

## ST. ELIZABETH - ST. BRIGID PARISH

November 16, 2020 – November 22, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WELCOME

## PUBLIC MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: November 21 - November 22

### Confessions:

#### Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

St. Brigid Parish Library (located in the Parish Center) or on the St. Brigid Church plaza (weather permitting) and by mutual arrangement.

#### Saturday Vigil Mass:

##### 4:30 PM - St Brigid Church

with live streaming via website

##### Sunday 7:30 AM – St. Brigid Church

##### 9:30 AM – St. Brigid Church

##### 11:30 AM – St. Brigid Church

Mass will be available for viewing on the website all day Sunday.

#### Sunday 10:30 AM Distribution of Holy Communion:

St. Brigid Church by St. Anthony of Padua near the brook. (Weather Permitting)

### Daily Mass Schedule:

9:00 AM St. Brigid Church - Monday – Friday

**MASS INTENTIONS for November 16th – November 22nd**

(†) Deceased - (L) Living

Monday, November 16 ~ Joseph Geraghty†

Tuesday, November 17 ~ Louise Giunta L

Wednesday, November 18 ~ Benny Monticciolo †

Thursday, November 19 ~ DiVerde, Puleo & Crino Families †

Friday, November 20 ~ Lino & Hedy Caiola †

Saturday, November 21 ~

4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Frank & Marie Brach †  
Clarence Wolf †

Sunday, November 22 ~

7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Marian Aloia †  
For the Parishioners

9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus †

Maureen McCullough Caffrey †

11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Rev. Richard Asakiewicz †

## PRAY THE ROSARY

### MASS GUIDELINES

If you feel ill or are aware that you are positive for the COVID 19 virus, please stay home and do not come to church. For those who are elderly or those with other health conditions, you may also choose to remain at home and watch the Mass on our website [www.sainteb.org](http://www.sainteb.org) or on television (EWTN).

Please note that admittance to Mass will be based on a “first-come, first serve” basis and ALL are expected to wear personal face masks upon entering the church.

Please bring sanitizers to use for your personal space in the church.

Once you have arrived at your seat, please use personal discretion to distance yourself from others safely about 6 feet in every direction. Take note of designated sitting areas. Of course, this “distancing” does not apply to family members or those who accompanied you to church.

Missalettes and Hymnals have been removed as per Diocesan regulations to avoid multiple people touching the same book. There will be disposable worship aids with the readings available in the back of Church. Please discard after use.

It is also suggested that the congregation not sing so as to minimize the amount of breath/saliva expelled while in church.

Holy Communion will be distributed immediately following Mass. As you approach the sanctuary for Holy Communion, **please allow 6 feet between yourself and the person in front of you.** As you come up the aisle and arrive at the Communion station, please remove your mask when you are next to receive. When the host is placed on the palm of your hand and you receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, please place your mask back on. You may then leave the church in silence.

If you wish to meet up with fellow parishioners, kindly make your way out of the church and speak outdoors.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Those who are ill in our parish:** Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Mary Hanlon, Barbara Ryan, Carl Messina, Margharete Saunders, Maureen McCrory, Jan Larusso, Annie Carver, Pina Jibilian, Margaret Ricciardi, Jimmy Siroka, Rose Renzulli, Marta Jimenez Porras, Tony Guzzi, Robertino Perri, Sienna Jay Scull, Ted Rich and all those effected by Covid-19  
To add a name, please call the Parish Office.

**For the recently deceased:** Sylvia Cassidy, Joseph LaCapra and Rev. Edward R. Flanagan, a priest of the Diocese of Metuchen

### PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS



**Artificial Intelligence:** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

#### Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Remember in your prayers the members of our Armed Services, especially Matthew Blejwas USMA West Point, grandson of Walter and Kathryn Blejwas, John F. Stahl of the US Army, son, Joseph

Stahl of the Navy, grandson, and Eric Hummel of the US Army nephew of Ruth Stahl; Jordan Weaver of the Air Force, husband of Christy (LaPointe) Weaver; John Walker and Nicholas Furtzaig of the Air Force, grandsons of Bernard & Joan O'Reilly; Christopher Jibilian, US Navy pilot and Matthew Jibilian US Navy Seal, grand-nephews of Pina Jibilian.

### THANK YOU ...

Over these last few months many parishioners have continued to support the parish through their weekly offerings. Some have mailed them in, and others have joined E-giving to have their gifts automatically given to the parish. It is through this continued support that we will continue to meet the needs of the parish. Also, through these months many have sent comments and e-mails with their prayers and encouragement for me and the parish. Please know that you and your families are in mine and Father Hillier's prayers each day.

~Monsignor Puleo

In your charity please pray for the safety and well-being of those who are continuing to serve the needs of others--food service delivery personnel, doctors, nurses, scientists, EMS workers, police, pharmacists, the leaders of our government ~our president and governor!

### PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

#### Prayer for Our Country at Election Time

Loving God and Father,  
watch over our country  
in these times of confusion and apathy.

Keep us caressed in your merciful care,  
even though we have failed to remain vigilant,  
-- in respecting human life from the moment of conception  
to the moment of natural death;  
-- in recognizing all people as equal;  
-- in recognizing the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Remain with us, Lord,  
in the days ahead.

Protect us in our greatest needs.

Protect our protectors in their military service and civil service.

Protect our families; our neighborhoods;  
our cities, towns, states and nation.

May our flag fly high  
and our prayers even higher,  
reaching the One who loves us the most -  
to keep us safe and secure  
for the spiritual battles yet to be won.

Give us leaders in our country  
who, we pray, will respond generously  
to your Divine Providence -  
for the greater good  
of all men and women who live in our land,  
and for all generations to come.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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### WORKS OF MERCY CAMPAIGN

Next weekend the second collection will be for the Works of Mercy Campaign. The proceeds benefit the local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by addressing the social issues of poverty and hunger. You may place your donation in the basket as you enter Church.



Congratulations to the following child  
Baptized in St. Brigid Church recently

**Enzo Robert Guidi**

Child of Giulio & Caitlyn Guidi

### FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 21



The Altar Bread and Wine at  
St. Brigid Church are being offered  
With Thanks & Appreciation for  
**Sister Donna Marie Kemberling, SCC**  
Requested by The Spiritual Book Club



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!  
2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
PROGRAM  
FOR GRADES K-8**

Forms can be found under the tab marked Religious Education on the Parish website at [www.saintebl.org](http://www.saintebl.org). If you need assistance forms, please contact the office at (908) 234-1524

**SUBSCRIBE TO MARRIAGE NEWS**



Published on the internet by the Family Life Office of the U.S. Bishops, it is free, and you can select the topics of most interest to you: dating, engagement, marriage preparation, married Life, family Life and parenting. <http://www.foryourmarriage.org>

**RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**



Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine:  
Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATIONS**



Please help support our local programs by donating Clothing, Shoes, and Household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have any questions or have a larger pick up, please call our toll-free number 1-877-343-3651.

**Donation bins are now open for collections.**

**24 HOUR PRAYER LINE**

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24-hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6431 or send an email to our office: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com)

**Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory:**



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**OAK KNOLL SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD**

**Virtual Admission Events Fall 2020:**

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, a Catholic Independent school, all girls, grades 7-12, invites you to attend our [Upper School Virtual Information Sessions](#).

For more information and to register online visit our website [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org) or call Admissions at 908-522-8109. Pre-registration is required!

**VILLA WALSH ACADEMY ADMISSIONS**

Villa Walsh Academy invites you to experience their newly launched virtual tour at [www.villawalsh.org](http://www.villawalsh.org). Click on the Admissions tab and scroll to Virtual Tour.

Villa Walsh is a Catholic, college preparatory, independent school. Applications are being accepted for young women entering grades 7 and 9. Applicants for other grades will be considered if there is space. If you have any questions about the admissions process, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Hornyak (973) 538 - 3680, Ext. 181 or reach out to our admission email - [vwaa@villawalsh.org](mailto:vwaa@villawalsh.org)

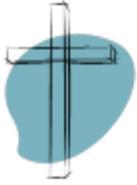
**"WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED" INITIATIVE**

**New Jersey Safe Haven Law** - Under the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act a person may give up an unwanted infant anonymously. The purpose of Safe Haven is to protect unwanted babies from being hurt or killed from unsafe abandonment. A distressed parent who is unable to care for an infant can give up custody of a baby less than 30 days old safely, legally and anonymously. All that is required is that the baby be brought to any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads in New Jersey that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. The parent can call the Safe Haven Hotline - 1-877-839-2339 - and get the address and directions for any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance, first aid, and rescue squad in the state.

**SAINTLY INSPIRATION...**

In so far as divine love beautifies our souls.  
And makes us pleasing to His Divine Majesty,  
it is called grace;  
in so far as it gives us strength to do good, it is called charity;  
but when it reaches such a degree of perfection,  
that it makes us not only do the good,  
but do so carefully, frequently and readily,  
then it is called devotion.

~St. Francis de Sales



## ALL SOULS

During the month of November, we pray for all the souls in purgatory and most especially our departed loved ones. Please recommit yourself to pray for them on a regular basis.

Envelopes have been mailed to each household to write their names of their loved ones on it. Envelopes will also be available in Church. All the envelopes with the names will be placed on the Blessed Virgin Mary altar at both St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Church. Please return your envelopes with your regular offerings.

