

# 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*

**December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent**

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**[www.saintbrigid.net](http://www.saintbrigid.net)**

## Welcome to our Parish Family

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Parish webpage: [www.saintbrigid.net](http://www.saintbrigid.net)

**Call the Parish Office (516-334-0021 x 0) to arrange for Baptisms, Weddings and Memorial Masses.**

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

## ST. BRIGID PARISH

Westbury, NY

### Our Vision:

To love, respect and cherish the diversity that is in our midst.

### Our Mission:

Together we create a community where we can both receive and share God's mercy.

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

### Saturday evening:

Mass at 5:00pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish) in the Church

### Sunday at Saint Brigid's Church (85 Post Ave):

7:00am (English)

8:30am (Italian)

10:00am (English)

11:30am (English)

2:30pm (Kreyol)

### Sunday at School Chapel (101 Maple Ave)

8:00am (Spanish)

9:30am (English)

10:45am (Spanish)

12:15pm (Spanish)

6:00pm (English)



# 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 - 7pm), Tuesday (10:30am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm), Wednesday (10:30am - 12 pm & 1pm - 3pm), Thursday (10:30am - 12pm; 4:30 - 7 pm), Friday 10:30am to 12 noon. Food Donations are accepted: Monday 10am to 7pm, Tuesday 10am to 4pm, Wednesday 10am to 4pm, Thursday 10am to 7pm. 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. Joan McGovern 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](http://www.stbolh.org).



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Roberto Fernandez

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# Parish Ministries Coordinators

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<b>Junior Lectors</b> Deacon Darrell Buono	

## Organizations in Our Community

<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> 292-3040	<b>Marriage Encounter</b> Jim and Diane Popp - 516-794-0069
<b>Birthright</b> Emergency Hotline:1-800-550- 4900	<b>Padre Pio</b> 631-827-5334
<b>Cursillo/Ulteria</b> Carleen Barten - 640-5735	<b>Prison Families Anonymous</b> Kent Evans - 516-613-0877
<b>Donatello Lodge #2559, Sons of Italy</b> Rae Lanzilotta - 334-0830	<b>Retrouvaille</b> (Marriage Support) John & Linda Pisano - 516-532-3225
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<b>Maria SS Dell'Assunta Society</b> Glen Ullo - 516-790-1811	<b>Westbury Senior Citizens</b> Paul Ragusa-Schweitzer -334-5886

# Upcoming Events

## Collection Information -

**Weekend Collection:** 11/20-11/21 - 14,157.47;  
11/27-11/28 - \$13,902  
Mail ins - 11/29 - \$1,339

**Avg. Weekly Auto Giving - Regular Collection: \$3,852**  
**Avg. Weekly Auto Giving - Other: \$1,371**

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!**

**Have you remembered our Parish in your will?  
Please call Rob at 334-0021 x336 for more info.**

## Super Bonanza Winners

11/28	Robert & Joan Lindon	\$30
11/29	Robert Penascovic	\$30
11/30	Louise Nocerito	\$100
12/1	Maureen Roos	\$30
12/2	Anthony Cassone	\$30
12/3	Gerard Cottam	\$30
12/4	Marion Fanelli	\$30



## Adults 60 and Older... Join in the Fun & Learning at 360 Post Avenue...

Senior Citizens of Westbury, Inc. (The Center), proudly offers a wide array of programs and services designed to keep seniors' minds and bodies active, alert and as well as possible. The Center strives to empower senior residents of Westbury, and surrounding communities, to live their best lives – socially, emotionally, and physically, with a focus on comprehensive wellness. **Contact Paul or Andrea at 516-334-5886 for information and to schedule a visit today!**



## You choose to donate to St. Brigid's.

(You could share your financial resources anywhere else, but you choose to include St. Brigid's in your regular giving.)

## You choose to participate in our Mission.

You choose to embrace our Vision.

For this, we are **RICHLY BLESSED**

and **SO VERY THANKFUL !**

Visit [saintbrigid.net](http://saintbrigid.net) and click on  
to join **VANCO/GivePlus+**



## SALISBURY SENIORS CLUB

The Salisbury Seniors would like to invite you to join our club. We meet every Thursday at 11:30am in Levittown Hall. Coffee, tea, and donuts are available at our meetings. Pizza is provided by the club on the last Thursday of every month. Come and join us, meet your neighbors, make new friends and spend a fun afternoon playing bingo and socializing. Our yearly dues are \$25.00 per member. Please be our guest for your first meeting. If you have any questions about our club please call Sheila at 516 333-5969. Looking forward to meeting you.

