



# St. Brigid's R.C. Church

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**EL PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

3 December 2023



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Information about parish prayer and liturgical life!*



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

### Mass Schedule

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

5 p.m. (English - Church) + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish - Church)

**Friday, December 8, 2023**

7 a.m. (English-Church) + 12:10 p.m. (English-Church)  
7:30 p.m. (Spanish/English - Church)

**All parish offices are closed on December 8th.**



## THE PRESEPIO

Advent and Christmas at St. Brigid's

Take a journey of Faith and Commitment at the 31st 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!





# THE PASTOR'S POST

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*"With humility, all things are obtained; by force, nothing."*

**-St. Francis Xavier**

Dear Parish Family:

"You're not listening to me. You are not hearing me."

These words (and some others which cannot be posted in the bulletin today :) were shared with me by a client I work with this past Monday. He is in his second or third year of college. He had a vision of what he wanted to do with a gift he was to receive and I had a better vision of what he should do with the gift. As someone who has walked with him for some time, clearly I know best, right? So I proceeded with my plan - a good one I tell you, put things in place, and on Monday spoke with him to tell him what we were doing. While I have certain responsibilities in this person's life, I robbed him of the listening and processing to which he was entitled. Throughout the day, he knew we were going to talk and confirmed where we'd meet and sent messages confirming, "We're going to talk about my parents tonight, right?" I did not catch it because I had a plan in mind for this gift, a great opportunity for the gift. He was so devastated by his encounter with me that evening that he totally shut down for about two hours. It was awful. Yet, I had a great idea, right? I told him!

Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. This year it occurs on December 3 so the Feast of St. Francis Xavier is not celebrated. I cannot help but think about him today. Twelve years ago, Bishop Murphy ordained me a priest on this feast day. St. Francis lived a life of things he thought he would do and, at the same time, responded to where God put him, even into new lands. It is a day of gratitude for me for the gift of being a priest and, most especially, for being sent here to serve in the parish of St. Brigid's.

My anniversary as a priest (December 3) always occurs somewhere in the beginning of the season of Advent. It is during this time of year that we're called to a certain vigilance, a certain attention that is necessary. Advent is not only about preparing for the feast of Christmas. It is also about preparing for what the celebration of Christmas invites us into - the incarnation, the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The first weeks of Advent actually sound, sometimes, a little more focused on the end of life and preparing for eternal life.

It is this vigilance, this watchful waiting, that Advent calls us to focus upon in these days. I believe we do this with the hope that we can maintain that vigilance, that

watchfulness all year long. First, we pray that we might develop a great attentiveness to our relationship with Jesus. Through formal prayer, the liturgy of the Church, gentle conversations with the Beloved and more, we would pay more attention to Him and also more attention to the ways he is revealing himself to us.

Then, let us pray that this Advent attentiveness carries over to our commitment to love one another not as we want, but always with an openness to where the Divine might be calling us. It requires an attention that we so often lack in this world of distractions. Consider how many times we are speaking to someone and thinking about someone else, or in someone's presence and checking our phone, or hearing what we want to hear rather than what is really being said. (I'm not talking about you - I have done all three things already today!). We know the two are connected. Loving God well, being attentive to God, calls us to love one another, to be attentive to one another.

I failed terribly on Monday on a number of levels. After a two hour silent treatment, we finally talked in person again. In those two hours, he needed to be alone and cry and I needed to try and process what had happened here. There were tears and apologies on all sides when we finally spoke. He laid me out and, for the most part, rightfully so. I did not hear what he was trying to say. I did not take the time to understand, to see. I had in my mind what I wanted, what I thought was best. I was not vigilant, not paying attention to the deeper movements of one who has known great difficulty in his life. As someone who came to this land a few years ago, he wanted to make sure those he loved and cared about at home were provided for before he worried about anything for himself or his future. We ended after some time with a greater vision and understanding of one another. ("I didn't know priests could have tears..." "I didn't know I could teach my social worker something..."). Hopefully, it makes for a more vigilant future of working together.

