hispana de Santa Brígida



Casa Mary Johanna
1-516-334-0021 Ext.362

- ¿Necesita una carta de la iglesia para algún trámite legal.

Llene el censo parroquial para obtener esta carta. Censo disponible en la oficina parroquial.

- ¿Necesita un identificación de la parroquia? Presentar un documento de su país de origen.

(Pasaporte, acta de nacimiento ó tarjeta de elector). Se agradece una donación.



Caridades Católicas ofrece Servicios de Inmigración

Oficina de Asistencia Social, Iglesia en Post Ave. El cuarto miércoles de cada mes a partir de las 10:00 am. Atención en consulta.

En este momento esta suspendido este servicio. Se anunciará cuando se reeimplie.

Misa en Español:

Sabado 7:00 pm Church

Domingo

8:00 am Code Auditorium
12:00 pm Code Auditorium;

Miercoles a las 4 pm
Reflexion
dirigida por el Padre
Romulo

Grupo de Oración Carismático invita a la reunión todos los martes, iniciando con el Santo Rosario en la Capilla a las 7:30 pm.

Misa de Sanación y Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento Tercer martes del

Outreach.

“The Well” necesita voluntarios bilingües 1.516.334.0021 Ext.308

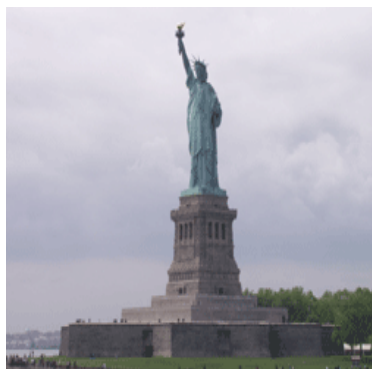
Hermanos Ayudémonos Unos A Otros

Necesidades en la Despensa de Comida. 516-334-0021 ext.

327 Ximena

Favor traiga comida no percedera a la misa y de-

positela en la canasta que esta disponible. Que Dios le bendiga por su generosidad.



14

Enjoy
Spanish
Charismatic
Group
Tuesdays
Chapel
7:30 pm

Healing
Mass
Every
third
Tuesday of
the month
7:30 pm
Chapel

Catholic
Charities
offers
services on
4th Wed.
of the
month.
Consultation
\$30

Please
donate
food to
St. Brigid's
Food
Pantry!

Comunidad Hispana de Santa Brigida

Domingo VI Tiempo Ordinario. Ciclo B La Enfermedad ¿Es Un Castigo De Dios?

En el pueblo se oye decir a los enfermos: Dios me ha castigado. Pero si eso fuera así, ello significaría que ellos son los más culpables de la vengencia... También cabría preguntarse por qué Dios no castigó así a otros que son mucho peores. Más aun, porqué gente tan buena y Cristiana están enfermos, a veces dolorosamente, sin curación...

Ver así la enfermedad es entrar por mal camino. La enfermedad no es un castigo, sino la consecuencia de la vida misma, el aspecto negativo de la condición humana. Es difícil pensar qué habrá sido de nuestro cuerpo si no fuéramos pecadores. Hasta dónde el pecado influye en el hecho de la enfermedad humana. En la vida cristiana, es inútil perder el tiempo imaginándonos qué sería esto otro. Sabemos que Jesús hace de nuestro sufrimiento y de nuestra muerte un medio para llegar a la vida feliz con El. Jesús no siempre nos sana y nos libera de la enfermedad, pero, si tenemos fe, nos ayuda a aceptar nuestra enfermedad.

Es verdad que para los antiguos la lepra era como el signo visible del pecado. Por lo tanto esas personas eras despreciables por muy pecadoras, tanto que su cuerpo se caía a pedazos. ¿Pero no hay hoy día también personas marginadas, excluidas de hechos de ciertos barrios, de ciertos locales, no acogidos como compañeros normales? Jesús va contra todas las leyes al respecto, y deja que el leproso se le acerque, y lo sana tocándolo con la mano. Su gesto es revolucionario, y repitiendo gestos de ese tipo, ante los escribas y fariseos, les prueba que va en contra esas leyes y esas tradiciones. Pero no es esa la razón por lo cual lo hace. Lo hace por amor,

para devolver a la vida y a la comunidad a un hombre enfermo y excluido.

