

# 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 26, 2021 The Feast of the Holy Family

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### Welcome to our Parish Family

#### Church Address:

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#### School Chapel Address

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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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## 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

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# Thank You!

## Collection Information -

Weekend Collection for 12/18 - 12/19: *Will be in next week's bulletin*

*Mail-Ins:*

*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

12/19	Victor LoGiudice	\$30
12/20	Lucia Hernandez	\$30
12/21	Alexandra Sununu	\$30
12/22	Sr. Maureen Chase	\$30
12/23	Frank T. Addey	\$30
12/24	Marilyn Moritz	\$30
12/25	Mason DaRocha	\$100



**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  
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**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.

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

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

*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. . .*

**Maria Levy**

## *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*



*Merry Christmas*

*from the St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope  
school community*



*The greatest Christmas gift of all  
was never placed beneath a tree.  
He lay in a manger for the entire world to see...*





# 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?

## January 2nd - The Epiphany

### Matthew 2:1-12

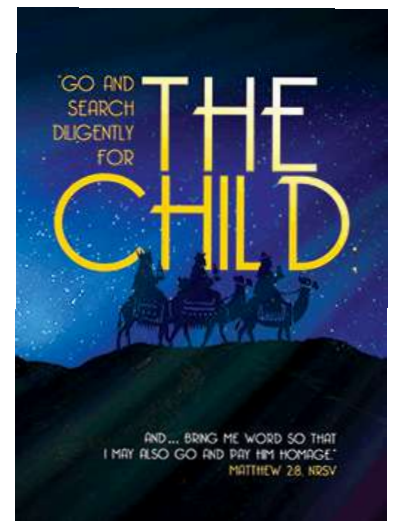
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
 in the days of King Herod,  
 behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"  
 We saw his star at its rising  
 and have come to do him homage."  
 When King Herod heard this,  
 he was greatly troubled,  
 and all Jerusalem with him.  
 Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,  
 he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.  
 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,  
 for thus it has been written through the prophet:  
 And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
 since from you shall come a ruler,  
 who is to shepherd my people Israel."  
 Then Herod called the magi secretly  
 and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.  
 He sent them to Bethlehem and said,  
 "Go and search diligently for the child.  
 When you have found him, bring me word,  
 that I too may go and do him homage."  
 After their audience with the king they set out.  
 And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,  
 until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.  
 They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
 and on entering the house  
 they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
 They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
 Then they opened their treasures  
 and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,  
 they departed for their country by another way.

## Gospel Reflection Questions

- Think of when the light of Christ has come to you in your darkness.
- Think of how you can be a star that leads others to Christ.
- Think of how the glory of the Lord shines on in you.

## Some Questions for Families & Children

- Think of how surprised the wise men were to find an important king in a stable lying in a manger.
- Think of how Joseph and Mary felt to receive such important visitors.



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Sunday  
Morning

# Savoring the messiness of it all

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## ***Feast of Mary, Mother of God!***

This Saturday, January 1st, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. As has been the tradition here at Saint Brigid, we will have a vigil Mass on December 31st at 5pm for the intention of world peace. On Saturday, January 1, we will have a 9am liturgy and also a multi-lingual liturgy at 11am in the Church. We pray, through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, that we may work more diligently to create a greater solidarity among all peoples.

## ***Thanks to all who made us merry and bright!***

Over the years, many people have diligently made our Church and School Chapel magnificent places of worship during the season of Christmas. I want to thank Jay Busch and all the volunteers who spent countless hours setting up our presepio. People come from all across Long Island to admire it - and I am so proud of our Church! I thank the members of the Westbury Knights of Columbus who once again have put up the outdoor creche both on the Church side and on the Parish Center side of Post Avenue. I thank Ana and Julie all who helped in the decoration of the Church and the members of the Spanish Community who worked so hard to beautify our school chapel. I thank Susan Porteus, Stephanie Clagnaz, Elissa Hanson, Alex Cipollone and the many members of our adult, children and "Rock Mass" choirs who sang so beautifully at the Masses for the English speaking community. Of course, all the choirs in the Spanish, Italian and Haitian community each added their notes to make this a Feliz Navidad, Buon Natale and Joyeux Noël, for all.

