




St. Brigid's R.C. Church



1st Sunday of Advent
I Domingo de Adviento
30 November 2025



¡Todos están
invitados!

All are invited!

Inaanyayahan
ang lahat!

Tout moun
envite!

Tutti sono
invitati!



ST. BRIGID'S



Christmas Pageant



Join us in singing Christmas carols and
listening to the story of our Savior's birth!

Friday, December 5th

7pm

St. Brigid's Church

Live donkey! Petting Zoo!
Hot cocoa and snacks!





EL POST DEL PARROCO

¡DESPIERTEN!

Querida familia parroquial:

Este fin de semana comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento. En medio de días y momentos ajetreados, la Iglesia no nos llama a detenernos, sino a asegurarnos de que nuestra fe nunca, jamás, se aleje de nada de lo que hacemos en estos días. Que, en silencio y en acción, nunca dejemos que nuestra relación con Jesús y con la Iglesia se aleje de nosotros. Las lecturas de cada año para el primer domingo de Adviento nunca hablan de Belén, de bebés o incluso de personajes del Nacimiento. Nos hablan de una preparación más profunda que es necesaria en nuestras vidas si queremos sobrevivir.

Partiendo de los temas de la segunda lectura y del Evangelio, necesitamos despertar. Prestar atención. Permanecer vigilantes.

Esta labor, siempre en el contexto de la comunidad de fe, comienza con cada uno de nosotros. Al dedicar un tiempo a nuestra propia reflexión espiritual, ¿podemos reconocer que hay partes de nuestra relación con Jesús que se han adormecido? ¿Oramos con regularidad o lo hacemos alguna vez? ¿Le pedimos a Dios que nos ayude con aquellas partes de nuestras vidas —visibles e invisibles, conocidas y desconocidas por los demás— que necesitan restauración y sanación? ¿Nos regocijamos en la casa del Señor, como nos recuerda hoy el salmo, o nos encontramos alejándonos cada vez más? ¿Estamos creando tiempo y espacio en silencio para que Dios more en nosotros? Puede que sean algunas de estas cosas u otras, pero estoy seguro de que cada uno de nosotros tiene trabajo que hacer, lugares en los que estamos un poco adormecidos, tal vez incluso sonámbulos. ¡Despierten!

Esta semana celebraré mi 14º aniversario de ordenación sacerdotal. Me cuesta creer que llevo tanto tiempo siendo sacerdote (¡y ahora también tengo 50 años!). Pienso en mi propia vida, especialmente en estos 14 años, en los que a veces ando sonámbulo. Hago las cosas por inercia, pero no profundizo en mi relación con Jesús. Ha sido una buena reflexión en los primeros días de la Novena de la Gracia para mí, ¿quizás también para ustedes?

Desde mi despertar interior, necesito

compartir la gran preocupación que siento estos días por la realidad del mundo en el que vivimos hoy... y el temor de que se nos anime a dormir, a alejarnos, a acostumbrarnos a algunas de las cosas que estamos viendo estos días. Esto no es obra del Evangelio. ¿Cuántos de nosotros nos hemos vuelto indiferentes ante las zonas de nuestro mundo devastadas por la guerra? Por ejemplo, la invasión de Ucrania y la guerra que se ha desatado desde entonces entran en su cuarto año en febrero. ¿Cuántos de nosotros nos hemos resignado a la realidad de la pobreza y de las personas que no tienen qué comer? Por ejemplo, ahora atendemos a más de 400 familias al mes en la despensa de comida, lo que supone un aumento aproximado del 20 %. ¿Nos hemos conformado con comportamientos que provocan el fin de la vida en el útero o que aceleran la llegada de la tumba? ¿Por qué no defendemos más esta causa? ¿Hablar más? ¿Movilizarnos más? (¡Me hago estas preguntas a mí mismo!)