## *We pray for those who are sick. . .*

Jose Ayala  
Annette,Dave,Thelma,Ella  
Ann Marie Wilson  
Dan Murphy  
Kay Fucarino  
Mickeyal Pereira  
Edna Beltmare  
Linda Oleksiak  
Frances Sikorski  
Joey, Rachel, & Susan  
Purcell  
Jaxson Rivera  
Christine Clancy  
Chris Caplice  
Bob Leo  
Martha Lucia y Antonio  
Maria Díaz Salazar  
Joseph Peter Giordano  
Eileen Weingaertner  
Jeannette Murphy  
Connie Lopez

Maria Castro  
Mrs. Dawn Heller  
David R. Stayer  
Sheila Leonard  
Steven Jacaruso  
Michael Gallo  
Cynthia  
James Tallman  
Madeline Abbatiello  
Marta Mendez  
Jean Murray  
Roberta Boccio  
Patrick Gabriel  
Steve Gregory  
Josephine Morano  
Daniel Murphy  
Martin Gam  
Robert Brady  
Gordon Shaw  
Anne Dsz and family  
Grace Bivona

Larry Oberdenic  
Denise DePew  
Charles Bonafide  
Eileen Janec  
Lorraine Swass  
Scott Smith  
Eddie Wilber  
Carmela Mosti  
Shya Chen  
Baby Michael Garcia  
Maria Mauro  
Asma Qureshi  
Michelle Finan  
Rosemarie Marciano  
Albert Davide  
Francesca Posillico  
Bernice Campbell  
Carley Barten  
Denise Pratesi  
William Michael Smith  
William Lombardo

Kyle Herrmann  
Yvonne Cruz  
Ira Grazer  
Marie Cantelmo  
Lillian Morris  
Joan Mitchell  
Joe Wolyniec  
Shahram Davood  
Patricia DePinto  
Wanda Melendez Martino  
Rosanna Rivera DeLeon  
Patti Purcell  
Thomas Mitchell  
Rayman Thormen  
Al Cavalle  
Johnny Miller  
Baby Liam Collins  
Madison Milio  
Catherine Dillon  
Sean Pokress  
Mary Murphy

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

## *We pray for those who have died. . .*

**Marta E. Perez, Matilda Maillard, John P. Shavlin, John Walsh III, Frank DeMeco,  
and Roger Cappadona**

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

Gregory Porretto - Army National Guard, Africa  
Vladimir Julien - Naval Chief in Okinawa, Japan



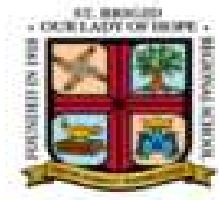
**We have refreshed our Military Prayer List.**

If you wish to place someone on the Military Prayer or Sick list, please go to the parish website and click on "Forms" and select "Prayer Requests." Or call the parish office.

Thank you.

On the Web: <https://saintbrigid.net/> By Phone: 516-334-0021 x 300

# St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School



## 4th Annual St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope 5K Walk & Run

Over 250 runners signed up for our 5K Walk & Run this year! We've rounded up some of our favorite photos from the day-- they say a picture is worth a thousand words, and these photos truly capture the spirit, the energy and the joy of this community event.

Many thanks to race director Michiko Clarke and our 5K Committee for making this event such a success. Thank you also to the generous individuals and businesses who sponsored our race. Finally, special thanks to Village of Westbury Mayor Peter Cavallaro and the officers of the Nassau County 3rd Precinct for keeping our participants safe!





# 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?

## December 12th - Third Sunday of Advent

### Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist,

"What should we do?"

He said to them in reply,

"Whoever has two cloaks  
should share with the person who has none.

And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him,

"Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them,

"Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him,

"And what is it that we should do?"

