



St. Brigid's R.C. Church



Solemnity of Christmas/Holy Family
La Natividad del Señor /La Sagrada Familia
25 December 2025



SANTA BRÍGIDA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ESPERANZA ESCUELA CATÓLICA

ÚNETE A NUESTRA FAMILIA VEN A VISITARNOS

JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS
DOMINGO 25 DE ENERO, DE 10:30 A 13:00.
ESCANEA EL CÓDIGO QR PARA REGISTRARTE.



NUESTROS ESTUDIANTES:

- **Sobresalen Académicamente**, una escuela de alto rendimiento en lectura y matemáticas. Tenemos un alto desempeño en comparación con el estado y la nación y de la Diócesis.
- **Saben que son valorados y amados**, porque fueron creados por Dios.
- **Encuentran seguridad, protección y éxito** en clases pequeñas que aceleran un enfoque de aprendizaje atento y personalizado.

PROGRAMAS

- EDUCACIÓN INFANTIL
Niños pequeños, Guardería, Pre-kínder y Kínder
- EDUCACIÓN ELEMENTAL
grados del 1-4
- EDUCACIÓN SECUNDARIA
grados del 5-8

Escanea el código QR para más información o para programar una cita.

Se ofrece ayuda para pagar la matrícula para niños de kínder a 8. Visite tomorrowshopefoundation.org para presentar su solicitud y obtener más información. Las solicitudes deben presentarse antes del 30 de Abril.



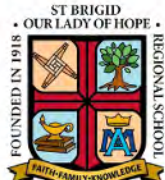
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**ST. BRIGID
OUR LADY OF HOPE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

JOIN OUR FAMILY COME FOR A VISIT



OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH
BETWEEN 10:30 AM AND 1:00 PM.
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.**



**AT ST. BRIGID/OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL,
OUR STUDENTS:**

- **Excel academically** in a high-performing school in reading and math. We are high performing when compared to the Diocese, State, and Nation.
- **Know they are valued and loved** because they are created by God.
- **Find safety, security, and success** in smaller class sizes that foster an attentive, personalized approach to learning.

OUR PROGRAMS

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD**
(Toddlers, Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten)
- **PRIMARY (GRADES 1-4)**
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5-8)**

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THE PASTOR'S POST

TAKE A STEP

Dear Parish Family:

We are blessed to have Deacon Nick Waldron with us in the days of Christmas! A true Christmas gift for us these days. I was taking time the past few days of the many things that then-Seminarian, now Deacon Nick, worked on when he was here. There were many!

One of the last things he did was help us to design the stairwells in our school. When you come there, we have a stairwell with theological virtues, another with the names of significant saints, and another with titles of the Blessed Mother, mostly from the Litany of Loreto. Our hope is that each time kids and teachers and parishioners take a step up the stairs, they will be reminded of something greater, the power of our faith, as they move in the right direction.

That's the point of a Catholic school. It is not just the mission of a Catholic school though. It's the mission for each one of us. Each day, we should try to take a step in the right direction. Never on our own or in the ways of the world but always in the direction of Jesus Christ.

Think of the Gospels today. Each person we hear about - Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and angels - all take a step in the right direction. Because of those steps, God enters the world and transforms it. While you and I are not Jesus Christ, we are called to do the same. Move each moment in the right direction, so we can draw closer to Christ and to follow his example.

Christmas is a good opportunity for you and me to work on taking a step in the right direction. This is a personal journey for us. Are there parts in our lives where we are heading in the wrong direction? Is there more we can do to move in the direction of the Gospel? Do we need to step away from certain things in our lives? Create some more space for God to dwell? Do not get overwhelmed. Try to take one step in the right direction. Another step will follow.

One of the good things about being Catholic is that we do not walk alone, we walk together in the right direction. We have seen that over the past year as we have prayed, advocated for and supported our immigrant brothers and sisters as they face horrendous times. At the same time we have challenged the steps of others that are not in line with the Gospel. Everyday, though, we see it in how we come together to form our kids, care for those in need, and carry out so much of the work here that needs to be done. We are not perfect, for sure. At the same time, we are trying to move a step at a time in the direction the Gospel leads us.

