



St. Brigid's R.C. Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT + III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

17 December 2023





Advent Day of Confession

Monday, December 18th + 1 - 8 p.m.

Give yourself a beautiful gift this Christmas and come to Advent. Priests will be available in the Church

66 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

Schedule (subject to change)

- 1:00 - 2:30: Fr. Nesly/Fr. Augustine Ibeh
- 2:30 - 4: Fr. John/Fr. Andres
- 4:00 - 5:30: Msgr. Vlaun/Fr. John
- 5:30 - 7: Fr. John/Fr. Nesly
- 7 - 8: Fr. Andres/Fr. John

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.**

Homilist: Msgr. Jim Vlaun

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 so we may remember them at the liturgy or leave a message at the front desk.

Fellowship with light refreshments to follow.





Advent



Advent/Christmas Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23rd

5:00 pm - Church - English
7:00 p.m. - Church - Spanish

December 24th

7:00 am - Church English
8:30 am - Church - Italian
9:30 a.m. - Chapel - English
10:00 am - Church - English
10:45 am - Chapel -Spanish
11:30 am - Church - English

The 12:15 and 2:30 p.m. Masses will not be celebrated for the 4th Sunday of Advent.



Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

7:00 a.m. - Church - English
8:30 a.m. - Church - Italian
10:00 a.m. - Church - English
10:45 a.m. - Chapel - Spanish
11:30 a.m. - Church - English
12:15 p.m. - Chapel - Spanish
1:00 p.m. - Church - Kreyol

The 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses will NOT be celebrated on Christmas Day.

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30/31

Regular Mass Schedule
The Sunday evening Mass is for the Sunday Mass ONLY.

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4 p.m. - Church - English
5 p.m. - Chapel - English
(Pageant begins at 4 :00 p.m.)
6 p.m. - Church - English
7:30 p.m. - Chapel - Spanish
8:30 p.m. - Church - Spanish
12 Midnight - Church - English
12 Midnight - Chapel - Kreyol



Solemnity of Mary, Most Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2024

7:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:10 p.m.

7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

There are no vigil Masses for this feast. All Masses are on January 1st.

Church: 66 Post Avenue, Westbury
Our Lady's Chapel - 101 Maple Avenue, Westbury



THE PASTOR'S POST

SIGNS OF JOY AND HOPE

Dear Parish Family:

This past week, I had the chance to talk with an older priest of our diocese who I try to visit once in a while to talk about the spiritual life. He has great wisdom and experience. I am a better priest for having come to know him. Even as a retired priest, he ministers regularly on the East End and has special and beautiful love for the poor and vulnerable.

We started to talk about a Sister of St. Dominic of Amityville who passed away one year ago this week. Her name is Sister Margaret Smyth, O.P. She was an elementary school teacher in Brooklyn for many years and then moved out to start the North Fork Spanish Apostolate on the East End of Long Island. Though small in physical stature, she was a powerhouse. She had great courage in challenging those who stood in the way of the poor and those in need, particularly political and church leaders. Tackling some of the most difficult issues and most challenging needs, she worked and endured through great tragedies and triumphs in her work and ministry.

I remember first meeting Sister Margaret at a meeting with a local congressperson. We were there to discuss a few issues related to the East End. She clearly commanded the room. With quiet voice, a great smile, and a strong will, many people benefited because of that encounter and many others.

She also had a great sense of humor, even in the midst of the struggle. There's a story told of a protest around the time an undocumented man was killed on the East End. Both "sides" were protesting and she was advocating for the migrants and those seeking asylum. In the middle of the protest, she walked across the street and approached a man much taller and larger than she - one said the encounter had a David and Goliath look to it! Everyone was filled with anxiety. She simply went over to the man and pointed out, as a former teacher, that he had spelled a word wrong on his



poster. It seemed to break the ice!

I think of her today because she lived the Gospel we preach. It was not always easy and not always accepted but it did not stop her from pursuing what she believed to be right and just. She was a sign of joy and hope to many, on many levels (and a thorn in the side of some others too - prophets usually are!) As we celebrate this Rejoice Sunday or Joy Sunday, one might say it's a light word. To be a person of joy, we might think, is to be someone who is not too serious or simply happy all the time. This is not true. Pope Francis said, "Joy does not mean living from laugh to laugh. No, it's not that. Joy is not entertainment. No, it's not that. It is something else. Christian joy is peace, peace that is deeply rooted, peace in the heart, the peace that only God can give. This is Christian joy. It is not easy to foster this joy."