¿Y cómo no podemos reconocer la presión que sufren los inmigrantes en este país en este momento? Ya sea que estén aquí con documentos o sin ellos (una infracción civil, no penal), ¿cómo podemos aceptar las redadas y la violencia contra muchas personas que son inocentes de cualquier delito? ¿Cómo no podemos hablar más sobre un sistema de detención basado en el color de la piel y el idioma? ¿Cómo no vamos a hablar de las familias que se separan continuamente (¡esto no es nada nuevo!) y se desgarran? ¿Cómo no vamos a abordar el tema de los que son acusados y detenidos injustamente y, en algunos casos, deportados?

En muchos sentidos, nos hemos dormido. Nos parece bien rezar una oración, expresar nuestras condolencias, encender una vela. Son cosas buenas y, si somos discípulos, debemos basarnos en la oración y la compasión. Sin embargo, ¿nos hemos acostumbrado a las cosas injustas e inmorales? ¿Nos decimos a nosotros mismos: «Bueno, en realidad no es mi problema...»? ¿Nos conformamos en lugar de despertar y hacer algo? No sé qué es ese algo, pero ¿estamos demasiado adormecidos, demasiado somnolientos para verlo, buscarlo o arriesgarnos?

WAKE UP!

Durante los últimos meses, me ha perseguido un poema titulado *Primero vinieron*, de la época del Holocausto. Quizás lo hayan leído antes.

*Primero vinieron a por los comunistas
Y yo no dije nada
Porque no era comunista
Luego vinieron por los socialistas
Y yo no dije nada
Porque no era socialista
Luego vinieron por los sindicalistas
Y yo no dije nada
Porque no era sindicalista
Luego vinieron por los judíos
Y yo no dije nada
Porque no era judío
Luego vinieron por mí
Y ya no quedaba nadie
Que pudiera defenderme*

Despertemos en este Adviento. Comprometámonos a trabajar en nuestro interior para poder renacer en este Adviento y que esta labor nunca se aleje de nuestros hermanos y hermanas y sus necesidades. Si no despertamos, puede que no quede nadie que hable por nosotros.

Por favor, recen por mí. Yo prometo hacer lo mismo.

Featherston



Dear Parish Family:

This weekend, we begin the season of Advent. In the midst of busy times and days, the Church does not call us to stop but calls us to make sure that our faith is never, ever far from anything we do in these days. That in silence and in action, we never let our relationship with Jesus and the Church be far from us. The readings each year for the First Sunday of Advent never speak about Bethlehem or babies or even characters from the Nativity. They speak to us about a deeper preparation that is needed in our lives if we are to survive.

Building off of themes from the second reading and the Gospel, we need to wake up. Pay attention. Stay vigilant.

This work, always in the context of the community of faith, begins with each one of us. As we take some time for our own spiritual reflection can we acknowledge that there are parts of our relationship with Jesus that have fallen asleep. Do we pray regularly or at all? Are we asking God to help us with those parts of our lives -seen and unseen, known and unknown by others -that are in need of restoration and healing? Are we rejoicing toward the house of the Lord as our psalm reminds us today or are finding ourselves pulling further and further away? Are creating time and space in silence for God to dwell? It may be some of these things or others but I am sure for each of us there is work to do, places we are a bit drowsy, maybe even sleepwalking. Wake up!

This week, I will celebrate my 14th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. It is hard for me to consider I have been a priest for this long (and now I'm 50 too!). I think of my own life - particularly in these 14 years - where I am, at times, sleep walking. Going through the motions but not moving deeper in my relationship with Jesus. It's been a good reflection in the early days of the Novena of Grace for me - maybe for you too?





THE PASTOR'S POST

WAKE UP!

From the interior waking, I need to share great concern these days about the reality of the world in which we live today ... and fear that we may be encouraged to go to sleep, to walk away, to become used to some of the things we are seeing these days. This is not the work of the Gospel. How many of us have become drowsy when it comes to the war torn parts of our world? For example, the invasion of Ukraine and the war since is entering its fourth year in February. How many of us have become OK with the reality of poverty and people with nothing to eat? For example, we are now caring for over 400 families per month in the pantry, approximately at 20% increase. Have we settled for behavior that causes an end to life in the womb or brings the tomb more quickly than it should? Why are we not advocating more? Speaking up more? Rallying more? (I ask myself these questions!)

