



St. Brigid's R.C. Church



World Day for the Sick + Día Mundial del Enfermo

**HEAR OUR PRAYER, O GOD, AND HEAL THE MANY ILLNESSES
THAT AFFLICT US IN BODY, MIND AND SOUL.**

**ESCUCHA NUESTRA ORACIÓN, OH DIOS, Y CURA LAS MUCHAS
ENFERMEDADES QUE NOS AFLIGEN EN CUERPO, MENTE Y ALMA.**

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VI DOMINGO EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

LENT @ St. Brigid's



Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024



- 6 a.m. - Prayer Service (Church - Bilingual)
- 7 a.m. - Mass/Misa (Church - English)
- 9 a.m. - Prayer Service (Church-English)
- 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Service (**Chapel** - English)
- 12:10 p.m. - Mass/Misa (Church - English)
- 12:10 p.m. - Mass/Misa (**Chapel** - English)
- 1:30 p.m. - Prayer Service (**Chapel** - English)
- 3:00 p.m. - Prayer Service (Church - English)

**12:10 -
2 Masses in 2
places!**

AFTER 3 P.M. - ALL SERVICES AND MASSES AT MAPLE AVENUE



- 4:00 p.m. - Prayer Service (**Auditorium** - English)
- 5:30 p.m. - Prayer Service (**Chapel** - Children/Family)
- 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Service (**Auditorium** - Spanish)
- 7:30 p.m. - Mass/Misa (**Auditorium** - Spanish)
- 7:30 p.m. - Mass /Misa (**Chapel** - English/Spanish)

**7:30
2 Masses in
2 places in
2 languages**

Our Lady's Chapel and Code Auditorium are located at 101 Maple Avenue, Westbury, NY. Please use Drexel Avenue (behind school) and Maple Avenue Parking Lots (in front of school).

**Ashes will only be distributed in the Church or the Chapel
DURING services.**

**Las cenizas solo se distribuirán en la iglesia o en la Capilla
DURANTE los servicios y no oficios.**



Our Catholic School



Join us for an Elegant Evening with Monsignor James C. Vlaun

REAL FOOD LIVE

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

at St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School in Monsignor Code Auditorium

101 Maple Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

\$125.00 per ticket



To purchase tickets, sponsorships, journal ads or raffle tickets ONLINE, SCAN THIS QR CODE. To register via phone, contact 516-334-0021

**Deadline for reservations and journal ads is
Sunday, February 25, 2024.
Seats are filling up fast!**



EL POST DEL PÁRROCO

¿QUE QUIERES?

Querida familia de la parroquia,

Tengo un amigo al que cuido de varias maneras. A lo largo de los años, nos tomamos el pelo, bromeamos y nos hacemos pasar un mal rato. Agradezco que esta persona esté en mi vida. No sé si esta persona diría lo mismo. En los últimos meses, siempre que ha necesitado algo, se ha puesto en contacto conmigo. Le animé a hacerlo, sobre todo cuando atravesaba un momento difícil. Una vez que sentí que podíamos bromear un poco, cada vez que me llamaba le decía: "¿Qué quieres?". Él se reía y decía algo así como: "No, padre John. ¿Cómo está usted? Sólo te he tendido la mano porque me importa". Mientras él se reía, yo le respondía: "No es verdad... ¿qué quieres?". Entonces, él generalmente procede a decirme lo que necesita. Ahora, cuando le llamo, me dice lo mismo y compartimos una buena carcajada.

Hoy pienso en esa pregunta porque está relacionada con las lecturas de este domingo. Es una gran pregunta previa al tiempo de Cuaresma, y esta persona acaba de llamarme. (Y sí, le respondí con un "¿Qué quieres?"... ¡y sorprendentemente necesitaba algo!).

El 11 de febrero celebramos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes. (No celebramos la fiesta este año porque es el 6º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario y los domingos tienen prioridad). Esta fecha se celebra tradicionalmente como la Jornada Mundial del Enfermo. Las lecturas de hoy no están pensadas para esta fiesta, pero son ciertamente apropiadas. Este encuentro entre Jesús y el leproso nos deja muchas cosas que desentrañar para nuestra propia curación -física o de otro tipo- y cómo permitir que nuestra fe en Jesús forme parte de esa curación.

La dura verdad es que cada uno de nosotros tiene algunos de esos "lugares oscuros", algunos de los lugares que son muy impuros. Puede que otros los conozcan. A menudo, nadie lo sabe. Elegimos o sentimos que debemos vivir solos en esos lugares oscuros. Cargamos con el dolor, las heridas y los secretos con la esperanza de que nadie los descubra. Podemos aislarnos, encerrarnos en nosotros mismos o buscar otras formas de calmar el dolor. Podemos identificarnos con las palabras del Papa Francisco en su mensaje para la Jornada Mundial del Enfermo de este año: "Hemos sido creados para estar juntos, no solos. Precisamente porque este proyecto de comunión está tan profundamente arraigado en el corazón humano, vemos la experiencia del abandono y la soledad como algo aterrador, doloroso e incluso inhumano." Imagino que el leproso sintió lo mismo. Es probable que no tuviera

elección en aquel momento y lugar. Lo mismo NO es cierto para ti y para mí.