I hope this Christmas can be a good time for you to take a step, particularly in the life of our parish. If you are coming back to Church today, we are so glad you're here. If you pray with us all of the time, how great that you are here too! Whether returning or a regular, a saint or a little skeptical about the whole thing, you have a place here at St. Brigid's...and we need you! You can see some ways to get involved here but most important, please come and pray with us. Your presence makes an incredible difference. Today is a great example of this.



This year, I took a step back in the classroom. I teach 5th and 6th grade religion in our incredible Catholic school (these are some of our wonderful - and little crazy -sixth graders on the steps!). It has been a big step and a lot of work, to be honest. But it has been a good step for me and I hope for the students I teach. These steps we take are not always easy. They were not easy for Mary and Joseph. They were a challenge for the Magi and missionary shepherds and messaging angels and others. Because they took a step, Jesus entered into the world and transformed it.

Let's take a step and try to do the same. Please pray for me. I promise the same.

Featherman



DA UN PASO

Estimada familia parroquial:

¡Tenemos la suerte de contar con el diácono Nick Waldron entre nosotros en estos días de Navidad! Es un verdadero regalo navideño para nosotros en estos días. Durante los últimos días, he estado dedicando tiempo a repasar las muchas cosas en las que trabajó el entonces seminarista, ahora diácono Nick, cuando estuvo aquí. ¡Y fueron muchas!

Una de las últimas cosas que hizo fue ayudarnos a diseñar las escaleras de nuestra escuela. Cuando llegas allí, hay una escalera con las virtudes teológicas, otra con los nombres de santos importantes y otra con los títulos de la Santísima Virgen, la mayoría de la Letanía de Loreto. Nuestra esperanza es que cada vez que los niños, los maestros y los feligreses suban un escalón, recuerden algo más grande, el poder de nuestra fe, mientras avanzan en la dirección correcta.

Ese es el objetivo de una escuela católica. Sin embargo, no es solo la misión de una escuela católica. Es la misión de cada uno de nosotros. Cada día, debemos intentar dar un paso en la dirección correcta. Nunca por nuestra cuenta o siguiendo los caminos del mundo, sino siempre en la dirección de Jesucristo. Pensemos hoy en los Evangelios. Todas las personas de las que oímos hablar —María, José, los pastores y los ángeles— dan un paso en la dirección correcta. Gracias a esos pasos, Dios entra en el mundo y lo transforma. Aunque tú y yo no somos Jesucristo, estamos llamados a hacer lo mismo. Avancemos en cada momento en la dirección correcta, para poder acercarnos más a Cristo y seguir su ejemplo.

La Navidad es una buena oportunidad para que tú y yo trabajemos, en dar un paso en la dirección correcta. Este es un viaje personal para nosotros. ¿Hay aspectos de nuestras vidas en los que estamos yendo en la dirección equivocada? ¿Hay algo más que podamos hacer para avanzar en la dirección del Evangelio? ¿Necesitamos alejarnos de ciertas cosas en nuestras vidas? ¿Crear más espacio para que Dios more en nosotros? No te sientas abrumado. Intenta dar un paso

en la dirección correcta. Le seguirá otro paso.

Una de las cosas buenas de ser católicos es que no caminamos solos, sino que caminamos juntos en la dirección correcta. Lo hemos visto durante el último año, al rezar, defender y apoyar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes que atraviesan momentos terribles. Al mismo tiempo, hemos cuestionado las medidas de otros que no están en consonancia con el Evangelio. Sin embargo, cada día lo vemos en cómo nos unimos para educar a nuestros hijos, cuidar de los necesitados y llevar a cabo gran parte del trabajo que hay que hacer aquí. No somos perfectos, eso es seguro. Al mismo tiempo, intentamos avanzar paso a paso en la dirección que nos marca el Evangelio.

Espero que esta Navidad sea un buen momento para dar un paso adelante, especialmente en la vida de nuestra parroquia. Si hoy regresas a la iglesia, nos alegra mucho que estés aquí. Si rezas con nosotros todo el tiempo, ¡qué bueno que también estés aquí! Ya sea que regreses o seas un habitual, un santo o un poco escéptico sobre todo esto, tienes un lugar aquí en St. Brigida... ¡y te necesitamos! Puedes ver algunas formas de participar aquí, pero lo más importante es que vengas a rezar con nosotros. Tu presencia marca una diferencia increíble. Hoy es un gran ejemplo de ello.

