



St. Brigid's R.C. Church



**First Sunday of Advent
I Domingo de Adviento**

1 December 2024



THIS WEEK @St. Brigid's



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 returned - UNWRAPPED - with the tag on it **NO LATER than December 16, 2024**

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 16 de diciembre 2024**





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ST. BRIGID'S PARISH OUTREACH

Colecta de Juguetes Toy Drive



Aceptando Donaciones desde hoy hasta

Domingo, 16 diciembre de 2024
Monday, December 16th

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

THE PASTOR'S POST

THIS IS SO COOL!

Dear Parish Family:

I have just returned from an incredible event in our parish. We just finished most of the clean up from the 30th Annual Mass and Luncheon for Seniors. What a day and what an incredible amount of work put in to prepare for this day. We have a great leader (and chef!) in Mr. Clagnaz as well as the many others who helped to prepare food over the weekend, parents who decorated, students who served at Mass and at lunch, and wonderful guests so grateful to be with us. With all that goodness, that was not where I felt the presence of God most strongly. It was in this phrase, "This is so cool."

After the luncheon, we created containers for St. Lorenzo's Lunch Box. This is one of our new outreach initiatives where people can come and take a prepared meal anytime they want. This is especially helpful for people who live in rooms or are struggling to find work in the winter months. It was actually an idea that was generated from our student research project on hunger last year. They secured a donated refrigerator, painted it and helped to get it down to outreach. Now they are part of the team (in addition to so many others) who prepare the meals each week.

I asked a bunch of students to help us to prepare the meals after they finished cleaning the Auditorium. I explained to them why we were doing this and who it was for mentioning that everyone who came to the fridge would get a Thanksgiving meal. As one student was boxing the lunches, he looked at me and said, "What we're doing right now, Fr. John, this is so cool."

Hey God...I found you! After a day of a lot of work and a lot of presence....and maybe even a little drowsiness after cleaning pots and pans, there you are! Actually, there you were. I just needed to see.

I hope this is what Advent offers each of us in these days of preparation. First, it does call us to take an accounting of our lives. There will be an end to life on this earth. Are we ready? Are we prepared? I do not say this to be depressing or dreary but to be honest. Advent is a time of opportunity, of preparation for the celebration of Christ at Christmas. Advent is also a time to look at the places in our lives where we need to get things in order to encounter Christ in a very personal



and profound way. Vigilance and honest assessment is needed. We pray for the vision to see those areas in need of conversion. Don't take this lightly.

Second, I hope these days of Advent give us the time and space to see God in the moment, to celebrate the "sacrament of the present moment" if you will. Many times, we can feel God is absent or not engaged or has seemingly forgotten the struggles we are facing in our own lives. He has not forgotten us. At times these God sightings are huge and grand. More often, they are quiet and subtle, requiring us to slow down a bit, review, and ask God to help us to see. Please take time this Advent, in the solemn darkness that this time of year brings, to find time and space for silence. Here are some quick thoughts and ideas...maybe one or two can help each of us be more open to finding God.

- Try to **sit quietly in the same space at the same time each day**. Give yourself 5 or 10 minutes. You can even do this in the car if you have to.
- **Be quiet**. No phone, no music, no tv, etc.
- **Light a candle**...let it be a reminder of the Light of Christ. (I would not recommend this if you're driving in your car. :))
- **Breathe**. Deep breaths, asking God to help you settle.
- Maybe **read one of the Advent scriptures** each day. They are some of the most beautiful ones in the liturgical year. When you find one that speaks to you - stop -and keep coming back to that passage.

As I finish this column, it is very early Tuesday morning and have finished praying the second day of the Novena of Grace. What's the title of today? "Finding God". God...there you are! I found you.

This week on the Feast of the St. Francis Xavier, I will celebrate my thirteenth anniversary as a priest. What a gift from God...and a gift that is even more fulfilling in coming to know and to be known by you here at St. Brigid's. Thank you for helping me to find God again and again!

Please pray for me. I promise the same.

Fr. John

EL POST DEL PARROCO

THIS IS SO COOL!