He told them,

"Do not practice extortion,  
do not falsely accuse anyone,  
and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation,  
and all were asking in their hearts  
whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

"I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor  
and to gather the wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways,

## ADVENT MESSAGE

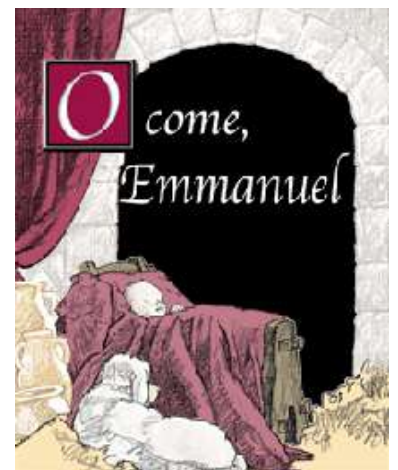
John calls the people to share their belongings. These are words of good advice to us in our lives. We should look beyond ourselves to others, to care for the poor and lowly, oppressed and downtrodden.

## Gospel Reflection Questions

- Think of how you know that God is among us.
- Think of all the things you need to do to prepare for the coming of the Lord.
- Think of what you can rejoice over during this Advent season.

## Some Questions for Families & Children

- Think of how you can be like John the Baptist.
- Think of how you can bring joy to others this Advent season.



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Sunday  
Morning

# Entering the Silence this Advent

E-mail Father Tony: [FatherTony@saintbrigid.net](mailto:FatherTony@saintbrigid.net)

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## **Advent Series with Father Martin and Tony**

Father Martin has left a great legacy for all of us - not just in the memory of his insightful homilies and his quick-witted humor but in a number of videos that we have been able to save.

**"Advent through the Eyes of Mary"** is a five-part series that will feature Father Martin's previously taped reflections upon the joyful mysteries of the rosary.

I will offer a brief introduction to each of Father Martin's presentations as well as a suggested follow-up exercise for future prayer. **The first three of these brief videos are now available today**, the Second Sunday of Advent on our website.

**Bethany Retreat morning for women:** Saturday, December 11th. If you have ever been to one of our previous Bethany Retreats, you will know the great gift it is for women of faith to gather, reflect and share. For more information, see the add in this weekend's bulletin.

## **Bambinelli Sunday**

At our family liturgy (9:30am in the school chapel) next Sunday, December 12, we invite you (especially our children) to bring with you the Jesus figurine from your nativity set so that they can be blessed. Bambinelli Sunday (Bambinelli = little baby) is a great tradition in Italy celebrated on the third Sunday of Advent. As our beloved Pope Francis has revived this tradition, we are so happy to bring this tradition here to our beloved Westbury.

As we enter into this second Sunday of Advent, we hear the familiar proclamation of John the Baptist as he fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." The desert is a place where there are no distractions. The desert is a place, a holy place, where there is stillness, emptiness, silence. We are not comfortable in desert spaces. We want the glitter - we need the noise; we are uncomfortable with silence.

This Advent, enter into God's silence so that your heart will be ready to hear His Word - and receive the Word-made flesh. In going through some of Monsignor Martin's notes, I found this piece of paper in his own handwriting. It was obviously important to him - and I reverently now share this with you:

## **The Silence**

*In the silence - and the dark of night  
I came to visit - you removed my fright.  
I wait to hear - answers from above.  
In the gentleness of the wind - I can feel your love.  
I come at times - not knowing what to say  
Praying just for guidance - I need to know the way.  
I wonder at times - do you hear my prayer?  
In the silence - I feel - I know you care.  
Is it different today - than it was back then?  
You walked with the Twelve - were they stronger men?  
Were they confused - as I sometimes feel?  
Will the answers come - if I continue to kneel?  
I only pray - to know your will.  
The words you left - say we'll have our fill.  
Then what must I do - to hear your voice?  
Listen to the silence - there's no other choice.  
So when I'm down - fearing how I've sinned,  
In darkness your mercy shines - your love is in the wind.*



# Outreach

## CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS NEEDED

Our Thanksgiving supermarket gift card collection for families in need was hugely successful. Thank you to all who donated for your tremendous generosity! We will still be gratefully accepting supermarket gift cards to help our guests enjoy a Christmas dinner. We also ask you to consider donating a gift card to help our guests provide Christmas presents for their families. A \$20 or \$25 gift card to Target or Walmart would be greatly appreciated. Cards can be left at the Parish or Outreach centers during regular hours. Thank you!!!