Este año, di un paso atrás en el salón de clases. Enseñó religión a alumnos de quinto y sexto grado en nuestra increíble escuela católica (¡estos son algunos de nuestros maravillosos —y un poco locos— alumnos de sexto grado en las escaleras!). Ha sido un gran paso y mucho trabajo, para ser honesto. Pero ha sido un buen paso para mí y espero que también lo haya sido para los alumnos a los que enseñé. Estos pasos que damos no siempre son fáciles. No fueron fáciles para María y José. Fueron un reto para los Reyes Magos, los pastores misioneros, los ángeles mensajeros y otros. Gracias a que dieron un paso, Jesús entró en el mundo y lo transformó.

Demos un paso adelante e intentemos hacer lo mismo.

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

Featherston



A MESSAGE FROM ~~SEMINARIAN~~ DEACON NICK!

Dear Friends,

Wow is it great to be back! Coming home after all these months has been nothing short of exciting for many reasons. First, being in a place like St. Brigid's with you all for Christmas will certainly be an incredible source of joy. Also, it's the first time I've been able to travel home for Christmas since the beginning of my four years in Rome. The song lyric "I'll be home for Christmas" has had a different ring to it this year for me.

Since I left the parish in July, the months have flown by! I returned to Rome in late August to keep chipping away at more studies while making my final preparations for priestly ordination in June. On October 2nd, I was ordained a deacon in St. Peter's Basilica with my classmates (With some St. Brigid's celebrities in attendance). What a day that was! I'm often amazed by what the Lord has given me in this ministry and I'm so glad I get to share it with you all during this season. It's also just nice to be away from the hustle and bustle that life in Rome can often bring.

There's a lot of words you could use to describe Rome: Beautiful, historical, vibrant. But one word I certainly would not use is quiet. To put it short: the place has been mobbed. It goes without saying, Christmas is a busy time for Rome. Shortly before leaving for New York, I woke up early one morning to beat the crowds and spend some time in St. Peter's Basilica. It was a nice morning to just roam around and see the Basilica mostly empty before the rush of visitors and pilgrims. It's a place that never gets old no matter how many times you visit, with all its towering marble columns and mosaics. But as with many places like St. Peter's, there are some stories and parts that go unnoticed and are easy to miss amidst the crowds.

One of these places that I stumbled across on my visit was a small, tattered painting in the back corner of the Basilica. It's a classic image of Mary holding the child Jesus titled "Mother of Pilgrims." One thing that you notice immediately about the



painting is that, unlike most of the artwork around it, it's in pretty rough shape. Most of the image is bruised and faded beyond repair after years of neglect. The painting, though old, is actually the newest addition to the Basilica. Pope Francis, noticing the beaten painting on a trip to a small town in Italy in 2020, asked that the painting be brought to Saint Peter's and displayed prominently among the rest of the mosaics and statues.

Certainly, the many nativity scenes, decorations, and movies we see during this season tell the beauty of the Christmas story well. You know the scene: the baby Jesus laying in a crib with Mary and Joseph adoring him. However, this bruised painting of Mary and Jesus shows a side of the Christmas story we often don't hear: the circumstances of Jesus' birth were messy. In fact, Jesus was born while Mary and Joseph were far away from home struggling to find a place to stay for the night. Needless to say, the image of Christmas that Mary and Joseph may have had quickly became bruised and tattered.

That might be the image of Christmas we know better. The Christmas season is often a time of trying to keep it all together. Things can feel "off." The image of Christmas we often see in commercials, newspapers, or magazines is different from the one we experience. Our experience can seem far more bruised and tattered. And yet, amidst the bruised and tattered image, is Jesus. It is Jesus who comes to identify with our weakness and our messiness, and it is Jesus who comes to rescue us from the peril we so often find ourselves in. May this season of Christmas be one where we find

Jesus, or perhaps *re-find* him. Perhaps we won't find him in a perfect crib of gold, but as a rescuer and a savior in the bruised and tattered moments that our lives so often can bring.

I pray that, in finding the child Jesus, this season would be for you all a season of joy and peace. May God bless you and your families this Christmas and always.



Merry Christmas,
Deacon Nick



Come Celebrate Jesus

JOIN THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY AND
THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Sunday, January 4, 2026
10:30 AM

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope School
Msgr. Code Auditorium

Feast of the Epiphany

Living Nativity - Cultural Celebration - Presepe Expo
Light brunch will be served.