Querida familia parroquial:

Acabo de regresar de un evento increíble en nuestra parroquia. Acabamos de terminar la mayor parte de la limpieza de la 30ª Misa Anual y Almuerzo para las personas mayores. Qué día y qué cantidad increíble de trabajo puesto en la preparación de este día. Tenemos un gran líder (¡y chef!) en el Sr. Clagnaz, así como los muchos otros que ayudaron a preparar la comida durante el fin de semana, los padres que decoraron, los estudiantes que sirvieron en la misa y en el almuerzo, y los maravillosos invitados tan agradecidos de estar con nosotros. Con toda esa bondad, no fue allí donde sentí con más fuerza la presencia de Dios. Fue en esta frase: "Esto es genial".

Después del almuerzo, creamos recipientes para la fiambra de San Lorenzo. Esta es una de nuestras nuevas iniciativas de alcance donde la gente puede venir y tomar una comida preparada en cualquier momento que lo deseen. Esto es especialmente útil para las personas que viven en habitaciones o tienen dificultades para encontrar trabajo en los meses de invierno. En realidad, fue una idea que surgió de nuestro proyecto de investigación estudiantil sobre el hambre del año pasado. Consiguieron un frigorífico donado, lo pintaron y nos ayudaron a llevarlo a la comunidad. Ahora forman parte del equipo (además de tantos otros) que prepara las comidas cada semana.

Pedí a un grupo de estudiantes que nos ayudaran a preparar las comidas cuando terminaran de limpiar el Auditorio. Les expliqué por qué estábamos haciendo esto y para quién era mencionando que todos los que vinieran a la nevera recibirían una comida de Acción de Gracias. Cuando uno de los alumnos estaba empaquetando los almuerzos, me miró y dijo: "Lo que estamos haciendo ahora, P. John, es genial".

Hey Dios... ¡Te encontré! Después de un día de mucho trabajo y mucha presencia...y puede que incluso un poco de somnolencia después de limpiar cacharros, ¡ahí estás! En realidad, ahí estabas. Sólo necesitaba verlo.

Espero que esto sea lo que el Adviento nos ofrece a cada uno de nosotros en estos días de preparación. En primer lugar, nos llama a hacer balance de nuestras vidas. Habrá un final para la vida en esta tierra. ¿Estamos preparados? ¿Estamos preparados? No digo esto para ser deprimente o lúgubre, sino para ser sincero. El Adviento es un tiempo de oportunidades, de preparación para la celebración de Cristo en Navidad. El Adviento es también un tiempo para mirar los lugares de nuestras vidas donde

necesitamos poner las cosas en orden para encontrarnos con Cristo de una manera muy personal y profunda. Necesitamos vigilancia y una evaluación honesta. Oramos por la visión para ver las áreas que necesitan conversión. No te lo tomes a la ligera.

En segundo lugar, espero que estos días de Adviento nos den tiempo y espacio para ver a Dios en el momento. Muchas veces, podemos sentir que Dios está ausente o que no está comprometido o que aparentemente se ha olvidado de las luchas a las que nos enfrentamos en nuestras propias vidas. Estos días de Adviento nos llaman a tomarnos más tiempo para pedir al Señor que nos ayude a ver, a ver las muchas maneras en que se nos muestra. A veces, estos avistamientos de Dios son enormes y grandiosos. Más a menudo, son silenciosos y sutiles, que nos obligan a frenar un poco, revisar y pedir a Dios que nos ayude a ver.

Por favor, tómate un tiempo este Adviento, en la solemne oscuridad que trae esta época del año, para encontrar tiempo y espacio para el silencio. He aquí algunos pensamientos e ideas rápidas... quizá uno o dos puedan ayudarnos a cada uno de nosotros a estar más abiertos para encontrar a Dios.

- Intenta **sentarte en silencio en el mismo espacio a la misma hora cada día**. Dedíquese 5 ó 10 minutos. Puedes hacerlo incluso en el coche si es necesario.
- **No hagas ruido**. Sin teléfono, sin música, sin televisión, etc.
- **Enciende una vela**...que sea un recordatorio de la Luz de Cristo. (No te lo recomiendo si vas en coche).
- **Respira**. Respira profundamente, pidiendo a Dios que te ayude a tranquilizarte.
- Tal vez **leas una de las escrituras de Adviento** cada día. Son algunas de las más bellas del año litúrgico. Cuando encuentres uno que te hable, detente y vuelve a él.