**VIRTUAL ANGEL GIFTS**— Once again this year we will be asking for those who wish to participate in our Angel Tree Program to contact our Outreach staff by e-mailing us at [angelgifts@saintbrigid.net](mailto:angelgifts@saintbrigid.net) or by calling Deacon Darrell at 516-334-0021 ext. 308. You will be given the age and gender of a child to buy a Christmas present for. Those who wish to participate in our Adopt-A-Family program, are also invited to contact Deacon Darrell directly.

## COAT DRIVE

As you may know we are moving forward with the opportunity for those who wish to donate new or gently used clothing to distribute to those in need. While we are not able at this time to accept all types of clothing, we would like to begin by collecting new or gently used coats. This will help benefit those in need as the colder weather is now approaching. Those who wish are invited to bring the new or gently used coats to the Outreach Building 75 Post Ave., Monday and Thursdays, 9:30 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday and Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, and Fridays, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Thank you for your generosity.



Coats for the Cold

# Oficina De Ayuda

## SE NECESITAN TARJETAS DE REGALO DE NAVIDAD

Nuestra colección de tarjetas de regalo de los supermercados para de Acción de Gracias para nuestras familias en necesidad fue un gran éxito. Gracias a todos los que donaron por su tremenda generosidad! Seguiremos aceptando con gratitud tarjetas de regalo de los supermercado para ayudar a nuestros huéspedes a disfrutar de una cena navideña. También le pedimos que considere donar una tarjeta de regalo para ayudar a nuestros huéspedes a proporcionar regalos de Navidad para sus familias. Una tarjeta de regalo de \$ 20 o \$ 25 para Target o Walmart será muy apreciada. Las tarjetas se pueden dejar en la oficina parroquial o en la oficina de ayuda en horas regulares. ¡¡¡Gracias!!!



**DAR ÁRBOL**

**REGALOS VIRTUALES DE ANGELES:** Una vez más este año estaremos preguntando a aquellos que deseen participar en nuestro Programa El Árbol de Ángeles para que se contacten a nuestro personal de la Oficina de Ayuda por correo electrónico [angelgifts@saintbrigid.net](mailto:angelgifts@saintbrigid.net) o llamando al Diácono Darrell al 516-334-0021 ext.308. Se le dará la edad y el sexo de un niño para que pueda comprarle un regalo de Navidad a ellos. Aquellos que deseen participar en nuestro programa Adopt-A-Family, también están invitados a comunicarse directamente con el diácono Darrell.

## COLECTA DE ABRIGOS

Como sabrá, estamos avanzando con la oportunidad para quienes deseen donar ropa nueva o usada en buen estado para distribuirla a los necesitados. En este momento no podemos aceptar otro tipo de ropa y nos gustaría comenzar a recolectar abrigos nuevos o poco usados. Esto ayudará a beneficiar a los que necesitan a medida que se acerca el clima más frío. Aquellos que deseen donar, están invitados a traer los abrigos nuevos o con poco uso a la Oficina de Ayuda en 75 Post Ave., el lunes y jueves, de 9:30 a. m. a 7:00 p. m., martes y miércoles, de 9:30 a. m. a 4:00 p.m. y viernes de 9:30 am a 1:00 pm. Gracias por su generosidad.



# Happening at St. Brigid

## ATTENTION!

### ALL Parish Volunteers & Group Members

*ANY Adult serving in ANY parish group or ministry needs to be properly screened according to diocesan regulations.*



If you haven't been screened, please note the date for our next set of **VIRTUS** training sessions:



**Monday, December 13th**  
**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

*Use the QR Code or go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)*

(Two opportunities available that day:  
2 to 5 pm -OR- 7:00 to 10 pm  
**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**)

### Bethany Women's Group Saturday, December 11 - Begins 9:00 am



Join the St Brigid's Women's Bethany Group for a Morning of Prayer on Saturday Dec 11th. Our theme this year is "Healing." We will gather at 9 am in St Anthony's Hall for hospitality followed by a morning of prayer and reflection.