So what do we do the day after Christmas? When I was a child, the day after Christmas was so special - it was a time to dive into my toys, put together the miniature car racing set, strumming a tune on my horribly out-of-tune plastic guitar, playing another game of Chutes and Ladders with my brother Frankie, and staying in my pajamas all day long (or at least until we had to get dressed and go visit Aunt Nancy and Uncle Mike). It was a day of leisure and family bonding.

Perhaps many of you might be doing that today (well, maybe not the "Chutes and Ladders" activity). Perhaps today for you is a day of leisure, this Sunday after Christmas. And even going to Mass (again) and picking up this bulletin and even reading my column may not end up being among the listed activities of the day. So, having said that, I realize that even now I may be writing to a small audience. None the less (and without any Catholic guilt), I hope your day is filled with leisure and bonding.

I think there is much to be said about taking the time, the day after Christmas, to savor what the feast is all about. Incarnation - God takes on the messiness of human flesh with great passion and love. In many ways, my Christmas was messy. My homily wasn't anywhere near as inspiring as I would have liked it to be. My visit to my newly-widowed sister-in-law was perfunctory as I tried to muster the energy to be "merry and bright." And yes, I realized that some of the clothes I received for Christmas will only fit after a severe 2022 purge. Christmas is messy - it's never neat. But God embraces all the messiness -- he did over 2,000 years ago and he does so today -- in your home and in mine.

So, today I choose to savor the messiness of my life, knowing that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved. I will savor all the not-so-perfect relationships in my life knowing that Jesus is present in all of it. Today, the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family. When we think of the sinlessness of Jesus and Mary, the saintliness of Joseph, we immediately realize that the bar has been set very high. How can my very messy family possibly measure up to that standard of perfection? Yet, in the messiness of your family life, in all the imperfections that exist within you and the crazy collection of characters that make up your messy family, Jesus is there, smiling if not rocking back and forth with laughter. He's more than OK with the mess and wants to be included in every moment of drama and trauma that is part of your family. He wants you to relax and take in the wonder of it all. And in His smile, you too will learn how to savor the messiness of it all.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**It's HERE!**

**St. Brigid Parish Survey**

**COMPLETE REPORT**

*Father Tony is happy to bring you the COMPLETE REPORT based upon 413 responses to our Parish Survey - and thanks you for participating in our 2021 St. Brigid Parish Survey!*

Use the QR code below or to to <https://saintbrigid.net/survey>



## "Pot O' Gold" Super Bonanza Raffle

- \$25 per ticket
- 365 Winners per Year
- All tickets remain in the barrell 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](https://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 [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.

# *Journey to Bethlehem*

Take a journey of Faith and Commitment at the 30th year of St Brigid's Precepio located in the north transept of St Brigid Church. Travel with Mary and Joseph during Advent along the road in our "moving piece of art" from modern Westbury to 15th century Naples to Bethlehem passing a market, the Inn where the Holy Family was rejected, the Town Hall, a restaurant and local sights. See our beautiful Angel Tree with 26 angels and 30 cherubs inspired by the tree at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. There is no display exactly like it anywhere in the world with over 3000 pieces! Come each week until January 15th and take a beautiful faith journey! You will not be disappointed!

