



Saint Brigid's

Roman Catholic Church



The First Sunday of Advent

27 November 2022

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Welcome! FR. MICHAEL PLONA

My name is Fr. Michael Plona, a native of Long Island and your new associate at St. Brigid's. Some of you may remember me from the summer of 2014 when as a seminarian I was assigned to St. Brigid's. A lot has changed in my life since then, not the least of which being my ordination as well as my commission in the Navy Reserves as a chaplain. I am actually taking on this new assignment at St. Brigid's while also taking on a new job in the Navy Reserve, chaplain to 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines headquartered in nearby Garden City. I will be coming to you all just after completing my Navy Chaplain training in Newport, RI, where I have been since September.

In my attempt at trying to follow the Lord's call in my life I have been brought to many places I never would have expected. Life has taken many twists and turns and now it has taken me to Westbury. The one thing that has remained consistent, and indeed has only grown is my relationship with Jesus. It's remarkable really how much can and does change in our lives, things that are totally outside of our control, yet in the midst of so much change, the Lord desires to walk beside us and bring us deeper into abundant life. It is my desire to lead souls to this deeper relationship with Jesus as I begin this time with you all in Westbury as I continue to try to follow Him myself. Let us pray for one another and walk this journey together, confident in the adventure that Christ has laid before us.



THE PASTOR'S POST

Keeping Advent

Dear Parish Family,

In 2012, I started a new assignment as the Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lindenhurst. My pastor was Msgr. Joseph DeGrococo. He taught me as a seminarian and is definitely one of the reasons I am priest today. You may also say he rubbed off on me in a number of ways, particularly in the areas of liturgy and pastoral leadership. I'm a better priest for having been taught by him and have served with him for four years.

Msgr. Joe lives and breathes the liturgical life of the Church, which can sometimes put him at odds with the norms and ways of everyday life. One area Msgr. Joe was very serious about was the celebration of Advent and he made sure we all knew it. For example, Christmas decorations were not permitted until December 16th when the *O Antiphons* began. He challenged the parish and the staff to really enter into Advent. He was not a Christmas hater in any way. He believed that a good, well-prayed Advent would lead to a fuller and deeper Christmas. Now, of course, we did not always respond so well and the sarcasm could quickly come alive. As staff members and friends of Msgr. Joe, we would often tease about the Advent lights we were hanging or the Advent cookies being baked or even taking some time to write out Advent cards.

You know what, though? He is absolutely right.

My years living with Msgr. Joe in the seminary and in that assignment awakened my own spiritual awareness and sensitivity to this important season. The Church calls us to pray in a certain way in these four weeks so that we not only celebrate Christmas day in a more fulfilling way, but allow the Incarnation to transform us. Advent calls us to look at the days that lead to Bethlehem (the final nine days or so of Advent) while also considering the eternal life Jesus

opens up for us. You can see the liturgical link between the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of Advent.

This is not easy and a balance is needed. At a recent Comité meeting with the leaders of the Spanish community, we spoke about when to put out the Nativity scene in the Chapel. I said, "December 23 or early December 24". I thought there might be a

revolution around the table. It's going on earlier than those dates. As I write this, I just walked through the Presepio in the Church. So clearly there are signs of Christmas in these days and weeks. This is not bad and often comes with some beautiful cultural and devotional history.

With all of this, I hope, we can work hard to "keep Advent". It is not easy, for sure. I believe Msgr. Joe and the Church are right. A well-prayed Advent

that permits us to enter the silence and "holy darkness" of Advent will help us to more fully appreciate the mystery of the Incarnation - God becoming "in flesh" for us at Christmas.

So please try to make some time this Advent. Don't give in so quickly. Can you make some time for some silence each day - even visiting the Church more regularly? What about reading a spiritual book over these next four weeks? How about getting involved in a ministry in the life of our parish? Maybe consider praying the Liturgy of the Hours (you can visit divineoffice.org) through Advent? Keep thinking and praying - learning more and more about how you might actively prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Ok - time for me to get working on those Advent cards. :)

If you can, please say a prayer for me.



Featherman



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Querida Familia Parroquial,

En 2012, comencé una nueva asignación como pastor asociado de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro en Lindenhurst. Mi pastor fue Mons. José DeGrocco. Me enseñó como seminarista y definitivamente es una de las razones por las que soy sacerdote hoy. También puedo decir que me contagié de varias maneras, particularmente en el área de liturgia y liderazgo pastoral. Soy mejor sacerdote por haber sido instruido por él y haber servido con él durante cuatro años.

Monseñor Joe vive y respira la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia, lo que a veces puede ponerlo en desacuerdo con las normas y formas de la vida cotidiana. Un área la cual Monseñor Joe se tomó muy en serio, fue la celebración del Adviento y se aseguró de que todos lo supiéramos. Por ejemplo, las decoraciones navideñas no se permitían hasta el 16 de diciembre cuando comenzaban las Antífonas. Retó a la parroquia y al personal a entrar realmente en el Adviento. Él no era un enemigo de la Navidad de cualquier manera. Creía que un buen Adviento bien rezado conduciría a una Navidad más plena y profunda. Ahora, por supuesto, no siempre respondíamos tan bien y el sarcasmo cobraba vida rápidamente. Como miembros del personal y amigos de Mons. Joe, a menudo nos burlábamos de las luces de Adviento que colgábamos o de las galletas de Adviento que se horneaban o incluso de tomarnos un tiempo para escribir las tarjetas de Adviento.