I think of Sister Margaret and so many other Dominican sisters I know (we have seen this in our parish most recently through the witness of Sister Ann Horn and Sister Julie Thompson!). Signs of joy and hope that are trying to confront some challenging times from a place of deep peace.

This is the call for each one of us, right? To recognize that the Spirit of Lord rests upon each of us - as the prophet reminds in the first reading. To be a sign of joy and hope most especially to the brokenhearted, the poor, the captives and those imprisoned. As disciples, how we approach these moments is significant. We can approach them like we are carrying an unspeakable burden or we can approach them with joy and hope, really with the joy of the Gospel. I see that happening here every day - in ways big and small.

Say a prayer for Sister Margaret and for all the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville that they may continue to be signs of joy and hope to a world in desperate need. Let's pray we may be the same.

If you can, please pray for me. I promise the same.



EL POST DEL PARROCO

SEÑALES DE ALEGRÍA Y ESPERANZA

Querida familia parroquial:

Esta semana pasada tuve la oportunidad de conversar con un sacerdote mayor de nuestra diócesis a quien trato de visitar de vez en cuando para hablar de la vida espiritual. Tiene una gran sabiduría y experiencia. Soy mejor sacerdote por haberle conocido. Incluso como sacerdote jubilado, ejerce su ministerio regularmente al final de la isla y tiene un amor especial y hermoso por los pobres y vulnerables.

Empezamos a hablar de una Hermana de San Dominico de Amityville que falleció hace un año esta semana. Su nombre es Hermana Margaret Smyth, O.P. Fue maestra de escuela primaria en Brooklyn durante muchos años y luego se mudó para comenzar el Apostolado Español de North Fork al final de la isla. Aunque pequeña en estatura, era una mujer poderosa. Tuvo mucho valor para desafiar a quienes se interponían en el camino de los pobres y los necesitados, en particular los dirigentes políticos y eclesiásticos. Afrontando algunos de los problemas más difíciles y las necesidades más acuciantes, trabajó y soportó grandes tragedias y triunfos en su trabajo y ministerio.

Recuerdo que conocí a la Hermana Margaret en una reunión con un congresista local. Estábamos allí para discutir algunos temas relacionados con el final de la isla. Ella dominaba claramente el salón. Con voz tranquila, una gran sonrisa y una fuerte voluntad, muchas personas se beneficiaron de ese encuentro y de muchos otros.

También tenía un gran sentido del humor, incluso en medio de la lucha. Se cuenta la historia de una protesta en la época en que mataron a un indocumentado en el final de la isla. Ambos "bandos" estaban protestando y ella defendía a los inmigrantes y a los solicitantes de asilo. En medio de la protesta, cruzó la calle y se acercó a un hombre mucho más alto y corpulento que ella - ¡uno dijo que tenía un aire a David y Goliat! Todo el mundo estaba lleno de ansiedad. Ella simplemente se acercó al hombre y le señaló, como antigua profesora, que había escrito mal una palabra en su cartel. Eso pareció romper el hielo.

Hoy pienso en ella porque vivió el Evangelio que

predicamos. No siempre fue fácil y no siempre fue aceptada, pero eso no le impidió perseguir lo que creía justo y correcto. Fue una señal de alegría y esperanza para muchos, a muchos niveles (y una espina en el costado de algunos otros también - ¡los profetas suelen serlo!).



Al celebrar este Domingo de la Alegría o Domingo de la Alegría, se podría decir que es una palabra ligera. Ser una persona alegre, podríamos pensar, es ser alguien que no es demasiado serio o simplemente feliz todo el tiempo. Esto no es cierto. El Papa Francisco dijo: "La alegría no significa vivir de risa

en risa. No, no es eso. La alegría no es entretenimiento. No, no es eso. Es otra cosa. La alegría cristiana es paz, paz profundamente arraigada, paz en el corazón, la paz que sólo Dios puede dar. Ésta es la alegría cristiana. No es fácil fomentar esta alegría".

Pienso en la Hermana Margaret y en tantas otras hermanas dominicas que conozco (¡lo hemos visto en nuestra parroquia más recientemente a través del testimonio de la Hermana Ann Horn y la Hermana Julie Thompson!) Signos de alegría y esperanza que intentan afrontar algunos tiempos difíciles desde un lugar de profunda paz.

Esta es la llamada para cada uno de nosotros, ¿verdad? A reconocer que el Espíritu del Señor reposa sobre cada uno de nosotros, como recuerda el profeta en la primera lectura. Ser signo de alegría y esperanza especialmente para los quebrantados de corazón, los pobres, los cautivos y los encarcelados. Como discípulos, es importante cómo afrontamos estos momentos. Podemos abordarlos como si lleváramos una carga indecible o podemos abordarlos con alegría y esperanza, realmente con la alegría del Evangelio. Veo que eso sucede aquí todos los días, en formas grandes y pequeñas.