Entra Jesús. El leproso, el que vive en la oscuridad y el aislamiento, ve a Jesús, se acerca a él, se arrodilla y le suplica. Le dice a Jesús lo que quiere y su convicción de que Jesús puede hacerlo. Se cura, al menos físicamente.

Quizá mejor que "entrar en Jesús" sea "permitir que Jesús entre" en tus zonas impuras y en las mías, sean cuales sean. Los secretos que llevamos, las luchas que otros nos ayudan a llevar, las enfermedades físicas, los dolores, el pasado, las heridas. Los que nos llamamos discípulos sabemos que Jesús está ahí para ayudarnos a sanar, restaurarnos y levantarnos. Probablemente les decimos a otras personas algo parecido todo el tiempo. Sin embargo, a muchos nos cuesta aceptarnos a nosotros mismos. Tenemos miedo, tal vez, de que ni siquiera Jesús pueda entender esta parte o partes impuras de mí.

Deja que Jesús entre en tu historia y en la mía. Vuelve a leer lo que hace. En primer lugar, no se aleja. Este enfermo viene corriendo hacia él. Sabe que esta persona tiene lepra. Jesús sabe que es impuro. Sin embargo, Jesús se queda. Le tiende la mano para darle la bienvenida, para asegurarse que ha venido al lugar correcto. Jesús lo toca en esas zonas impuras, corriendo un gran riesgo, y lo restaura. Lo vuelve a poner en pie.

Esta es la invitación para ti y para mí. Para algunos de estos lugares impuros necesitamos mayores esfuerzos en nuestras propias vidas. Para algunos de nosotros, es hacer uso del Sacramento de la Reconciliación o de la Unción de los Enfermos. Otros necesitamos considerar algún otro tipo de apoyo e intervención, incluyendo un consejero o alguien que pueda ayudarnos profesionalmente. Otros podemos beneficiarnos de algún tipo de grupo de 12 pasos. Todo esto es bueno y, en muchos casos, necesario, ya que nos obliga a reconocer la suciedad y a trabajar en ella.

Pero antes, ¿podemos considerar la posibilidad de dejar que Jesús entre primero en esos lugares? ¿Podemos correr hacia él y rogarle, diciéndole "lo que queremos" y dejándole tocar esos lugares impuros? Él no va a huir. No va a abandonarnos. Nos va a restaurar y quizá con su ayuda, quizá escuchándole, encontremos el mejor camino a seguir. En estos momentos, nos apresuramos a correr a todas partes. Que el Evangelio de hoy y la Jornada Mundial del Enfermo de hoy nos inspiren a correr primero hacia Jesús y oírle preguntarnos: "¿Qué quieres?".

Por favor, si puedes, rezar una oración por mí. Prometo lo mismo.

Featherman

THE PASTOR'S POST

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Dear Parish Family,

I have a friend I look out for in a few ways. Over the years, we tease and joke and give each other a hard time. I'm grateful for this person in my life. I'm not sure this person would always say the same. Over the past months whenever he has needed something, he has reached out to me. I encouraged this particularly as he was going through a difficult time. Once I felt we could joke a little bit, whenever he called I would say, "What do you want?" He would laugh and say something like, "No, Fr. John. How are you? I just reached out because I care." As he was laughing, I'd respond and say, "Not true...what do you want?" Then, he generally proceeds to tell me what he needs. Now when I call him, he says the same thing to me and we share a good laugh.

I think of that question today because it relates to the readings of this Sunday. It's a great pre-game question for the season of Lent, and this person just called me. (And yes, I answered with "What do you want?"...and shockingly he needed something!)

On February 11, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. (We do not celebrate the feast this year because it is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Sundays take precedence.) This date is traditionally celebrated as the World Day of the Sick. The readings today are not planned for this feast day but they are certainly appropriate. This encounter between Jesus and the leper leaves a lot for us to unpack for our own healing - physical or otherwise - and how to allow our faith in Jesus to be part of that healing.

The hard truth is that each one of us has some of those "dark places", some of the places that are very unclean. Others may know of them. Often, no one does. We choose to or feel we must live in those dark places by ourselves. We carry the pain, the hurt, and the secrets hoping no one will ever find out. We can find ourselves isolating or withdrawing or finding other ways to soothe the pain. We can relate to the words of Pope Francis in his message for this year's World Day of the Sick, "We were created to be together, not alone. Precisely because this project of communion is so deeply rooted in the human heart, we see the experience of abandonment and solitude as something frightening, painful and even inhuman." I imagine the leper felt the same. It is likely he did not have a choice based on that particular time and place. The same is NOT true for you and me.

Enter Jesus. The leper, the one living in darkness and isolation, sees Jesus, comes to him, kneels down, and

begs. He tells Jesus what he wants and his belief that Jesus can do it. He is healed, at least physically.