### All Souls Day

#### ~Prayer For Our Beloved Dead

**F**ather in heaven, Creator of all,  
watch over us and keep us in your care  
as we mourn our beloved dead  
who have gone to their rest  
in hope of their eternal reward  
including: (names)

**M**ay your Holy Spirit,  
Who once breathed life into their souls  
at the first moment of their earthly existence,  
again offer His Divine help,  
so they may complete their heavenly journey.

**M**ay your holy angels minister to our deceased,  
and, with our Blessed Mother, watch over us  
until that day when we, too, are called  
to surrender ourselves to your Divine Majesty.

**K**eep us faithful, Lord Jesus,  
and with our beloved dead, keep us forever safe,  
seeking only your most Holy Will.

**A**men

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## WORD OF LIFE

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “An Adoption Love Story”  
([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](http://respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

*“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - Matthew 25:21*

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn’t want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

## CORONAVIRUS - PRAYER FOR COURAGE

God our Loving Father, comforter of the afflicted, watch over us always, but most especially at this, our time of urgent need.

With heavy hearts we cry out to you ...  
We ask that you heal those among us weighed down with the coronavirus.

Inspire with your holy wisdom —  
our health professionals: scientists, doctors,  
and all medical personnel.  
Show special attention to our government officials:  
nationally, internationally, and local.  
Make them instruments of your love  
as they seek to serve your people.

Lord and Giver of Life, trusting in your mercy,  
we recall the prayer of your prophet Jeremiah:  
*“heal me, O Lord and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved”* (17:14).

When fearful, grant us courage.  
When uncertain, strengthen us.  
In our sorrow, comfort us.

With hearts overflowing with love for you,  
we surrender ourselves to your providential care,  
and ask only that you consider our sincere request  
to remain steadfast in your love — charitable to all  
and faithful first and foremost in doing  
your holy will.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN  
**GIVE ONLINE?**  
WITH e-GIVING YOU CAN

e-GIVING is available at: <http://saintelizabeth-saintbrigid.org>

## CALLING THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH SAVE THE DATE



St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid Parish  
&

The Daughters of Mary  
Welcome you to a

### **Christmas Auction**

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 PM  
St. Patrick Hall

*All women of the parish and guests are welcome*

- Auction of designer handbags and jewelry
- Men's & Women's accessories
- Children's games
- 50/50
- Door prizes

Limited number can attend. RSVP  
to [bpot4242@gmail.com](mailto:bpot4242@gmail.com) (908-217-9943) and your  
reservation will be confirmed.

## URGE LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE NJ REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT (S3030/A4848)

Earlier this month, The Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) S3030 was introduced in the New Jersey State Senate and was referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

If passed, the RFA would codify into New Jersey law the findings of Roe vs Wade, meaning that abortion would remain legal in New Jersey even if the case were overturned by the Supreme Court. The RFA would also strip safeguards and regulations on the abortion procedure, making New Jersey a more dangerous place for women and their unborn babies.

The Bishops of New Jersey immediately voiced their opposition to such a bill. Contact your state legislators now to oppose this measure. To find your legislator, to view the NJ Bishops' Statement on this proposed legislation and find the text of the bill as well as talking points please visit: <https://njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act>

### **Are you suffering after an Abortion? Help is available!**

If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300. or visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org). Spanish-speakers may visit [EsperanzaPosaborto.org](http://EsperanzaPosaborto.org) or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)



## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Join us for Mass on Thursday, November 26th at the 9 AM Mass at St. Brigid Church. Bring a nonperishable food item for the *Somerset County Food Pantry* to help in the preparation of the Christmas Food Baskets.

## Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O Lord our God,  
who supplies us with countless blessings,  
lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving.

Help us to remember the gifts we seldom notice,  
the abundance we take for granted,  
the rich possibilities you provide.

For our daily bread,  
for water that is pure,  
for houses to live in and friends to enjoy,  
we give you humble thanks.

For beauty and fruitfulness,  
for healing and hope,  
for the comfort of your presence,  
we lift our voices in joyful praise now and always.

Amen.

*Thanksgiving Prayer, Catholic Health Association of the US*

## GIVING TREE 2020



This year the Giving Tree is going to look a little different.

We will not be collecting packages to distribute.

We will be collecting monetary donations and gift cards to support those in need.

The need is great to assist with the everyday things like rent, food, and utilities. As a parish we will be giving monetary donations to the groups we usually provide gifts to so they can assist the families they see with their needs. As in the past we will be supporting the Life Choices Pregnancy Center in Phillipsburg, Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Perth Amboy, the Office of Disabilities of the Diocese of Metuchen and our families in need here in the Parish.

The tags on the tree will be earmarked for a monetary gift for a particular group or for a gift card. All checks can be made payable to St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Parish. Your monetary donation will be tax deductible. All checks and gifts cards can be returned with the tag in the collection basket in Church, dropped off or mailed to the Parish Center by the weekend of December 6th.

Your kindness and support of others in need at this time is appreciated.