Al terminar esta columna, es muy temprano en la mañana del martes y he terminado de rezar el segundo día de la Novena de la Gracia. El título de hoy: "Encontrar a Dios". Dios... ¡ahí estás! Te he encontrado.

Esta semana, en la fiesta de San Francisco Javier, celebraré mi decimotercer aniversario como sacerdote. Qué regalo de Dios ... y un regalo que es aún más satisfactorio en llegar a conocer y ser conocido por ustedes aquí en Santa Brígida. Gracias por ayudarme a encontrar a Dios una y otra vez.

Por favor, reza por mí. Prometo lo mismo. *Father John*





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.**

This new year begins at the close of a very long year: our existing houses may require some maintenance right about now. Advent, the season of patient preparation, reminds us to take the time to repair and fortify our metaphorical houses to welcome Jesus. Soon the joyous strings of Christmas lights will blink and beckon from our actual houses, symbolizing the light of Christ coming into our weary world. We will welcome God's holy radiance into our homes.

-Valerie Schulz

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*

“It is impossible to find a saint who did not take the “two P’s” seriously: prayer and penance.

-St. Francis Xavier



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

- As we begin the new liturgical year, we will hear from the Gospel of Luke most weeks as we begin using the Year C readings in the liturgical cycle. Remember if you want to have a copy of the Sunday readings, *Sanctus* and *Sunday's Word* books are the doors of the Church and Our Lady's Chapel.
- Each week, we will offer a different blessing of the Church for you (and/or your family to pray. Please make use of these blessings at home - whether you are a family of one or one hundred.
- During the season of Advent (and the season of Lent), the Gloria is not said or sung at Masses. It creates a sense of anticipation. Store up your fervor for the Vigil of Christmas or Christmas Day.
- We will be using different Mass responses for the season of Advent at most of our Masses. We change these to draw a certain attention to the spirit of season.
- Look for some opportunities to grow deeper in the dark and quiet times of Advent. Take some quiet time in the Church, visit the Presepio, commit to an hour of adoration each week, pray for those we will serve in these holidays, come early to Mass or join a ministry or prayer group and so much more. Do not do these things to "do" things. Rather, enter them hoping to create a deeper space for Christ to dwell.
- **Advent Reconciliation.** We will have a few additional opportunities throughout Advent. Those dates will be announced soon.

Nuestro nuevo año litúrgico comienza el próximo fin de semana con la celebración del Primer Domingo de Adviento. He aquí algunas cosas para su oración y consideración:

- Al comenzar el nuevo año litúrgico, escucharemos del Evangelio de Lucas la mayoría de las semanas al comenzar a usar las lecturas del Año C en el ciclo litúrgico. Recuerden que si quieren tener una copia de las lecturas del domingo, los libros de Sanctus y de la Palabra del Domingo están en las puertas de la Iglesia y en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora.
- Cada semana, ofreceremos una bendición diferente de la Iglesia para que usted (y/o su familia) rece. Por favor, haga uso de estas bendiciones en casa - ya sea una familia de uno o de cien.
- Durante el tiempo de Adviento (y el tiempo de Cuaresma), el Gloria no se dice ni se canta en las Misas. Crea una sensación de anticipación. Guarda tu fervor para la Vigilia de Navidad o el día de Navidad.
- En la mayoría de nuestras misas utilizaremos diferentes respuestas para el tiempo de Adviento. Los cambiamos para llamar la atención sobre el espíritu del tiempo.
- Busque algunas oportunidades para profundizar en los tiempos oscuros y tranquilos del Adviento. Tómase un tiempo de silencio en la Iglesia, visita el Presepio, comprométete a una hora de adoración cada semana, reza por aquellos a quienes serviremos en estas fiestas, ven temprano a Misa o únete a un ministerio o grupo de oración y mucho más. No hagas estas cosas por «hacer» cosas. Más bien, hazlas con la esperanza de crear un espacio más profundo para que habite Cristo.
- Reconciliación en Adviento. Tendremos algunas oportunidades adicionales a lo largo del Adviento. Esas fechas serán anunciadas pronto.

"Each year, God asks us to shed one more coat of awareness, one more dream state, and come alive to the vision of God's plan for each of us and the world-at-large."

