

# 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*

## January 2, 2022 The Epiphany

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

### Welcome to our Parish Family

#### Church Address:

85 Post Avenue, Westbury NY 11590

#### School Chapel Address

101 Maple Avenue, Westbury

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E-mail: [parish1@saintbrigid.net](mailto:parish1@saintbrigid.net)

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).



# Directory of the Pastoral Staff

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Roberto Fernandez

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

# Parish Ministries Coordinators

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<b>Choir</b> (Adult English) 334-0021 ext.311 Susan Porteus	<b>Ministry to Catholics of African Ancestry</b> -334-0021 Charles Givens - <a href="mailto:caa@saintbrigid.net">caa@saintbrigid.net</a>
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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
<b>Durazzano Society</b>	<b>Saint Anthony Society</b> Phyllis Caggiano - 796-2928
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> 516-850-9287 Robert Schlaich Grand Knight	<b>Veterans of Foreign War</b> Joe Pascarella Jr. - 516-807-8226
<b>Maria SS Dell'Assunta Society</b> Glen Ullo - 516-790-1811	<b>Westbury Senior Citizens</b> Paul Ragusa-Schweitzer -334-5886

# Thank You!

## Collection Information -

Weekend Collection for 12/18 - 12/19: \$17,265

*Mail-Ins: \$1,698*

*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

12/26	Judith Ann Digabrielle Iannotti	\$30
12/27	Madison P. Quinn	\$30
12/28	Robert N. Fazio	\$30
12/29	Ed Moritz	\$30
12/30	Donohue Family	\$30
12/31	Fr. Tony	\$100



**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 !**

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



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

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

*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. . .*

**Arianna Barahona, Diane Banks, Judith Marie Tripp and Patricia M. Larkin**

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

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



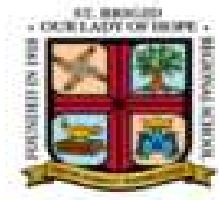
**We have refreshed our Military Prayer List.**

**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



Our school families had so much fun gathering for our  
**Breakfast with Santa!**





# 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 9th - The Baptism of the Lord Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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."

After all the people had been baptized  
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove.  
And a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."



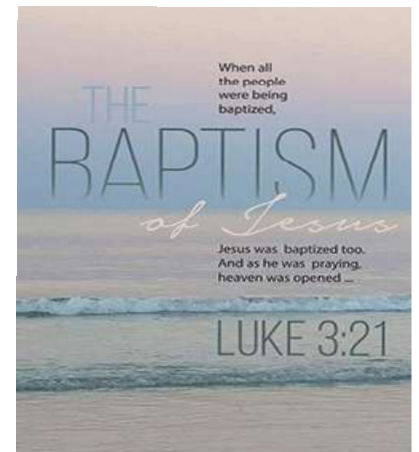
John baptizes with water, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Although Jesus was baptized with water as were the others, it is after he comes out of the water that He is filled with the Holy Spirit and hears the voice of His father. At that time, Jesus' life is changed forever. When do we hear the voice of God speak to us, telling us of His love for us? If we just listen and allow the Holy Spirit to descend upon us we could recognize God's presence in us and know how we can best serve God.

## Gospel Reflection Questions

- Think of how you can live justly and devoutly in today's times.
- Think of how you have been transformed by the Holy Spirit.
- Think of a time when you felt that you were God's beloved child.

## Some Questions for Families & Children

- Think of how you see yourself doing the work of God.
- Think of some things you can do to be a servant of God.



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Sunday  
Morning

# Was it worth the effort?

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

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## **Important work to be done in the Church**

In the course of the past six years, much work has been done in our beautiful Church - work of restoration, preservation, energy efficient heating and air-conditioning. I am thankful for the generosity of many who have allowed us to successfully accomplish these goals during the time of my pastorate here. One final work that has become most critically necessary is the updating of our fire alarm system in the Church. The outdated system has become virtually non-functional for years. The new system that will be installed promises not only to be functional but easily able to be maintained and serviced in the future.

Through the distribution made to the parish through the Millennium Fund, we have hired the work of Sentry Alarm to install a new fire alarm system in the Church. To accomplish this task in an efficient and timely manner, we need to close the Church building while work is being done Monday through Friday. Therefore, during the work week of January 10 - 14, January 17 - 21 and January 24 - 28, the Church will be closed for this important work. Daily Masses and the sacrament of reconciliation will take place in Saint Anthony's Hall. Funeral liturgies will take place in our neighboring parishes (with our parish priests making themselves available for those liturgies).

We thank you for your understanding and apologize for the inconvenience this might bring about - but the work is critical and most necessary!

