



St. Brigid's R.C. Church



3rd Sunday of Advent
III Domingo de Adviento
14 December 2025

SIMBANG (Night Mass in English)

Gabi

The Filipino Community of
St. Brigid Parish joyfully invites
everyone to attend our
3rd Annual Simbang Gabi!

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

This devotion honors the Blessed Virgin
Mary and symbolizes the nine months
she carried Jesus in her womb.

Each day strives to strengthen the
community bonds as the ministry and
local Catholics unite in worship and
prayer, sharing the joy of anticipation
while preparing their hearts for the
miraculous birth of Jesus.

starting on Dec 15th to Dec 23rd
7:30pm at Our Lady's Chapel
(101 Maple Avenue) except on
*Dec 18th to be held at the
Main Church (85 Post Avenue)*





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





THE PRESEPIO



Open until Friday, January 9, 2025

Take a journey of Faith and Commitment at the 35th year of St Brigid's Presepio located in the north transept of St Brigid Church. Travel with Mary and Joseph during Advent along the road in our "moving piece of art" from modern Westbury to 17th century Naples to Bethlehem passing a market, the Inn where the Holy Family was rejected, the Town Hall, a restaurant and local sights. See our beautiful Angel Tree with 26 angels and 30 cherubs inspired by the tree at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. There is no display exactly like it anywhere in the world with over 3000 pieces! Come each week until January 9th and take a beautiful faith journey! You will not be disappointed!

CONFESSIONS/LAS CONFESIONES

Sinners wanted and welcome at St. Brigid's!

Confessions are celebrated at the following dates and times in St. Brigid's Church (Post Avenue):

Monday through Friday

after the 12:10 p.m. Mass

Wednesdays - 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Saturdays - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Saturdays - 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

Monday, December 22, 2025

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.



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

Mass for Healing and Hope

**Saturday, December 20 + 1:30 p.m.
in St. Brigid Church.**



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

Fellowship with light refreshments to follow.



LAS POSADAS

The Journey to Christmas

CONTINUES THROUGH December 24, 2025



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

Here at St. Brigid's, we symbolically journey from places in Westbury, New Cassel, Hicksville, and more. All are welcome - no matter what language you speak - through December 24, 2025.

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

What a beautiful way for our parish to come together!



EL POST DEL PARROCO

LLAMADOS A LA ESPERANZA EN SILENCIO

Estimada familia parroquial:

Este Adviento, en nuestra increíble escuela católica, nos estamos centrando en el tema «Llamados a la esperanza». Está relacionado con el Jubileo de la Esperanza y con nuestra necesidad de concienciar sobre las muchas formas en que estamos llamados a servir a Dios, especialmente como sacerdotes y diáconos. Cada semana de Adviento, nos centramos en un santo diferente cuya festividad cae en esa semana. Durante la primera semana rezamos con San Francisco Javier, vinculándolo con su festividad el 3 de diciembre. La semana pasada rezamos de manera especial con María, celebrando la Misa de la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción y la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, sin olvidar las celebraciones de San Juan Diego y Nuestra Señora de Loreto.

Esta semana que viene, vamos a orar juntos por la vida de San Juan de la Cruz. Este místico de la Iglesia encontró lugares de gran corrupción y desesperación en la Iglesia y trató de reformarla. Al fomentar un enfoque poderosamente contemplativo de la oración y la vida, San Juan de la Cruz (junto con Santa Teresa de Ávila) trató de restaurar una Iglesia que estaba abrumada y plagada por las cosas del mundo. Al leer sus escritos y sobre él, ya fuera injustamente encarcelado por otros funcionarios de la Iglesia o abandonado por aquellos que debían cuidarlo, él conocía el gran amor de Dios por él y buscó responder desde lo más profundo de su ser.

Creo que podría ser un buen santo al que rezar esta semana y, tal vez, aceptar su invitación a una paz interior más profunda. Formaba parte de mi oración para la Novena de la Gracia. Hay tantas distracciones y tantas cosas que nos reclaman (¡no todas malas!) que no hay tiempo para simplemente estar. De hecho, imagino que las preguntas que Juan el Bautista tenía hoy en el Evangelio surgieron porque estaba en la cárcel. Había silencio. Estaba solo. Desde allí se formaron las preguntas. El deseo de saber más aumentó.

Así que, algunas reflexiones tranquilas...

Haz tiempo y espacio para las próximas semanas.