Please pray for me. I promise the same. If you can, say a prayer for my client. His social worker has some growing to do!

Thank you for the privilege of serving as a priest here at St. Brigid's.



*"Con humildad se consiguen todas las cosas;  
por la fuerza, nada".*

-San Francisco Javier

Querida familia parroquial:

"No me estás escuchando. No me estás escuchando".

Estas palabras (y algunas otras que hoy no se pueden publicar en el boletín :) me las dijo un cliente con el que trabajé este pasado lunes. Está en su segundo o tercer año de universidad. Él tenía una visión de lo que quería hacer con un regalo que iba a recibir y yo tenía una visión mejor de lo que debía hacer con el regalo. Como alguien que ha caminado con él durante algún tiempo, está claro que yo sé más, ¿no? Así que seguí adelante con mi plan -uno bueno, ya te digo-, puse las cosas en su sitio y el lunes hablé con él para contarle lo que estábamos haciendo. Aunque tengo ciertas responsabilidades en la vida de esta persona, le robé la escucha y el derecho a discernir. A lo largo del día, supo que íbamos a hablar y confirmó dónde nos encontraríamos y envió un mensaje confirmando: "Vamos a hablar de mis padres esta noche, ¿verdad?". No lo capté porque tenía un plan en mente para este regalo, una gran oportunidad para el regalo. Estaba tan devastado por su encuentro conmigo aquella tarde que se apagó totalmente durante unas dos horas. Fue horrible.

Hoy celebramos el Primer Domingo de Adviento. Este año tiene lugar el 3 de diciembre, por lo que no se celebra la fiesta de San Francisco Javier. Hoy no puedo evitar pensar en él. Hace doce años, el obispo Murphy me ordenó sacerdote en esta fiesta. San Francisco vivió una vida de cosas que pensaba hacer y, al mismo tiempo, respondió a donde Dios lo puso, incluso a nuevas tierras. Es un día de gratitud para mí por el don de ser sacerdote y, muy especialmente, por haber sido enviado aquí a servir en la parroquia de Santa Brígida.

Mi aniversario como sacerdote (3 de diciembre) siempre ocurre en algún momento del comienzo de la temporada de Adviento. Es en esta época del año cuando se nos llama a una cierta vigilancia, a una cierta atención necesaria. El Adviento no consiste sólo en prepararse para la fiesta de Navidad. También consiste en prepararnos para lo que la celebración de la Navidad nos invita a vivir: la encarnación, la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesucristo. En realidad, las primeras semanas de Adviento suenan, a veces, un poco más centradas en el final de la vida y en la preparación para la vida eterna.

Es en esta vigilancia, en esta espera vigilante, es lo que el Adviento nos llama a enfocarnos en estos días. Creo que lo hacemos con la esperanza de que podamos mantener esa vigilancia, esa espera vigilante durante todo el año. En primer lugar, rezamos para que podamos desarrollar una gran atención a nuestra relación con Jesús. A través de la

oración formal, la liturgia de la Iglesia, las conversaciones amables con el Amado, etc., le prestaremos más atención a Él y también más atención a las formas en que se nos revela. Luego, recemos para que esta atención del Adviento se traslade a nuestro compromiso de amarnos los unos a los otros, no como queremos, sino siempre abiertos hacia donde la Divinidad pueda estar llamándonos. Esto requiere una atención de la que tan a menudo carecemos en este mundo de distracciones. Piensa cuántas veces estamos hablando con alguien y pensando en otra persona, o en presencia de alguien y consultando nuestro teléfono, o escuchando lo que queremos oír en lugar de lo que realmente se está diciendo. (No estoy hablando de ti, yo ya he hecho las tres cosas hoy).