Today's feast, the feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the Christmas season. This might be the day that many of you begin the process of getting the boxes down from the attic, taking down the tree and the decorations and carefully storing away everything for next year. The gifts are put away, needed exchanges have been done, and perhaps one last look through the Christmas cards to cherish who remembered you this year. Perhaps the question might arise in your heart, "Was all this worth the effort?"

I wonder if that was a question that the Magi, the astrologers from the East, asked themselves after their departure from bringing their gifts to the Christ Child. The heralding of the event seemed portentous enough - a star had arisen announcing the birth of a King. The journey was arduous, traveling amidst caravans with the ever-present concern about meeting bands of robbers along the way. The reception given them by the reigning monarch, King Herod, was barely polite as the king was visibly disturbed by the news that had motivated the Magi to make this perilous journey in the first place. And then there was the strange dream telling them not to return to Herod, not to share the news, but scurry back to their native land by a different route. Imagine if, somewhere on the way back to their native land, the astrologers asked each other, "What was that all about? Was it worth the effort?"

Most times, I believe, we really do not have the perspective to rightly answer that question. It is not often that our efforts are acknowledged and celebrated. We often times do not get the opportunity to see the long term effects of our labors. Many times we are not even sure how to measure what the "success" of our efforts would look like or how we would measure it. In the end, the question comes down to this: can we believe that the Lord honors every effort that we have ever made in our lifetime?

Today's feast day might remind us that all of us are called to be on a journey to honor the presence of Christ in this world, the presence of Christ in each other. All journeys involve sacrifice, call us to be stretched at times beyond our limitations, and even push against the resistance in hearing that negative inner voice saying, "Why bother? No one really cares." Can we have the faith to realize that the work we do, the sacrifices we make, the perseverance to push past every obstacle, is all our response to His invitation in the first place? Wasn't it He who said, "Do this in memory of me?" He who has set us upon this journey will be the One to bless us in the end.



# 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 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](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 [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.

# *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 de-

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



# Comunidad Hispana de Santa Brigida

## Fiesta De La Epifanía Del Señor. O De Reyes. ¿Iluminamos Con Nuestra Vida?

Epifanía significa manifestación de Dios a todos los hombres y a todos los pueblos. El gesto de adoración de los sabios de Oriente ante el niño Dios es de gratitud por los dones recibidos. Hay que tener la humildad de estos sabios, dejando de lado la utosuficiencia y el orgullo. “nunca un hombre es tan grande como cuando está de rodillas, agradece y adora”. No podrán celebrar la Epifanía los soberbios que, como herodes, no saben dirigir la mirada al cielo y por tanto no pueden apreciar las manifestaciones de Dios en su vida.

El oro, el incienso y la mirra son signos del amor y de la fe de los sabios de Oriente. Ellos ofrecieron lo mejor que tenían. La fe es compromiso, no bastan los sentimientos; es necesario ofrecer a Dios y a nuestros hermanos todo lo que somos y tenemos; hay que dar de lo que nos cuesta y no de lo que nos sobra, evitando así la mediocridad y la superficialidad. Para ver las estrellas que nos orientan es necesario ponerse en camino, como aquellos sabios, salir de nosotros mismos, sacrificarnos, dejar nuestras falsas seguridades, nuestros “altares” secretos, para ir al encuentro de nuestros hermanos. Si nuestros ojos están fijos sólo en nosotros mismos, no podremos ver ninguna Estrella, o veremos sólo aquellas que brillan en nuestro mundo, pero que no salvan y cuya luz se extingue.

En nuestro caminar hay siempre dudas y oscuridad, pero hay acontecimientos maravillosos que nos llenan de alegría. La satisfacción del éxito y del deber cumplido, la culminación de una Carrera, la ar-

monía en el matrimonio, Volver a ver a una persona querida, una reconciliación, una Amistad verdadera, son estrellas que nos van orientando, iluminando y animando en nuestro camino.

El regreso de los Magos por otro camino, significa el cambio de vida que nos dispone a la fe; el encuentro con Dios hoy significa deseo de cambio, de seguir por sus caminos de libertad, de amor, lejos del poder y de la tiranía de tantos Herodes y esclavitudes.

La luz de Cristo nos debe iluminar siempre. Todas las cosas adquieren su verdadera dimensión sólo a la luz del Evangelio. Ojalá nuestros, hermanos encuentren en nosotros un poco de luz, un tanto más de humanidad, un poco más de calor y cercanía, algo más de generosidad y menos indiferencia. Si hallan en nosotros un poco de luz nos convertiríamos en la Estrella que necesitan para dirigirse hacia Dios. Entonces Dios no se habrá manifestado en vano.