And how we cannot acknowledge the pressure on immigrants in this country right now? Whether here with documents or if they are without documents (a civil, not criminal violation), how can we accept raids and violence against many who are innocent of any crime? How can we not speak up more about a system of apprehension based on skin color and language? How can we not speak up about families continually being separated (this is not new!) and torn apart? How can we not address those wrongly accused and detained and in some cases, deported?

In many ways, we have fallen asleep. We're OK to say a prayer, express our condolences, light a candle. These are good things and we need to be grounded in prayer and compassion if we are disciples. Yet, have we become comfortable with unjust and immoral things? Do we say to ourselves, "Well, it's not really my problem...."? Settling rather than waking up and doing something? What that something is I do not know right now, but are we too drowsy, too sleepy to even see it or look for it or risk it?

Over the past months, I have been haunted by a poem *First They Came* from the time of the Holocaust. You may have read it before.

*First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me*

Let's wake up this Advent. Let's commit to doing the work within so we can be reborn in this Advent and let this work never be far from our brothers and sisters and their needs. If we don't wake up, there may be no one left to speak for us.

Please pray for me. I promise the same.

Featherman





Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8, 2025

7 a.m. (English-Church)

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

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

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

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.



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Saturday, December 6, 2025 - 8:15 p.m.

The Apparitions of the Virgin of Guadalupe

In the auditorium - 101 Maple Avenue

Live presentations about the apparitions of the Virgin to Saint Juan Diego. The 7 p.m. mass will be held in the chapel of Our Lady, at the school.

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:45 a.m. - Procession

The procession begins at the corner of Prospect Ave. & Brook St.

Everyone is welcome to be part of the procession!

12:45 p.m. Mass - Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

CODE AUDITORIUM



Friday December 12, 2025

Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe -

7:30 p.m. - CODE AUDITORIUM

Coronation of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The mass will be celebrated in Spanish and English.



Triduum of Masses for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 7:30 p.m. - Church

(Rosario starts at 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - 7:30 p.m. - Church

(Rosario begins at 7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 7:30 p.m. Church

(Rosario begins at 7:00 p.m.)

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Ruega por Nosotros!

Celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Sabado, 6 de Diciembre 2025 - 8:15 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

La misa de las 7 p. m. se celebrará en la capilla de Nuestra Señora, en la escuela.

Domingo, 7 de Diciembre 2025

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



Viernes, 12 de Diciembre 2025

Misa de La Virgen de Guadalupe -

7:30 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

Martes, 9 de Diciembre 2025 - 7:30 p.m. - Iglesia

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

Miercoles, 10 de Diciembre 2025 - 7:30 p.m. - Iglesia

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

Jueves, 11 de Diciembre, 2025 - 7:30 p.m. Iglesia

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



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



DECEMBER 14

BRING THE BABY JESUS FIGURE FROM YOUR NATIVITY SCENE to any CHURCH MASS or the 9:15 am FAMILY MASS in the Chapel FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING.

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

MSGR. CODE AUDITORIUM
IN THE SCHOOL

BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT 10:15 AM
(AFTER THE FAMILY MASS)

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

MEET SANTA!

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$15 EACH!
(CHILDREN 3 AND YOUNGER ARE FREE)

USE THIS QR CODE
TO ORDER
YOUR TICKETS



DOMINGO DE BAMBINELLI

BAMBINELLI SIGNIFICA "BEBÉS PEQUEÑOS" EN ITALIANO



14 DE DICIEMBRE

TRAIGA LA FIGURA DEL NIÑO JESÚS DE SU NACIMIENTO a cualquier MISA o a la MISA FAMILIAR de las 9:15 am en la Capilla para recibir una bendición especial.



LA BENDICIÓN DE LOS BAMBINELLI ES UNA TRADICIÓN ROMANA QUE CELEBRAMOS EN SANTA BRÍGIDA.



SANTA BRÍGIDA
NUESTRA SEÑORA
DE LA ESPERANZA
COLEGIO CATÓLICO

ANFITRIONAS

DESAYUNO
CON SANTA

DOMINGO, 14 DE DICIEMBRE

AUDITORIO DEL MONSEÑOR CODE
EN LA ESCUELA

EL DESAYUNO SE SIRVE A LAS 10:15
(DESPUÉS DE LA MISA FAMILIAR).