El lunes fallé terriblemente en varios niveles. Después de dos horas de silencio, por fin volvimos a hablar en persona. En esas dos horas, él necesitaba estar solo y llorar y yo necesitaba intentar procesar lo que había ocurrido aquí. Hubo lágrimas y disculpas por todas partes cuando por fin hablamos. Me reprocho y, en su mayor parte, con razón. No escuché lo que intentaba decirme. No me tomé el tiempo de comprender, de ver. No estaba vigilante, no prestaba atención a los movimientos más profundos de quien ha conocido grandes dificultades en su vida. Como alguien que llegó a esta tierra hace pocos años, quería asegurarse de que los que amaba y le importaban en casa estuvieran bien atendidos antes de preocuparse por sí mismo o por su futuro. Después de un tiempo terminamos con una mayor visión y comprensión mutua. ("No sabía que los sacerdotes podían tener lágrimas...". "No sabía que podía enseñar algo a mi trabajador social..."). Esperemos que esto contribuya a un futuro trabajo conjunto más vigilante.

Cuando pienso en los doce años en los que he tenido el privilegio de servir a Dios como sacerdote, pienso en los muchos momentos de humildad a los que he sido invitado - a menudo nunca lejos de momentos de humillación, para ser honesto. En esos momentos, sin embargo, estoy consciente de que nunca puede ser lo que yo quiero o deseo. Requiere un cierto declinar, un cierto decrecer, para que la presencia de Dios pueda aumentar. ¿No es cierto que, a veces, nos encontramos presionando y forzando -incluso a Dios- en lugar de sentarnos y confiar en el Dios que siempre cumple, que siempre provee? Oremos este Adviento para tener la visión de ver a este Dios en acción.

Por favor, reza por mí. Prometo lo mismo. Si usted puede decir una oración por mi cliente. Su trabajador social tiene mucho que crecer.

Gracias por el privilegio de servir como sacerdote aquí en Santa Brígida.

*Feather*

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Information about parish prayer and liturgical life!*



## 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*



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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 Mark most weeks as we begin using the Year B readings in the liturgical cycle. Remember that the readings are no longer included in the missalettes.
- 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 Sunday Masses. It creates a sense of anticipation. Store up your fervor for the Vigil of Christmas or Christmas Day. We will sing it on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- **Advent Antiphons.** At our English language liturgies in the Church we will make use of the antiphons from the *Roman Missal*. They will be printed on cards in left in hymnal racks of the Church.
- **Advent Reconciliation.** In addition to our regular confession times, we will have an Advent Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 18, 2023. 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 18th.

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# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Praying as one Body in Christ!*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!*



Triduum of Masses for the Feast of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023** - 7:30 p.m. - Church  
(Mass in Spanish - Rosary begins at 7 p.m./)

**Thursday, December 7, 2023** - 7:30 p.m. - Church  
(Mass in Spanish/Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. / Vigil of Immaculate Conception)

**Friday, December 8, 2023** - 7:30 p.m. Chapel  
(Mass in Spanish and English/Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. /Immaculate Conception)

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations

**Saturday, December 9, 2023** - 8:30 p.m.  
**Las Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe**

Code Auditorium

*A live presentation about the apparitions  
of the Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego*

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession**

**10:30 a.m.**

Procession starts at the corner of Prospect Ave. & Brook St.

*All are welcome to be part of the procession!*

**12:15 p.m. Mass** - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Celebration, Our Lady's Chapel

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - 8 p.m. - Our Lady's Chapel

Coronation of Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Liturgy will be celebrated in Spanish and English.*



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*One body in Christ!*

## *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Ruega por Nosotros!*

Triduo de Misas para el

Día de La Virgen De Guadalupe

Miércoles, 6 de Diciembre 2023 - 7:30 p.m. - Iglesia

(Rosario comienza a las 7:00 p.m. )

Jueves, 7 de Diciembre 2022 - 7:30 p.m. - Iglesia

(Rosario comienza a las 7:00 p.m./Vigilia de Inmaculada Concepción)

Viernes, 8 de Diciembre, 2023 -7:30 p.m. Iglesia - bilingüe

(Rosario comienza a las 7:00 p.m./Inmaculada Concepción)



## Celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**Sabado, 9 de Diciembre 2023** - 8:30 p.m.

Las Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe

**En el auditorio - 101 Maple Avenue**

*Presentaciones en vivo sobre las apariciones*

*De la Virgen a San Juan Diego*

**Domingo, 10 de Diciembre, 2023**

**10:30 a.m. - Procesión**

*Procesión comienza en la esquina de Prospect Ave. & Brook St.*

*Todos son bienvenidos a ser parte de la procesión!*

**12:15 p.m. Misa** - Celebración de La Virgen De Guadalupe

**En la capilla**

**Martes, 12 de Diciembre 2022**

Misa de La Virgen de Guadalupe - 8 p.m. - Capilla

*Coronacion de la Virgen de Guadalupe*

*La misa se celebrará en español e inglés.*



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## Simbang Gabi

SIMBANG GABI LITERALLY MEANS NIGHT MASS. IT IS A FILIPINO TRADITION OF A 9-DAY NOVENA MASS DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT, IN PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS AT CHRISTMAS. THE CELEBRATION OF THESE MASSES TYPICALLY START EARLY IN THE MORNING AROUND 3AM OR 4AM. WE'LL BEGIN A LITTLE LATER AT ST. BRIGID'S :)!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 -  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**7:30 P.M. +  
OUR LADY'S  
CHAPEL**

(ON 12/21 - MASS WILL BE  
CELEBRATED IN THE  
CHURCH)



Filipinos proudly bring this Simbang Gabi tradition with them as they migrate all over the world. Here in the United States, the practice of holding dawn masses seems to have been modified due to cold weather. In most parishes, the Simbang Gabi is being celebrated at night around 7pm or 8pm. The Simbang Gabi, as a Eucharistic celebration, is our highest form of worship regardless of our race, color, and origin. It is a celebration of our Catholic Faith in which everyone is highly invited.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*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.

**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 OUTREACH & COORDINATOR OF CASA MARY JOHANNA,**  
St. Brigid's Immigration Outreach Ministry  
Yanira Chacon  
516.334.0021 x. 362  
yanira@saintbrigid.net

**THE WELL**  
Barbara Powell  
516.334.0021 x. 361  
barbarap@saintbrigid.net

**FOOD PANTRY:**  
Ximena Aravena  
516.334.0021 x. 327  
ximena@saintbrigid.net

**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

**Can You Help?**  
**Puede Ayudar?**

We Are In Need of Wrapping Paper and Tape!  
Necesitamos papel de regalo de Navidad

Please leave - favor dejarlo en/at Parish Center or Outreach Building



**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.

- Bottles of Juice
- Sugar
- Tea/Coffee
- Baby Wipes
- Canned Spinach
- Tomato Sauce (small cans)

If donating food to the pantry via delivery, the address is 75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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ST. BRIGID'S PARISH OUTREACH

## Colecta de Juguetes Toy Drive



*Aceptando Donaciones desde hoy hasta*

**Domingo, 10 diciembre de 2023**  
**Sunday, December 10th**

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 11 años  
Please donate new toys for children in our community below 11 years of age! You pick the toy. Gift cards (see separate page) are requested for teens and seniors.

**Lugares para dejar los juguetes/Leave toys**  
**Puerta de la Iglesia/Capilla-Doors of the Church and**  
**Chapel -St Anthony Hall-Parish Outreach Center**

For more information: 516.334.0021 or  
e-mail [yanira@saintbrigid.net](mailto:yanira@saintbrigid.net)

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*We are here to serve you!*

## St. Brigid's Angel Tree Árbol de los Ángeles de Santa Brígida



In addition to the Toy Drive, you may also take a tag from one of our Angel Christmas Trees in the Church or Our Lady's Chapel. Gifts should be return - UNWRAPPED - with the tag on it NO LATER than December 10, 2023.

Además de la Colecta de Juguetes, usted también puede tomar una etiqueta de uno de nuestros Árboles de Navidad de Ángeles en la Iglesia o en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora. Los regalos deben ser devueltos - UNWRAPPED - con la etiqueta NO MÁS TARDE del 10 de diciembre de 2023.