Recen una oración por la Hermana Margaret y por todos las Hermanas de San Dominico de Amityville para que sigan siendo señales de alegría y esperanza para un mundo desesperado. Recemos para que nosotros podamos ser lo mismo.

Si puedes, por favor reza por mí. Prometo hacer lo mismo.

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Simbang Gabi

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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 :)!

MASSES CONTINUE THROUGH 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.





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Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the third week of Advent, at the evening meal (or any time) two purple candles and one pink candle lighted. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

All make the sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). Go to www.usccb.org to find the readings of the day. Then the Leader continues:

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

The Leader prays: God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After the meal, the Leader says:

Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All respond: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Advent Considerations....

The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

-Luke 1





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"We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now," St. Paul tells us (Rom 8:22). This image is unnervingly visceral to those of us who have groaned in actual childbirth. The contractions and mighty pushes we breathe through bring forth a new being. Once we glimpse our baby, we would do it all again in a heartbeat. So it is with God. God gives us this most precious gift, God's Son, grace and truth, a labor of God's love.

-Valerie Schultz, *Give Us This Day*, December 2023

If Christ is growing in us, if we are at peace, recollected, because we know that however insignificant our life seems to be, from it He is forming Himself; if we go with eager wills, "in haste" to wherever our circumstances compel us, because we believe that He desires to be in that place, we shall find that we are driven more and more to act on the impulse of His love.

-Caryll Houselander, *The Reed of God*

O Lord, who has mercy on all, take away from me my sins
and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you,
to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake.

-Saint Ambrose

O Antiphons

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

-www.usccb.org

December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

—Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers





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Las Posadas

The Journey to Christmas

CONTINUES THROUGH December 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 - through 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.

What a beautiful way for our parish to come together!



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!





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Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

On Sunday, December 10, 2023, St. Brigid's processed through the streets of New Cassel to Our Lady's Chapel as part of our Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations. What a beautiful witness to the local community.

El domingo 10 de diciembre de 2023, Santa Brígida procesionó por las calles de New Cassel hasta la Capilla de Nuestra Señora como parte de nuestras celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Qué hermoso testimonio para la comunidad local.



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

The St. Brigid Our Lady of Hope School family sends heartfelt thanks to all of the amazing sponsors of this year's annual 5K Run/Walk - our largest to date!

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| The Pearson Family | Pao Wang | Pre K Class of 2033 | | | Kindergarten Class of 2032 | | | The Nuñez Family | |
| 1st Graders Class of 2031 | 2nd Graders Class of 2030 | 3rd Graders Class of 2029 | 4th Graders Class of 2028 | 5th Graders Class of 2027 | 6th Graders Class of 2026 | 7th Graders Class of 2025 | 8th Graders Class of 2024 | | |



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

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Yanira Chacon
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THE WELL
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Ximena Aravena
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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

CAN YOU HELP?

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



Community Meal

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

Tentative Hope:

Begin in January/February 2024

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

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.

- Cereal
- Progresso Soup
- Campbells Chunky Soup
- Healthy Choice Soups
- Canned Pasta
- Water

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



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 infomasyon yo mande nou yo . Epi nap remetli bay secretè ki nan biwo a. lap fè swivi tout bagay pou nou epi konsa nap vini mamb nan paroisse la.
 - To register and become member of the parish of St. Brigid's, please complete the Census (blue book) available in the Parish Office.

GETTING READY FOR LENT 2024/PREPARÁNDONOS PARA CUARESMA 2024

As part of our planning for Lent 2024, we will have an At Home Retreat for our parish. In January, we will ask parishioners to join small faith sharing groups to pray about the Scriptures and grow closer to one another in our parish community. We will ask for parishioners to sign up in January 2024. For now, we are looking for group leaders and parishioners who are willing to host a small group 8-10 people in their homes. If you can help, please complete the form below or email to spirituality@saintbrigid.net

Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____ @ _____

Language(s) Spoken: Spanish _____ English _____

YES! I can lead a small group! YES! I can host a small group in my home.