Maybe better than "enter Jesus" is to "allow Jesus to enter" your unclean areas and mine, whatever they might be. The secrets we carry, the struggles others help us to carry, the physical illnesses, the pains, the past, the hurts. We who call ourselves disciples know that Jesus is there to help us to heal, to restore us, and to lift us up. We probably tell other people something like this all the time. Yet, it can be so hard for many of us to accept ourselves. We are afraid, perhaps, that even Jesus could not understand this unclean part or parts of us.

Let Jesus enter your story and mine. Read again about what he does. First, he does not walk away. This sick man comes running toward him. He knows this person has leprosy. Jesus knows he is unclean. Yet, Jesus remains. He stretches out his hand to welcome him, to reassure him he is coming to the right place. Jesus touches him in these unclean areas, taking great risk, and restores him. He gets him back on his feet.

This is the invitation for you and me. For some of these unclean places we need to make greater efforts in our own lives. For some of us, it is making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick. Others of us need to consider some other support and interventions, including a counselor or someone who can assist us professionally. Others of us may benefit from a 12 step group of some kind. All good and, in many cases, necessary as they force us to acknowledge the uncleanliness and work on it.

First, though, can we consider letting Jesus enter those places first? Can we run to him and beg, telling him "what we want" and letting him touch those unclean places? He is not going to run away. He is not going to leave us. He is going to restore us and perhaps with his help, perhaps by listening to him, we'll find the best path forward. We are quick to run everywhere else in these moments.

May today's Gospel and today's World Day of the Sick inspire us to run first to Jesus and hear him asking us, "What do you want?"

Please, if you can, say a prayer for me. I promise the same.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Feather

LENT @ St. Brigid's

Lenten Bag Challenge



During Lent, we are called to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Rest assured, you can do all of those things here at St. Brigid's!

Please take two reusable shopping bags.

We ask you to keep one for yourself and return the other with the requested items throughout the weeks of Lent.

(Yes, of course, you can return both and even take more than two!)



Durante la Cuaresma, estamos llamados a las prácticas espirituales de oración, ayuno y limosna.

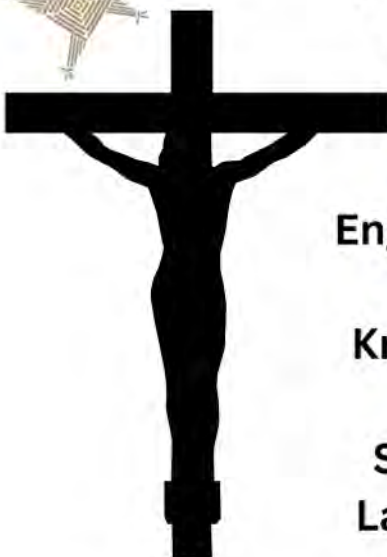
¡Tenga la seguridad de que puede hacer todas esas cosas aquí en Santa Brígida!

Por favor, lleve dos bolsas de compras reusables.

Le pedimos que se quede con una y devuelva la otra con los artículos que hemos pedido durante las semanas de Cuaresma.

(Sí, Claro, ¡pueden devolver las dos e incluso llevarse más de dos!)

Stations of the Cross



**Fridays of Lent +
Los Viernes de
Cuaresma**

3:00 p.m.

English - Church

6:15 p.m.

Kreyol - Church

7:00 p.m.

**Spanish - Our
Lady's Chapel-
School**

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."



Join our **Adult Choir** for Lent

**REHEARSALS EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM
IN ST. ANTHONY HALL - 85 POST AVENUE**

**WE SING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS
@ 10:00 IN THE CHURCH AND WE HAVE GREAT
PLANS FOR HOLY WEEK!**

**CONTACT: SUSAN PORTEUS
MUSIC@SAINTBRIGID.NET
OR CALL 516-334-0021 EXT. 311**



LENT @ St. Brigid's



Lent FASTING & ABSTINENCE

- Todos los católicos que hayan cumplido los catorce (14) años están obligados a abstenerse por completo de comer carne todos los viernes de Cuaresma.
- Todos los católicos entre las edades de dieciocho (18) y cincuenta y nueve (59) años inclusive están obligados a observar la ley del ayuno el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Esto significa limitarse a una sola comida completa y evitar los alimentos entre comidas. Se pueden tomar otras dos comidas ligeras, que juntas no equivalen a una comida completa, durante el día.
- Aquellos cuyo trabajo o salud se verían perjudicados están exentos del ayuno y la abstinencia. La conciencia individual debe decidir la causa apropiada para la excusa. Se requiere una razón más seria para excusarse del ayuno y la abstinencia del Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo.
- All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.
- All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.
- Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK EL LIBRITO NEGRO

GETTING READY FOR LENT 2024

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK IS HERE! This Lent, St. Brigid's is offering everyone a little black book. These books are available at the doors of the Church and Our Lady's Chapel. You can carry it with you, leave it in your car or keep it in a place at home where you will see it every day. It's a nice, simple way to bring the spirit of the season to each day of your Lenten journey. The books are free of charge. *If you'd like to make a donation, please place it in the poor boxes to support the work of Parish Social Ministry.*

EL LIBRITO NEGRO YA ESTÁ AQUÍ! Esta Cuaresma, Santa Brígida es ofrece a todos un pequeño librito negro. Estos libros están disponibles en las puertas de la Iglesia y de la Capilla de Nuestra Señora. Puedes llevarlo contigo, dejarlo en el coche o guardarlo en un lugar de tu casa donde lo veas todos los días. Es una forma bonita y sencilla de llevar el espíritu de la temporada a cada día de tu camino cuaresmal. Los libros son gratuitos. *Si desea hacer un donativo, deposítelo en las cajas de los pobres para apoyar la labor de la Pastoral Social Parroquial.*





Observing Lent as a Family

Greetings!