-Fr. Alfred McBride



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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 9, 2024

*(moved to this date due to
the 2nd Sunday of Advent)*

7 a.m. (English-Church)

12:10 p.m. (English- Church)

5:00 p.m. (English - Church)

7:30 p.m. (Spanish - Church)

The Word of God + La Palabra de Dios



Beginning this weekend, books with the Sunday readings in Spanish and English (*Sanctus*) are available by the statues of St. Patrick and St. Brigid in the Church and in the Main Lobby in Our Lady's Chapel.

The *Sunday's Word* books which contain Daily Mass responses and the Sunday readings in ENGLISH ONLY will be available in the next few weeks.

We request, if possible a \$10.00 free will offering is requested for each book.

A partir de este fin de semana, *Sanctus*, los libros con las lecturas del domingo están disponibles por las estatuas de San Patricio y Santa Brígida en la Iglesia y en el vestíbulo principal en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora. Los libros de la *Palabra del Domingo* que contienen las respuestas de la Misa Diaria y las lecturas del Domingo en **INGLÉS SOLAMENTE** estarán disponibles en las próximas semanas.

Pedimos, si es posible una ofrenda de \$10.00 por cada libro.





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NOVENA TO SAINT JUAN DIEGO (EN NUESTRO VECINDARIO) NOVENA A SAN JUAN DIEGO



The St. Brigid Guadalupano Ministry invites everyone to pray the Novena of Saint Juan Diego which continues this week in the homes of parishioners throughout the community. For more information and for a list of homes, contact the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 or by email at frontdesk@saintbrigid.net

El Ministerio Santa Brígida Guadalupano invita a todos a rezar la Novena de San Juan Diego que continúa esta semana en los hogares de los feligreses de toda la comunidad. Para más información y para obtener una lista de los hogares, póngase en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial en 516.334.0021 o por correo electrónico a frontdesk@saintbrigid.net.



Gift Cards NEEDED!

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

Outreach está en necesidad de \$ 25.00 tarjetas de regalo a Walmart, Target, y las tiendas de alimentos antes mencionados para la Navidad.



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!





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Christmas Light Help Needed!

Come and help us on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024
12 Noon + Post Avenue

Can you or someone you know help to hang lights around the parish?
If so, please contact Paul Giordano at the front office at 516.334.0021 or email to frontdesk@saintbrigid.net.



THANKS TO HICKS NURSERIES

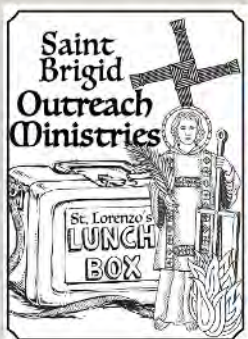
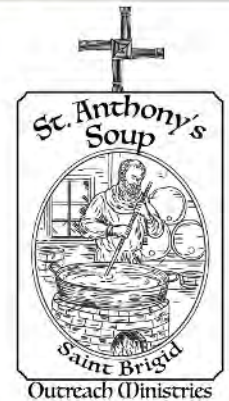
The parish of St. Brigid's Church wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to Hicks Nurseries in Westbury for their generous donation of a new 9' Christmas tree for our annual Presepio. Hick's shares a unique bond with St. Brigid's in that both became fixtures in the Westbury landscape (pun intended) in the mid 1800's! When you visit Hick's this Christmas season, make sure you let them know how much their gift to our parish means!



Help us to... **FEED THE HUNGRY**

Can you help with two of our new initiatives to feed the hungry at St. Brigid's?

St. Anthony's Soup. We are looking to provide a very simple lunch one to two days a week at St. Anthony Hall during the winter months. We are looking for volunteers to come onsite to prepare a light lunch for those in need. Days, times, shifts, etc. to be determined as the group forms. If you're interested, please reach out to Fr. John at fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net or call 516.334.0021.



St. Lorenzo's Lunch Box. We are looking for parishioners able to assist us with "take-home" meals for those in need. Volunteers can work in our school kitchen during the day to prepare meals or may be able to work from home or from the kitchen in St. Anthony Hall. If you're interested, please reach out to Yanira Chacon at 516.334.0021 or email to yanira@saintbrigid.net.