The materials, additions, repairs and upkeep for the Presepio creates additional expense for St. Brigid. Your donations keep the Presepio in fine condition each year. Please consider us and place your donation in the box next to the sign-in book or drop it off at the Parish Center. Your donations are very much appreciated. Volunteers to dismantle the display on January 15th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm are needed. Community service credit given to students. If you are interested call 516-334-0021



# 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](http://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

## Natividad Del Señor. 25 De Diciembre De 2021. "La Esperanza Se Hace Historia"

La Navidad es la celebración de nuestra esperanza en Cristo. En ella renovamos, cada año, nuestra creencia en que el Señor es el único liberador, Fuente de paz y de fraternidad en la Sociedad. Es el único que nos conduce a la reconciliación con Dios, en la cual se realizan sus promesas de paz y Felicidad.

Esta celebración no es el puro recuerdo histórico del Nacimiento de Cristo que inaugura esta esperanza, ni tan solo una mirada al porvenir: Cristo vendrá al fin de los tiempos a consumir nuestra liberación. Es sobre todo un mensaje para hoy: en Cristo, en su Evangelio y en su gracia que hoy nos son transmitidos por la Iglesia, tenemos a nuestra disposición las fuentes de la reconciliación con Dios y con nuestros hermanos, que está en la raíz de un hombre nuevo y de una nueva Sociedad. En el Espíritu de Cristo, que hoy habita los hombres y la historia, tenemos una garantía que la justicia y la paz pueden avanzar, aún en los medios extraños a la Iglesia visible.

A condición de que los cristianos y los hombres de Buena voluntad trabajemos en anticipar ese Reino cuyo signo es la Iglesia y cuyo dinamismo es el Espíritu. El cántico de los ángeles con que se termina el Evangelio de hoy es una invitación, siempre actual, en este sentido.

Las circunstancias históricas del Nacimiento de Cristo no son solo una crónica: envuelven una enseñanza que no puede separarse del mensaje de Navidad. La forma en que Jesús vino al mundo es parte de este mensaje. Es criterio para entender nuestra esperanza,

y disponernos para recibir la gracia de Jesús que viene.

Cristo nace como un pobre, entre las pajas de un establo: no había otro lugar para Él en Belén. La salvación se revela a los pobres. Los pastores son símbolo de los sencillos y humildes, a quienes Cristo se revela. Desde entonces, la actitud del pobre es necesaria para mantener la Esperanza y para entrar en el Reino. Para reconocer a Cristo que viene revestido de debilidad y pobreza, en los signos que nos trasmite la Iglesia, en el Espíritu que habita la historia.

El niño Dios pone en crisis nuestro modo de ser hombres; nos interpela y nos pide que revisemos nuestra relación con nuestros hermanos, con la vida y con nuestros hermanos, con la vida y con nuestro modo de concebirla. Donde hay amor, surge la luz; donde hay odio, el mundo queda en la oscuridad. En el pesebre de Belén aparece la gran luz que el mundo espera.

Jesús vino al mundo indefenso, desnudo, pobre, para enseñarnos que debemos despojarnos de nuestro orgullo y egoísmo, para que no le tengamos miedo y lo consideremos nuestro hermano y nuestra riqueza. Tomemos la mano que el niño Jesús nos tiende; es una mano que no nos quiere arrebatar nada, sino brindarnos mucho amor; todos necesitamos de Él. Acojámoslo con alegría. Deseándeles una felices navidades con un año lleno de Dios y de salud para todos y comencemos con Jesús de nuestras manos.

### 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 Piñero*  
(516-334-0021, X333)

O visítarla en la Oficina Parroquial

# Mass Intentions

## Mass Intentions for week beginning December 27

### Monday - December 27

7:00 am - Souls in Purgatory

12:10 pm - Kevin Preiss

### Tuesday - December 28

7:00 am - James & Kristen Bryceland

12:10 pm - Mariamma Chandy & Mathew Chandy

### Wednesday - December 29

7:00 am - Happy Birthday Luke VanVorst

12:10 pm - Ann Masciarelli

### Thursday - December 30

7:00 am - Stephen Muzzonigro (Living)