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*We are here to serve and care for you!*

## Gift Cards NEEDED!

*Thanks giving*



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 of \$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 off at St. Anthony Hall or the Outreach Center. Thank you for your help!

## CAN YOU HELP?



### Community Meal

A monthly meal served in St. Anthony Hall. Cooks (from home), servers, planners, organizers needed!

**OPENING PLANNING MEETING**

**This Thursday, December 7, 2024**

**6:30 p.m. + Upper Room**

Schaeffer Outreach Center + 75 Post Avenue, Westbury

**Parish Social Ministry is looking to embark on two new endeavors in the months ahead...**

#### Thrift Shop

A place for great deals and bargains, particularly for those in need.

*Tentative Hope: Begin Spring 2024*

Contact the Parish Office or email [fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net](mailto:fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net)



# 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*

## BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



## DECEMBER 17

BRING THE BABY JESUS FIGURE FROM YOUR HOME NATIVITY SCENE TO ANY CHURCH OR CHAPEL MASS FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING.

THE BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI IS A ROMAN TRADITION WE CELEBRATE AT ST. BRIGID'S.



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

MSCR. CODE AUDITORIUM  
IN THE SCHOOL

BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT 10:30 AM  
(AFTER THE FAMILY MASS)

ENJOY PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,  
CEREAL, BAGELS, AND MORE!

MEET SANTA!

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$10 EACH!  
(CHILDREN 2 AND YOUNGER ARE FREE)

USE THIS QR CODE  
TO ORDER  
YOUR TICKETS



# ST. BRIGID'S LOVES FAMILIES



VIDA FAMILIAR  
FAMILY LIFE



Come be  
an Angel or  
Shepherd!

Come join us ~ Únete a nosotros

¡Audición para  
un papel  
principal!

Audition for a  
Lead Role!

## ST. BRIGID'S ANNUAL Christmas Pageant

¡Ven a  
cantar!

## Espectáculo de Navidad

Come to  
sing!

### REHEARSALS IN CHAPEL ENSAYOS EN LA CAPILLA

¡Ven a ser  
ángel o  
pastor!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6: 4:15 - 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13: 4:15 - 5:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16: 9:30 - 11:00AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20: 4:15 - 5:30PM

**PERFORMANCE: CHRISTMAS EVE AT 4:00PM**

**ACTUACIÓN: NOCHEBUENA A LAS 4:00PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE PAGEANT!**



Scan for more information!

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Information about parish prayer and liturgical life!*

*for Parents and families who have lost a child in any way, from before birth to death of an adult child....*

## Mass for Healing and Hope

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

**in St. Brigid Church.**

Let us pray for and with one another in these days of Advent and Christmas. Please consider sending your child's name to [spirituality@saintbrigid.net](mailto:spirituality@saintbrigid.net) so we may remember them at the liturgy or leave a message at the front desk.

*Fellowship with light refreshments to follow.*



## REAL FOOD LIVE WITH MSGR. JIM

*@St. Brigid's!*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024**



We are planning a special "fun" and fundraiser for our school. Msgr. Jim is going to bring his Real Food cooking show to St. Brigid's for a night! It's going to be a great night for our parish and a wonderful benefit for our school.

**PLANNING MEETING**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023**

**7:00 P.M. - SCHOOL LIBRARY (MAPLE AVENUE)**

If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 or e-mail to [fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net](mailto:fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net)