Each season of the liturgical year draws us into the mysteries of our salvation and invites us to grow in love of God and neighbor in a particular way. Lent offers the opportunity to turn away from sin and to live in the freedom of the children of God.

As parents and caregivers, we want to be mindful of the opportunities that the Lenten season provides for children to practice their faith. Children learn from our example. Rest assured that your embrace of the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is its own lesson. Spend some time in prayer and silence considering what holds you back from being the person God has called you to be. How might you practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can better know, love, and serve God?

While you model this discernment to your family, you can ask your children if there is anything they might like to do for Lent. Given the freedom to decide for themselves, many children will enthusiastically adopt some form of Lenten observance. When I asked my children, "What would give you an opportunity to grow closer to God?" their answers surprised me: giving up time on the iPad, not picking fights with a sibling, or calling a grandparent every day to chat. It is an acknowledgment of the wisdom of their inner teacher, the Holy Spirit, to let them decide what will be most helpful to them.

Lent offers the opportunity to turn away from sin and to live in the freedom of the children of God.

Additionally, you may want to decide on a discipline as a family. For several years, my family gave up eating in restaurants (including carryout) and donated our cost savings to our local food bank. Our almsgiving was not the only way this



Simple Lenten practices help draw the family closer to Christ and one another.

sacrifice changed us. Like many busy families, weekdays found us rushing from one thing to the next. Sticking with our sacrifice required a lot of focus. Some days, we drove past dozens of restaurants on our way to piano lessons and soccer while we ate soup, sandwiches, or leftovers in the car—sometimes contentedly and sometimes less so. While difficult, these moments gave us the opportunity to remember that love requires sacrifice and to reflect on the great love of the Lord Jesus whose sacrifice we were honoring.

Whatever you choose to do for Lent, make space for your family to encounter Christ in the Word, in the Eucharist, and in the least among us. I also encourage you to let your children see you receive the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. When children observe their parents acknowledge their failings and seeking God's grace and forgiveness, they are witnessing a model of the Christian life.

Teaching your children to honor the season of Lent is a gift that will help provide a blueprint for a life of faith. Keep the focus on Jesus: his love for us, his sacrifice, and the promise of eternal life with him.

Text by Katherine Ball-Boruff. Art by Kate Cosgrove. © 2024 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 3949 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609; 800-933-1800; www.LTP.org. *Pastoral Liturgy* magazine, January/February 2024, www.PastoralLiturgy.org.

This page may be reproduced for personal or parish use. The copyright must appear with the text. It also may be downloaded at <http://www.pastoralliturgy.org/resources/ObservingLent.pdf>.



Guardar la Cuaresma en familia

¡Hola!

Cada temporada del año litúrgico nos introduce en los misterios de nuestra salvación y nos hace crecer de manera particular en el amor a Dios y al prójimo. La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de alejarnos del pecado para vivir en la libertad de los hijos de Dios.

Los padres y educadores sabemos de las oportunidades que ofrece la Cuaresma para que los niños practiquen su fe. Los niños aprenden de nuestro ejemplo. Tengan por seguro que cumplir con la oración, el ayuno y la limosna cuaresmales es una magnífica enseñanza. Dediquen tiempo a la oración y al silencio reflexionando en aquello que les impide ser las personas que Dios los ha llamado a ser. ¿Cómo podrían ustedes orar, ayunar y hacer limosna para mejor conocer, amar y servir a Dios?

Al tiempo que ustedes dan ejemplo de este discernimiento ante su familia, pregunten a sus hijos si hay algo que les gustaría hacer durante la Cuaresma. Si se les da la libertad de decidir por sí mismos, muchos niños adoptarán con entusiasmo alguna forma para guardar la Cuaresma. Cuando les pregunté a mis hijos, "¿Qué les daría la oportunidad de acercarse a Dios?", sus respuestas me sorprendieron: reducir tiempo al iPad, no buscar peleas con un hermano o llamar a un abuelo todos los días para conversar. Permitamos que la sabiduría de su maestro interior, el Espíritu Santo, les guíe para decidir qué les resultará más útil.

La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de alejarnos del pecado para vivir en la libertad de los hijos de Dios.

Además, es posible que también ustedes quieran decidir sobre una práctica en familia. Durante varios años, mi familia dejó de comer en restaurantes (incluida la comida para llevar) y donó esos ahorros al banco de alimentos local. Nuestra limosna no fue la única forma en que este sacrificio nos cambió.