SAINT BRIGID'S LOVES FAMILIES



VIDA FAMILIAR
FAMILY LIFE



Come be
an Angel or
Shepherd!

Come join us ~ Únete a nosotros

¡Ven a ser
ángel o
pastor!

ST. BRIGID'S ANNUAL

Christmas Pageant Espectáculo de Navidad

Come to
sing!

**REHEARSALS IN CHURCH, POST AVENUE
ENSAYOS EN LA IGLESIA, POST AVENUE**

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6: 4:30 - 5:30PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10: 4:30 - 5:30PM

PERFORMANCE: FRIDAY, DEC. 13 AT 7:00PM

ACTUACIÓN: VIERNES, 13 DE DEC. A LAS 7:00PM

¡Ven a
cantar!

Hot
Cocoa
and
Sweets!

Live
Donkey!

Petting
Zoo!

Holiday
Treats!



SAINT BRIGID'S LOVES FAMILIES

¡Todos están
invitados!

All are invited!

Inaanyayahan
ang lahat!

Tout moun
envite!

Tutti sono
invitati!



ST. BRIGID'S



Christmas Pageant

Let the young people of the Parish lead you to our Savior's birth!

Friday, December 13th

7pm

St. Brigid's Church

Live donkey! Petting Zoo!
Hot cocoa and snacks!



COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Ruega por Nosotros! Celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Sabado, 7 de Diciembre 2024 - 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, 8 de Diciembre, 2024

10:45 a.m. - Procesión

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

Todos son bienvenidos a ser parte de la procesión!

12:45 p.m. Misa - Celebración de La Virgen De Guadalupe

AUDITORIO CODE



Jueves, 12 de Diciembre 2024

Misa de La Virgen de Guadalupe -

8 p.m. - **AUDITORIO CODE**

Coronacion de la Virgen de Guadalupe La misa se celebrará en español e inglés.



Triduo de Misas para el Dia de La Virgen De Guadalupe

Lunes, 9 de Diciembre 2024 - 7:30 p.m. - Iglesia

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

La Solemnidad de Inmaculada Concepción)

Martes, 10 de Diciembre 2024 - 7:30 p.m. - Iglesia

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

Miercoles, 11 de Diciembre, 2024 - 7:30 p.m. Iglesia

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



COMUNIDAD HISPANA



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 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 8, 2024

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

10:45 a.m.

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

All are welcome to be part of the procession!

12:45 p.m. Mass - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, **Code Auditorium**



Thursday, December 12, 2024

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Mass

8:00 p.m. + Code Auditorium

*Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish and
English.*



Triduum of Masses for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 9, 2024 - 7:30 p.m. - Church
(Mass in Spanish - Rosary begins at 7 p.m./Immaculate Conception)

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 - 7:30 p.m. - Church
(Mass in Spanish/Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 - 7:30 p.m. Church
(Mass in Spanish/Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m.)





FILIPINO COMMUNITY



The Filipino Community
of St. Brigid Parish
joyfully invites everyone
to attend our

2nd Annual Simbang Gabi (Night Mass in English)

A Filipino tradition of 9-day celebration of mass
in preparation for the birth of Jesus



starting on Dec 15th to Dec 23rd, 7:30pm at
Our Lady's Chapel (101 Maple Avenue)
except on Dec 19th to be held at
the Main Church (85 Post Avenue)



CATHOLICS OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY

Father
Augustus
Tolton
1854-1897



National Black Catholic History Month

AS PROMISED, WE ARE GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO CATHOLICS OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD. THE MOST RECENT IS MOTHER MARY ELIZABETH LANGE.

November is Black Catholic History Month. This is a brief description of a Black Catholic of whom we are very proud, Ven. Augustus Tolton.

Many great things have small beginnings. We live in a society where everything is super-sized. Many of us are awed by all the big names who seem to run things. Celebrities, athletes, politicians, entrepreneurs, and entertainers all have the ear of the public. Nevertheless, sometimes the truly great start with hardly a voice at all. Such a man was Venerable Augustus Tolton. Tolton, the child of slaves, was born in 1854 in the slave state of Missouri. His parents were granted permission to marry by their Catholic owners, but his father ran off to join the Civil War on the side of the North and was killed. His mother fled across the Mississippi to Quincy, Illinois.