# KOMINOTE AYISYÉN

## *Information about parish's Haitian community*

- Chak dimanch, nou genyen lamès an Kreyol a 2h30 PM, epi lamès an Fransè a, dènye dimanch chak mwa.
- Haitian Kreyol Mass: Sunday at 2:30 Church - Post Avenue
- Tout fanmy ki ap bezwèn fe Baptèm, Antèman oubyen Maryaj nan kominote Ayisyen lan, en Fransè oubyen en Kreyol ap bezwen rele nan biro pawas la dekwa pou yo kapab jwenn tout enfòmasyon ke yo ap bezwen sans saa.
- For baptisms, marriages, funerals, memorial masses in Kreyol, French, families must call Parish Office for information.
- Chak dezyèm Samedi nan Mwa yok Gwoup Ayisyen Karismatik la genyen Lapriyè a 8 h PM nan Legliz pawas la.
- Charismatic Prayer: Every 2nd Saturday of the month, at 8 PM Church - Post Avenue.
- 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.
- Associate Montfort Group Mass: Every 1st Saturday of the month - 2 PM - Our Lady's Chapel Chapel, Maple Avenue.
- Pou tout aktivite pelerinaj yo ak lapriyè karismatik yo, rele Carismène Estimé nan nimero: 516 770 3248.
- Pilgrimages: Contact Carismène Estimé at the Parish Office for Fr. Nesly Jean Jacques
- 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.
- To register and become member of the parish of St. Brigid's, please complete the Census (blue book) available in the Parish Office.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Beginning,  
**Monday, December 4, 2023,**  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament will conclude with  
Benediction at 2:45 p.m.



Thank you for your  
understanding.

**Christmas Light  
Help Needed!**

We would like show all  
of Post Avenue the spirit of  
Christmas?

Can you or someone you know help  
to hang lights around the parish?  
If so, please contact Fr. John at  
516.334.0021 or email to  
fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net

# LIFE @ ST. BRIGID'S



## We Welcome the Newly Baptized

Caterina Jo Burke  
 Geneva Chanel Albert  
 Brody Cooper Bacotti  
 Clifton Alexander Bobe, Jr.  
 Sienna James Coates  
 Mia Sofia Gjonlekaj  
 Angel Victoria Jean-Charles  
 Matteo Rotellini  
 Matteo Charles Urick  
 Valentina Ward

## November Collections

	2023	2022
	4 SUNDAYS	4 SUNDAYS
<b>NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS AT MASS &amp; MAIL-INS</b>	\$73,618	\$66,686
<b>ON-LINE (VANCO, PAYPAL)</b>	<u>\$16,429</u>	<u>\$15,925</u>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>	\$90,047	\$82,611

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

# Las Posadas

## The Journey to Christmas

BEGINS Saturday, December 16 through 24, 2023

Las Posadas - The Inns - is a beautiful Mexican religious tradition of journeying with Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Aware that Mary and Joseph had to make stops along the way, we journey to different homes throughout these final days of Advent, remembering the refuge and welcome offered to them.

Here at St. Brigid's, we symbolically journey from places in Westbury; New Cassel, Hicksville, and more. All are welcome - no matter what language you speak - from December 16 - December 24, 2023.

**To learn the stops of this year's "Las Posadas" call the Parish office at 516-334-0021 or email to [frontdesk@saintbrigid.net](mailto:frontdesk@saintbrigid.net).**

What a beautiful way for our parish to come together!



# WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

## ORAMOS POR LOS QUE ESTAN ENFERMOS

Gloria Godwin	Guadalupe Acevedo	Michael Genzale	Fernando Raposo
Ashley Johnson	Rudimar Pegoraro	Elizabeth Pennisi	John Downey
Joel Wax	Kebira Begum	Grace Bivona	John Mangano, Sr.
Ana Divinia Siegel	Rita McDougall	Christine Clancy	Debbie Deagan
Jeannette Murphy	Joshua Bourassa	Bernice Campbell	Julianna Giordano
Liam S.	Michael Bustillo	Carley Barten	Chris Bagnasco
Miguel Henriquez	Bezerly Morton	Gavin L. Turner	Elizabeth Giordano
Rudy Capece	Scott Comunale	Michael Zenick	Adela Santamaria
Mario Constain, Jr.	Gordon Shaw	Maria Manna	Medina
Michael Pereira	Mary Ellen Ciento	Michael Cappola	Kyllian Solinsky
Catherine Dillon	Vincent Ciento	Viola Cleo Bradshaw	Sunie Riviera
Tony Perfetti	Raymond Thormne	Rafael Tabudlo	Amilia Ascencio
Debra Dibella	Ed Nolan	Bringas	Adela Santamaria
Jillian Breslin	Sabas Montero	Kimberly Bayron	Medina
José López	Kenneth Dudkewic	Dominic Modesto	Chris Agnaspol
Baby Marisol			

## REZAMOS POR LOS QUE HAN MUERTO.....

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...