Las prácticas simples de Cuaresma nos acercan a Cristo y a los demás.

Como muchas familias ocupadas, los días de semana nos encontraban corriendo de una cosa a otra. Mantener nuestro sacrificio requirió mucha concentración. Algunos días, pasábamos por docenas de restaurantes de camino a clases de piano y fútbol mientras comíamos sopa, sándwiches o sobras en el auto, a veces contentos y otras menos. Aunque difíciles, estos momentos nos dieron la oportunidad de recordar que el amor requiere sacrificio y de reflexionar en el gran amor del Señor Jesús cuyo sacrificio estábamos honrando.

Independientemente de lo que ustedes elijan hacer durante la Cuaresma, hagan espacio para que su familia encuentre a Cristo en la Palabra, en la Eucaristía y en los más pequeños entre nosotros. También los animo a que dejen que sus hijos los vean acercarse al sacramento de la reconciliación esta Cuaresma. Cuando los niños observan a sus padres reconocer sus fallas y buscar la gracia y el perdón de Dios, presentan un modelo de vida cristiana.

Enseñar a sus hijos a honrar el tiempo de Cuaresma es un regalo que les ayudará a proporcionar un modelo para una vida de fe. Mantengan el enfoque en Jesús: su amor por nosotros, su sacrificio y la promesa de vida eterna con él.

LENT @ St. Brigid's



Come join fellow St. Brigid's parishioners and others...

**...for a unique Lenten experience
Saturday March 16, 2024,
buses leave at 7 am, show at 3 pm**



**A Sight and Sound Production
Lancaster, PA**



- **Limited Seating- 2 Buses**
- **Call front desk at 516-334-0021 to reserve early with payment \$170/Adult + \$100/Child includes show, transportation, light breakfast on bus and lunch**



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

 WE NEED YOU!

**ALTAR SERVERS
NEEDED!/
¡SE NECESITAN
MONAGUILLOS!**

**CLASSES FOR TRAINING
CLASES DE FORMACIÓN**

El miércoles/Wednesday, February 28

5:00 p.m. - Church (Post Avenue)

El jueves/Thursday, February 29

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady's Chapel (Maple Avenue)

El miércoles/Wednesday, March 6

5:00 p.m. - Church (Post Avenue)

El jueves/Thursday, March 7

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady's Chapel (Maple Avenue)

El miércoles/Wednesday, March 13

5:00 p.m. - Church (Post Avenue)

El jueves/Thursday, March 14

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady's Chapel (Maple Avenue)



Email Fr. John at
fatherjohn
@saintbrigid.net, call
516.334.0021, scan
the QR code to
below!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Can you serve as an
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, we will work to offer the precious Blood (from the cup) during the Easter season.

To accomplish this goal, we need more men and women to come forward.

Diocesan and parish training will take place this Spring.



For more information, please call or email Fr. John at 516.3340021 or email to fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net.



Church Decorating/Art and Environment

WE NEED A LOT OF HELP FOR
LENT AND EASTER!

NEXT MEETING
MONDAY, February 19, 2024
7 p.m. Outreach Center
75 Post Avenue, Westbury

Get involved! Call the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 or email frontdesk@saintbrigid.net to be connected to our ministry.
All are welcome!

Do you have an "eye" for design?
Can you think of some beautiful ways to decorate our Church for Christmas? Lent? Advent? Easter?
Are you open to something new?

- This group works to:
- Plan and organize the decoration of our Church for the liturgical seasons
 - Prepare materials for each season
 - Keep liturgical decorations in good order





National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools

During Catholic Schools Week we celebrated National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. Village of Westbury Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro presented Mr. Clagnaz with a proclamation recognizing the day. Besides Mayor Cavallaro, we were visited by Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena, and Village Trustees Steven L. Corte and Vincent Abbatiello. The program began with posting the colors - flags of the United States and Vatican City by a color guard of Girl and Boy Scouts led by Mrs. Hartel Goodman.





Family

FAITH FORMATION



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES CLASES DE CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

The Adult Confirmation process is an opportunity for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church. This process emphasizes the basics of Catholic teaching respecting the adult audience's many concerns, questions and responsibilities. Some of the topics include the Trinity, sacraments, prayer, and morality. We are taking information for people who would like to sign up for our 2024 sessions. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

To express your interest in Adult Confirmation please complete and [submit the Adult Confirmation Interview Form](#).



Requirements for Adult Confirmation Preparation

- A Roman Catholic adult who has received first Eucharist.
- A copy of Baptismal Certificate
- One must select a sponsor to accompany them in the preparation process.

For additional questions, email faithformation@saintbrigid.net.