¿Sabes qué, sin embargo? Tenía toda la razón.

Mis años viviendo con Mons. Joe en el seminario y en esa asignación despertaron mi propia conciencia espiritual y sensibilidad para esta importante temporada. La Iglesia nos llama a orar de cierta manera en estas cuatro semanas para que no solo celebremos el día de Navidad de una manera más plena, sino que permitamos que la Encarnación nos transforme. El Adviento nos llama a mirar los días que conducen a Belén (los últimos nueve días de Adviento)

al mismo tiempo que consideramos la vida eterna que Jesús abre para nosotros. Puedes ver el vínculo litúrgico entre el final del año litúrgico y el comienzo del Adviento.

Esto no es fácil y se necesita un equilibrio. En una reunión reciente con el Comité de líderes de la comunidad hispana, hablamos sobre cuándo colocar el nacimiento en la Capilla. Dije, "23 de diciembre o principios del 24 de diciembre". Pensé que habría una revolución alrededor de la mesa. Mientras escribo esto, acabo de caminar por el Presépio de la Iglesia. Así que claramente hay signos de Navidad en estos días y semanas. Esto no es malo y a menudo viene con una hermosa historia cultural y devocional.

Con todo esto, espero, podamos trabajar arduamente para "mantener el Adviento". No es fácil, claro que no. Yo creo Mons. Joe y la Iglesia tienen razón. Un Adviento bien rezado que nos permita entrar en el

silencio y en las "santas tinieblas" del Adviento nos ayudará a apreciar más plenamente el misterio de la Encarnación: Dios hecho "carne" para nosotros en Navidad.

Así que por favor traten de apartar un poco de tiempo en este Adviento. No te rindas tan rápido. ¿Puedes estar en un momento de silencio cada día, tal vez visitar la Iglesia con más frecuencia? ¿Qué tal si lees un libro espiritual durante los próximos cuatro meses? ¿Qué tal involucrarse en un ministerio en la vida de nuestra parroquia? ¿Quizás consideren rezar la Liturgia de las Horas (pueden visitar Divineoffice.org) durante el Adviento? Siga pensando y orando, aprendiendo más y más acerca de cómo puede prepararse activamente para la venida de Cristo en Navidad.

Bien, es hora de que me ponga a trabajar en esas tarjetas de Adviento. :)

Si puedes, por favor ora por mí.



Father Joe

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Advent

Our new liturgical year begins this weekend with the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. Here are some things for your consideration:

- As we begin the new liturgical year, we will hear from the Gospel of Matthew most weeks as we begin using the Year A readings in the liturgical cycle.
- Each week, we will offer a different blessing of the Church for you (and/or your family to pray. Please make use of these blessings at home - whether you are a family of one or one hundred.
- During the season of Advent (and the season of Lent), the Gloria is not said or sung at Masses. It creates a sense of anticipation. Store up your fervor for the Vigil of Christmas or Christmas Day.
- Look for some opportunities to grow deeper in the dark and quiet times of Advent. Take some quiet time in the Church, visit the Presepio, commit to an hour of adoration each week, pray for those we will serve in these holidays, come early to Mass or join a ministry or prayer group and so much more. Do not do these things to “do” things. Rather, enter them hoping to create a deeper space for Christ to dwell.
- **Advent Reconciliation.** In addition to our regular confession times, we will have an Advent Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 19, 2022. More information to follow. Of course you can always contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of our priests. Please do your best to receive the Sacrament in the Church during one of our regular times or on the Day of Confession on December 19th.

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Advent

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Then, a member of the family lights the first Advent candle. Another member of the family says following prayer:

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings*

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

ST. ANTHONY HALL + 85 POST AVENUE

St. Brigid's Office will be open for business



Monday -- Friday:

12 Noon to 8 p.m.



Saturday and Sunday:

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Parish Office will be open **by appointment only** before 12 Noon during the week.

New Chairs in the Church!

New chairs with arms to assist with getting up are now by the Mary Altar, the Baptismal Font and the Tree of Life for those who may find them helpful.



THE PRESEPIO

Advent and Christmas at St. Brigid's



Take a journey of Faith and Commitment at the 28th presentation of St Brigid's Presepio located in the north transept of St Brigid's Church. Travel with Mary and Joseph during Advent along the road in our "moving piece of art" from modern Westbury to 17th 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 day until January 13th and take a beautiful faith journey! You will not be disappointed!



OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional Catholic School
101 Maple Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590 + 516.333.0580
Mr. Paul Clagnaz, Principal*



PARISH OUTREACH THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our school community has been collecting food for the Parish Outreach Thanksgiving Food Drive. Mrs. Hartel's 7th graders, along with their Prayer Buddies in Mrs. Marconi's 3rd grade class, have been conducting the drive at school. This is one small way that we, as a school family, can help build the Kingdom of God here in our community!