Como parte de nuestra planificación para la Cuaresma de 2024, tendremos un Retiro en Casa para nuestra parroquia. En enero, pediremos a los feligreses que se unan a pequeños grupos para compartir la fe, orar sobre las Escrituras y acercarse unos a otros en nuestra comunidad parroquial. Pediremos a los feligreses que se inscriban en enero de 2024. Por ahora, estamos buscando líderes de grupo y feligreses que estén dispuestos a acoger un pequeño grupo de 8-10 personas en sus casas. Si usted puede ayudar, por favor complete el siguiente formulario o mande un a spirituality@saintbrigid.net

Nombre _____ Teléfono: _____ Correo electrónico _____ @ _____

Idioma(s) que habla: Español _____ Inglés _____

¡Sí! ¡Puedo dirigir un grupo pequeño! ¡Sí! Puedo acoger upequeño grupo en mi casa.

LIFE @ ST. BRIGID'S



We Welcome the Newly Baptized

Dylan Caba
Marilyn Patricia Folan
Emilia Gaitan
Jayden Rene Garcia Reyes
Jonathan Pineda Peña
Layla Alexandra Santamaria Villalobos
Zoe Gabriela Villatoro



FOR THE WEEK
BEGINNING DECEMBER 17TH

BREAD AND WINE IN MEMORY OF
KEVIN PREISS

ST. ANTHONY CANDLE IN MEMORY OF
ANTONIO BUFFOLINO

SACRED HEART CANDLE IN MEMORY OF
ALVIN MENDOZA



ST. BRIGID'S MORNING RETREAT

Come gather at St. Brigid's 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.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 19
from 10:30am to 12 noon
in the Parish Center
at St. Anthony Hall



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

ORAMOS POR LOS QUE ESTAN ENFERMOS

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

REZAMOS POR LOS QUE HAN MUERTO.....

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...

Alvin Mendoza, Elia Iadevaia, Lucille Breland, Alma Iris Olivos, Rita Sollecito, Lily Falconi, Thomas Gesuale, Emilio Antonio Cruz

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.

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THE MASS

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 18

MONDAY/LUNES DECEMBER 18

7:00am - Joan Elizabeth Turner
12:10pm - Bob Hug

TUESDAY/MARTES DECEMBER 19

7:00am - DaCosta Family
12:10pm - Joseph J. Napolitano
(Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES DECEMBER 20

7:00am - Theresa Stratthaus (Happy
Birthday in Heaven)
12:10pm - Annie Puszydra
7:30pm - Eleazar Pichardo

THURSDAY/JUEVES DECEMBER 21

7:00am - John Chirayil
12:10pm - Ellen Palmer

FRIDAY/VIERNES DECEMBER 22

7:00am - Fr. Jacob Onyumb (In
Thanksgiving)
12:10pm - Helena P. Scuderi

SATURDAY/SABADO DECEMBER 23

8:00am - Novena Mass - Victor Alfieri
5:00pm - Antonio Posillico
7:00pm - Jesus Sacramentado virgende la medalla
milagrosa san migel al canje (In Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO DECEMBER 24

7:00am (English) - Msgr. James Vaughn (in Thanksgiving)
8:00am (Spanish)* -
8:30am (Italian) - Michael Axelson (Living)
9:30am (English)* - Liberato Cotougn, Johanna Cavallaro
10:00am (English) - Dorothy Porta, The Sureau Family
(Health), Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco (In Thanksgiving), Cecil
Hollar, Jr., Paul Marchese, Alvin Mendoza
10:45am (Spanish)* - Jorge Barrera Alas, Manuel Santos
Rodriguez
11:30am (English) - Betty Jane Cooper
4:00pm (Church) - Joanne Salerno & Anthony Vecchiano
5:00pm (Chapel)* - Sandra McGrath
6:00pm (Church) - Teddy Graboski
7:30pm (Chapel-Spanish)* -
8:30pm (Church-Spanish)
Midnight Mass (Church-English) - Toni Sakal
Midnight Mass (Chapel-Kreyol)* -

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

Looking Ahead... Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pray with next Sunday's readings and consider these questions:

First Reading: [2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16](#)
We find David embarrassed because he is living in a beautiful building while God's residence is "a tent". He makes plans to build a beautiful house for the Lord. Where might God dwell in today's world? And in the church?

Second Reading: [Romans 16:25-27](#)
This letter from Paul says that God's saving plan is for "all nations". If these believed his

message, what would happen to conflict between nations, global poverty and hunger, social injustice, and agreement of countries to care for creation? Is there anything you can do to brighten up some of this darkness?

Gospel: [Luke:1-26-38](#)

Why would an infinite God wait for a human "yes" in order to enter the human race? Why didn't he just come on his own? Can you relate to Mary's unconditional "yes" to God, or is your "yes" unconditional? Will God come take up residence in your life if you ask?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 e-mail 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

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  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.

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 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 3 p. m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Church Monday - Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 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.

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