El proceso de Confirmación de Adultos es una oportunidad para los católicos que no han tenido la oportunidad de recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación para completar su plena iniciación en la Iglesia Católica. Este proceso enfatiza los fundamentos de la enseñanza católica respetando las muchas preocupaciones, preguntas y responsabilidades del público adulto. Algunos de los temas incluyen la Trinidad, los sacramentos, la oración y la moral. Estamos recibiendo información para las personas que deseen inscribirse en nuestras sesiones de 2024. Las sesiones comenzarán el miércoles 28 de febrero de 2024.

Para expresar su interés en la Confirmación de Adultos por favor complete y envíe el Formulario de Entrevista de Confirmación de Adultos.

Requisitos para la Preparación de la Confirmación de Adultos

- Un adulto Católico Romano que haya recibido la primera Eucaristía.
- Una copia del Certificado de Bautismo
- Uno debe seleccionar un padrino que lo acompañe en el proceso de preparación.

Para preguntas adicionales, envíe un correo electrónico a faithformation@saintbrigid.net.



LIFE @ ST. BRIGID



VIDA FAMILIAR
FAMILY LIFE



Love to Sing? Play an Instrument?
JOIN THE

Family Mass Adult Choir!

Share your gift of music at the 9:30am Mass
in the Chapel for the 5 Sundays in Lent,
Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



CATHOLIC FAITH
NETWORK

CFN ANNUAL TELETHON

Saturday February 25 - Sunday, February 26, 2024

Support our own Msgr. Jim!

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on Saturday, February 25th from 2 - 10 PM and continue through Sunday, February 26th from 12 - 10 PM. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know.

Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services - Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.



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

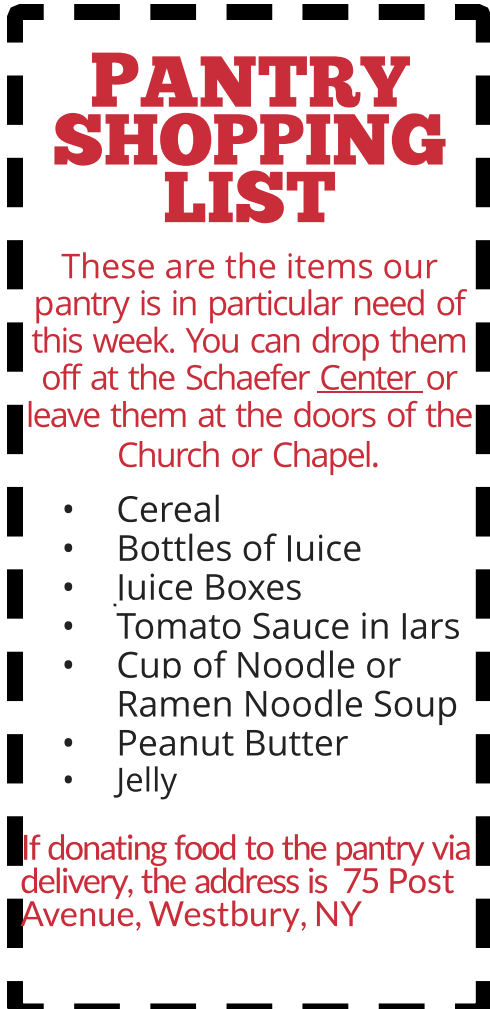
Hours of operation:
Monday 4:30p - 7p
Tue. & Wed. 10:30a - 12p
1p - 3p
Thursday 10:30a - 12p
4:30p - 7p
Friday 10:30a - 12p



"SOCK"ER DRIVE!

Support the Knights of Columbus as they seek to care for the poor and vulnerable. Donate NEW and UNUSED socks, winter hats, and gloves over the next few weeks. Boxes for donations are found at the doors of the Church and Our Lady's Chapel.

Apoye a los Caballeros de Colón en su búsqueda por cuidar a los pobres y vulnerables. Done calcetines, gorros de invierno y guantes NUEVOS y SIN USO durante las próximas semanas. Las cajas para donaciones se encuentran en las puertas de la Iglesia y Capilla de Nuestra Señora de la Esperanza.



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
- Bottles of Juice
- Juice Boxes
- Tomato Sauce in jars
- Cup of Noodle or Ramen Noodle Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

We are here to serve and care for you!



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR KIDS EL PROGRAMA DE AYUDA PARA HACER LA TAREA

We Need Help!

St. Brigid's Parish Outreach Casa Mary Johanna will open an after-school program for children in grades 1 thru 3 in March 2024 - Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00pm.

¡Necesitamos Ayuda!

Santa Brigida Oficina de ayuda Casa Mary Johanna
Abrirá un programa de ayuda para hacer la tarea para niños en grados 1st hasta 3rd en Marzo, 2024 - Martes y Miércoles de 3:30-5:00pm.



CONTACT US

Email: yanira@saintbrigid.net or call 516.334.0021



Often many will ask, "What can I do?" or say "I want to be involved!" It's reassuring to hear! I wanted to share some projects "around the parish" that we can use some help. If you think you might be able to offer some energy, resources, time, or talent, please email fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net and I'll direct you to the correct area!

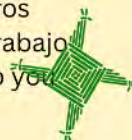
___ **I love to clean high places or know someone who can.** Our Church window sills, areas in the sanctuary, etc. are in need of some cleaning...more than what volunteers or staff can do. Do you know someone?