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Praising God - Praying Together!

a night in bethlehem

Next Sunday, December 4, 2022

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. + Code Auditorium

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in the time of Jesus' birth? Come and find out and see the:

- The census card Joseph received
- Visit the stable where Jesus was born
- Meet the wise men
- See the various markets in Jesus' time
- End in the Bethlehem Bakery!



All children must be accompanied by an adult. A free will offering and donation to the Parish Outreach Food Pantry is requested.

For more information, email frontdesk@saintbrigid.net or call 516.334.0021



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CATHOLICS OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY



National Black Catholic History Month

St. Martin de Porres



IN 1990, NOVEMBER WAS DESIGNATED BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH BY THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CLERGY CAUCUS. IN COMMEMORATION, EACH WEEK WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME INFORMATION ABOUT NOTABLE CATHOLICS OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY.

St Martin de Porres is the fourth in our November series of notable Catholics of African ancestry.

This month marks the 383th anniversary of the death of St. Martin de Porres. His life was difficult from the beginning. He was the son of a Spaniard and a freed Panamanian slave. His African heritage made him the object of ridicule and scorn. His father deserted the family leaving Martin, his mother, and his sister to fend for themselves. Martin had only a few years of primary school before he was apprenticed to a barber. He remained the object of societal abuse. Miserable from the constant taunting, Martin found refuge in solitude and prayer. By law as a person of obvious mixed race, he was not permitted to join a religious community, but he found comfort in the long hours he spent in prayer.

Eventually he found a solution to his misery. When he was 15, he asked the Dominicans of Holy Rosary Priory in Lima to accept him as a volunteer servant to do the most undesirable tasks. They allowed him to wear the habit and live within the monastic community. Working hard and praying fervently, Martin moved from the position of servant to that of church officer in charge of distributing money to the poor. He did this willingly and more, He worked as a barber, kitchen aide and laundryman. He continued to pray tirelessly and was said to have special grace with animals.

After eight years of devoted service, he was allowed to take his vows as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic by the prior Juan de Lorenza who ignored racial restrictions. By the age of 24 he became a Dominican brother. He worked often with the sick. Many cures were attributed to his ministrations. He also founded an orphanage for children and slaves.

At the age of sixty, Martin became very ill for a long time. After a year, he died. Martin never let racial discrimination make him too bitter to pray or to serve his fellow man. Martin stayed the course until those who scorned him became those who revered him. There is a lesson we can learn from his experience.

To learn more about the Ministry to Catholics of African Ancestry, e-mail caa@saintbrigid.net or click on the QR code here.





COMUNIDAD HISPANA DE SANTA BRÍGIDA

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

CASA MARY JOHANNA

1-516-334-0021 Ext.362

Yanira Chacon, Directora

¿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?

Presente un documento de su país de origen.
(Pasaporte, acta de nacimiento ó tarjeta de elector).

Se agradece una donación.

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Sabado 7:00 pm Iglesia

Domingo 8:00 am Capilla

10:45 am Capilla

12:15 pm Capilla

Miercoles Misa a las 7:30 pm en la Iglesia.

Por favor, traiga comida no percedera a la misa y depositela en la canasta que esta disponible.

EL CENTRO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Inscripciones para Catecismo y Primera Comuni3n, para mayor informaci3n favor llamar al tel #334-0021 ext. #355 (espa3ol)

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS

“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.

Que Dios le bendiga por su generosidad.

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Catholic High Schools Help St. Brigid's!



Thank you to the students of Kellenberg Memorial High School and Holy Trinity Diocesan High School for their incredibly sized donations of food for our food pantry. If your school or organization would like to support Parish Outreach, please contact Yanira Chicon at yanira@saintbrigid.net or call 516.334.0021



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Thank you to the many hands and hearts who helped to prepare, distribute, and even deliver Thanksgiving meals for nearly 250 families!



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We are here to serve and care for you!

If you're struggling with something and not sure where to turn, please turn to St. Brigid's. We may not be able to address all concerns but will do our best to help and/or refer you for additional support. Our Parish provides confidential support and assistance. Immigration concerns, food insecurity, serious illness, economic problems, mental health concerns and many others are issues we may all face at different times in our lives.

Si tiene problemas con algo y no está seguro de a dónde acudir, diríjase a St. Brigid's. Es posible que no podamos abordar todas las inquietudes, pero haremos todo lo posible para ayudarlo y/o recomendarlo para obtener asistencia adicional. La oficina de ayuda provee apoyo y ayuda confidencialmente.

Las preocupaciones de inmigración, la inseguridad alimentaria, las enfermedades graves, los problemas económicos, los problemas de salud mental y muchos otros son problemas que todos podemos enfrentar en diferentes momentos de nuestras vidas.

PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

These are the items our pantry is in particular need of this week. You can drop them off at the Schaefer Center or leave them at the doors of the Church or Chapel.