Enter Your Nativity In The Presepe Expo

Why is your nativity special to you? Is it a family heirloom? Does it reflect your culture or heritage? Was it given to you by someone special? Did you make yourself? Is it large, small, quilted, carved, tin-punched, sculpted, painted, upcycled, edible? Share why it's special by entering it the Italian Community Annual Presepe Expo.



*To Enter your Nativity in the Expo or for more information
Call 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





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COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL

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

Maybe a great way to mark a significant moment in your family's life, a word of gratitude for the gift of the parish, or maybe just a word of support.

GREAT IDEA FOR FAMILIES AND PARISHIONERS!!!

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:
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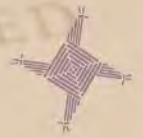


THE PRESEPIO

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!

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.



Growing in Faith Together: WALKING WITH MARY



We've had some wonderful opportunities to walk with Mary, our Blessed Mother. On Monday, December 8, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Father Jacob celebrated Mass with us. Later that week, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father John's 5th grade Religion class presented the true story of Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe before Mass. We learned about her messages of love, hope and dignity. Dr. Jeannette Charles, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Education, was visiting, and joined us for the play and Mass.



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

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We need volunteers for all of our parish outreach ministries (pantry, thrift store, St. Lorenzo's Lunch Box, and all other ministries)! Without the help of volunteers, these ministries cannot continue!

Here are some ways you can help:

Food Pantry: Help presently needed to sort and work with families and individuals that come for support. Help needed each day at various times.

St. Lorenzo Lunch Box: See separate ad. We need "meal-makers" to prepare - on your schedule - meals for our take-away refrigerator. We are serving at least 50 people per week right now and need help!

Thrift Shop: Help us to sort behind the scenes on Tuesday afternoons or sell and show case on Monday, Thursdays and Saturdays when the Thrift Shop is open!

Giving Garden: This Spring, we will begin a gardening ministry that will provide fresh vegetables to our clients. The garden, being constructed by an Eagle Scout candidate in our parish, needs volunteers! This is a great way give praise and honor to God "who lifts up the poor"!

Please get involved! Email yanira@saintbrigid.net or call 516.334.0021 to join! We need you!

¡Necesitamos voluntarios para todos nuestros ministerios de alcance parroquial (despensa, tienda de segunda mano, la lonchera de San Lorenzo, y todos los demás ministerios)! ¡Sin la ayuda de voluntarios, estos ministerios no pueden continuar!

Aquí están algunas maneras en que usted puede ayudar:

Despensa de Alimentos: Ayuda que actualmente se necesita para clasificar y trabajar con las familias y las personas que vienen en busca de apoyo. Se necesita ayuda todos los días a diferentes horas.

Lonchera de San Lorenzo: Vea el anuncio separado. Necesitamos "meal-makers" para preparar - en su horario - comidas para nuestro refrigerador para llevar. Estamos sirviendo a por lo menos 50 personas por semana en este momento y ¡necesitamos ayuda!

Tienda de segunda mano: Ayúdenos a clasificar entre bastidores los martes y miércoles por la tarde o a vender y exponer los jueves y sábados cuando la tienda de segunda mano esté abierta.

Jardín de Regalos: Esta primavera, comenzaremos un ministerio de jardinería que proporcionará verduras frescas a nuestros clientes. El jardín, que está siendo construido por un candidato a Eagle Scout en nuestra parroquia ¡necesita voluntarios! ¡Esta es una gran manera de dar alabanza y honor a Dios "que levanta a los pobres"! Por favor, ¡participa! ¡Envíe un correo electrónico a yanira@saintbrigid.net o llame al 516.334.0021 para unirse! ¡Te necesitamos!

**¡SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



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.

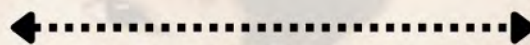
All who are preparing to receive Confirmation.

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!



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

BREAD FAMILY FORMATION



Please visit the website for all forms and updates at www.saintbrigid.net or click QR code.



We had had wonderful sessions in October, November, and December. This year, students and parents/caregivers come together for a monthly formation session which has been a wonderful addition to our outreach. In December, we learned about the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

In January, we will be focusing on Reconciliation and Penance on January 5th @ 5pm or 7pm OR January 7th at 6pm.