El leproso se entusiasma tanto, que va contar a todos lo que Jesús le ha hecho. Pero aun si él no contara nada, todos se darían cuenta con solo verlo. Nosotros no somos tan agradecidos, y sin embatgo hemos recibido gracias, y muchas. Pensemos sólo en el don de la fe, de la posibilidad de pertenecer a la comunidad de la Iglesia, donde Podemos dialogar, profundizar nuestra fe, todos, ricos y pobres. La gracia de poder evangelizar (como el leproso) que se nos presenta como una urgencia y una posibilidad, aun por el hecho de que los sacerdotes son pocos, y siempre menos. Aun este hecho puede ser visto como una gracia para la comunidad, porque entonces todos los cristianos tienen que ponerse a difundir la palabra de Dios y tomar su responsabilidad, lo cual es una gracia.

Deberíamos prepararnos a tener cada vez menos necesidad de que los sacerdotes hagan todo, que estén siempre en las comunidades. Muchos cristianos los requieren siempre, porque piensan que no están instruidos para evangelizar. Pero evangelizar no es siempre instruir, y estar instruidos. El leproso no estaba tan instruido. Lo que anunció fue lo que Jesús había hecho en él, y eso, para comenzar, lo podemos hacer todos, si tenemos fe y sentido de Dios. El leproso del que habla el evangelio de este domingo se brinca todas las reglas del Levítico, sin que Jesús se lo recrimine. Jesús le pide que no diga a nadie que El lo había curado. El misterio de Jesús, su mesianidad, sólo podrá ser comprendida a través de su muerte y resurrección.

Inscripciones Para Bautismos

Llamar
inmediatamente a
Sra. María Piñeiro
(516-334-0021, X333)

O visitarla en la Oficina Parroquial

El Centro de Educación Religiosa

Inscripciones para
Catecismo y Primera
Comunión, para
mayor información favor
llamar al tel #334-0021 ext.
#355 (español).



Outreach

VIRTUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

So many annual traditions have been lost to the pandemic. As the Holy Season of Lent begins, we here at St. Brigid's are used to the tradition of our Lenten Soup Supper on the first Tuesday of Lent. It has been a beautiful opportunity for us to come together for prayer, a simple soup supper and to be offered a Lenten reflection. This year we will have the opportunity to keep this tradition going, at least virtually. We invite you to view a video version of the Soup Supper, which will include a prayer service, a video of our Parish Outreach featured on Catholic Faith Network and a beautiful Lenten reflection from Father Tony. Of course, you will have to provide your own soup as you view from home! The Virtual Lenten Soup Supper will premiere on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 on our parish website saintbrigid.net.



BEREAVEMENT

So many have suffered loss during this most difficult time. These losses range from the loss of loved ones to loss of jobs, to the loss of important life events.

We will be continuing our in-person Bereavement Group, under the direction of our professional Bereavement Coordinator, Joan McGovern. We will be having a six-week in-person session on Friday mornings, from February 19th to March 26th. The group will meet in St. Anthony's Hall from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Proper social distancing and mask wearing will be followed. We are also offering a six-week Zoom Bereavement session on Thursday evenings now through March 18th from 7 p m to 8 pm. The cost is \$25 to cover all program materials. To register or for more information, please contact us by calling Deacon Darrell at 516-334-0021 ext. 308 or Joan McGovern at 516-238-5633.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL OUTREACH BUS -CHANGE OF DATE

We are happy to once again have the St. Francis Outreach Bus here at St. Brigid's. Please note the change of date from what was previously announced. It will be in the main parking lot across from the church on Tuesday, February 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm (last screening at 1:45 pm). It will be a great opportunity to catch up on important health screenings. Adults 18 and older. No appointment is required.



NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

The NUMC Mobile Mammography Screening will be in the main parking lot across from the church Thursday, February 25th from 8 am to 12 noon. Women, ages 40 and older are invited for a free mammography. You must pre-register by calling 516-296-3355.

Oficina de Ayuda

CENA VIRTUAL DE SOPA DE CUARESMA

Tantas tradiciones anuales se han perdido a causa de la pandemia. Así, como el tiempo santo de la Cuaresma comienza aquí en Sta. Brigida, estamos acostumbrados a la tradición de nuestra Cena de Sopa de Cuaresma en el primer martes de Cuaresma. Ha sido una hermosa oportunidad para nosotros reunirnos todos juntos en oración, una simple cena de sopa y una reflexión cuaresmal. Este año tendremos la oportunidad de mantener viva esta tradición, al menos virtualmente. Te invitamos a ver una versión en video de la Cena de la Sopa, que incluirá un servicio de oración, un video de nuestra Difusión Parroquial presentada en Canal Católico de Fe y una hermosa reflexión de Cuaresma del Padre Tony. ¡Por supuesto, tendrá que proporcionar su propia sopa para vernos de su casa!



La cena virtual de la Cena de Sopa de Cuaresma se estrenará el martes 23 de febrero de 2021 en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia, saintbrigid.net

DUELO

Muchos han sufrido pérdidas durante estos momentos tan difíciles. Estas pérdidas varían desde la pérdida de seres queridos hasta la pérdida de puestos de trabajo, pasando por la pérdida de eventos importantes de la vida.

Continuaremos con nuestro Grupo de Duelo en persona, bajo la dirección de nuestra coordinadora profesional de duelo, Joan McGovern. Tendremos una nueva una sesión en persona de seis semanas los viernes por la mañana, a partir del 19 de Febrero al 26 de Marzo. El grupo se reunirá en St. Anthony's Hall de 10:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m. Se seguirá un adecuado distanciamiento social y el uso de máscaras. También ofreceremos por Zoom una sesión de duelo por seis semanas los jueves por la noche del 11 de febrero al 18 de marzo de 19 a 20 horas. El costo es de \$ 25 para cubrir todos los materiales del programa. Para registrarse u obtener más información, contáctenos en bereavement@saintbrigid.net o llamando al diácono Darrell al 516-334-0021ext. 308 o Joan McGovern en 516-238-5633.

EL BUS DE AYUDA DEL HOSPITAL SAN FRANCISCO – CAMBIO DE FECHA

Estamos felices de tener una vez más el autobús de Ayuda del Hospital San Francisco aquí en St. Brigid's. Por favor tenga en cuenta el cambio de fecha de lo que se anunció anteriormente. Será en el estacionamiento principal frente a la iglesia el martes 23 de febrero de 10 am a 2 pm (última proyección a las 13:45 horas). Será una gran oportunidad para ponerse al día con importantes exámenes de salud. Adultos mayores de 18 años. No se requiere cita previa.

MÓVIL de MAMOGRAFÍA DEL CENTRO MÉDICO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE NASSAU

El examen de mamografía móvil NUMC se realizará en el estacionamiento principal frente a la iglesia Jueves 25 de febrero de 8 am a 12 pm. Mujeres, de 40 años y mayores están invitados a una mamografía gratuita. Debe preinscribirse llamando al 516-296-3355.

Virtus Verificación

Actualización de La Verificación de Antecedentes PARA TODOS LOS VOLUNTARIOS PARROQUIALES

Oficina Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes:

La Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (The Charter) promulgada por los obispos de los Estados Unidos en 2002 describe prácticas y pautas específicas que brindan estándares de seguridad en parroquias y diócesis en todo Estados Unidos. Como se indica en La Carta, la Diócesis de Rockville Center requiere que todos los empleados, clérigos y voluntarios completen tres requisitos dentro de los treinta días posteriores al empleo o al voluntariado:

1. Asistir al **Programa de Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios (Virtus)**
2. Firmar los Códigos de Conducta;
3. Completar una aplicación de verificación de antecedentes. La Diócesis requiere que todos aquellos que permanecen activos en ministerio sean re-evaluados nuevamente en un intervalo de 5 años. Voluntarios / empleados.

