

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 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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

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.



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Special phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by
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Parish Ministries Coordinators

Altar Servers 334-0021	Ministry of Consolation - 334-0021 Jo Marino
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Choir (Adult English) 334-0021 ext.311 Susan Porteus	Ministry to Catholics of African Ancestry -334-0021 Charles Givens - caa@saintbrigid.net
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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 - 516-613-0877
Donatello Lodge #2559, Sons of Italy Rae Lanzilotta - 334-0830	Retrouvaille (Marriage Support) John & Linda Pisano - 516-532-3225
Durazzano Society	Saint Anthony Society Phyllis Caggiano - 796-2928
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Maria SS Dell'Assunta Society Glen Ullo - 516-790-1811	Westbury Senior Citizens Paul Ragusa-Schweitzer -334-5886

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"St. Brigid Deli" on Post Avenue is NOT affiliated with St. Brigid Church in any way.

Around the Parish

Collection Information -

Weekend Collection for 12/11 - 12/12: \$15,656

Mail-Ins: \$2,830

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

12/12	Rosemarie Santilli	\$30
12/13	Barbara Robinson	\$30
12/14	Patty Warner	\$30
12/15	Lorraine Muller	\$30
12/16	Roxane Ospina	\$30
12/17	Ken & Kathy Spencer	\$30
12/18	Joe Mele	\$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!

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.



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 !**

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We pray for those who are sick. . .

Carolyn Adamski	Connie Lopez	Grace Bivona	William Lombardo
Jose Ayala	Maria Castro	Larry Oberdenic	Kyle Herrmann
Annette,Dave,Thelma,Ella	Mrs. Dawn Heller	Denise DePew	Yvonne Cruz
Ann Marie Wilson	David R. Stayer	Charles Bonafide	Ira Grazer
Dan Murphy	Sheila Leonard	Eileen Janec	Marie Cantelmo
Kay Fucarino	Steven Jacaruso	Lorraine Swass	Lillian Morris
Mickeal Pereira	Michael Gallo	Scott Smith	Joan Mitchell
Edna Beltmare	Cynthia	Eddie Wilber	Joe Wolyniec
Linda Oleksiak	James Tallman	Carmela Mosti	Shahram Davood
Frances Sikorski	Madeline Abbatiello	Shya Chen	Patricia DePinto
Joey, Rachel, & Susan	Marta Mendez	Baby Michael Garcia	Wanda Melendez Martino
Purcell	Jean Murray	Maria Mauro	Rosanna Rivera DeLeon
Jaxson Rivera	Roberta Boccio	Asma Qureshi	Patti Purcell
Christine Clancy	Patrick Gabriel	Michelle Finan	Thomas Mitchell
Chris Caplice	Steve Gregory	Rosemarie Marciano	Rayman Thormen
Bob Leo	Josephine Morano	Albert Davide	Al Cavalle
Martha Lucia y Antonio	Daniel Murphy	Francesca Posillico	Johnny Miller
Maria Díaz Salazar	Martin Gam	Bernice Campbell	Baby Liam Collins
Joseph Peter Giordano	Robert Brady	Carley Barten	Catherine Dillon
Eileen Weingaertner	Gordon Shaw	Denise Pratesi	Sean Pokress
Jeannette Murphy	Anne Dsz and family	William Michael Smith	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. . .

Giovana Barison, Richard M. Schmid, Francesca Posillico and Louis F. Biundo

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



At St. Brigid's, it has become a tradition to bless the Bambinelli on the Third Sunday of Advent. *Bambinelli* means little baby in Italian. The children are invited to bring their baby Jesus figure from their home for a special blessing - a blessing to bring back to their homes and families.





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 19th - Feast of the Holy Family

Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us?"

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them,

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mary has made apparent her faith in God and it was recognized by Elizabeth. How can we show our faith to others so that they too can realize that the promise of eternal life that Jesus spoke of will be fulfilled?

Gospel Reflection Questions

- Think of what it means to be a "holy family".
- Think of how you can grow in wisdom, favor and grace before God.
- Think of what we can teach our children so they know that they are God's children.

Some Questions for Families & Children

- Think of the people in your life who are "gifts" to you.
- Think of how you can be a gift to others in your family.



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Sunday
Morning

Oh, that she would visit you!

E-mail Father Tony: FatherTony@saintbrigid.net

POST

Do you know what I just noticed?