This was not the end of the problems for the family. Quincy was a town of German immigrants, and the family was only able to get work at a tobacco plant. His mother wanted the children to go to school, but it was very hard to get them placed. They suffered harassment, beatings and scorn. The young children continued to work in the plant, and his brother became sick and died. Determined that her son have a better fate, Augustus's mother turned to the Church for help. The priests agreed to tutor him privately, and that is how he got his education and developed the ability to speak German. He also developed a love of the Church and the vocation to the priesthood.

His pastor was finally able to get him special admission to St. Francis Solanus College in 1878. His parish priests continued to support him and arranged for him to study for the priesthood in Rome in 1880. No American seminary would accept him. He was ordained in 1886 making him the first American Roman Catholic black priest. He ministered a while in his old neighborhood in Quincy before being sent to Chicago where he oversaw the building and of St. Monica's Catholic Church as the national Black Catholic church. He still struggled with prejudice and mistrust, but he worked ceaselessly with his parish that served over 500 Blacks and some Whites. He was befriended by Katherine Drexel, an heiress interested in supporting the Indian and Black Mission. He obtained some funds to work on the new church.

Fr. Tolton moved his mother and sister closer to him and worked continually to better conditions for the poor in his parish. Tragically, he died of heatstroke suddenly in 1897. The size of the funeral cortege reflected the love he stirred in others. The church remained unfinished. In 2010 Cardinal George advanced the cause for Canonization. In July of 2019 Pope Francis advanced Fr. Tolton from the status of Servant of God to Venerable. Augustus Tolton's life is a study in how "big" little people can be. It shows us how strong we can be in the face of discrimination. If we keep the faith, it will see us through. We are proud of him. We love him. Let us learn to be as strong in our faith.





Family FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation News

FIRE

Candidates preparing for Confirmation in **FIRE 1** learned about encountering **Jesus in the Eucharist** in a moving presentation by Fr. John. We ended the night with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, which was a new way to experience Jesus for our young people. Fr. John shared how Pope Francis described this as being able to sit and look at Jesus, but more importantly to have Jesus gaze upon us.

FIRE YEAR 1

December 19 - 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Jesus in the Gospels

Pls. read John 1:1-18

FIRE YEAR 2

December 5 - 7:00 P.M.

Living in Love & Forgiveness

Pls. read Matthew 5:43-48



BREAD DATES

BREAD IS OUR BASED FORMATION MODEL FOR STUDENTS IN LEVELS 1- 6

REQUIRED PARENT FORMATION SESSIONS

Monday, December 2 at 5 p.m. OR Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m.
OR Wednesday, December 4 at 5 p.m. OR Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

(Take notice of the change and Please RSPV)

Join us to enjoy with your kids a time for prayer and Advent activities (duration about one hour)
Únase a nosotros para disfrutar con sus hijos de un tiempo de oración y actividades de Acción de Gracias
(duración como una hora)

Wednesday, December 11 at 5 p.m. OR Wednesday, December 11 at 7p.m



WATER

Water is for those desiring the Sacrament of Baptism. They participate in BREAD or FIRE (depending on their age) and attend the 9:15 a.m. Mass on the dates below in addition to participating in the BREAD or FIRE programs. They are dismissed after the homily to study God's Word each time.

Sunday December 1st
Sunday December 15th





Family FAITH FORMATION

Bread Family Prayer Services

On November 18 and 20, families in our Bread Program gathered for Family Prayer Services. We greeted the patriarchs at our prayer services (they are the saints of the month!). After we journeyed to Code Auditorium for a reflection about gratitude and a great pizza dinner!

Thank you to all who made this possible!

Los días 18 y 20 de noviembre, las familias de nuestro Programa del Pan se reúnen para los Servicios de Oración en Familia. Saludamos a los patriarcas en nuestros servicios de oración (¡son los santos del mes!). Después viajamos al Code Auditorium para una reflexión sobre la gratitud y ¡una gran cena de pizza! ¡Gracias a todos los que hicieron esto posible!



Patriarchs came to visit/Los patriarcas vinieron a visitar



Families enjoyed sharing gratitude / las familias disfrutaron compartiendo gratitudes



We built an enormous Gratitude tree in the Chape/ Construimos un gigante Arbor de Gratiud en la Capilla



OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Give the gift of a Catholic education this Christmas season!