Unas Palabras sobre la Investigación de Antecedentes de los Voluntarios:

La Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (OPPNJ) ha simplificado el proceso de solicitud de voluntariado que permite a los voluntarios completar los tres requisitos de Ambientes Seguros en un solo paso. Personas que deseen ser voluntarias en una parroquia o escuela deben:

1. Regístrese para asistir a un taller de Protegiendo los Niños de Dios y crear una cuenta Virtus en el sitio web de Virtus: www.Virtus.org
2. Aceptar electrónicamente el Código de Conducta Diocesano- proporcionado durante el proceso de registro de Virtus.
3. Seguir las instrucciones para completar la solicitud de Investigación de Antecedentes de Sterling Volunteers que se ofrece durante el proceso de registro de Virtus.

Voluntarios activos:

Si usted está activo en un ministerio parroquial, ya ha asistido a un taller de Virtus y sus antecedentes han sido evaluados, es posible que usted ya se haya pasado o está a punto del **requisito de reevaluación de cada 5 años**. Si este es el caso, usted recibirá un correo electrónico de **Sterling Volunteers** pidiéndole que complete la solicitud de investigación de antecedentes en línea. Usted puede acceder a la aplicación de investigación de antecedentes siguiendo las indicaciones del correo electrónico o entrando en su cuenta Virtus. **Tenga en cuenta que esto no es una estafa ni que su correo electrónico ha sido pirateado (hacked)**. La OPPNJ ha estado trabajando con su parroquia para actualizar los registros de Ambiente Seguro y señaló que es hora de que usted sea re-evaluado. También se le puede pedir que nuevamente firme electrónicamente el Código de Conducta cuando entre a su cuenta de Virtus.

Actualice su cuenta Virtus:

Para acceder a su cuenta Virtus: www.Virtus.org Usted necesitará su nombre de usuario y contraseña. Si necesita ayuda, comuníquese con Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 o helpdesk@virtus.org. Una vez entre a su cuenta, revise la información de su cuenta, particularmente su dirección de correo electrónico. Si su cuenta requiere una actualización, presione la pestaña TOOLBOX en la parte superior de la pantalla. En el lado izquierdo de la pantalla, en la columna verde, haga clic en "Actualizar mi cuenta". Podrá realizar los cambios necesarios; recuerde presionar el botón SAVE en la parte inferior de la pantalla.



Kominote Ayisyén

Haitian-American Apostolate

Haitian Commentary , Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

Frères , Soeurs et Amis, en ce 6ème dimanche du Temps Ordinaire, St Marc nous montre Jésus qui guérit un lépreux. Il dit une parole et accomplit deux gestes: celui d'étendre la main et, malgré l'interdiction légale, de toucher le lépreux. Il s'agit de sortir du pur et de l'impur et de purifier. Ces gestes nous révèlent toute la compassion de Jésus. Il est pris aux entrailles et faisait de ses gestes de bienfaisance une action de salut.

Le texte de Paul, quant à lui, attire notre attention sur la nécessité d'imiter le Christ, spécialement dans le souci de " s'adapter à tout le monde", afin que tous , quels qu'ils soient, puissent être sauvés. Frères et Soeurs, partout, les hommes et les femmes fuient souvent les maladies, les personnes âgées, les pauvres, les handicaps, parce qu'ils craignent d'être contaminés par la condition dans laquelle ils se trouvent.

Aujourd'hui, nous voyons que la santé passe de Jésus au malade dès qu'il le touche. Donc, chacun est invité à rester en relation avec les autres, à tendre la main aux personnes malades, à donner de son temps aux personnes isolées, âgées, c'est l'appel habituel.