Just a few years back, we were embroiled in the heated controversy about wishing people "Merry Christmas" and not settle for the greeting "Happy Holidays." We even had buttons made, wearing them proudly on our lapel. Now that controversy no longer seems to get any attention - at least not now! Is it that we figured that it's not worth the fight over what someone might say to us to wish us happiness during this time of year -- or is it that last year's controversy just morphed into this year's tiresome debates about masks and vaccines? Is the human spirit such that we must find some issue to fight about? And next Christmas/holiday season - what will be the next thing that will bring about endless debate, heated discussion, animosity and division? In short, will we ever stop fighting about minutia?

O Come, Prince of Peace.

Reconciliation Monday

How the Lord wants to bring healing to your heart, offering you forgiveness and loving mercy in all the places where you hurt.

Come to reconciliation on Monday afternoon or evening (see the schedule in today's bulletin). All our priests will be there to welcome you with the non-shaming face of Jesus.

Don't wait. . . Make your plans today as to which Mass you hope to attend on Christmas!

I have always been intrigued by Elizabeth's situation. You know well the story - her husband Zechariah is given the promise that Elizabeth in her old age will finally conceive and bear a son. This baby will grow to carry out a prominent work in God's plan to bring about the salvation of Israel. We remember Zechariah's doubt and how he is immediately made mute - placed into a space of contemplative silence so that he may ponder the magnificence of what God has planned for him and his wife. The bible then tells us that Zechariah goes home and has relations with his wife who now conceives according to the promise of God and the prediction of the angel.

So here is Elizabeth, pregnant and perhaps a bit confused. After all, she has no idea what the angel had told her husband (now mute); she has no idea how any of this plays into a larger plan. Perhaps she feels a little embarrassed and maybe just a little frightened by all that is happening. Now into that confusion, embarrassment and fear, Mary enters the house of Elizabeth - filled with joy, enthusiasm, and a confidence that God is in charge of all of that is happening. And the baby leaps in Elizabeth's womb, confirming for mom that all will be well, as the cloud of darkness and confusion gives way to unspeakable joy.

Imagine for a moment Mary placing her hand on Elizabeth's swollen belly, feeling the promise of life in what was once a sterile womb. Imagine Mary taking Elizabeth's hand and placing it on her own stomach as well; the two rejoice in what God is now accomplishing. Imagine now Mary whispering into the ears of Elizabeth, "God who is mighty has done great things for us."

Now, as tender as that scene may be as you imagine it, it may seem so foreign to what you may be feeling at this moment in your life. Here you are, cast into the never-ending shadow of Covid, a virus that refuses to die, drawing the inordinate attention of a news media that keeps us in a state of hyper-vigilance and chronic low grade depression. It's not like World War II where Rosie the riveter and Uncle Sam selling war bonds could keep us engaged in the battle. We feel defeated, beyond discouragement, tired in trying to keep everyone's spirits high and alive.

So, now invite Mary into your home. If you, right now, are in need of some good old fashioned mothering, let her take you tenderly by the hand and allow her to whisper those words she whispered to Elizabeth: "God who is mighty has done great things for us." If you are in need of hope and light in the midst of despair, behold the radiant face of the one who is filled with the promise of new life and the renewal and revival that can bring. Whatever you may be feeling at this moment - defeated, not understood, alone, frightened - take a moment to invite Mary into your home, into your heart. She so wants to be your mother right now.



Outreach

WINTER BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will be having a six-week support group for the newly bereaved, which will meet on Wednesdays starting on **January 5, 2022, through Feb. 9th, 2022, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm.** Meetings will take place in St. Anthony Hall at 85 Post Ave., Westbury.

The group is designed to assist the newly bereaved in coping with their grief and in learning to live in a world without the deceased. It is open to all who have recently lost a loved one.

There is a \$25 registration fee which is collected the first session.

Joan McGovern, experienced grief counselor and parishioner will facilitate the group. If you have further questions about the group or to register she can be reached at 516-238-5633. You may also email: bereavement@saintbrigid.net

WINTER COATS

Those who wish are invited to bring 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.

Those in need or know of someone in need of a winter coat or jacket should contact the Outreach staff.



Coats for the Cold

Oficina De Ayuda

GRUPO DE DUELO EN INVIERNO

Tendremos un grupo de apoyo de seis semanas para los recién deudos, que se reunirán los miércoles a partir del **5 de enero de 2022 hasta el 9 de febrero, 2022, de 19:00 a 20:15 horas**. Las reuniones se llevarán a cabo en St. Anthony' Hall en el 85 Post Ave., Westbury.