¡DISFRUTA DE PANQUEQUES, SALCHICHAS,
CEREALES, BAGELS Y MUCHO MÁS!

¡CONOCE A SANTA!

¡LAS ENTRADAS CUESTAN
SOLO \$15 CADA UNA!

(LOS NIÑOS MENORES DE 3 AÑOS ENTRAN GRATIS)

USA ESTE CÓDIGO QR
PARA PEDIR
TUS ENTRADAS




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? Llene 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. Census is available in our offices and website of the Parish.

(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.

- Sugar
- Canned Peas
- SPAM
- Cookies
- Soup
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant
- Razors

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

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

Assistance includes helping you apply for social services, federal programs, utility relief, and to receive other help through the local community.
Barbara Powell
516.334.0021 x. 361
barbarap@saintbrigid.net

FOOD PANTRY

Ximena Aravena
516.334.0021 x. 327
ximena@saintbrigid.net

Food Pantry Assistant:
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



ST. BRIGID'S PARISH OUTREACH

Colecta de Juguetes Toy Drive



Aceptando Donaciones desde hoy hasta

Lunes, 15 diciembre de 2025
Monday, December 15th

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



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 15, 2025**

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 - SIN ENVOLVER - con la etiqueta **NO MÁS TARDE del 15 de diciembre 2025**

Gift Cards NEEDED!

Outreach is in need of \$25.00 gift cards to Walmart, Target, Fine Fare, Stop 'N Shop, Aldi, and Bravo for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Outreach está en necesidad de \$ 25.00 tarjetas de regalo a Walmart, Target, Fine Fare, Stop 'N Shop, Aldi, y Bravo para el día de acción de Gracias y 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!



OFF 5TH AVENUE THRIFT SHOP MINISTRY

IN OUTREACH CENTER + 75 POST AVENUE, OFF 5TH AVENUE. 334-0021 X335



**Gift
Shopping**

MON- LUNES & THURS-JUEVES
4:00 - 6:30
SAT-SABADO 10:00 - 12:30
CASH ONLY SOLAMENTE EFECTIVO

Follow
us on
Instagram



@OFF5THAVENUE



**Christmas
Begins Nov 3rd
Spectacular
DONATIONS**



**Mon & Thurs
4-6:30
Sat. 10-12:30**

ALL clothing must be placed in bags when placed in the green bins behind the Outreach Building. (75 Post Avenue)
Houseware items only may only be dropped off on Saturdays from 10:00-11:00am or Thursdays 3-4pm at our Green door on Post Ave.
Items left outside the green bins will be discarded.

**Decorations
Entertaining**



Celebrating the FEAST OF MOTHER CABRINI



November 13 was the Feast of Frances Xavier Cabrini, Mother Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants. Father John celebrated Mass with us at school. He blessed a new statue of Mother Cabrini that was donated to the Parish by the Italian Community. Some of the children dressed in clothes that represents their cultural background, and we took the Cabrini Pledge: a commitment to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants and refugees.





MOLLOY UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION

This school year we began a collaboration with Dr. Francine Wisnewski from Molloy University. Earlier this month, Dr. Lisa Peluso joined Dr. Wisnewski, bringing 10 of their students from the School of Education. The Molloy teams offered STEM activities to the children in Mrs. Woll's Pre-K class and Ms. Brady's Kindergarten class. Lots of fun and learning was going on!

At St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope, we develop the whole child: mind, body and spirit! To learn more, please visit www.stbolh.org and learn about all that is happening in our Catholic School

Scan the QR code for more information or to schedule a visit.

Tuition Assistance is available for children in grades K-8.
Visit tomorrowshopefoundation.org to apply and learn more.
Applications must be filed by April 30.