Sin excusas. Fija una hora. Temprano por la mañana, genial. Tarde por la noche, claro. Lo que mejor te venga. Encuentra un lugar al que puedas volver cada

día. Puede ser la iglesia de Post Avenue o quizás un lugar en tu casa.

Trae algunas herramientas (pero no demasiadas).

¿Qué tal rezar con el Evangelio de cada día? (El folleto de la Novena de Navidad podría ser perfecto para esto). Busca una frase o unas pocas palabras que te llamen la atención. ¿Eres escritor o dibujante?

Entonces, trae un bloc de notas o un pequeño diario. Solo una o dos cosas. No demasiadas. Quizás enciende una vela si crees que te puede ayudar.

Cállate... de verdad. Esto no significa que solo debemos dejar de hablar, sino que realmente debemos esforzarnos por aquietar nuestra mente. Pídele a Dios que te ayude. Si una distracción se apodera de tu mente, alejala. Escucha tu respiración... sumérgete en la quietud.

Establece un límite de tiempo. Puedes prolongarlo, pero intenta diez minutos cada día, quizá aumentando un minuto cada día.

Puede que haya algunos momentos inquietantes en esta obra. Quizás surjan algunas preguntas, incluso algunas dudas. Quizás te sientas llamado a mirar un determinado lugar de oscuridad en tu propia vida o en el mundo. Pero a menudo esos momentos pueden llevarnos a lugares más profundos, incluso en el silencio.

Ahora bien, no estamos llamados a ser monjes. Por lo tanto, debemos esforzarnos por participar en las misas de Simbang Gabi o asistir a la celebración de Las Posadas (¡la celebraremos aquí, en la rectoría, el día 19!), rezar la novena de Navidad y, por supuesto, participar con la familia y los amigos en la celebración cuando podamos. ¡Amén a todo esto! Pero ¿podemos cada uno de nosotros trabajar con el espíritu de Juan de la Cruz para encontrar algo de esa quietud más profunda, esa paz más profunda que necesitamos?

Las primeras palabras de El Cantar Espiritual de San Juan de la Cruz son «¿Dónde te has escondido, Amado?». En el tranquilo discernimiento, llegó a ver, a conocer y a sentir (y a escribir sobre) la presencia de lo divino en su corazón. Sabía que Dios estaba con él, lo cual era sin duda un verdadero motivo de alegría.

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

Father Jim





THE PASTOR'S POST

CALLED TO HOPE IN SILENCE

Dear Parish Family:

This Advent, in our incredible Catholic School, we are focusing around the theme "Called to Hope". It links to the Jubilee of Hope and our need to raise awareness of the many ways we are being called to serve God, particularly as priests and deacons. Each week of Advent, we are focusing on a different saint whose feast day falls in the week. During the first week we prayed with St. Francis Xavier, linking to his feast day on December 3rd. This past week, we prayed in a particular way with Mary celebrating Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, not to mention the celebrations of St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Loreto.

This upcoming week, we are going to pray together about the life of St. John of the Cross. This mystic of the Church found places of great corruption and despair in the Church and sought to reform it. Encouraging a powerfully contemplative approach to prayer and living, St. John of the Cross (along with St. Teresa of Avila) sought to restore a Church that was overwhelmed and plagued by the things of the world. In reading his writings and about him -whether unjustly jailed by other Church officials or abandoned by those who were to care for him - he knew God's great love for him and sought to respond from the deepest parts of himself.



I think he might be a good saint for us to pray with this week and, perhaps, accept his invitation to a deeper and inner quiet. It was part of my prayer for the Novena of Grace. There are so many distractions and so many calls on us to respond (not all bad!) that there is no time to just be. I actually imagine the questions John the Baptist had today in the Gospel coming because he was in jail. It was quiet. He was alone. From there the questions formed. The desire to know more increased.

So some quiet thoughts..

- 1. Make time and space for the next few weeks.** No excuses. Set a time. Early morning, great. Late at night, sure. Whatever is going to work for you. Find a spot you can

return to each day. It might be the Church here on Post Avenue or perhaps a place in your home.

- 2. Bring some tools (but too many).** What about praying with the Gospel of each day? (The Christmas Novena Booklet might be perfect for this.) Find one line or a few words that stick with you. Are you a writer or a drawer? Then, bring a pad or a small journal. Just one or two things. Not too much. Maybe light a candle if you think it can help.
- 3. Be quiet ... really.** This does not mean that we should not only not talk but really work to quiet our minds. Ask God to help you. If a distraction jumps in your mind, push it out. Listen to your breathing....move into the quiet.