El grupo está diseñado para ayudar a los recién afligidos a hacer frente a su dolor y en aprender a vivir en un mundo sin los difuntos. esta abierto a todos los que recientemente han perdido a un ser querido.

Hay una tarifa de registro de \$ 25 que se cobra en la primera sesión.

Joan McGovern, consejera de duelo con experiencia y feligrés, facilitará el grupo. Si tiene más preguntas sobre el grupo o para registrarse, ella puede ser contactada al 516-238-5633. También puede enviar un correo electrónico bereavement@saintbrigid.net

ABRIGOS DE INVIERNO

Aquellos que lo deseen están invitados a traer abrigos nuevos o poco usados a la oficinaDe Ayuda 75 Post Ave., lunes y jueves, de 9:30 am a 7:00 pm, martes y miércoles, de 9:30 a. m. a 4:00 p. m., y viernes, de 9:30 a. m. a 1:00 pm. Gracias por tu generosidad.

Aquellos que necesitan o conocen a alguien que necesite un abrigo o chaqueta de invierno debe comunicarse con el personal de la oficina.



Happening at St. Brigid

Bus Trip to the Wind Creek Bethlehem (formerly Sands) Casino Bethlehem, PA

Hosted by St. Ignatius Loyola Parish,
Hicksville, NY

When: Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Cost: \$44 per person, which includes the driver's tip

Give back: \$35 slot play.

Time: Please arrive at 8:30 am

Return approx. 8:30 pm

Parking: # 999 So. Oyster Bay Road
(dead end)

Reservations: call Barbara at (516) 935-5576

Please make checks payable to "St. Ignatius Loyola Church".

Available Online...

St. Brigid Parish Survey

- A Summary Report (that will also be available in church).
- A Report of Data (Quantitative - shows what answers parishioners' chose).
- All the Raw Data of parishioner's comments, suggestions, and feedback.

Check the Full Report Online!

Click the QR code below - or go to

<https://saintbrigid.net/survey>



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"Pot O' Gold" Super Bonanza Raffle

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- 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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage

Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles,

improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at [w/www.menlyli.org/](http://www.menlyli.org/).

Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Christmas Schedule

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH
75 Post Ave., Westbury, NY 11590
www.saintbrigid.net

Day of Reconciliation Monday, December 20th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Fr. Nesly (E, K) Fr. Romulo (S), Fr. Tony (E, I)

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Fr. Raj (E), Fr. Nesly (E, K) Fr. Romulo (S)

7pm – 8pm

Fr. Tony, (E, I), Fr. Nesly (E, K) Fr. Romulo (S),

Father Raj (E)

Christmas Day -Saturday, December 25th

7:00 am - (English) – Church

8:30 am - (Italian) – Church

9:30 am - (English) – Chapel

10:00 am - (English) – Church

11:00 am - (Spanish) – Chapel

11:30 am - (English) – Church

1:30 pm - (Kreyol) - Church

Christmas Schedule, 2021

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th

Evening Masses in celebration of Christmas

4:00 pm - (English) – Church

4:00 pm - (English) – Chapel (Family Liturgy)

5:30 pm - (English) – Church

8:00 pm - (Spanish) – Chapel

Midnight Mass

12 Midnight – (English) - Church

12 Midnight - (English) – Chapel

12 Midnight - (Kreyol) - Code Auditorium

No Saturday evening Masses Christmas Day

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Friday, December 31st

5:00pm – (English) – Church

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 am Mass – (English) – Church

11:00 am Multi-lingual Concelebrated Mass



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 renueve vatumatrimonio.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 Cuarto De Adviento. Ciclo C. “Conversión Es: Abrirse Como María, A La Esperanza

Junto con Isaías y San Juan Bautista, que profetizan la próxima venida del Señor, el símbolo de Adviento es la Virgen María. En ella la Iglesia ve el signo acabado del pueblo creyente que espera esta venida. En el Evangelio de hoy, las palabras que Isabel dirige a María que la visita, son las palabras con que los cristianos reconocemos a María como modelo de nuestra esperanza en Jesucristo que viene.

Sabemos que en adviento, tiempo fuerte para nuestra vida de fe y conversión, la Iglesia quiere revitalizar nuestra esperanza, no sólo en vista de la gracia que Jesús nos ofrecerá en la Navidad, sino también como una actitud inherente a toda la condición Cristiana. La esperanza es la fe en las promesas de Dios; promesas que se realizan sólo en parte u oscuramente en la historia, porque tienen una naturaleza escatológica (o sea del más allá). Hacer que esas promesas que aún no son plena realidad animen nuestras vidas y nuestros compromisos, es vivir de Esperanza. Trabajar para que las promesas de liberación, fraternidad y comunión con el Padre vayan inaugurándose en nuestras vida y en la Sociedad, es también vivir la esperanza.