Hemos tenido sesiones maravillosas en octubre, noviembre y diciembre. Este año, los estudiantes y los padres/cuidadores se reúnen para una sesión de formación mensual que ha sido una maravillosa adición a nuestro trabajo de divulgación. En diciembre, aprendimos sobre los sacramentos del Bautismo y la Confirmación.

En enero, nos centraremos en la Reconciliación y la Penitencia el 5 de enero a las 5 p. m. o a las 7 p. m. O el 7 de enero a las 6 p. m.



We are here: Sundays 10:30-1:30 + Mondays -Wednesdays 1-7pm
Thursdays by appointment only and **CLOSED** Friday & Saturday/
Estamos aqui: domingo de 10:30 a 1:30, lunes a miércoles de 1pm a 7pm,
jueves solo con cita previa y **CERRADO** viernes y sábado.

QUESTIONS/ PREGUNTAS contact us at faithformation@saintbrigid.net or 516-334-0021 x 352 or 353

Christmas Letter from Bishop Barres

Take some time to read Bishop Barres' Christmas message to the People of God of Rockville Centre.

Go to:
www.drvc.org



Body text

CHRISTMASTABLE BLESSING

God,
recently, our days have been joy-filled yet busy. Occasionally, we get distracted from the true meaning of Christmas. As we gather here tonight, in this quiet moment, we feel your loving embrace. We are filled with gratitude for this meal, this fellowship, and all the blessings you give us.
Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY



Schedule

NEW YEAR'S EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

5 P.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH

7:30 P.M. - CHURCH - SPANISH

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

7 A.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH

10:00 A.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH

12:10 P.M. - CHURCH - ENGLISH

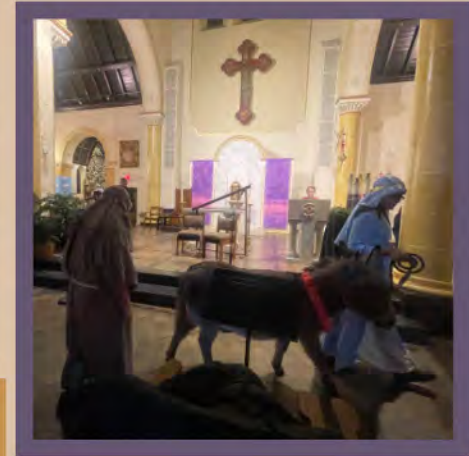
7:30 P.M. - CHURCH - BILINGUAL

Please support the
CHRISTMAS APPEAL!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Friday, December 5, 2025, hundreds gathered for our annual Christmas Pageant in St. Brigid's Church. What a night of celebration for our parish. Thank you to our Family Life Ministry for pulling together this awesome reminder of the reason for the season and Martha and Company and La Comunidad de Hospitalidad for helping with hospitality!



To learn more about Family Life Ministry and more ways to get involved and connected, reach out to us at familylife@saintbrigid.net or contact us at 516.334.0021



Cabrini Day

On Thursday, November 13, St. Brigid's celebrated Cabrini Day as we honored Mother Cabrini, the patron saint of immigrants, so aware of the struggles of so many of our brothers and sisters in our parish. Thanks to the generosity of the Italian community we have now have our own statue of Mother Cabrini that led our procession (and was blessed during the school Mass). Our multicultural choir led us in song and praise and the liturgy called us to be one in the midst of difficult and trying times. And of course, after this holy hour, we had a wonderful happy hour! To learn more about our support immigrants and refugees int these days, please contact Casa Mary Johanna in Parish Outreach. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, pray for us!



To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!
A nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, pues si un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Corintios 12:26). ¡No están solos!

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.





THROWBACK THANKSGIVING THURSDAY



At the end of November, St. Brigid's celebrated Thanksgiving filled with gratitude for the gift of a thankful vision. The liturgy called us to be filled with gratitude even in the midst of difficult times. Many came forward to offer food and offerings to our outreach work and all received a loaf of bread, prepared by our Confirmation candidates, to take home and share at their Thanksgiving table.





Men nap pwoche devan ou Granmèt. Avèk tout ti kado nou papa.

Li mèt tou piti kouliye tanpri resevwa li

Here we come before you, Lord; bringing you our little gifts, Father.

They may be small today, but please accept them now.

Aquí estamos ante ti, Señor; te traemos nuestros pequeños regalos, Padre.