- ★ Since 2005, more than \$34 million in scholarships provided
- ★ Approximately 25,000 students served
- ★ 35 Catholic elementary schools in network

"We are sincerely grateful, humbled and excited to commence this Catholic education journey with my daughter. Our hopes for her would not be possible if it were not for this award!"

- THF 24-25 Scholarship Recipient

To make a tax deductible donation, please mail your check to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation II, Inc. at the address below with "Church Bulletin" in the memo OR scan the QR code to donate online:



www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 500
Uniondale, NY 11553
516-745-7611

The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic elementary schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

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 for Immigration concerns, food insecurity, serious illness, economic problems, mental health concerns and many other 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.



CASA MARY JOHANNA
516-334-0021 ext. 362
Yanira Chacon, Director

¿Necesita una carta de la iglesia para algún trámite legal? Llame el censo parroquial para obtener esta carta. Censo disponible en la oficina parroquial y en sitio web de la parroquia.

If you need a letter from the church for any legal matter, fill out our church census to obtain the letter. The census is available in our offices and website of the parish.

www.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
- Juice Boxes
- Bottles of Juice
- Evaporated Milk
- Diapers #5,6, & 7
- Baby Wipes
- 1lb. Dry Black Beans/Red Beans
- SPAM

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

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

Address:

75 Post Avenue,
Westbury NY 11590
516.334.0021

DIRECTOR OF 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

Receptionist:

Carla Escobar
516-334-0021 x. 376

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





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, December 10 (English)

4:00 p.m. + St. Anthony's Hall

Tuesday, January 7 (English)

4:00 p.m. + St. Anthony's Hall

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 carla@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

El Martes, 10 de diciembre (ingles)

4:00 p.m. + St. Anthony's Hall

El Martes, 7 de enero (ingles)

4:00 p.m. + St. Anthony's Hall

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 carla@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.



PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

Still considering?

WALK OF LIFE



Memorial Bricks



There are still many bricks available to be memorialized. What a wonderful gift that would be for a loved one! **Note: we have been advised by the brick company that costs are going up on January 1. Cost is still only \$200 per brick; however, it will go up to \$250 then**

Sample ideas

An angel among us -
Mary Smith!
06-24-46



Brick #1 (Print more copies as needed or attach a separate page.)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ ____ made payable to St. Brigid's Church. Please remit to Business Office. We also accept online payments, please attach a copy of your receipt to this form if submitting this form separately.



PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

FOR THE SICK -

POR LOS QUE ESTAN ENFERMOS

Debra Tirino	Michael Pierra
Joseph Pursell	Pat Raehse
Margaret Mary Ghicas	Chris Bagnasco
Madeline D'Arienzo	Cynthia Lillian Palazzo
Diane Gentile	Pat Palazzo
Carly Livingston	Bernice Campbell
Joseph Pursell	Rosemary Fischer
Anthony Franco	Jiliberto Aravena
Frank Lofaro, Jr.	Grace Y. Elisma
Andrew Butchkosky	Jason David Rodriguez
Elaine Pereira	Kimberly Bayron
Rene J. Romero	Tony Perfetti
Carley Barten	Christine Clancy
Walter Stern	Douglas Chin
Teresa Reilly	Brandon L. Bringas
Carmela DiCarlo	Rafael T. Bringas
Laurence McCallen	Sandra Bourdier
Jeanette Murphy	Ben De La Rocha
Grace Bivona	Guido Penafiel
Gordon Shaw	Sarah Geoghegan

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

POR LOS QUE EN MUERTO

Dorothy Dessart, Phalante Pierre, Laura Maraboli

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY - 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
Patrick Simons, Lieutenant, US Navy
Daniel Tilghman
John M. Pereira
FN Juan Jose Velasco, Goose Creek, SC
Captain Sean K. Dowd, US Army serving in Japan

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



MARRIAGE BANNS

*For the FIRST time between
Makayla Helena DeSilva - St. Brigid
Jake Thomas Oneshuk - St. Brigid*