 (516) 333-0580  stbolh.org

101 Maple Avenue
Westbury, NY 11590





VIDA FAMILIAR

FAMILY LIFE



Grade Level Liturgy at 9:30am Mass!
Liturgia de nivel de grado en la Misa de 9:30am
You're Invited! *¡Están Invitados!*

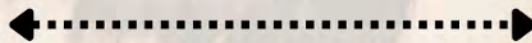
DECEMBER 7, 2025
BREAD LEVELS 3 & 4
GRADES 3 & 4

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Students in BREAD Levels 3 & 4 in our Family Faith Formation Program
Students in grades 3 and 4 who attend St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope School

WHEN: 9:30am Mass on December 7, 2025

WHERE: Our Lady's Chapel at the SCHOOL



BRING A SNACK TO SHARE AFTER MASS! FRUIT, DONUTS, MINI BAGELS, ETC.

Please bring a food offering for the needy:
THIS MONTH:
Pantry Staples:
Flour, sugar, coffee, tea, oil, shelf-stable milk, etc.

COFFEE HOUR

After Mass
in Code Auditorium



VIDA FAMILIAR FAMILY LIFE



FAMILIES IN SERVICE



Thank you!



Over 50 families came together to make Thanksgiving cards for St. Brigid's Food Baskets!



Save the Date!

Our next Families in Service Project:
January 18, 2026 - after the 9:15am Mass



Feast of St. Brigid

Dinner Dance

St. Brigid



Our Mission to the Margins

1 February 2026 + 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL

This is a great way for individuals, organizations, ministries and companies to support St. Brigid's.

If you would like a letter and sponsorship packet to bring to a local organization, please contact Marcel Catafago at marcel.c@saintbrigid.net.

Inside Front Cover \$1500 + Inside Back Cover \$1500

Outside Back Cover \$2500

Full Page \$100 + Half Page \$50

Camera Ready Art Sizes

Full Page Ads - 8 ½ x 11

Half Pages ads - 8 ½ x 5.5



Please submit all ads in .pdf or .jpeg format
no later than January 18, 2026.

For any questions about the journal, please email to:
dinnerad@saintbrigid.net or call the Parish Office at 516.334.0021



Feast of St. Brigid Dinner Dance

St. Brigid



Our Mission to the Margins 1 February 2026 + 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. *Verdi's of Westbury*

To celebrate the Feast of Saint Brigid in 2026, we will come together in celebration while also raising much needed funds for our community.

TICKETS: \$125.00 PER PERSON

Tickets can be purchased in person in St. Anthony Hall. A paper ticket is required. Tickets are limited so buy today!!



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your support will allow us to continue our mission to serve those in need, as well as to undertake needed capital projects in our parish.

TITLE	Description
KILDARE – \$5000.00	Includes 4 tickets, 1 full page ad, 4 T-shirts, Event recognition
GAEL – \$3000.00	Includes 3 tickets, 1 full page ad, 3 T-shirts, Event recognition
CELTIC – \$1000.00	Includes 2 tickets, 1 full page ad, 2 T-shirts, Event recognition
CLOAK – \$500.00	Includes half page ad, 1 T-shirt, Event recognition

DONATIONS

In addition, we are aware some would like to attend this event who may not be able to afford it. If you would like to sponsor a ticket click on the qr code or email dinner@saintbrigid.net





CAA Black Catholic History Month Celebration

On November 16th, St Brigid's Catholics of African Ancestry gathered in St Anthony's Hall for a vibrant and inspiring Black Catholic History Month celebration. It was open to all and well attended. We had over 80 guests from within and without the parish. The event was a heartfelt tribute to the rich heritage of Black Catholics and an opportunity to reflect on their significant contributions to our faith and community.

The atmosphere was joyful as attendees from the community and the parish came together in fellowship. At least one wore African attire for cultural pride. We began with a prayer for grace, which set the tone for a day of reflection, pride, and gratitude.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the lineup of guest speakers who shared their poignant stories and insights. Mariana Aracena, one of our own successful students, began with a prayer and spoke passionately about the importance of recognizing and preserving Black Catholic history. Her words resonated deeply, emphasizing how history shapes our identity and faith. She introduced us to Ms. Mabel Jo Johnson, a long-time Westbury resident who suffered abuse from racial discrimination but remained firm in her faith. Another speaker, Ms. Kimberly Harvey, spoke to us about the importance of making our youth, as well as ourselves, financially literate. We reviewed steps to that end. We also briefly discussed our plans to "adopt" two or more families for the holiday season. The spirit of volunteerism in our youth is so impressive that a new guest was moved to provide the volunteers with T-shirts that will identify them as CAA volunteers.