Puede que hoy sean pequeños, pero por favor, acéptalos ahora.


-Offertory Hymn at Thanksgiving Mass, 2025

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.

- 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

Clothing
&
Accessories



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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

BAPTISM MINISTRY



Help Needed!



We are in need of

- **Welcome Members**: Meet families as they come to schedule a baptism, assisting them with some the practical information necessary for Baptism. Training Provided.
- **Greeters**: We need parishioners to be present at the celebration of Baptism - generally at 12 Noon Saturdays. Welcome families and guests to St. Brigid's!
- **Bibmakers**: Good with a sewing machine? We need helping making baptismal garments. This is a great way to be involved for those who may not be able to help regularly at St. Brigid's.



email Marcel Catafago - marcel.c@saintbrigid.net or call 516.334.0021

WEDDING REHEARSAL MINISTRY

We Need You!!!

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL MINISTRY IN WHICH WE PREPARE COUPLES FOR THEIR UPCOMING NUPTIALS. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS SPECIAL MINISTRY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GINA GALGANO AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL FRONTDESK@SAINTBRIGID.NET



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



On Monday, December 1, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion came together for night of formation and to recommit themselves to ministry. We were blessed, challenged and inspired by the presentation of Sister Judy Mannix, RGS.



*Are you interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Mass?
If so, contact the Parish Office at 516.334.0021 or email to
frontdesk@saintbrigid.net*

Lector Formation

Getting Ready for a New Liturgical Year!



On Tuesday, November 18, 2025, our lectors gathered for a night of formation in the Church. Msgr. Jim led the night offering practical tips and perspectives to aid in ministry. We also distributed new workbooks as well as a prayer resource called *Ponder*.



*Are you interested in being a lector at Mass? If so, contact the Parish Office
at 516.334.0021 or email to frontdesk@saintbrigid.net
Lectors: Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 20, 2025*

PRAYER & WORSHIP

FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 28

MONDAY/LUNES DECEMBER 29

7:00am - Intention Available
12:10pm - Souls of Purgatory (In Thanksgiving)

TUESDAY/MARTES DECEMBER 30

7:00am - Souls of Purgatory
12:10pm - Richard Buckman

NEW YEARS EVE DECEMBER 31

7:00am - All Souls in Purgatory
12:10pm - Bernadette M. Hoffmann (Health)
5:00 pm - Intention Still Available
7:30pm - (Spanish) Dominick Barbera

NEW YEARS DAY JANUARY 1

7:00am - Caterina Buffolino & Family (Birthday)
10:00 am - Intention Still Available
12:10pm - Jdeanne Dirr (Health)
7:30 pm - Intention Still Available

FRIDAY/VIERNES JANUARY 2

7:00am - Glenn Augustave
12:10pm - Ann Kielczewski (Anniversary)

SATURDAY/SABADO JANUARY 3

8:00am - Novena Mass -
5:00pm - Mario Casale
7:00pm - (Spanish) Intention Available

SUNDAY/DOMINGO JANUARY 4

7:30am - (Chapel/Spanish)
8:00am - (Church/English/Italian) - The DaCosta Family (In Thanksgiving), Michele D;Alessandro, Anthonhy Pascarella, Agostino Abbatiello
9:15am - (Chapel/English) - Grace Trindade
10:00am - (Church/English)- Jaime, Jaime L. Vera, Domenick & Jennie Pinto, Mr. Leonard Genovese, Antonia Vacchio, Rafaele Tirino & Ann Marie Oddo
11:00am - (Chapel/Spanish) - Intention Available
11:45am - (Church/English)- Martino & Maria Grandinetti
12:45pm - (Chapel/Spanish)* - Caterina Inzerillo
2:30pm - (Church/Kreyol) - Mr. & Mrs. Denis & Family (In Thanksgiving)
6:00pm - (Church/English)- Marco Leon

Looking Ahead... *The Epiphany of the Lord*

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 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

- Where are some of the places of darkness in your own life, in the world?
- Where do you see signs of light?
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Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,

- Are there groups or individuals you know who do not feel part of the Body of Christ?
- What difference does the Epiphany

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

- When you pray what is your image of the Magi?
- Do you see "stars" in the midst of your own life right now leading you to Christ?
- Are there places you need to "home by another way", making changes in you life?

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  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.