Me encanta limpiar lugares altos o conozco a alguien que pueda hacerlo. Los alféizares de las ventanas de nuestra Iglesia, áreas en el santuario, etc. necesitan algo de limpieza... más de lo que los voluntarios o el personal pueden hacer. ¿Conoces a alguien?

___ **Me encanta el Vía Crucis...** y quiero ayudar a que luzca aún más hermoso. **I love the Stations of the Cross...** and want to help make them look even more beautiful.

___ **I love a trashy novel!** OK. We don't have those but we can always use some critical eyes on the bulletin each week. This is all done electronically. ¡Me encantan las novelas basura! DE ACUERDO. No tenemos de esos pero siempre podemos usar algunos ojos críticos en el boletín cada semana. Todo esto se hace electrónicamente.

___ **Me encanta organizar las cosas.** Estamos trabajando con un nuevo programa de programación para nuestros ministros litúrgicos. ¿Te gusta usar el ordenador? ¿Gestionar un calendario? ¿Tratar con quejas?) ¡Este es el trabajo para ti! **I love to organize things.** We are working with a new scheduling program for our liturgical ministers. Do you like to use the computer? Manage a calendar? Deal with complaints :)!? This is the job for you!





PROMISE
to Protect

Safe Environment



Pledge
to HEAL



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All volunteers and employees at St. Brigid's are required to participate in a VIRTUS training course and to go through a background check. You can sign up for the VIRTUS classes by visiting www.drvc.org or clicking here: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?> We offer a class or two each month at St. Brigid's. You may take the class anywhere it is offered.

UPCOMING CLASSES AT ST. BRIGID'S

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25

5 p.m.

If you need help registering for the class or filling out paperwork, WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU! Please contact the Parish Office - 516.334.0021 or email elvia.l@saintbrigid.net or irma.c@saintbrigid.net. Appointments available during the day and at night.

REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please check your email regularly to complete monthly updates. (Be sure to check your "spam" or "Junk" folder.)

PASTORAL INTERVENTION TEAM The dedicated telephone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse (516-694-9063) continues to be available. If the caller does not reach someone directly, messages can be left on an answering machine connected to the phone. Those messages will be retrieved by a member of the Intervention Team and returned as soon as possible. All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved. For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children / Young People, please visit drvc.org.

Todos los voluntarios y empleados de St. Brigid's deben participar en un curso de formación VIRTUS y someterse a una verificación de antecedentes. Puede inscribirse en las clases de VIRTUS visitando www.drvc.org o haciendo clic aquí: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?> Ofrecemos una o dos clases cada mes en St. Brigid's. Usted puede tomar la clase en cualquier lugar que se ofrece.

PRÓXIMAS CLASES EN ST. DE BRIGIDA

Martes, 20 de febrero

6:30 p.m. (inglés)

Miercoles, 21 de febrero -

4:30 p.m. (inglés)

Domingo, 25 de febrero

5 p.m. (Españoi)

Si necesita registrarse para la clase o llenar papeleo, ESTAMOS AQUI PARA AYUDARLE! Por favor, póngase en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial - 516.334.0021 o correo electrónico elvia.l@saintbrigid.net o irma.c@saintbrigid.net. Citas disponibles durante el día y la noche.

RECORDATORIOS PARA VOLUNTARIOS

Por favor, revise su correo electrónico con regularidad para completar las actualizaciones mensuales. (Asegúrese de revisar su carpeta de "spam" o "Junk").

EQUIPO DE INTERVENCIÓN PASTORAL

La línea telefónica dedicada para reportar acusaciones de abuso sexual (516-694-9063) sigue estando disponible. Si la persona que llama no consigue hablar directamente con alguien, puede dejar mensajes en un contestador automático conectado al teléfono. Esos mensajes serán recuperados por un miembro del Equipo de Intervención y devueltos lo antes posible. Se tomarán todas las medidas oportunas para proteger la reputación y la intimidad de los implicados. Para más información sobre la Carta de Protección de la Infancia y la Juventud, visite drvc.org.



LIFE @ ST. BRIGID

MARRIAGE BANNS

For the **THIRD** Time
Between

Farrah Francisco Martinez - St. Peter Alcantara
Andrew Vasquez - St. Peter Alcantara

~
Mirna Gomez Ferrera - St. Brigid
Miguel Del Cid Cruz - St. Brigid



We Welcome the Newly Baptized

Charles Oliver Osezua Boland
Georgia Maria Loria



FOR THE WEEK
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 10TH

BREAD AND WINE IN MEMORY OF
MONIQUE TOUSSAINT

TABERNACLE LAMP IN MEMORY OF
MONIQUE TOUSSAINT (ANNIVERSARY)

SACRED HEART CANDLE IN MEMORY OF
MONIQUE TOUSSAINT (ANNIVERSARY)



Low Gluten Hosts Available

Low gluten Communion hosts are made in a dedicated bakery from a recipe of wheat starch and water, approved by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops as valid matter for use in the Catholic Eucharist according to canonical requirements. Gluten content of this wafer is below 20 parts per million.