Demandons au Seigneur d'étendre sa main vers ceux que la couleur de la peau, le mode de vie ou le dénuement exclut, vers notre communauté et ses faiblesses.

- Chak dimanch, nou genyen lamès an Kreyol a 2h30 PM, epi lames an fransè a, dènye dimanch chak mwa.

- Chak samdi a 3hPM nan Lekòl pawas St. Brigid, Sr. Cécilia Duchesne, FDM, ap tann tout timoun ki gen laj 6 lane pou rivé 12 lané nan fòmasyon ki ap fèt pou yo.

- N'ap fè tout fanmy yo konnen ke genyen "baptèm" chak twazyèm samedì nan mwa yo. Fòk nou pa bliye ke lè nap chwazi marenn ak parenn yo, fòk yo se katolik, epi fòk yo konnen vini legliz. Pou nou ka pran randevou Sr.Cécilia rele li nan nimerò sa yo 516 334-0021, ext. 357 or 516 333-8795.

- Chak samdi swa apati 7h PM nou genyen "lapriyè karismatik" nan chapèl lekòl St.Brigid la. Chak dezyèm samedì lapriyè karismatik la ak ekspozisyon Sen sakreman fèt nan legliz a 8h30 PM. Nap tan nou tout.

- Pou tout aktivite pelerinaj yo ak lapriyè karismatik yo, rele Carismène Estimé nan nimerò: 516 770 3248.

- Tout moun ki genyen proje "marye", "reprann lakominyon", "konfime", se pou yo rele Sr.Cécilia nan nimerò saa: 516 333 8795

- Pa bliye ranpli "Census la", nou tout ki ta renmen anregistre pou vini mamb nan kominote yo. N'ap jwenn ti livrè saa le nou apènn rantrè legliz la ak nan biwo pawas. N'ap pran li, nap ranpli infòmasyon yo mande nou yo . Epi nap remetli bay sekretè ki nan biwo a. lap fè swivi tout bagay pou nou epi konsa nap vini mamb nan paroisse la.

- Chak premye samedì nan chak mwa, "asosye Monfoten" gen lames nan "Shrine Our lady of Island" , Eastport ak tout mamb yo a 2h PM. Tout fidèl yo invite tou. Nap tan nou tout.

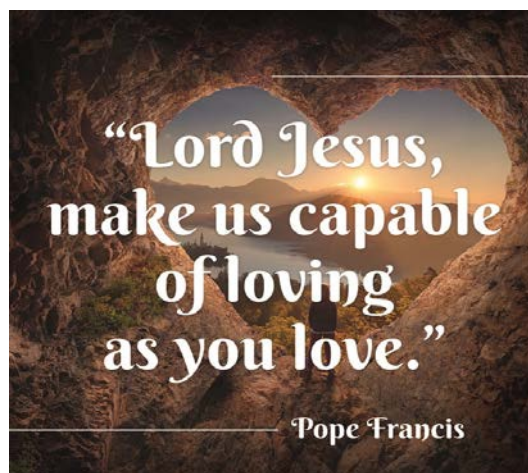
This Month at St. Brigid

Black History Month

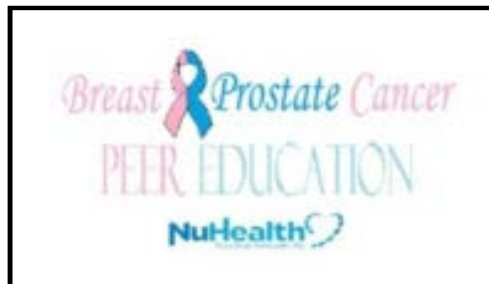
From St.
Brigid's
Catholics of
African
Ancestry
Ministry

Check it all
out on our
parish
website:

www.saintbrigid.net



Mamografía en nuestra Camioneta Móvil



Ofrecemos
programas si no
tienen seguro

La Deteccion Temprana Salva Vidas!