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Beets
- Chicken or Beef Broth
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- If donating food to the pantry via delivery, the address is 75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY

Our Parish Outreach program, located in the Father Schaefer Outreach Building, provides a range of social services for people of the local community.

Address:

75 Post Avenue,
Westbury NY 11590
516.334.0021

**DIRECTOR OF
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Hours of operation:

Monday	4:30p - 7p
Tue. & Wed.	10:30a - 12p 1p - 3p
Thursday	10:30a - 12p 4:30p - 7p
Friday	10:30a - 12p

Outreach Coat Drive

Please donate new and gently used coats to Parish Outreach in the days ahead. Coats may be dropped off at the **Outreach Center** (75 Post Avenue) or **St. Anthony Hall** (85 Post Avenue, see revised hours).



If you are interested in help with the coat drive and/or possibly interested in opening a thrift shop, please contact Fr. John at fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net or call 516.334.0021.

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Gift Cards **NEEDED!**



Outreach is in need of \$25.00 Gift Cards to Stop and Shop, Food Bazaar, Bravo, or Fine Fare for Thanksgiving.

Outreach is in need \$25.00 gift cards to Walmart, Target, and the above food stores for Christmas.

Please place your gift cards in the weekly collection, or drop at St. Anthony Hall or the Outreach Center. Thank you for your help!

LISTENING DEVICES AVAILABLE

As part of the new sound system in the Church, listening devices are available for your use. The clip **over your ear** and are very easy to use.

If you wish to use one, please see one of our sacristans before Mass begins.

If you'd prefer not to hear the priest...



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to assist with our Christmas Sponsor - A - Family. Help is needed throughout the week of December 13. The times are still to be determined. If you would like to volunteer, contact Yanira Chacon at 516.334.0021 or e-mail to yanira@saintbrigid.net

If you are interested in a sponsoring a family directly please also contact Yanira at the phone or email above.





Get Real!



GO FORTH. GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE.

The Catholic Church in the United States is seeking to address a serious issue in our Church - a lack of belief and understanding of the REAL presence of Jesus in Christ in the Eucharist. So in the years ahead, we will be called to reflect upon our own understanding of the risen and glorified Christ in the Eucharist. This starts in our understanding of the celebration of the liturgy, and most especially, the Mass. In the weeks ahead, we will publish parts of Pope Francis' recent letter about the liturgy entitled, *Desiderio Desideravi (I Have Earnestly Desired)* each week so we can better get real about our understanding of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let's "go forth" together.

The Church: Sacrament of the Body of Christ

The theological sense of the Liturgy

We owe to the Council — and to the liturgical movement that preceded it — the rediscovery of a theological understanding of the Liturgy and of its importance in the life of the Church. As the general principles spelled out in *Sacrosanctum Concilium* have been fundamental for the reform of the liturgy, they continue to be fundamental for the promotion of that full, conscious, active, and fruitful celebration (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nn. 11;14), in the liturgy “the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 14).

With this letter I simply want to invite the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration. I want the beauty of the Christian celebration and its necessary consequences for the life of the Church not to be spoiled by a superficial and foreshortened understanding of its value or, worse yet, by its being exploited in service of some ideological vision, no matter what the hue. The priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper that all may be one (Jn 17:21) judges every one of our divisions around the Bread broken, around the sacrament of mercy, the sign of unity, the bond of charity.[5]

The Liturgy: Antidote for the poison of spiritual worldliness

On different occasions I have warned against a dangerous temptation for the life of the Church, which I called “spiritual worldliness.” I spoke about this at length in the exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* (nn. 93-97), pinpointing Gnosticism and neo-Pelagianism as two versions connected between themselves that feed this spiritual worldliness.

La Iglesia: sacramento del Cuerpo de Cristo

El sentido teológico de la Liturgia

Debemos al Concilio –y al movimiento litúrgico que lo ha precedido– el redescubrimiento de la comprensión teológica de la Liturgia y de su importancia en la vida de la Iglesia: los principios generales enunciados por la *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, así como fueron fundamentales para la reforma, continúan siéndolo para la promoción de la participación plena, consciente, activa y fructuosa en la celebración (cfr. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, nn. 11.14), “fuente primaria y necesaria de donde han de beber los fieles el espíritu verdaderamente cristiano” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 14).

Con esta carta quisiera simplemente invitar a toda la Iglesia a redescubrir, custodiar y vivir la verdad y la fuerza de la celebración cristiana. Quisiera que la belleza de la celebración cristiana y de sus necesarias consecuencias en la vida de la Iglesia no se vieran desfiguradas por una comprensión superficial y reductiva de su valor o, peor aún, por su instrumentalización al servicio de alguna visión ideológica, sea cual sea. La oración sacerdotal de Jesús en la última cena para que todos sean uno (Jn 17,21), juzga todas nuestras divisiones en torno al Pan partido, sacramento de piedad, signo de unidad, vínculo de caridad[5].

He advertido en varias ocasiones sobre una tentación peligrosa para la vida de la Iglesia que es la “mundanidad espiritual”: he hablado de ella ampliamente en la Exhortación *Evangelii gaudium* (nn. 93-97), identificando el gnosticismo y el neopelagianismo como los dos modos vinculados entre sí, que la alimentan.