There are three ways to register:

- Online - use the QR Code above, or visit <https://saintbrigid.net/>
- By email: [judi.k@saintbrigid.net](mailto:judi.k@saintbrigid.net)
- By phone: Call Judi 516-248-8146

## Morning of Prayer

### "Pot O' Gold" Super Bonanza Raffle

- \$25 per ticket
- 365 Winners per Year
- All tickets remain in the barrel each day waiting for the daily winner to be picked
- \$30 Daily Prizes
- Special monthly \$100 and periodic \$500 prizes



Use the QR code above to get your tickets and gift certificates. Or call 334-0021 x0 or visit the Parish Center or website:  
[saintbrigid.net/bonanza](http://saintbrigid.net/bonanza)

## We've Been In Touch...

### St. Brigid Parish Survey

*Someone from our staff has been actively contacting many parishioners who completed the parish survey either by email or by phone*

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**  
*to all who responded to our Parish Survey!*



*Soon - we'll publish the summary reports and raw data on our website. Stay tuned!*

# *Family Mass, Super Bonanza Raffle, Honor Roll*

## *Family Mass*

**Bambinelli Sunday - Sunday December 12 at 9:30 am Family Mass** - Have the children bring the baby Jesus figure from your Nativity Set to Mass for a special blessing. (Bambinelli means little in Italian). This is a celebration that takes place with the Pope each year in Rome that we have brought to St. Brigid.

**Come join the cast of St. Brigid's Children's Christmas Pageant!**

When: Wednesdays from 3:45 - 4:30 pm  
Where: Our Lady's Chapel, St. Brigid School

Young people in grades kindergarten through grade 8.

Needed: singers, actors, narrators, instrumentalists

Questions: email Ms. Stephanie at [sclagnaz@gmail.com](mailto:sclagnaz@gmail.com)



### **Family Mass Planning Committee**

Anyone interested in helping plan our 9:30 am Family Mass liturgies and events is invited to join the Family Mass Planning Committee. Please contact us if you are interested at [familymass@saintbrigid.net](mailto:familymass@saintbrigid.net)

## **Parish Students Receive Honors**

The following students from our parish attending St. Dominic High School achieved honors in the First Quarter:

David Valle,  
Danielle Correia  
Andrew Geissler

The following students from our parish attending St. Anthony's High School have received Honor Roll Certificates for the first quarter 2021-2022 School Year:

Ava Dobash  
Madison Dunn  
Robert Francisci  
Matthew Francisci  
Valentina Gualpa  
Anthony Kenner  
Nicholas Tempone  
Trinity Williams

We are so proud of all of you!

## **HONOR ROLL STUDENTS**



# 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 re inicie.

## Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Para apoyar a las parejas casadas durante este tiempo de distanciamiento social, el Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial está patrocinando experiencias matrimoniales virtuales. Algunas son los fines de semana y otras se presentan los martes y jueves durante 7 sesiones de 7:00PM – 9:30PM en la comodidad de su hogar. Las parejas explorarán sus estilos de personalidad individuales, mejorarán las habilidades de escucha y comunicación, entenderán el plan de Dios para su matrimonio y aprenderán a mantener su relación como una prioridad. El cupo es limitado y se requiere una cuota de solicitud de \$100.00. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, llame a Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203 -979-6109 o [renuevatumatrimonio.org](http://renuevatumatrimonio.org)

**Misa en Español:**  
Sabado 7:00 pm Church  
Domingo  
8:00 am Chapel  
10:45 am Chapel  
12:15 pm Chapel

Miercoles a las 4 pm  
Reflexion  
dirigida por el Padre  
Rómulo  
  
Misa a las 7:30 pm

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



# Comunidad Hispana de Santa Brigida

## Domingo II Del Tiempo De Adviento. Ciclo C.(4) “Conversión Es: Preparar Los Caminos Del Señor”

En su pedagogía para prepararnos a la gracia de Navidad, la Iglesia insiste hoy en el tema de la conversión. Este tema forma parte del realismo del Evangelio: el Cristiano es la única religión que realiza sus ritos y sus ideas para dar primacía a la eficacia del amor, que nos reviste de Cristo y que transforma la realidad.

El llamado a la conversión tiene por protagonista a Juan Bautista, figura central en este Adviento como precursor en este Adviento como precursor de Cristo: por su valor, su pobreza radical y su vida contemplativa que en el desierto lo llevó a la experiencia de Dios, el Bautista encarnal “convertido” que llama a otros a la conversión.

Para el Bautista la conversión no es un fin en sí; es la condición “para que puedan ser perdonados los pecados” y para que “todo hombre vea la salvación que Dios le trae”. Pues la liberación de las servidumbres del pecado que Cristo nos ofrece es puro don del Padre; nuestra parte consiste en prepararnos, por la conversión, a este don que se hará especialmente denso y visible en el tiempo de la Navidad.