Between the speeches, attendees were treated to a delightful spread of local foods, showcasing dishes that celebrated the diverse culinary heritage of the African diaspora. From corn muffins and salads to codfish and buns to a variety of sweet treats, each dish was a reminder of the rich cultures that converge within our faith community. The food not only satisfied appetites but also served as a point of connection.

Overall, the Black Catholic History Month celebration was a resounding success. It beautifully showcased the strength and resilience of Black Catholics while fostering a sense of community and belonging. The event underscored the importance of honoring our past as we look toward the future, challenging us all to continue promoting inclusivity and understanding within our church and beyond. We left the event spiritually enriched and eager to learn more about the history and contributions of Black Catholics in our community. We also made some new friends.

Be sure to join us for our next meeting **on Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. in St Anthony's Hall.**
We would love to have you.



For You Too Were Once Aliens...

A STATEMENT BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF NEW YORK STATE
November 13, 2025 | Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



Leviticus 19:33-34

"When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt."



In September, a striking mural depicting immigrants of the past and present was dedicated at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Among the multitude of those immigrants now gracing the narthex walls of our venerable metropolitan cathedral – nameless men and women who came to this land often "tired...poor...[and] yearning to be free" – stands a young Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

Mother Cabrini, a woman consecrated to the Lord, was an indefatigable advocate, protector, and educator of newly arrived immigrants to New York. A native of Italy, she overcame anti-Italian prejudice in her adopted country of America and established, with God's grace, numerous charitable institutions and schools to serve those finding their way in a new land.

Mother Cabrini reminds us of the Church's longstanding care and concern for immigrants, as the mural itself, stunning in its scope, illustrates an indisputable fact: New York was and is a land of immigrants whose contributions have enriched and transformed, indeed built, our society.

Contemplating this magnificent mural at a moment when our nation considers again the plight of the immigrant, we recall that Christian charity, as lived so powerfully by Mother Cabrini, demands we welcome the stranger and treat every individual with respect and dignity.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes this clear.

"The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him."

"Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens." (n. 2241)

Pope Leo XIV, like his predecessors, has already taught this truth and shown particular solicitude towards migrant refugees—those who leave their homes not simply to seek a better life abroad, but who are forced to take flight because of violence and oppression in their own nations. In his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, proclaimed on October 4, 2025, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, he wrote:

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community." (Section 75)

In recent years, many such refugee migrants have come to New York. Some have arrived from war-torn countries like Ukraine and Afghanistan; others from Central or South America have fled poverty, authoritarian governments, and drug cartels that made life in their country of origin dangerous for themselves and their families. Some have been granted refugee or temporary protected status, while others have no legal status. Most of these migrants – the majority, our neighbors – are good people who arrived on our shores seeking a better life.

Sadly, as in any group, some have exploited the system and committed serious crimes and other misdeeds. Those immigrants or refugees who commit crimes should face the appropriate criminal and civil penalties, including deportation. At the same time, general enforcement of the immigration laws must be carried out in a humane manner that does not target the hard-working and law-abiding; that does not permit the wanton and unnecessary separation of families; and that does not rely on campaigns of fear that cripple whole communities.

As such, we do not support the sweeping revocation of the temporary protected status that was granted to many migrants who arrived in this country to escape the horrors occurring in their own, and who have justifiably relied upon the legal protections our government offered to them. Such persons should not be subject to the arbitrary cancellation of their legal status and threatened with a sudden return to the troubled and dangerous nations from which they fled. At the same time, while we support the right to peacefully protest and witness opposition to political policies, we can never condone violence against immigration and law enforcement agents.