- 4. Set a time limit.** You can go longer but try ten minutes each day - maybe it moves up a minute each day too. There may be some unsettling moments in this work. Maybe some questions, even some doubts may arise. Perhaps you are called to look at a certain place of darkness in your own life or in the world. But often those moments can bring us to deeper places, even in the silence.

Now, we are not called to be monks. So we should make an effort to join in the Simbang Gabi Masses or attend a celebration of Las Posadas (we're hosting it here at the Rectory on the 19th!), pray the Christmas Novena, and, of course, participate with family and friends to celebrate when we can. Amen to all of this! But can each one of us work in the spirit of John of the Cross to find some of that deeper quiet, that deeper peace we need.

The first words in *The Spiritual Canticle* of St. John of the Cross are "Where have you hidden, Beloved?" In the quiet discernment he came to see, to know, and to feel (and to write about) the presence of the divine in his heart. He knew God was with him, indeed a real reason for rejoicing.

Please pray for me. I promise the same.

Featherman





Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

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

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

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

Then the Leader continues: Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

After the meal, the Leader says:

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

O Antiphons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS

Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

Support the
Christmas
Appeal



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24TH

4 P.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH - MSGR. JIM

5 P.M. - CHAPEL - ENGLISH - FR. JOHN (DEACON NICK TO PREACH)

6 P.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH - FR. JACOB

7:30 P.M. - CHAPEL - SPANISH - FR. JOHN

8:30 P.M. - CHURCH - SPANISH - FR. ROLANDO

12 MIDNIGHT - CHURCH - ENGLISH - FR. JACOB

12 MIDNIGHT - CHAPEL - KREYOL - FR. NESLY



CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:30 A.M. - CHURCH - ITALIAN/ENGLISH - FR., JOHN (DEACON NICK TO PREACH)

10:00 A.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH - MSGR. JIM

11:00 A.M. - CHAPEL - SPANISH - FR. JOHN

11:45 A.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH - FR. JACOB

12:45 P.M. - CHAPEL - SPANISH - FR. ROLANDO

1:30 P.M. - CHURCH - KREYOL - FR. NESLY

**THE 7:30 A.M., 9:15 A.M. AND 6 P.M. MASSES WILL NOT
BE CELEBRATED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**



Novena di Natale

Bring the Italian tradition of the Christmas Novena into your home.

Novena di Natale

(Novena del Bambinello) ha le sue origini nell'Italia del XVII secolo. Nasce dalla vita pastorale. Come i pastori della Bibbia in cammino verso Betlemme, i pastori italiani, che passavano l'anno negli alti pascoli, tornavano in paese nove giorni prima di Natale suonando inni al Bambino Gesù con zampogne e ciaramelle. Per nove giorni visitavano chiese e case, dove le famiglie si radunavano intorno ai presepi per canti e preghiere. In molti luoghi – soprattutto nel Sud Italia – si condivideva del cibo dopo la preghiera di ogni sera: piatti di ceci in Calabria, struffoli in Campania e dolci di fichi e miele in Sicilia. La Novena inizia il 16 dicembre e termina il 24 dicembre. La Comunità Italiana invita tutti a unirsi a noi in questa bellissima e significativa tradizione di preparazione alla nascita di Gesù. I libretti con le preghiere in inglese e in italiano saranno disponibili dopo ogni Messa di domenica 14 dicembre.

Christmas Novena

The traditional Christmas Novena (or Novena del Bambinello) traces its roots to 17th-century Italy. It grew out of pastoral life and is closely tied to the life of shepherds and the countryside. Like the biblical shepherds making their way to Bethlehem, Italian shepherds, who spent the year in high pastures, would return to town nine days before Christmas, playing hymns to the Baby Jesus on bagpipes and reeds. For nine days they visited churches and homes, where families gathered around the *presepi* (Nativity scenes) for hymns and prayer. In many places—especially in southern Italy—food was shared after each night's novena: chickpea dishes in Calabria, *struffoli* in Campania, and fig pastries and honey sweets in Sicily. The Novena begins on December 16th and ends on December 24th. The Italian Community invites everyone to join us in this beautiful and meaningful way to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Booklets with prayers in English and Italian will be available after every Mass on Sunday, December 14th.