En este punto el Evangelio nos confronta una vez más con todo su realismo. La conversión no son buenos deseos, o convicciones. A menudo caemos en el “idealismo” de creer que vivimos lo que pensamos o lo que estamos realizando aquello que decimos. Estamos demasiado acostumbrados a pensar y hablar de cosas que no vivimos. El realismo de la

conversión es, para San Juan Bautista, “cambiar la manera de vivir”. Como profeta -el último y mayor de los profetas antes de Cristo- se sitúa en la línea del profeta Isaías y de otros grandes profetas que también “prepararon los caminos del Señor”.

La conversión debe pasar a las decisiones concretas y a los hechos. Está en el orden de los medios y no es sólo un fin que se desea, pero sin tener el valor de aplicar los medios. Se trata de “enderezar” hábitos y actitudes de “rellenar” los vacíos y fallas que deja en nuestra vida la falta de coherencia con los valores evangélicos -el amor fraterno, la justicia y la fe, igualmente se trata de “aplanar”, de quitar “lo que sobra”. Con el correr del tiempo nos hemos adherido a ídolos y riquezas, de todo tipo, ovidando la exigencia de ser radicalmente pobres de corazón para entrar en el Reino.

El realismo evangélico impide que hagamos de la conversión algo “privado”: nos convertimos a Dios y also otros. No hay conversión Cristiana sin que nos comprometamos a trabajar con amor eficaz en crear condiciones en nuestro medio y en la Sociedad para que los demás hombres puedan “cambiar de vida”. El llamado a la conversión de este Evangelio es tanto un cuestionamiento personal como una crítica a la Sociedad y una exigencia a trabajar en hacerla más justa y libre, para que “todo hombre vea la salvación que Dios le trae”.

Debemos de cambiar nuestras vidas, para poder vivir de la Felicidad que nos trae Jesús a nuestras vidas.

### NUEVO HORARIO DE LA DESPENSA DE COMIDA

El siguiente es el nuevo horario de nuestra despensa de comida que está en efecto ahora.

#### Distribución de Alimentos

Lunes 4:30 a 7 pm  
Martes 10:30 a 12 mediodía  
y de 1 a 3 de la tarde  
Miércoles 10:30 a 12 mediodía  
y 1 a 3 de la tarde  
Jueves 10:30 a 12 mediodía  
y de 4:30 pm a 7:00 pm  
Viernes 10:30 a 12 mediodía

#### Donación de Alimentos son aceptadas

Lunes 10: am a 7 pm  
Martes 10: am a 4 pm  
Miércoles 10 am a 4 pm  
Jueves 10 am a 7 pm

### *El Centro de Educación Religiosa*

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

### *Inscripciones Para Bautismos*

Llamar  
inmediatamente a  
*Sra. María Piñeiro*  
(516-334-0021, X333)  
O visítarla en la Oficina Parroquial

# Mass Intentions

## Mass Intentions for week beginning December 6

### Monday - December 6

7:00 am - Frank Stanginelli  
12:10 pm - Marie & Harry Cottam

### Tuesday - December 7

7:00 am - Frank Stanganelli  
12:10 pm - Donald B. Campbell

### Wednesday - December 8

7:00 am - Raymond Harrington  
12:10 pm - Christine Barbera  
7:30 pm - Jose Antoni Corea Hernandez

### Thursday - December 9

7:00 am - Nello D'Altorio  
12:10 pm - Jerry Hendel

### Friday - December 10

7:00 am - Grtacy & Maria Susal  
12:10 pm - Anthony Alfieri

### Saturday - December 11

8:00 am - Novena Mass  
5:00 pm - Church - Maureen Zaikowski  
7:00 pm - Church (Spanish) - Tomas Roa, Julia Aparicio