En este Evangelio María es el modelo del Cristiano que vive la Esperanza. Por eso es “bendita entre las mujeres” y es “bienaventurada”; porque “creyó en la promesa del Señor, la cual sin duda se cumplirá en ella” (Lc.1,45).

La promesa del Señor a María arranca en la Anun-

ciación: el Mesías liberador nacerá de ella, y ella quedará para siempre asociada a la obra de su Hijo, y particularmente a su cruz: “Mira, este niño será puesto como una bandera, de modo que El lo atacarán, y a ti misma una espada te atravesará el alma...” (Lc.2,34).

La promesa del Señor a María no era fácil de aceptar (“¿cómo podrá ser esto si no tengo relación con ningún hombre?”). tampoco era fácil mantenerse fiel a ella, ya que su forma de realizarse contradecía las expectativas israelitas: la promesa de liberación se iba desarrollando a través de la frágil apariencia del niño de Belén, del exilio de Egipto, del carpintero de Nazareth de las persecuciones e incomprendimientos, de la pasión y de la cruz. María, mujer de la esperanza, se mantuvo fiel a la promesa, y en este difícil y oscuro itinerario de su colaboración con Jesús llegó a una comprensión cada vez mayor de la naturaleza de la liberación de Cristo, cuyo Reino pasaba por el dolor y la cruz, porque liberaba desde la raíz de todos los servidumbres, el pecado.

Las promesas del Dios liberador siguen hoy vigentes, y la Navidad ya cercana en su confirmación: el Señor no abandona a su pueblo. Pero las realizaciones de la promesa son, para nuestras expectativas, desconcertantes. La fuerza del pecado sigue actuando en nosotros y en la Sociedad, y el Reino de justicia y de paz inaugurado por Cristo parece haber fracasado. Necesitamos como nunca vivir la esperanza, que nos mantiene fieles y constantes en el amor y en el amor y en el trabajo por extender el Evangelio de justiciar y de paz.

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 visitarla en la Oficina Parroquial

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for week beginning December 20

Monday - December 20

7:00 am - Theresa Stratthaus (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

12:10 pm - Julia Branigan

Tuesday - December 21

7:00 am - Ellen Palmer

12:10 pm - Frank & Rose Poisillico & Family

Wednesday - December 22

7:00 am - Michael Porta

12:10 pm - Xenon Antone

7:30 pm - Sergio Trejo Medina (Feliz Cumpleanos, Living)

Thursday - December 23

7:00 am - Frank Stanganelli

12:10 pm - Victor Alfieri

Friday - December 24 Christmas Eve

7:00 am - Antonio Posillico

12:10 pm - Frank Carlos, Johanna Cavallaro

Saturday - December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 am - Novena Mass

5:00 pm - Church -

7:00 pm - Church (Spanish) -

Sunday - December 26

7:00 am - Church (English) - Jopsephine Caffaro

8:00 am - Chapel (Spanish) - Jpse Benavides

8:30 am - Church (Italian) - Michele D'Alessandro, Vincenza Berasti, Philip Zone, Giacoma Petti, Stephen Vero, Guisepe Scalse

9:30 am - Chapel (English) - Fabiola Boutin (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

10:00 am - Church (English) - Maryann Gismondi, Frank Stanganelli, Philip Sonzone, Agostino Buffolino, Zenaida Poserio, Barbara Coyne

10:45 am - Chapel (Spanish)

11:30 am Church (English) - Anne & Patrick Branigan

12:15 pm - Chapel (Spanish) - Pidiendole a el Senor por todas las familias de el movimieto familiar cristiano (In Thanksgiving)

2:30 pm - Church (Kreyol) - Mr. & Mrs. Denis and the Family (In Thanksgiving)

6:00 pm - Chapel (Rock Mass) - Elvir Blain and Joassina Delinois

*For the Week of December 18th
Bread & Wine is dedicated in
loving memory of
Maria Vella*

*from Birthday Group Lillian, Angela C.
Angela G. Phyllis and Marge*

*Liturgical Candles are dedicated in
loving memory of*

Monsignor John Martin

from Donna M. Brady

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers





Kominote Ayisyén

Haitian-American Apostolate

Commentary of the fourth Sunday of Advent
C, 2021

La liturgie de ce quatrième dimanche de l'Avent offre à notre méditation la visitation de Marie à sa cousine Elizabeth. L'évènement se situe immédiatement après l'Annonciation à Nazareth. Marie a donné son "oui" à Dieu, elle porte en elle Jésus, le Fils de Dieu. L'ange de l'annonciation lui avait donné un signe: sa parenté Elizabeth attend, elle aussi, un fils, et elle en est à son sixième mois.