Feb. 25, 2021

8:00 am—12:00 pm

Obtengan su Mamografía en nuestra
camioneta móvil



St. Brigid's Church
75 Post Avenue
Westbury, NY 1590

Mujeres mayores de 40 años, sin seguro medico, pueden recibir su mamografía gratis si califican. Mujeres con segura medico están requeridas a tener una prescripción de su doctor para obtener la mamografía gratis.

Para facilitar cita, favor llamen a

516-296-3355

21



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God."(Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Cuaresma 2021

Queridos amigos:

"El Espíritu expulsó a Jesús al desierto, y permaneció en el desierto durante cuarenta días, tentado por Satanás ... Después de que Juan fue arrestado, Jesús vino a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios" (Marcos 1:12-14). El primer domingo de Cuaresma, la Iglesia presenta para nuestra reflexión y oración la experiencia de Jesús en el desierto. La experiencia de Jesús en el desierto sigue inmediatamente a Su bautismo por San Juan Bautista y precede inmediatamente a Su ministerio público y proclamación del Reino de Dios, de palabra y de hecho. San Marcos nos señala que el Espíritu, que acababa de descender sobre Jesús en forma de paloma, lo llevó al desierto.

El desierto era un lugar estéril, un lugar sin vida, el hogar del diablo y el mal. El Espíritu envía a Jesús al desierto para prepararse para los años de su ministerio público, lo que finalmente lo lleva a su muerte y resurrección. Jesús pasa tiempo fuera del mundo para prepararse. Pero también sale al desierto para comenzar su batalla contra el mal, el pecado y la muerte. Jesús entra en la misma morada del mal para comenzar la confrontación. Esta batalla continuará durante el resto de la vida de Jesús. La victoria final vendrá el Viernes Santo a través de Su último acto de amor en la Cruz. Nuestra experiencia anual de Cuaresma, nuestra "experiencia en el desierto" de cuarenta días, puede verse de la misma manera. Somos inspirados y enviados por el Espíritu para pasar un tiempo apartados del mundo del ruido y recuperar la belleza del silencio. Pero también somos enviados a la batalla. Nuestra experiencia del verdadero silencio debe permitirnos la oportunidad tanto de escuchar la voz y las impresiones de Dios como de conocernos mejor a nosotros mismos. Esta batalla personal contra el pecado y el mal puede ser dolorosa, porque nos damos cuenta de que todos necesitamos una conversión constante. Hay cambios reales que todos y cada uno de nosotros debemos hacer en nuestras vidas y corazones en esta Cuaresma. Pero como Jesús, no estamos solos. El Señor fue ministrado por ángeles durante Sus cuarenta días en el desierto. Nos ayudan constantemente nuestros ángeles de la guarda, los ángeles y los santos del cielo, la comunidad de los bautizados y la gracia de los sacramentos de la Iglesia. Como Jesús, debemos salir del desierto listos para enfrentar los males del mundo y trabajar para difundir el Evangelio.

Fueron solo unas pocas semanas después de la Cuaresma 2020 que la experiencia de Covid-19 hizo cambios radicales en nuestra sociedad, nuestra Iglesia y nuestras familias. La experiencia del aislamiento en el desierto ya no era una metáfora, sino una realidad vivida. La experiencia de tener nuestras parroquias cerradas durante meses fue dolorosa para todos nosotros. Muchos de nosotros todavía experimentamos este aislamiento de muchas maneras. Pero como cristianos siempre seguimos siendo hombres y mujeres de esperanza. Sabemos que la Cruz del Viernes Santo conduce al sepulcro vacío del Domingo de Resurrección.