### Sunday - December 12

7:00 am - Church (English) - DaCosta Family  
8:00 am - Chapel (Spanish) - Griselda Orantes De Amaya  
8:30 am - Church (Italian) - Giacomina Petti, Maria & Pasquale Campagnuolo, Luciano & Maria Martone & Family, Pasquale Iannotta  
9:30 am - Chapel (English) - Antonia & Martin Vergata  
10:00 am - Church (English) - Franco Spadafora, Frank Smith, Msgr. John Martin, Thomas Buckley, Wilbur Rickard Jr., Barbara Rapkine  
10:45 am - Chapel (Spanish) Elsa Marina Ropdriguez Castro  
11:30 am Church (English) - Richard Wetter  
12:15 pm - Chapel (Spanish) - Maria Pineiro (Living), Dana Salinas (Living), Fanny Zamudio (Health), Jose Roman, Alexander Orellana  
2:30 pm - Church (Kreyol) - Mr. & Mrs. Denis and the Family (In Thanksgiving), Euphanie Laroche  
6:00 pm - Chapel (Rock Mass) - Antonio Buffolino

*For the Week of December 4th  
Bread & Wine is dedicated in  
loving memory of  
Monsignor John Martin  
from The Schlaich Family*

*Liturgical Candles are dedicated in  
loving memory of  
Monsignor John Martin  
from Maria Dell Assunta Society*

IN OUR  
Thoughts and Prayers



Available Online: You may now place your requests for Mass Intentions and Memorials (Candles and Bread/Wine) at <https://saintbrigid.net/>



# *Kominote Ayisyén*

*Haitian-American Apostolate*

## **Haitian Commentary, Second Sunday Of Advent, 2021**

La liturgie de ce deuxième dimanche de l'Avent nous invite à nous réveiller, à ranimer notre Foi, notre Amour et notre Espérance en ce Dieu qui vient à notre rencontre. Il vient pour libérer son peuple et le conduire dans la joie à la lumière de sa gloire. Aucun obstacle ne viendra l'empêcher de se proposer à tous par son Fils.

Dans la première lecture, le prophète Baruc invite ses concitoyens à revêtir "le manteau de la justice de Dieu", c'est afin de contribuer à la construction d'un monde où l'on fait droit à la justice et où chacun pourra trouver un espace de vie. C'est ce à quoi fait allusion le prophète quand il dit: "Dieu a décidé que les hautes montagnes et les collines éternelles seraient abaissées, et que les vallées seraient comblées: ainsi la terre sera applanie, afin qu'Israël chemine en sécurité dans la gloire de Dieu". Cette image biblique des collines abaissées symbolisent des relations égales où les êtres humains peuvent se rencontrer sur un même niveau.

Dans la seconde lecture, Paul nous invite à la confiance et nous porter disciple de coopérer avec Dieu à la diffusion de l'Évangile; à prendre conscience que le bien n'est pas de leur fait, mais de celui de Dieu. C'est lui seul qui a pris l'initiative et ils y sont associés. Ce que Dieu a commencé. Il le poursuivra jusqu'à la venue du Seigneur Jésus.

Demandons au Seigneur de nous aider à ouvrir nos coeurs pour accueillir en ce jour son appel à la conversion qui nous situe dans le combat contre tout ce qui empêche les relations profondes avec les autres et à nous aimer comme il nous le commande.

- 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 "bap-tèm" chak twazyèm samedi 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 samedi lapriyè karismatik la ak expozisyon 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 samedi 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.

# Schedule of Masses

## Mass Schedule for week of December 6 thru 12

### Weekday Masses

#### **Monday December 6**

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

#### **Tuesday December 7**

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

#### **Wednesday December 8**

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

#### **Thursday December 9**

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

#### **Friday December 10**

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

### Weekend Schedule

#### **Saturday December 11**

8:00 am - Fr. Nesly  
5:00 pm - Fr. Tony

7:00 pm - Fr. Romulo

#### **Sunday December 12**

7:00 am - Church - Fr. Rajan  
8:00 am - Chapel - Fr. Romulo  
8:30 am - Church - Fr. Tony  
9:30 am - Chapel - Fr. Rajan  
10:00 am - Church - Fr. Tony  
10:45 am - Chapel - Fr. Romulo  
11:30 am - Church - Fr. Rajan  
12:15 pm - Chapel - Fr. Tony  
2:30 pm - Church - Fr. Nesly  
6:00 pm - Chapel - Fr. Rajan

### *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).*

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 7th  
5:00 pm - Church

Wednesday, December 8th  
7:00 am - Church  
12:10 pm - Church  
7:30 pm - Church  
7:30 pm (Spanish) - Chapel

All parish offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 8th in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.