Before the complex questions of immigration, we maintain, without question, that our government has a duty to secure our borders and ensure that those who wish to enter the United States do so lawfully. In union with our brother Bishops across the United States, we have consistently urged our civil leaders to craft immigration laws that respect our borders and create an orderly process for those who wish to enter our nation, while offering a measure of forgiveness towards those who arrived here without legal status but who have proven their contributions and loyalty to our country over a period of time.

These are all good points to ponder. However, most important to recall is the law of Christ set down in the Great Commandments: To love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves. All other imperatives are subject to this law of charity, and it is concerned neither with legal status nor country of origin. As individuals and as a society, we are bound to follow this supreme command and to make all our actions consistent with it, to the best of our abilities, even in difficult circumstances.

Returning to the example of Mother Cabrini, the Bishops of the United States have called on Catholics in all walks of life to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees by signing *The Cabrini Pledge, an Invitation to be Keepers of Hope*. We encourage New York Catholics to sign the pledge. By doing so, you will follow in the footsteps of our beloved Mother Cabrini in acknowledging our duty to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate immigrants in accordance with the guidance proclaimed by Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church.

The Cabrini Pledge

Sign the pledge today by scanning the QR code or visiting this link: www.usccb.org/cabrinipledge. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is the patron saint of all migrants. We seek her intercession for the concerns we have mentioned. By joining us in signing the Pledge, you commit your prayers and energy for the welcome, protection, promotion, and integration of migrants.



Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York
Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of Albany
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn
Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg
Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre
Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse

And the Most Reverend Auxiliary and Emeritus Bishops of New York State



Cabrini Pledge Pin



The Cabrini Pledge pin is an outward, tangible symbol that we stand in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters and at the same time we honor the great "First American Saint", Mother Cabrini.

The petite grosgrain ribbon, striped in black and white, is simple in design and powerful in message.

Mother Cabrini and the women religious order she established, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, adopted an understated and practical habit befitting their life work, a simple head covering tied under the chin in a bow (usually black with some white at the cross around their neck).

It is both fitting and aspiring that Mother Cabrini is our "First American Saint" she was a mighty woman, a powerhouse who built orphanages, schools, hospitals in her new country, and made a home for herself and countless others by her heroic works of charity and mercy.

It doesn't take much to scratch the surface in all of our family history to reach the brave souls of our immigrant ancestry. Whether your roots are recent or pre-date our 249 year old shores of the United States. The land, our country, the borders... are not ours to possess. How we live together and how we care for one another... that is ours to determine.

True to Mother Cabrini, we take the Cabrini Pledge, we wear the Cabrini ribbon, knowing that our faith must take action in our lives.

If you have taken the Cabrini Pledge and would like a pin, please visit the main office.

If you haven't taken the Cabrini Pledge, click on the QR codes above!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

FOR THE SICK -

POR LOS QUE ESTAN ENFERMOS

Jim Winship	Raymond Henning
Sean Doherty	Bernadeth Manetta
Bernice Campbell	Frank Lofaro, Jr.
Rosemary Fischer	Gordon Shaw
Baby Maia Duryea	Diane Healy
Christine Clancy	Carley Barten
Paul Homer	Richard Hyppolite
Zoraida Garcia	Nohora Barbini
Eileen Heaney	Jeanette Murphy
Susan Santilli	Stephanie M.
Kaelin Espinosa Bradshaw	Joan Sommese
Manuel Giron	Noah Langan
Larine Esposito	Marta Gonzalez
Brian McGrath	Lliam Collins
Rose Richard	Chris Bagnasco
Angel Hernandez	Michael V.A.
Sally McCardell	George Kazandjian
Elaine & Michael Pereira	Maria Mannelta
Micharel & Andrew	Vinny Mannelta
Buttkosky	Lynn Shubert

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

POR LOS QUE EN MUERTO

Nicholas Fusco, John Dell'Olio

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
MMN3 Juan Jose Velasco, Goose Creek, SC
Captain Sean K. Dowd, US Army serving in Japan
Ltjg. Anthony P. Suarez, US Navy (Stationed in Spain)
Ens. Andrew P. Suarez, US Navy (Stationed in Hawaii)