12:10 pm - Joseph Alfieri

### Friday - December 31 New Years Eve

7:00 am - Martha Bologna

12:10 pm - Hugh Coyle

5:00 pm - Dominick Barbera

### Saturday - January 1 New Years Day

9:00 am - Novena Mass - Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

### Sunday - January 2

7:00 am - Church (English) - Christina & Onofrio Zeolla

8:00 am - Chapel (Spanish) -

8:30 am - Church (Italian) - Frank Stanganelli, Agostino Abbatiello, Caterina & Andrea Buffolino, Francesca Posillico

9:30 am - Chapel (English) - Mary Hickey (In Thanksgiving)

10:00 am - Church (English) - Rafael Delossantos, Capt. Edward McGrath, Mary Catherine Walsh, Wilfredo C.

Kwan, Joseph Gionfriddo, Catherine & Robert Smith (Health)

10:45 am - Chapel (Spanish)

11:30 am Church (English) - Jay Bartolomei

12:15 pm - Chapel (Spanish) -

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

6:00 pm - Chapel (Rock Mass) - Jeanne Dirr (Living)

*For the Week of December 25th  
Bread & Wine is dedicated in  
loving memory of  
Ronald Cavallaro  
from Schlaich Family*

*Liturgical Candles are dedicated in  
loving memory of  
Monsignor John Martin  
from Mike & Janice Cunningham*

IN OUR  
Thoughts and Prayers





# *Kominote Ayisyén*

## *Haitian-American Apostolate*

### **Haitian Community, Holly Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Aujourd'hui l'Eglise célèbre la fête de la Sainte Famille : Jésus, Marie et Joseph. La première lecture nous montre Anne qui, par ses prières incessantes, a reçu de Dieu un fils, Samuel. Elle l'emmène dans le sanctuaire pour le consacrer au service du Seigneur.

La seconde lecture nous rappelle que nous sommes fils de Dieu, nous appartenons à une seule et même famille humaine et membre de la famille de Dieu.

L'Evangile nous montre que dans la Sainte famille tout n'a pas été simple. Elle a connu des épreuves et des difficultés. De très tôt, à 12 ans, Marie et Joseph souffrent de la disparition de Jésus. Ils le cherchent, et trois jours plus tard le retrouvent dans le Temple au milieu des docteurs. Marie et Joseph sont stupéfaits et ne comprennent pas comment il a pu prendre une telle initiative. A partir de là, Jésus leur a montré qu'il n'est plus un enfant mais un homme mûr. Il s'est manifesté d'une manière différente de ce qu'on attendait de lui. Marie et Joseph ont accepté l'évolution de sa personnalité.

L'Evangile nous dit que Jésus grandissait physiquement, mais aussi en sagesse et en grâce devant Dieu et devant les hommes. Comme Marie et Joseph, comme Anne, nous sommes invités à grandir malgré tout dans la confiance en Dieu qui nous traite comme ses enfants et à nous aimer les uns les autres comme membres d'une même famille.

Dans chaque famille, aujourd'hui, chaque personne est invitée à révéler la profondeur de son identité, la richesse de sa mission, la singularité de son projet, dans un climat de bienveillance, de compréhension et d'amour.

Que l'Esprit de la Sainte famille pénètre, inspire et renouvelle nos familles pour qu'elles soient des lieux de vie partagée, considérée et célébrée dans l'amour, au quotidien. Seigneur, donne à nos familles la force de croire qu'un avenir est toujours possible par la force de l'amour.

Bonne fête à chacun de vous.

- 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 27 thru January 2*

### *Weekday Masses*

#### **Monday December 27**

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

#### **Tuesday December 28**

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

#### **Wednesday December 29**

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

#### **Thursday December 30**

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

#### **Friday December 31**

#### **Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

5:00 pm - (English) - Church

### *Weekend Schedule*

#### **Saturday January 1**

#### **New Years Day**

9:00 am Mass (English) - Church  
11:00 am Multi-lingual Concelebrated Mass - Church

#### **Sunday January 2**

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