Marie prend l'initiative d'aller voir sa cousine. Elle part en voyage. Après la salutation de Marie, Elisabeth sent le mouvement de l'enfant, elle est remplie de l'Esprit Saint, elle proclame et raconte:

"Tu es bénie entre toute les femmes, et le fruit de tes entrailles est béni". Elle reconnaît avec humilité la grandeur de Marie: "Comment ai-je ce bonheur que la mère de mon Seigneur vienne jusqu'à moi?"

Par Marie, Jésus va déjà à la rencontre des siens. Sa visite à Elizabeth est pour nous une invitation à accueillir le Christ, Parole de Dieu, lui dont la mission, est de rendre visite à son peuple pour le conduire vers les temps qui accompliront le Royaume.

Regardez et voyez. Contemplez Marie et Elizabeth, leur visitation commune est signe de nos nécessaires visitations fraternelles. Demandons au seigneur de nous apprendre à suivre l'inspiration de l'Esprit Saint pour savoir apporter le Christ à nos frères et soeurs et pouvoir le magnifier par nos chants et la sainteté de notre vie.

- 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 numero 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 numero: 516 770 3248.

- Tout moun ki genyen proje "marye", "reprann lakominyon", "konfime", se pou yo rele Sr.Cécilia nan numero 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 mandé nou yo. Epi nap remetli bay secretè 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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2021

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued *Admirabile Signum*, an Apostolic Letter *On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.¹

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: "Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts."

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God's love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: "I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79)."

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

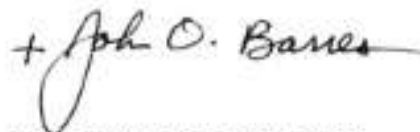
The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: "The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized."

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to "holiness and mission" bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Navidad 2021

Para el Pueblo de Dios de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre:

En diciembre 1ero, 2019, nuestro Santo Padre Francisco publicó *Admirabile Signum*, una Carta Apostólica *Sobre el Significado y la Importancia del Nacimiento*. Esta es una hermosa reflexión a la que yo recurro cada temporada navideña y a la que les exhorto a leer y rezar.¹

En ella, el Santo Padre nos recuerda que el simple acto de arreglar nuestro pesebre [Belén, Nacimiento] nos vincula con el pasado, nos abre interrogantes para el presente y nos orienta al futuro. Es un acto que tiene un impacto existencial.

El Papa Francisco dice: “Instalar el pesebre en nuestras casas nos ayuda a revivir la historia que tuvo lugar en Belén. Naturalmente, los Evangelios siguen siendo nuestra fuente para comprender y reflexionar sobre el acontecimiento. Al mismo tiempo, su representación en el pesebre nos ayuda a imaginar la escena. Nos toca el corazón y nos hace entrar en la historia de la salvación como contemporáneos de un acontecimiento vivo y real en una amplia gama de contextos históricos y culturales.”

La hermosa imagen de los padres y de los abuelos preparando juntos el pesebre con sus niños y sus nietos es una poderosa experiencia multidimensional de la catequesis – de enseñar y transmitir nuestra fe Católica y nuestra creencia en la Encarnación de Jesucristo a la próxima generación.

Los padres y los abuelos tienen esa sabiduría de enseñar a sus niños y a sus nietos a montar y colocar el pesebre, pero al mismo tiempo, ellos también tienen la sensibilidad catequética y la afinidad para dejar a los niños y a los nietos que tomen la decisión de dónde van a colocar los pastores, las ovejas y los tres reyes magos.

Se anima a los niños a colocar la Sagrada Familia -María, José y el Príncipe de la Paz- con sus propias manos en el centro del pesebre. Con qué frecuencia los niños disfrutan, a veces solos y a veces con sus hermanos y familiares, moviendo e interactuando con las figuras. Cuántas veces su imaginación bíblica y sus almas arden con el amor de Dios mientras juegan con sus belenes familiares.