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



WEDDING BANNS

For the THIRD Time Between
Guiliana DeStefanis - St. Aloysis, Great Neck
Frank Anthony Morrone - St. Aloysis

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*Samantha Rae Schick - St. Brigid*  
*Benjamin E. Krapels*



## BAPTISMS

*Melany Hernandez Duran*  
*Jackson Steve Reyes*

ITALIAN BINGO NIGHT



**BACK BY  
POPULAR DEMAND**

**TOMBOLA**

**JOIN THE  
ITALIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 14, 2025  
6:00PM**

**ST. ANTHONY  
HALL**

Deeply rooted in Italian culture, **TOMBOLA** originated in 18th-century Naples and is considered the most beloved and iconic Italian game of chance, often played on Christmas and New Years Eve, and to pass away the hours on long winter nights.

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 1

### MONDAY/LUNES DECEMBER 1

7:00am - Elisabeth Malgras  
12:10pm - Raymond Reardon

### TUESDAY/MARTES DECEMBER 2

7:00am - Cherdyne Love (Living)  
12:10pm - Necker Duvalsaint

### WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES DECEMBER 3

7:00am - Vincent Brennan  
12:10pm - Martha Jean-Noel  
7:30pm - (Spanish) Antonio Maria Orosco

### THURSDAY/JUEVES DECEMBER 4

7:00am - Giacomo D'Alessandro  
12:10pm - Elizabeth Quinn (Birthday)

### FRIDAY/VIERNES DECEMBER 5

7:00am - Carl Marzocchi  
12:10pm - Mary Alice Tully Elias

### SATURDAY/SABADO DECEMBER 6

8:00am - Novena Mass - Debbie Marzocchi  
5:00pm - Kevin Moriarty (Anniversary of Passing)  
7:00pm - (Spanish) Marie Pruett (Birthday)

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO DECEMBER 7

7:30am - (Chapel/Spanish) - German Parra  
8:00am - (Church/English/Italian) - Antonio Angelino, Beatriz Cardenas, Carmela Diglio  
9:15am - (Chapel/English) - Moksh Naik (Birthday)  
10:00am - (Church/English) - Sister Mary Weber OP (Birthday), Charles 7 Concetta Pascucci, Agnes & John Kickham, Greg Walsh, Italo & Maria Crescitelli, Ralph Dell' Ioio  
11:00am - (Chapel/Spanish) - Ana Tobar  
11:45am - (Church/English) - Catherine Rafferty  
12:45pm - (Chapel/Spanish)\* - Jose Roman  
2:30pm - (Church/Kreyol) - Mr. & Mrs. Denis & Family (In Thanksgiving), Euphanie "Mommy" LaRoche, Samtamane Nerval-Ulysse Derick Faustin, Ernest Guillaume  
6:00pm - (Church/English) - Craig Pratesi

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

## Looking Ahead...*Second 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: Isaiah 11:1-10**

"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse," prophesied Isaiah. "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him" through wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and awe in the presence of God.

- How are humility and hope connected?
- How can we practically "fear the Lord" in our daily lives?

### **Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9**

The Scriptures were written for our instruction, that we might draw encouragement from them and that "we might have hope."

- What are all things the strong need to do?
- By what standard should a person accept others?

### **Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptist came as a preacher in the Judean desert: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many people flocked to him for baptism and conversion to prepare for the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- Think of an example of repentance in your life.
- How can we prepare the way for the Lord today?



# 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**

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**Rev. Msgr. James Vlaun**

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**Deacon Frank Pesce**

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**Paul Clagnaz**

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**Jacqueline DeLeon**

*Director of Family Faith*

*Formation*

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**Barbara Powell**

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## 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 s de la misa de las 12:10 p. m.

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

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

## Celebramos el Bautismo/ We Celebrate Baptism

For more information about celebrating the baptism of your child, please contact the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 or email [frontdesk@saintbrigid.net](mailto:frontdesk@saintbrigid.net) to set a baptism intake appointment.

For children above the age of 7 and adults who desire baptism or confirmation, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 516.334.0021 or email [faithformation@saintbrigid.net](mailto:faithformation@saintbrigid.net).

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