Running with Purpose and Pride: 8th ANNUAL 5K RUN



We had well over 400 participants for our 8th Annual 5K Run! Many hands and hearts came together for this great community event. We had the support of the Village of Westbury Department of Public Works and Mayor Cavallaro, the Westbury Fire Department, and Nassau County Police Department. There was an army of volunteers to help set up, distribute packets and serve hospitality. Our major sponsor again was Glen Wolther, owner of All Round Foods. Mr. Wolther also provided the baked goods that we enjoyed after the race. All of this was coordinated by our amazing race director, Michiko Clarke. the heart and soul of the StB/OLH 5K!



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



CATHOLICS OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY - HOLIDAY GAME DAY

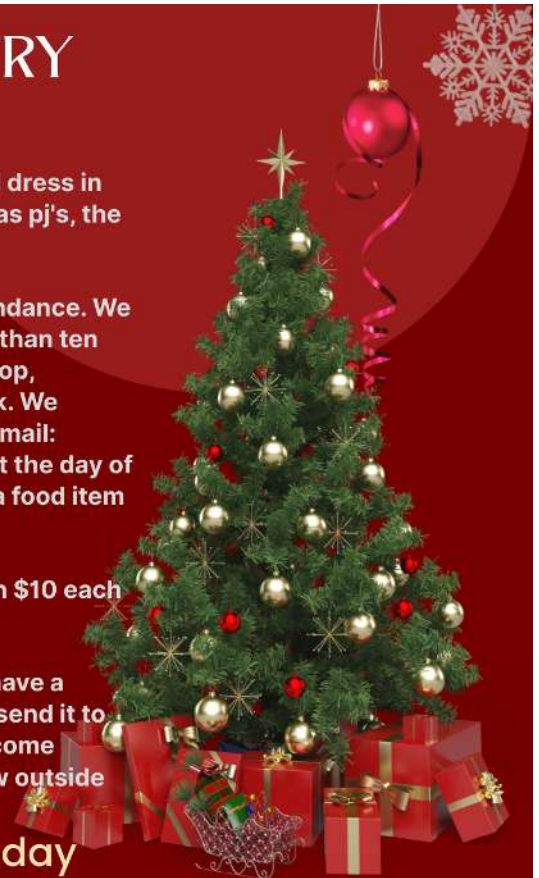
We are having a Christmas themed Game Day. We are asking if everyone could dress in some form of Christmas attire, i.e. Santa hat, ugly Christmas sweater, Christmas pj's, the Magi, etc., We will have light refreshments.

CAA is spreading Christmas joy by sponsoring two families who will be in attendance. We are asking each family from the ministry to donate a gift card or two of no less than ten dollars from any local store, i.e. Target, Old Navy, Fine Fare, Bravo, Stop and Shop, Walgreens, Walmart, or any other neighborhood store. Again, this is just an ask. We understand everyone has their own financial situation. Please let us know by email: CAA@saintbrigid.net or Juanita prior to the event if you are able to donate (not the day of please), so we can divide the cards and plan accordingly. Also please bring in a food item for the food pantry.

If you are able to donate, you will purchase 2 separate gift cards of no less than \$10 each (We are sponsoring 2 families). Thank you.

Also, scholarship parents, if your student is new to the ministry and does not have a personal email address, please have them create one as soon as possible and send it to CAA@saintbrigid.net. School emails are not permitted as those emails will become deactivated once your student has graduated, and/or some schools don't allow outside emails.

Hope to see you jingling in festive dress on Sunday
December 14, at 2p.m. in St. Anthony's Hall.



St. Brigid's Morning Retreat

TUESDAY+ December 16, 2025

Come gather at St. Brigid's to explore with other faith-filled people, what God's desire is for you and ways you can discern His movement in your daily routine. Through a combination of themed discussion, self-reflection and sacred sharing, we will discover different ways to recognize God's presence in our lives.

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, December 16th
from 10:30am to 12 noon**

in the Parish Center at St. Anthony Hall





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

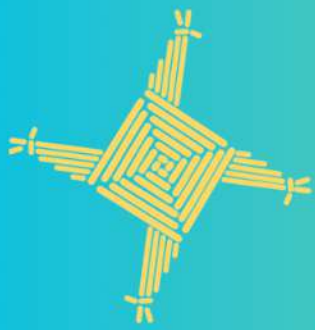
Full Page Ads - 8 ½ x 11

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



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

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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.