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Colecta de Juguetes



Aceptando Donaciones desde hoy hasta

Viernes 16 diciembre de 2022

Por favor donar nuevos, no envueltos en regalo
juguetes para niños de Nuestra comunidad para la
proxima Navidad entre las edades
De infantes hasta llegando a las 12 años



Lugares para dejar los juguetes
**Puerta de la Iglesia/Capilla-St Anthony Hall-
Parish Outreach Center**

For more information: 516.334.0021 or
e-mail yanira@saintbrigid.net

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Toy Drive



Accepting Donation Through
Friday, December 16, 2022

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for local children for the next Christmas season from Infants to about 12 years of age.
(See separate gift card ad for other ages.)

Drop Off Locations

**Doors of Church/Chapel - St. Anthony Hall -
Parish Outreach Center**

For more information: 516.334.0021 or
e-mail yanira@saintbrigid.net

Donations of wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, etc.
are welcome and will be offered to all families.

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Praising God - Praying Together!

St. Brigid Morning Retreat

Come gather at St. Brigid to explore with other faith-filled people, what God's desire is for you and ways you can discern His movement in your daily routine. Through a combination of themed discussion, self-reflection and sacred sharing, we will discover different ways to recognize God's presence in our lives..

Tuesday, November 29th from 10:30 to 12 noon
in the the Parish Center at St. Anthony Hall.

HONOR ROLL

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FROM OUR PARISH
ATTENDING OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY HAVE
EXHIBITED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOR THE FIRST
QUARTER OF THE 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

Sara Collure
Abigail Dopwell
Julisa Flores
Leia Lazo
Isabella Molina
Cassandra Montjoy
Jenna Paladino
Victoria Mormando
Mikayla Migurno
Tammy Pattugalan



Walking Together

COMMUNION + PARTICIPATION + MISSION



El Papa Francisco ha llamado a la Iglesia para considerar cómo podemos caminar mejor juntos. En los últimos meses, parroquias y diócesis de todo el mundo se reunieron para hablar sobre la Iglesia: ¡sus reflexiones, esperanzas, sueños y más! Cada semana, publicaremos información del informe resumido de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Pope Francis has called the Church together to consider how we can better walk together. In the past months, parishes and dioceses throughout the world met to talk together about the Church - their reflections, hopes, dreams, and more! Each week, we'll publish some information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' summary report.

A WELCOMING CHURCH

Some noted that those members of different ethnic and cultural communities have unique insight and expertise that enhance parish life “There is increased strength to be found in councils, committees, groups, and activities within the Church that are diverse in age, race, and life experience, as a variety of perspective and understanding can allow for more effective ideas and actions to arise.”

Synodal consultations also expressed concerns around racism: “Catholic people of color spoke of routine encounters with racism, both inside and outside the Church. Indigenous Catholics spoke of the generational trauma caused by racism and abuse in boarding schools.”

Consultations noted that much still needs to be done: “The sinfulness of racism fueled by events in our country in recent years must also remain an everpresent concern and be acknowledged by our Church. As we do so, we must continue to listen. Providing forums for conversations on race, immigration, and loving openness to others is critical in allowing individuals to be heard and understood.”

Some expressed a hope for healing: “in ‘casting their dreams’ one diocese listed racial reconciliation as their primary objective.” Practically all synodal consultations shared a deep ache in the wake of the departure of young people and viewed this as integrally connected to becoming a more welcoming Church. As one synthesis noted, “Young people also want the Church to speak out about issues that matter to them, especially justice, race, and climate change.”

Young people themselves voiced a feeling of exclusion and desired to participate more fully as members of the parish community. The feeling of exclusion also manifested itself in some youth seeking a sense of belonging in the Church’s ancient tradition of faith, prayer, and devotion. “*Youth who participated in synodal sessions, however, stressed that they should not be seen and spoken of mostly as the future of the Church, but should be recognized for their importance now and given a significant voice in the present. They want to be both seen and heard and included more in Church life, especially by participating meaningfully in parish and diocesan councils and ministries.*”

UNA IGLESIA ACOGEDORA

Algunos señalaron que los miembros de diferentes comunidades étnicas y culturales tienen una visión y experiencia únicas que mejoran la vida parroquial. “Se puede encontrar una mayor fortaleza en los consejos, comités, grupos y actividades dentro de la Iglesia que son diversos en edad, raza y experiencia de vida, ya que una variedad de perspectivas y comprensión puede permitir que surjan ideas y acciones más eficaces”.

Las consultas sinodales también expresaron preocupaciones sobre el racismo: “Las personas católicas de color hablaron de encuentros habituales con el racismo, tanto dentro como fuera de la Iglesia. Los católicos indígenas hablaron del trauma generacional causado por el racismo y el abuso en los internados”.