El Papa Francisco ha declarado este año como un Año especial de San José. En San José encontramos a un hombre de profunda esperanza y fortaleza, así como de silencio orante. La

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for week beginning February 15

Monday - February 15

7:00 am - People of the parish

12:10 pm - Bianca Despeignes (In Thanksgiving)

Tuesday - February 16

7:00 am - Amado Rayos del Sol

12:10 pm - Richard Sommer

Wednesday - February 17

7:00 am - Francois Beryz

12:10 pm - Ronald Guillaume

Thursday - February 18

7:00 am - Tony Buffolino

12:10 pm - Marissa Lanzaro Bishop

Friday - February 19

7:00 am - DaCosta family

12:10 pm - Mary Malloy

Saturday - February 20

8:00 am - Novena Mass

5:00 pm - Church - Jacob Duzman

7:00 pm - Church (Spanish) - Leovigildo Maldonado

Sunday - February 21

7:00 am - Church (English) - Rosa & Filippo Gargano

8:00 am - Code Auditorium (Spanish) -

8:30 am - Church (Italian) - Constantino Iadevaia, Vincenza Berasti

10:00 am - Chapel (English) Ellen Palmer, Mrs. Gail Engeman

10:00 am - Code Auditorium -

12:00 pm - Chapel (Spanish) - Epifania Jeronimo Zavala (In thanksgiving)

12:00 pm - Code Auditorium (Spanish) -

2:30 pm - Chapel (Kreyol) - In thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Denis & family

6:00 pm - Chapel (English) - Antonio Buffolino

*Bread & Wine for the Week of
February 14th
in loving memory of
Sr. Marie Patrick & John O'Donnell
from Mary Schlaich & family*



Schedule of Masses

Mass Schedule for week of February 15 thru 21

Weekday Masses

Monday February 15

7:00 am - Fr. Martin
12:10 pm - Fr. Tony

Tuesday February 16

7:00 am - Fr. Tony
12:10 pm - Fr. Nesly

Ash Wednesday February 17

7:00 am - Fr. Martin
9:00 am - Fr. Nesly
7:30 pm - Fr. Eric
8:00 pm (Chapel) - Fr. Romulo
8:00 pm (Code) - Fr. Tony

Thursday February 18

7:00 am - Fr. Tony
12:10 pm - Fr. Eric

Friday February 19

7:00 am - Fr. Nesly
12:10 pm - Fr. Martin

Weekend Schedule

Saturday February 20

8:00 am - Fr. Nesly
4:00 pm Reconciliation - Church
5:00 pm - Church - Fr. Martin
7:00 pm - Church - Fr. Romulo

Sunday February 21

7:00 am - Church - Fr. Martin
8:00 am - Code - Fr. Romulo
8:30 am - Church - Fr. Tony
10:00 am - Chapel - Fr. Martin
10:00 am - (Overflow) Code - Fr. Tony
12:00 pm - Chapel - Fr. Romulo
12:00 pm - Code - Fr. Tony
1:00 pm Baptisms - Church
2:30 pm - Chapel - Fr. Nesly
6:00 pm - Chapel - Fr. Eric



February



Around St. Brigid



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night

Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community.

This year's festivities will take place virtually on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and offer us an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful program of song, dance, and Irish spirit!

Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

- A ticket for our Irish Sweepstakes Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. Extra tickets are available on our website.
- A special edition Irish Night cookbook which includes tasty recipes and culinary traditions from all across the Emerald Isle. Cookbooks are \$10 each.
- An event ticket for \$40, which includes 1 entry into our door prize raffle, an entry into the Irish Sweepstakes and a copy of the cookbook.

For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website: www.sistersofst dominic.org/irishnight2021

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on March 6th and raise a glass to good health this coming year - Sláinte!

2021
Super Bonanza
is Still Available
Call
516-334-0021
or print out
tickets online
at
saintbrigid.net

HELP WANTED

We are seeking someone who has a good knowledge of computers and would be able to operate our **live-streaming** video equipment for various Masses and services on a periodic basis in the school Chapel and/or the Church.

Initial commitment is approximately five times per week or so on weekdays and occasional weekends. This is ideal for someone with a **flexible schedule** - with **sufficient computer skills**, such as a retired individual or a college student. **Paid training** would be provided. A nominal stipend will be given for each video session.

Please email Rob at bizmgr@saintbrigid.net to discuss the possibility.