El Santo Padre continua: “Me gustaría ahora reflexionar sobre los distintos elementos del belén para apreciar su significado más profundo. En primer lugar, está el fondo de un cielo estrellado envuelto en la oscuridad y el silencio de la noche. Lo representamos no sólo por fidelidad a los relatos evangélicos, sino también por su valor simbólico. Podemos pensar en todos los momentos de nuestra vida en los que hemos experimentado la oscuridad de la noche. Pero incluso entonces, Dios no nos abandona, sino que está ahí

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para responder a nuestras preguntas cruciales sobre el sentido de la vida. ¿Quién soy yo? ¿De dónde vengo? ¿Por qué he nacido en este momento de la historia? ¿Por qué amo? ¿Por qué sufro? ¿Por qué moriré? Para responder a estas preguntas, Dios se hizo hombre. Su cercanía trae luz donde hay tinieblas y muestra el camino a quienes habitan en la sombra del sufrimiento (Lucas 1:79)."

Podemos ir a la deriva por la vida evadiendo y reprimiendo estas cuestiones existenciales críticas de la vida. Podemos vivir a ciegas y superficialmente.

Nuestra creencia católica en la unidad de la Natividad y la Crucifixión, el Pesebre y la Cruz, Belén y el Gólgota, mantiene nuestras vidas centradas y enfocadas en las cosas que realmente cuentan en nuestro corto tiempo en la tierra - las Últimas Cosas (Muerte, Juicio, Cielo e Infierno) y una creencia en la Alegría Eterna del Cielo, nuestro verdadero hogar.

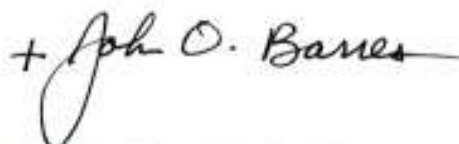
El Santo Padre sigue insistiendo en los asuntos existenciales: "La presencia de los pobres y de los humildes en el belén nos recuerda que Dios se hizo hombre por aquellos que se sienten más necesitados de su amor y que le piden que se acerque a ellos. Jesús, 'manso y humilde de corazón (Mateo 11:29), nació en la pobreza y llevó una vida sencilla para enseñarnos a reconocer lo esencial y a actuar en consecuencia. El belén nos enseña claramente que no podemos dejarnos engañar por la riqueza y las promesas efímeras de felicidad. Vemos el palacio de Herodes al fondo, cerrado y sordo a las noticias de alegría. Al nacer en un pesebre, Dios mismo lanza la única y verdadera revolución que puede dar esperanza y dignidad a los desheredados y marginados: la revolución del amor, la revolución de la ternura. Desde el pesebre, Jesús proclama, de manera mansa pero poderosa, la necesidad de compartir con los pobres como camino hacia un mundo más humano y fraterno en el que nadie sea excluido ni marginado.

Que nuestra oración, nuestra silenciosa contemplación y la creativa catequesis familiar del Pesebre nos ayude a ser los instrumentos de una revolución evangélica de humildad, caridad, misericordia, ternura y solidaridad con los enfermos, los pobres y los que sufren.

Que nuestro compromiso de "santidad y misión" bendiga nuestra escucha sinodal contemplativa y nuestro renacimiento eucarístico y de evangelización.

Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo para ustedes y sus familias!

Sinceramente en Cristo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Reverendísimo John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre

Schedule of Masses

Mass Schedule for week of December 20 thru 26

Weekday Masses

Monday December 20

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

Tuesday December 21

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

Wednesday December 22

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

Thursday December 23

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

Friday December 24

7:00 am - Fr. Nesly
12:10 pm - Fr. Tony
4:00 pm - Church - Fr. Rajan
4:00 pm - Chapel - Fr. Tony
5:30 pm - Church - Fr. Tony
8:00 pm - Code - Fr. Romulo
Midnight - Church - Fr. Tony
Midnight - Chapel - Fr. Rajan
Midnight - Code - Fr. Nesly

Weekend Schedule

Saturday December 25

Christmas Day

7:00 am - Fr. Rajan
8:30 am - Fr. Tony
9:30 am - Fr. Tony
10:00 am - Fr. Rajan
10:45 am - Fr. Tony
11:30 am - Fr. Rajan
1:30 pm - Fr. Nesly

Sunday December 26

7:00 am - Church - Fr. Rajan
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. Tony
12:15 pm - Chapel - Fr. Romulo
2:30 pm - Church - Fr. Nesly
6:00 pm - Chapel - Fr. Rajan

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