Las consultas señalaron que aún queda mucho por hacer: “La peccaminosidad del racismo alimentada por los acontecimientos en nuestro país en los últimos años también debe seguir siendo una preocupación siempre presente y ser reconocida por nuestra Iglesia. Mientras lo hacemos, debemos seguir escuchando. Brindar foros para conversaciones sobre raza, inmigración y apertura amorosa hacia los demás es fundamental para permitir que las personas se sientan escuchadas y comprendidas”.

Algunos expresaron una esperanza de sanación: “Al ‘proyectar sus sueños’, una diócesis enumeró la reconciliación racial como su objetivo principal”. Prácticamente todas las consultas sinodales compartieron un profundo dolor por la partida de los jóvenes y lo vieron como integralmente conectado a la cuestión de convertirse en una Iglesia más acogedora. Como señaló una síntesis, “Los jóvenes también quieren que la Iglesia hable sobre temas que les importan, especialmente la justicia, la raza y el cambio climático”.

Los mismos jóvenes expresaron un sentimiento de exclusión y desearon participar más plenamente como miembros de la comunidad parroquial.

KOMINOTE AYISYÉN

Haitian Community - First Sunday of Advent 2022

Frères et Soeurs, en ce premier dimanche de l'Avent, l'invitation nous est donc adressée de nous éveiller pour ne pas rater le jour et l'heure de notre rendez-vous avec Celui qui est venu et ne cesse de venir, car il est proche. Il vient pour réconcilier et donner la paix. Il vient pour enseigner les voies du Seigneur, pour faire connaître la volonté positive du salut, de paix, de justice et d'amour.

Concernant cette venue du Fils de l'homme, Jésus utilise trois images chocs: le Déluge qui a surpris des gens qui ne se doutaient de rien; la mort qui frappe à tort et à travers: le voleur qui vient à l'improviste.

Veillez, nous dit Jésus. C'est à dire, tourner notre attention dans la bonne direction, chercher où se trouve le vrai bien, aussi bien le nôtre que celui de nos frères.

En attendant ce jour, nous sommes invités à nous tenir prêts, à marcher à la lumière du Seigneur.

Le prophète Isaïe nous invite à monter sur la montagne du Seigneur et à nous tourner vers le Dieu de la paix, car sa parole nous livre un programme capable de faire advenir la paix.

St. Paul pour sa part nous lance un appel pressant pour nous dire que le jour de Dieu approche et que nous devons nous mettre debout, en état de marche. Nous devons revêtir pour le combat de la lumière et suivre les chemins que le Christ nous enseigne.

En ce début de l'Avent, l'Eglise veut nous rendre conscients de la nécessité dans laquelle nous nous trouvons de sortir de notre torpeur spirituelle. Nous devons nous concentrer sur l'orientation principale de notre vie, à savoir la volonté d'union au Christ, pour accomplir son dessein avec l'aide de sa grâce.

Demandons au Seigneur de susciter en nous cette vive attente de sa venue. Il vient dans notre vie de plusieurs manières. Il est toujours prêt par sa grâce. Il nous assiste dans des oeuvres belles, généreuses et fécondes. Joignons-nous ensemble avec Jésus pour régner autour de nous, la paix, l'harmonie et la réconciliation..

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

- Tout fanmy ki ap bezwèn fe Baptèm, Antèman oubyen Maryaj nan kominote Ayisyen lan, en Fransè oubyen en Kreyol ap bezwèn rele nan biro pawas la dekwa pou yo kapab jwenn tout enfòmasyon ke yo ap bezwèn sans saa.

- Chak dezyèm Samedi nan Mwa yok Gwoup Ayisyen Karismatik la genyen Lapriyé a 8 h PM nan Legliz pawas la.

- Chak premye Samedi nan Chak Mwa se Randevou ak tout Asosye Monfortain yo nan chapèl lekòl Our Lady of Hope, Pawas la a 2h PM.

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

- 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 rantre 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.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

ORAMOS POR LOS QUE ESTAN ENFERMOS..

Andres Silva-Haro	Jose I. Ayala	Christine Clancy	Raymond Thomen
James Raehse	Mary Ginnane	Bernice Campbell	Catherine Dillon
Leon Rens	Bobby Henricks III	Carley Barten	Mary Fucarino
Michelina Buffolino	Michael Pitonza	Lillian Morris	Mary Ellen & Vincent
John Cernuto	Joseph Giordano	Denise Pratesi	Cianro
Alan Demascus	James Orr	Lucille Roland	Lucyna D
Madeline Moritz	Carol Roth	Elianna Flores	Michael Pereia
Bill Moritz	Annette McGrath	Jeanette & Daniel Murphy	Bob Leo
Megan Cave	Peter Schlick	Seth	Grace Bivona
Andrew Curran	Beryl Talbott	Christopher Bagnasco	Mario Espinoza
Anthony Iovino	Robert & Debra Mistretta	James T. Spear, Jr.	Louis D'Elia, Sr.
Baby Ayleen Flores	Tony Perfetti	Rob Mangano	Ronnie Cornell
	Dan Murphy	Shannon Kula	Robert Brady

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED..

REZAMOS POR LOS QUE HAN MUERTO..

Ruth Ann Brennan and Robert Dumas

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY...

ORAMOS POR AQUELLOS QUE SIRVEN EN LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS...