- Jelly
- Vienna Sausage
- Canned Beets
- Canned Spinach
- Water
- Oatmeal
- Diapers #4,5 & 6
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap

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



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



MON- LUNES & THURS-JUEVES
4:00 - 6:30

SAT-SABADO 10:00 - 12:30

CASH ONLY SOLAMENTE EFECTIVO

Gift Shopping
&
Decorating



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



All Clothing

must be in bags

when put in the green bin behind the Outreach building

Houseware items

can be dropped off at the Thrift Shoppe
on Saturdays 10-11am

Clothing
&
Accessories



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FROM THE BEGINNING: GENESIS THROUGH THE YEAR



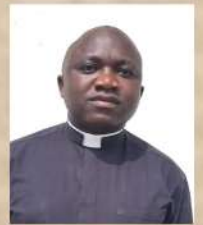
The Book of Genesis is the first book and foundation of Scripture. All the major themes of the Bible (Creation, Sin, Judgment, Covenant, Faith, Family, Promise, New Life) cannot be fruitfully interpreted apart from a basic understanding of the Book of Genesis. Join us for this yearlong course as we delve into the stories of Creation, Fall, Flood, and the Patriarchs and ponder the mysteries of the God who calls us from darkness into a life of wonder. Just come with your Bible, your questions, and your passion for our faith, and you will meet other passionate Christians with whom you can discuss about "The Beginning."

**We meet every Tuesday, from 9:00 to 10:00 am
OR Thursday, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

St. Anthony Hall

It's never too late to join!!!

Our instructor is Father Jacob Onyumbe, Professor of Hebrew and Scripture at the Université Notre-Dame de Tshumbe in D.R. Congo and priest in residence at Saint Brigid's.



Parishioners

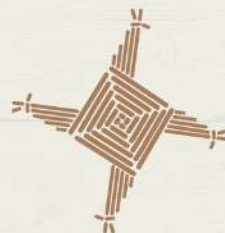
A parish as large as ours inevitably accumulates information which needs to be updated occasionally.

Much like St. Joseph and the Holy Family needed to travel to Bethlehem for a census (and also to fulfill the Old Testament), so too, do we ask that you update information for our records.

You may have received an email from noreply@parishdata.com. Please rest assured this was a legitimate email.

Likewise, you may also update your information on our website, saintbrigid.net. Hit the button underneath the main picture. It says, "Join/Update Info"

We thank you for your cooperation in helping us update our records.





VIDA FAMILIAR

FAMILY LIFE



Grade Level Liturgy at 9:15am Mass!
Liturgia de nivel de grado en la Misa de 9:15am

You're Invited! *¡Están Invitados!*

January 4, 2026
FIRE PROGRAM and Grades 7&8
AND ALL THOSE PREPARING TO RECEIVE
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

*Students in our Family Faith Formation **FIRE PROGRAM**.*

Students in grades 7 and 8 who attend St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope School.

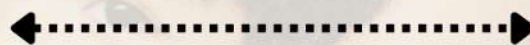
All who are preparing to receive Confirmation.

WHEN: 9:15am Mass on January 4, 2026

WHERE: Our Lady's Chapel at the SCHOOL

FAMILY MASS

Sunday - 9:15am
(English)
Our Lady's Chapel
in St. Brigid/OLH
School



ALL STUDENTS are asked
to bring a food offering of

CANNED SOUP,
RAMEN SOUP,
or CUP OF SOUP!

COFFEE HOUR

After Mass
in Code
Auditorium
Please bring a
snack to share!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

FOR THE SICK -

POR LOS QUE ESTAN ENFERMOS

Gene Heaney	Micharel & Andrew
Tommy Blank	Butthkosky
Lizbeth Maria Santiago	Raymond Henning
Jim Winship	Bernadeth Manetta
Sean Doherty	Frank Lofaro, Jr.
Bernice Campbell	Gordon Shaw
Rosemary Fischer	Diane Healy
Baby Maia Duryea	Carley Barten
Christine Clancy	Richard Hyppolite
Paul Homer	Nohora Barbini
Zoraida Garcia	Jeanette Murphy
Eileen Heaney	Stephanie M.
Susan Santilli	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 Mannetta

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -

POR LOS QUE EN MUERTO

Rosalia Cangialosi, James Davis, Gerard Cain

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 SECOND Time Between
Kerri L. Broer - St. Brigid
Sean E. Campbell, Jr. - St Brigid*

*Jenna F. Marinis - St. Matthews, Dix Hills
Matthew Testani - St. Aidan's, Williston Park*