Dice Benedicto XVI: “No hay sombra, por más densa que sea, que pueda oscurecer la luz de Cristo. Por eso, los que creen en Cristo mantienen siempre la esperanza, también hoy, ante la gran crisis social y económica que aflige a la humanidad; ante el odio y la violencia destructora que no dejan de ensangrentar a muchas regiones de la tierra; ante el egoísmo y la pretensión del hombre de erigirse como Dios de sí mismo, que a veces lleva a peligrosas alteraciones del plan divino sobre la vida y la dignidad del ser humano, sobre la familia y la armonía de la creación”.

### 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 January 3

### Monday - January 3

7:00 am - Maria & Pasquale Campagnuolo

12:10 pm - Frank Stanganelli

### Tuesday - January 4

7:00 am - Michele D'Alessandro

12:10 pm - Fidel Bianchi

### Wednesday - January 5

7:00 am - Marilyn Peterkin

12:10 pm - Albert Fraser

7:30 pm -

### Thursday - January 6

7:00 am - Vincent Brennan

12:10 pm - Victor & Frances Cartelli

### Friday - January 7

7:00 am - Giovanni Esposito

12:10 pm - Maura Brennan

### Saturday - January 8

8:00 am - Novena Mass -

5:00 pm - Church (English) Sister Domitilla Martone

7:00 pm - Church (Spanish) Pedro Leston

### Sunday - January 9

7:00 am - Church (English) - Annamarie Zeolla

8:00 am - Chapel (Spanish) -

8:30 am - Church (Italian) - Frank Stanganelli, Vittorio Magnone, Sante & Assunta Mammone, Giovanna, Francesca Posillico

9:30 am - Chapel (English) - Olga Cumella

10:00 am - Church (English) - Madeline Venuti, Jim & Robert Schubach, Bruce Jorglewich, Mary Rafferty

Malitzis, Martha Armbrust

10:45 am - Chapel (Spanish)

11:30 am Church (English) - Father James Hansen (Birthday)

12:15 pm - Chapel (Spanish) -

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

6:00 pm - Chapel (Rock Mass) - Emily Pranzo

*For the Week of January 1st  
Bread & Wine is dedicated in  
loving memory of  
Yolanda Tallini  
from Saint Pio Prayer Group*

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 Community, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.**

Frères et soeurs, aujourd'hui, l'Eglise célèbre la fête de l'Epiphanie. C'est la fête de la mission, de l'ouverture et de la solidarité. Le prophète Isaïe dans la première lecture nous dit: "Lève les yeux et regarde. Dieu est à l'oeuvre dans le monde. Il agit dans le coeur des hommes, il oriente notre vie, nourrit des espérances, soutient des choix, rapproche des personnes qui ne se connaissent pas. Oui, Dieu est à l'oeuvre, dans la discrétion, le silence, la simplicité, l'inattendu. Il se manifeste dans l'ordinaire.

Saint Paul dans la deuxième lecture, il nous invite à accueillir la richesse du don de Dieu révélé en Jésus Christ. Nous avons, les uns et les autres, à partir de nos situations particulières, à faire corps avec lui, à nous laisser rejoindre par le Christ, à le laisser investir des espaces de notre personne qui ne sont pas encore offerts à sa lumière, à son action, à son amour.

Cet Evangile des mages annonce le destin de Jésus. Il est envoyé pour tous. Il attire à lui non seulement les bergers qui lui étaient proches mais aussi des hommes éloignés. Il les attire en leur inspirant l'initiative d'entreprendre un long voyage pour venir lui offrir leurs dons.

Cette fête nous fait comprendre lorsqu'un homme cherche véritablement le seigneur, il peut parfois lui arriver de se trouver dans le brouillard, de ne pas savoir exactement ce qu'il lui faut faire, en quelle direction aller. Mais, si malgré toutes les difficultés, il poursuit sa recherche, à un certain moment, il verra toutes choses s'illuminer, il verra réapparaître l'étoile, il verra la lumière et alors son coeur éprouvera une très grande joie.

Oui, frères et soeurs, Jésus compte sur nous pour éclairer, faciliter, rendre possible et attirer vers lui, dans la liberté ceux qui paraissent les plus éloignés.

Frères et soeurs, laissons le Christ entreprendre et mener à bonne fin l'oeuvre engagé dans chacune de nos vies.

- 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 samedì nan mwa yo. Fòk nou pa bliye ke lè nap chwazi marenn ak parenn yo, fòk yo se katolik, epi fòk yo konnen vini legliz. Pou nou ka pran randevou Sr.Cécilia rele li nan nimerò sa yo 516 334-0021, ext. 357 or 516 333-8795.

- Chak samdi swa apati 7h PM nou genyen "lapriyè karismatik" nan chapèl lekòl St.Brigid la. Chak dezyèm samedì lapriyè karismatik la ak 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 samedì nan chak mwa, "asosye Monfoten" gen lames nan "Shrine Our lady of Island", Eastport ak tout mamb yo a 2h PM. Tout fidèl yo invite tou. Nap tan nou tout.