PLEASE ASK THE SACRISTAN BEFORE
MASS IF YOU NEED
A LOW GLUTEN HOST.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

ORAMOS POR LOS QUE ESTAN ENFERMOS

Janet Gonzalez Campos	Lauretta Henning	Tony Perfetti	Kenneth Dudkewic
Augustine	Baby Joshua Love	Debra Dibella	Michael Genzale
Richard Abbate	Steve Caputo	José López	Elizabeth Pennisi
Gavin Turner	Alex	Baby Marisol Guadalupe	Grace Bivona
Fabini Camargo	Gloria Godwin	Acevedo	Christine Clancy
Alicia Gonzalez	Ashley Johnson	Rudimar Pegoraro	Bernice Campbell
Neusa Benatti	Joel Wax	Kebira Begum	Carley Barten
Luca Gucciardo	Ana Divinia Siegel	Rita McDougall	Gavin L. Turner
Alan Demascus	Jeannette Murphy	Joshua Bourassa	Michael Zenick
John & Rose	Liam S.	Michael Bustillo	Maria Manna
O'Dougherty	Miguel Henriquez	Bezerly Morton	Michael Cappola
Melissa Anzano	Rudy Capece	Scott Comunale	Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Rosemary Fisher	Mario Constain, Jr.	Gordon Shaw	Rafael Tabudlo Bringas
Jeff McBride	Michael Pereira	Vincent Ciantro	Kimberly Bayron
Ashley	Catherine Dillon	Raymond Thormne	Dominic Modesto
		Ed Nolan	Fernando Raposo

REZAMOS POR LOS QUE HAN MUERTO..... WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...

John Angelo Dorsi, Nicola F.A. Marasco, Mary Ellen Ciantro, Jillian Breslin, Maureen Roos, Callie Rae Pisano

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 FEBRUARY 12

MONDAY/LUNES FEBRUARY 12

7:00am - The DaCosta Family (Living)

12:10pm - Kevin Preiss

TUESDAY/MARTES FEBRUARY 13

7:00am - Luciano Cireseanu

12:10pm - Joanne Ferolito

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES FEBRUARY 14

7:00am - (Mass-Church/English) Laxmi Naik (Anniversary)

12:10pm - (Mass-Church/English) Carmine DeLucia & Baby Frank DeLucia

12:10pm - (Mass-Chapel/English) Matthew DiGiorgi (Living) Baby Cody Christopher Raynor

7:30pm - (Mass-Auditorium/Spanish)

7:30pm - (Mass-Chapel-English/Spanish) For the people of the parish

THURSDAY/JUEVES FEBRUARY 15

7:00am - Roth & Stratthaus Family (Living & Deceased Members)

12:10pm - Joseph J. Napolitano (Birthday)

FRIDAY/VIERNES FEBRUARY 16

7:00am - In Thanksgiving for Blessings

12:10pm - Brian Keegan (Birthday)

SATURDAY/SABADO FEBRUARY 17

8:00am - Novena Mass

5:00pm - Ronald Guillaume

7:00pm - Maria Ines Acevedo

SUNDAY/DOMINGO FEBRUARY 18

7:00am (Church/English) - Christine Zeolla

8:00am (Our Lady's Chapel/Spanish) - Marlidia Osorio

8:30am (Church/Italian) - Constantino Iadeveia (Birthday), Salvatore Posillico

9:30am (Our Lady's Chapel/English) - Lawrence Beck

10:00am (Church/English) - George Cato, Roy & Wendy Jobity, Marissa Lanzaro Bishop (Birthday), Mary Anne Horan-Cremin, Dennis Cremin & Mary Anne Cremin (Living), Anthony Messina

10:45am (Our Lady's Chapel/Spanish) - Angel Francisco Portillo

11:30am (Church/English) - Rose Marie & Thomas Jewtuch

*12:15pm (Our Lady's Chapel/Spanish) - Para todas las personas de la parroquia.

2:30pm (Church/Kreyol) Mr. & Mrs. Denis & Family (In Thanksgiving)

*6:00pm (Our Lady's Chapel/English) - Maria Evangelista

Our Lady's Chapel is located in our school building at 101 Maple Avenue.

Looking Ahead... *First Sunday of Lent*

Pray with next Sunday's readings and consider these questions. You can access the readings at www.usccb.org or making use of the Sunday's Word or Sanctus books.

First Reading: Genesis 9:18-15

After the great flood, God told Noah of the covenant between heaven and earth. Never again would a flood destroy the earth.

- How does the covenant remind us of our own baptism?

Second Reading: 1Peter 3:18-22

As the ark saved a few in Noah's day, so does baptism by faith save God's chosen today.

- What are the things in our life that need

changing?

- How does our faith save us?

Gospel: 4:4b

The spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days. Jesus then appeared proclaiming, "repent, and believe in the Gospel.

- How can we spread the good news of salvation?
- What can we do in words and deeds in our everyday lives?

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 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.