Dr. John Chirayil, Rene Moss, Judith Breiding, Frances Musco, Rosemary V. Farrell, Cecil E. Hollar, Jr.I, Joan Sprangel

## 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 Northern Europe  
Cameron Crosby - Corporal Marines  
Dillon Puglisi - STSSR US Navy, Guam  
Patrick Simons, Lieutenant, US Navy  
Daniel Tilghman  
John M. Pereira

### 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



# THE MASS

## FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 4

### MONDAY/LUNES DECEMBER 4

7:00am - Carl Marzocchi  
12:10pm - Elizabeth Quinn (Birthday)

### TUESDAY/MARTES DECEMBER 5

7:00am - Irene O'Connell  
12:10pm - Luvigi Shkreli

### WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES DECEMBER 6

7:00am - Helene Malgras  
12:10pm - Diane Parisi Downing  
7:30pm -

### THURSDAY/JUEVES DECEMBER 7

7:00am - Sister Mary Weber OP (Birthday)  
12:10pm - Helena P. Scuderi

### FRIDAY/VIERNES DECEMBER 8

7:00am - Eileen Janec  
12:10pm - Agostino Abbatiello

### SATURDAY/SABADO DECEMBER 9

8:00am - Novena Mass -  
5:00pm - Ferolito & Daddio Family  
7:00pm - Ana Tobar

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO DECEMBER 10

7:00am (English) - For all the people of the Parish  
8:00am (Spanish)\* -  
8:30am (Italian) - Anthony Alfiueri, In Honor of Santa Lucia (In Thanksgiving), Rafaela & Nicola Santillo  
9:30am (English)\* - Moksh Naik (In Thanksgiving)  
10:00am (English) - Juan Pablo Gauto, Rihard Nocine, Randolff Pinard (Thanksgiving mass for his health - In Thanksgiving), John Filardo, The Cona Family, Dorothy Pellegrino  
10:45am (Spanish)\* - Maria Mendoza de Cruz - 3 años de fallecida, Carmen Moreno  
11:30am (English) - Domenico Calabrese (25th Anniversary)  
12:15am (Spanish)\* - Alexander J. Orellana & Jose Roman  
2:30pm (Kreyol) -  
6:00pm (English)\* - Joseph Napolitano

*\*Mass is celebrated in Our Lady's Chapel - 101 Maple Avenue  
Daily Masses are celebrated in the Church.*

## Looking Ahead... *Secomd 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, forever and ever.*

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

*Dios omnipotente y misericordioso,  
has 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.  
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,  
El que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu  
Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.*

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Here is some basic information about our parish community. Visit [www.saintbrigid.net](http://www.saintbrigid.net) for more detailed information or call the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 e-mail [frontdesk@saintbrigid.net](mailto:frontdesk@saintbrigid.net)

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

**Fr. Nesly Jean Jacques, SMM**

*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**

*Director of Confirmation*

*Preparation*

**Marcel Catafago**

*Business Manager*

**Yanira Chacon-Lopez**

*Director of Outreach*

*Casa Mary Joanna*

**Paul Clagnaz**

*Regional School Principal*

**Jacqueline DeLeon**

*Director of Family Faith*

*Formation*

**Susan Porteus**

*Director of Music*

**Barbara Powell**

*St. Brigid's Well*

**Johanna Rodriguez**

*Director of Youth Activities*

**Fr. John Sureau,**

**Pastor**

[fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Faithformation@saintbrigid.net).

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## **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 (or scan this QR code). For information about our Faith Formation Program, for public school children in Grades 1-12, go to [saintbrigid.net](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frontdesk@saintbrigid.net).