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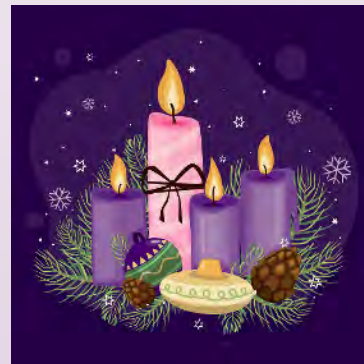
*Christina M. Schreiber - St. Brigid  
Dominick H. Boccio - St. Agnes Cathedral*

*For the THIRD time between  
Alexandria Sorrentino - St. Elizabeth,  
Ronkonkoma  
Sean D. Merkler*



## BAPTISMS

*Alessia Amira Cantarero  
Abiel Jared Chirino Mondragon  
Fabian Moises Flores Novoa  
Diego Alejandro Herrera Sorto  
Teo Jose Paulino  
Javier Jesus Rodriguez*



# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 2

### MONDAY/LUNES DECEMBER 2

7:00am - Mariamma Thomas

12:10pm - Joan L. Dick

### TUESDAY/MARTES DECEMBER 3

7:00am - Maryann Hug

12:10pm - Maryann Hug

### WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES DECEMBER 4

7:00am - Glenn Augustave

12:10pm - Elizabeth Quinn (Birthday)

7:30pm - Carlos M. Silva (en agradecimiento al ministerio Guadalupano)

### THURSDAY DAY DECEMBER 5

7:00am - Luvigj Shkrelidze

12:10pm - Agnes Kickham

### FRIDAY/VIERNES DECEMBER 6

7:00am - Helene Malgras

12:10pm - Marie Pruet

### SATURDAY/SABADO DECEMBER 7

8:00am - Church - Novena Mass

5:00pm - Marie & Harold Cottam

7:00pm - Marie Mendoza de Cruz (4 años de fallecida)

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO DECEMBER 8

7:30 am - (Chapel/Spanish)\* - Alfonso Bonilla Cuellar

8:00am - (Church) Michele - In honor of Santa Lucia (In Thanksgiving), Antionetta & Giovanni Buffolino, David Renison, Jr. (Living), Cameron Renison (Living), Pancrazio Mauro

9:15am - (Chapel/English) - Moksh Naik (Birthday)

10:00am - (Church/English) - Charles & Concetta Pascucci, Antonia & Martin Vergata, Josephine & Frank Friel, Juan Pablo Gauto, Andrea Borci, Alvin Mendoza, The Wilson Family & Loved Ones (Living), Giuseppe Iannucci (20th Anniversary)

11:00am (Chapel/Spanish) - Davud Alberto y Maria Mercedes Sanchez Cardenas, Maria Ofir, Alma Iris Olivos (Anniversary)

11:45am - (Church/English) - John Sureau, Sr.

12:45pm - (Chapel/Spanish)\* - Ana Tobar

2:30pm - (Church/Kreyol) - Mr. & Mrs. Denis & Family (In Thanksgiving), Charline Victor (Birthday), Andrele Victor (Birthday), Euphanie Laroche "mommy", Joseph Laroche, Clermelie Labranche & Family

6:00pm - (Church/English) - Dominick DeMango

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

## Looking Ahead.. *First Sunday of Advent*

Pray with next Sunday's readings and consider these questions. You can access the readings at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) or by making use of the *Sunday's Word* or *Sanctus* books.

### **First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and be glad! The glory of God will shine upon you. The mountains and valleys will become a level plain. "God is leading Israel in Joy."

- What can be done for those living in exile today?
- How does God lower "the lofty mountains"?

### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them may be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

- Who encourages you to do good work.
- What does God want us to do in today's time?

### **Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

The word of God was spoken to John the Baptizer. From that time on he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance, saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

- Why do you think God chose John?
- How would you define "repentance"?

# 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 extension 300 - 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*

**Nicholas Waldron**

*Pastoral Year Seminarian*

**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)** 8:00 am (English/Italian) - 10:00 am (English) - 11:45 am (English) - 2:30 pm (Kreyol) - 6:00 pm (English)

**Sunday (Our Lady's Chapel in the School - 101 Maple Avenue)** 7:30 am (Spanish) - 9:15 am (English) - 11:00 am (Spanish) 12:45 pm (Spanish)

**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](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).