*Maria Ann Nagel - St. William the Abbot
Tiago Martinis Pereira - St. Brigid*

WE REMEMBER

For the Week Beginning December 13th



*Bread & Wine
is in Memory of
Helen Sebastiano,
Paul & Don Stanchfield*

*Tabernacle Lamp
is in memory of
Charles Gregory Tabone*



BAPTISMS

*Elizabeth Louise Covais
Aolani Nieves Guerrier
Autumn Rose Muir
Shakira Inaya Ocampo
Harrison Robert Vasquez*

PRAYER & WORSHIP

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 15

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 15

7:00am - Purita Layug Luczon
12:10pm - Peter Esposito

TUESDAY/MARTES DECEMBER 16

7:00am - Joseph Pascarella (12th Anniversary of Passing)
12:10pm - Michel Malgras

WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES DECEMBER 17

7:00am - S. Green (Living)
12:10pm - Billy Gschlecht
7:30pm - (Spanish) Crescencio Diaz

THURSDAY/JUEVES DECEMBER 18

7:00am - Lyndsey Murano
12:10pm - Kevin Preiss

FRIDAY/VIERNES DECEMBER 19

7:00am - The DaCosta Family (Living)
12:10pm - Silvio Cenci

SATURDAY/SABADO DECEMBER 20

8:00am - Novena Mass -
5:00pm - Theresa Stratthaus (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
7:00pm - (Spanish) Marcos & Lupe Ramirez (50th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY/DOMINGO DECEMBER 21

7:30am - (Chapel/Spanish) Elmer Escobar
8:00am - (Church/English/Italian) - Antonia Mauro, Souls in Purgatory
9:15am - (Chapel/English) - Maria Rodriguez
10:00am - (Church/English) - Alfonso Valdivieso, Rev. Joseph C. McComiskey, Julien Grandkids (In Thanksgiving), Italo Crescitelli, Anthony Longo, Sister Alice Marie O'Shaughnessy, CSJ
11:00am - (Chapel/Spanish) - Eleazar Pichardo
11:45am - (Church/English) - Gloria Costa, Paula Birmingham
12:45pm - (Chapel/Spanish)* - Eleazar Pichardo
2:30pm - (Church/Kreyol) - Mr. & Mrs. Denis & Family (In Thanksgiving)
6:00pm - (Chapel/English) Italo Crescitelli
6:00pm - (Church/English) - Joseph J. Napolitano

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

Looking Ahead.. *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord offered Ahaz a sign. Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Nevertheless, the Lord gave a sign: "The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

- What did God invite Ahaz to do to in order to reassure himself?
- What are the first things you think when overcome by fear?

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul told the Romans he was called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God about Christ Jesus. He said to them, "We have received the grace of apostleship;" that we may spread the name

and bring to faith all those called to belong to Jesus Christ.

- What does Paul mean by the "The Obedience that comes from Faith?"
- How do Christians have both power and responsibility?

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they wed, Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph decided to break the engagement. He changed his mind when an angel in a dream told him to receive Mary as his wife.

- What obstacles did God encounter in bringing Jesus into the world?



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Here is some basic information about our parish community. Visit www.saintbrigid.net for more detailed information or call the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 extension 300 - e-mail frontdesk@saintbrigid.net

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Fr. Nesly Jean Jacques, SMM

Associate Pastor

Fr. Rolando Ticllasuca

Associate Pastor

Fr. Jacob Onyumba

In Residence

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

Catholic School Principal

Jacqueline DeLeon

Director of Family Faith

Formation

Rosemary Moreno

Coordinator of Family Faith

Formation

Barbara Powell

St. Brigid's Well

Fr. John Sureau,

Pastor

fatherjohn@saintbrigid.net

We Celebrate the Eucharist (Mass)

Saturday Evening (Church - Post Avenue) 5:00 pm (English) - 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday (Church- Post Avenue) 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 to set a baptism intake appointment.

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

Para obtener m s informaci n sobre c mo celebrar el bautismo de su hijo, comun quese a la Oficina Parroquial al 516.334.0021 o env e un correo electr nico a frontdesk@saintbrigid.net para programar una cita inicial para el bautismo. . Para ni os mayores de 7 a os y adultos que deseen bautizarse o confirmarse, comun quese con la Oficina de Formaci n en la Fe al 516.334.0021 o env e un correo electr nico a Faithformation@saintbrigid.net.