Vladimir Julien - Naval Chief in Okinawa Japan
John Gaeta - Lnc. Corporal USMC Africa
Cameron Crosby - Corporal Marines
Dillon Puglisi - STSSR US Navy, Guam
Patrick Simons, Lieutenant, US Navy
Daniel Tilghman

We have refreshed our Military Prayer List

If you wish to place someone on the military prayer or sick list, please go to parish website and click on "Forms" and "Prayer Requests", or call the parish office.

<https://saintbrigid.net> - 516.334.0021 ext. 300



STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Weekend Collection for 11/19-11/20

\$15,252.64

Prior Mail-Ins: \$599

Auto Giving (Regular Collection): \$4,350

Average Weekly Auto Giving (Other): \$1,744

SUPER BONANZA WINNERS

11/20	Danita Otruba	\$30
11/21	Zoe Hoo Kim	\$30
11/22	James Bruck	\$30
11/23	Maureen & John Kelly	\$30
11/24	Kimberly Jackman	\$30
11/25	James Garthwaite	\$30
11/26	Edward P. Ichart	\$30



WE ARE HIRING!

Sacristans

St. Brigid's is looking to hire one to two additional sacristans. Sacristans work "behind the scenes" to prepare for Masses, make sure the Church and Our Lady's Chapel are always neat and clean, assist the clergy and support the prayer life of our parish. Flexible hours. Some availability needed during major holidays. Sacristans usually work one shift per weekend in the Church or Chapel. Additional opportunities to work during the week as well.

Sacristans must be 18 years of age or older.

***For the Week of November 26th
Bread & Wine are dedicated***

*in memory of
Nellie DeLucia
from Mary Anne Biundo*

Liturgical Candles are dedicated

*in memory of
Louis Biundo
from Mary Anne Biundo*



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THE MASS

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING NOVEMBER 28

INTENCIONES DE MISA PARA LA SEMANA QUE COMIENZA el 28 de Noviembre

MONDAY/LUNES NOVEMBER 28

7:00am - Pasqualel & Maria Campagnuolo
12:10pm - Jean Clancy Strobel

TUESDAY/MARTES NOVEMBER 29

7:00am - Francesco Caruso
12:10pm - Williaj Lichteberger

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES NOVEMBER 30

7:00am - Mariamma Thomas
12:10pm - Domenic Montalbano, Jr.
7:30pm - Angela Funes (Living)

THURSDAY/JUEVES DECEMBER 1

7:00am - Edelcia Vilson
12:10pm - Marie & Harold Cottam

FRIDAY/VIERNES DECEMBER 2

7:00am - Dorothy M. Boyle
12:10pm - Margaret Barth

SATURDAY/SAGRADO DECEMBER 3

8:00am - Novena Mass
5:00pm - Vincent Brennan
7:00pm - Tulial, Rosa & Nuris Pena

SUNDAY/DOMINGO DECEMBER 4

7:00am (English) - Diane Quale
8:00am (Spanish)* - Accion de Gracias al Sacrado Corazon de Jesus por dones recibidos (In Thanksgiving)
8:30am (Italian) - Pasquale Iannotta (Birthday in Heaven), Itolo Deaversa, Paasqualina Abbatiello, Alessandra Rita Iannucci, Luvigi Shkreli, Maryann & Bob Hug
9:30am (English)* - Antoinette & Martin Vergata
10:00am (English) - Rosario, Annunziata & Louse Bologna, Elizabeth Quinn, Agnes Kickham, Carl Marzocchi (Birthday), Debbie Marzocchi (Health), Elizabeth Pelletitere
10:45am (Spanish)* - Mariano Rivero, Rufino & Veronica Reyes (1st Wedding Anniversary -Living), Lauro Guzman, Isabel Colado
11:30am (English) - Frances, Jennie & Anthony Juliano
12:15pm (Spanish)* - Alexander Orellana
2:30pm (Kreyol) - In Thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Denis & Family (Living)
6:00pm (English)* - Albert Pratesi
**Mass is celebrated in Our Lady's Chapel - 101 Maple Avenue
Daily Masses are celebrated in the Church.*

Looking Ahead...2nd Sunday of Advent

Consider praying this prayer from the Roman Missal that will be part of our liturgy for next Sunday:

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Considere rezar esta oración del Misal Romano que será la parte de nuestra liturgia para el próximo domingo:

Dios omnipotente y misericordioso,
haz que ninguna ocupación terrena sirva de obstáculo
a quienes van presurosos al encuentro de tu Hijo,
antes bien, que el aprendizaje de la sabiduría celestial,
nos lleve a gozar de su presencia.
Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu
Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

LIFE @ ST. BRIGID'S

Here is some basic information about our parish community. Visit www.saintbrigid.net for more detailed information or call the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 or e-mail frontdesk@saintbrigid.net

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Fr. Nesly Jean Jacques, SMM

Associate Pastor

Fr. Michael Plona

Associate Pastor

Fr. Andres Velez

Associate Pastor

Rev. Msgr. James Vlaun

In Residence

Deacon Jim Morris

Deacon Frank Pesce

Deacon Manuel Ramos

Ximena Aravena

St. Brigid's Food Pantry

Vince Buzzeo

Youth Minister

Marcel Catafago

Business Manager

Yanira Chacon-Lopez

Casa Mary Joanna

Paul Clagnaz

Regional School Principal

Sister Ann Horn, OP

Director of Faith Formation

Soccoro Moreno

Director of Faith Formation

Susan Porteus

Director of Music

Barbara Powell

St. Brigid's Well

Fr. John Sureau,

Pastor

fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net

We Celebrate the Eucharist (Mass)

Saturday Evening (Church - Post Avenue) 5:00 pm (English) - 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday (Church- Post Avenue) 7:00 am (English) - 8:30 am (Italian) - 10:00 am (English) 11:30 am (English) - 2:30 pm (Kreyol)

Sunday (Our Lady's Chapel in the School - 101 Maple Avenue) 8:00 am (Spanish) - 9:30 am (English) - 10:45 am (Spanish) 12:15 pm (Spanish) - 6:00 pm (English)

Daily Mass (Monday - Friday): 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. (St. Brigid's Church)

Wednesday (Spanish): 7:30 p.m. (St. Brigid's Church)

Saturday Mornings: 8 a.m. (St. Brigid's Church)

We Welcome Sinners/

Damos la Bienvenida a Los Pecadores

Confessions are heard Monday - Friday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass, Wednesdays from 6:45- 7:15 p.m.

Saturdays from 4- 4:45 p.m. and 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Habr  confesiones de lunes a viernes despu s de la misa de las 12:10 p. m.

Mi rcoles de 6:45 pm a 7:15 p. m.

S bados de 4:00 pm a 4:45 p.m. y 6:15-6:45 p. m.

Celebramos el Bautismo/We Celebrate Baptism

For more information about celebrating the baptism of your child, please contact the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 or email

frontdesk@saintbrigid.net To set a baptism intake appointment. For children above the age of 7 and adults who desire baptism or confirmation, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 516.334.0021 or email faithformation@saintbrigid.net.

Para obtener m s informaci n sobre c mo celebrar el bautismo de su hijo, comun quese a la Oficina Parroquial al 516.334.0021 o env e un correo electr nico a frontdesk@saintbrigid.net para programar una cita inicial para el bautismo. . Para ni os mayores de 7 a os y adultos que deseen bautizarse o confirmarse, comun quese con la Oficina de Formaci n en la Fe al 516.334.0021 o env e un correo electr nico a Faithformation@saintbrigid.net.

LIFE @ ST. BRIGID'S

We Love Children and Families at St. Brigid's!

¡Nos encantan los niños y las familias en Santa Brígida!

For information about St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School, please call [516\) 333-0580](tel:516-333-0580) (or scan this QR code. For information about our Faith Formation Program, for public school children in Grades 1-12, go to saintbrigid.net or call the Parish Office at 516-334-0021, ext. 352



Para obtener información sobre la Escuela Regional St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope, llame al 516) 333-0580 (o escanee este código QR. Para obtener información sobre nuestro Programa de Formación en la Fe, para niños de escuelas públicas en los grados 1-12, visite saintbrigid.net o llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 516-334-0021, extensión 352

¡Nos encantan las bodas!/ We Love Weddings!

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial o envíe un correo electrónico a frontdesk@saintbrigid.net para programar una cita inicial. Para aquellos que están casados por lo civil y desean que su matrimonio sea reconocido por la Iglesia, llamen a la Oficina Parroquial. Los planes deben hacerse por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada para la boda.

Please contact the Parish Office or email frontdesk@saintbrigid.net to schedule an initial intake. For those who are married civilly and desire to have their marriages recognized by the Church, please call the Parish Office. Plans should be made at least six months before your desired wedding date.

We Care for the Sick and the Homebound/

Nos preocupamos por los enfermos y los confinados en casa

Just because you may not be able to come to St. Brigid's does not mean you are any less a part of our parish family. If you or a loved one would like to receive communion at home or be anointed by a priest, please contact the Parish Office.

El hecho de que no pueda venir a Santa Brígida, no significa que no sea parte de nuestra familia parroquial. Si usted o un ser querido desea recibir la comunión en casa o ser ungido por un sacerdote, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial.

Oramos ante el Santísimo Sacramento/We Pray Before the Blessed Sacrament

La exposición del Santísimo Sacramento se lleva a cabo en la Iglesia de lunes a viernes desde la 1 p.m. hasta las 5 p. m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Church Monday - Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

We Want to Help/Queremos Ayudar

Our parish offices are located at St. Anthony Hall - 85 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 12 Noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call us at 516.334.0021 or e-mail to frontdesk@saintbrigid.net

Nuestras oficinas parroquiales están ubicadas en St. Anthony Hall - 85 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY. El horario de oficina es de lunes a viernes de 12:00pm a 8:00pm, sábado y domingo de 9 am-3:00 pm. Llámenos al 516.334.0021 o envíe un correo electrónico a frontdesk@saintbrigid.net.

