BLESSED FATHER'S DAY

I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

–Proverbs 4:11-13

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WELCOME

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
10:30 AM – St. Elizabeth Church
11:30 AM – St. Brigid Church
Mass will be available for viewing on the website
Sunday 10:30 AM Distribution of Holy Communion for the infirm: 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 June 21st – June 27th

Monday, June 21 ~ Linda Marciano L

Tuesday, June 22 ~ Deceased Members of the Marinelli Family †

Wednesday, June 23 ~ Catherine M. Mulrooney †

Thursday, June 24 ~ Pasquale Crispo †

Friday, June 25 ~ Special Intention L
Sergio Porsia †

Saturday, June 26 ~
4:30 PM (St. Brigid) Mass: Raymond Burghardt †
Amelia & Stan Grabarczyk †

Sunday, June 27 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: For the Parishioners
Cathy Jardim Taylor †
9:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Greg Paladino †
10:30 AM (St. Elizabeth) Mass: Dr. Raphael M. Verdile, Jr. †
11:30 AM (St. Brigid) Mass: Joe Murphy †

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS AND HIS INTENTIONS

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20 – JUNE 26

The Altar Bread & Wine at St. Brigid Church are being offered
In Loving Memory
Salvatore Puleo
Requested by Anthony & Genevieve Virgilio

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Brigid Church is being offered
In Loving Memory of
Tess Hurley
Requested by Paul & Brenda Levinsky

Congratulations to the following children Baptized in St. Brigid Church recently:
August Mallozzi
Child of Andrew & Christine Mallozzi
and
Emma Victoria Castillo
Child of Angel & Diana Castillo

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill in our parish: *Ruth Stahl, Maria Nucci, Barbara Ryan, Margharete Saunders, Maureen McCrory, Jan Larusso, Pina Jibilian, Margaret Ricciardi, Jimmy Siroka, Marta Jimenez Porras, Tony Guzzi, Robertino Perri, Sienna Jay Scull, Ted Rich, Brenda Jones, Jack Cosgrove, Zofia Mancera, Catherine Boscher-Murphy, Nolan Russo, John Raftery and all those effected by Covid-19*
To add a name, please call the Parish Office.
For the recently deceased: *Romola Ventura and Annie Carver*

2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Transformed by Christ's Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $ 217,372.50 and payments totaling $ 203,876.50 from 185 parishioners. This represents 85.2% of our goal of $255,000. Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

NEW DIRECTIVES ON COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

The Bishops of New Jersey approved the return to the obligation of Sunday Mass effective June 5, 2021 on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) with the following provisions:

- Occupancy restrictions for social distancing purposes are lifted (Executive Order of the Governor, 242 – May 24, 2021).
- The obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who believe they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious/contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).
- The dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is lifted for all in good health.
- Livestream Sunday Mass participation will continue.
- Those who are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus such as those who are not vaccinated, or those with underlying health conditions may follow Mass at home via livestream or television.
- Those with a cough or fever should not participate at an in-person public Mass.
- Masks are not required for those who are vaccinated.
- Children should follow the same mask guidelines that they have at school.
- All are encouraged to use their own personal hand sanitizer before receiving Holy Communion.

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

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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11
Job, in his suffering, questioned the power of God. The Lord proclaims his power and indicates that even the sea is subject to his will.
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Christ died for all of us that we may live for him. Anyone who believes in Christ enters into new and eternal life.
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41
During a bad storm, Jesus ordered the wind and sea to be still, and his disciples were quite amazed at his power. Jesus reminds them to trust and have faith, even in times of danger.

NEW JERSEY REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT:

Keep updated on the Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) S3030 that was introduced in the New Jersey State Senate and was referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on October 8, 2020. 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 Assembly companion bill is A4848. Check this website frequently for updates: https://njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act. You can sign up on the website to receive action alerts.

A webinar has been recorded which focuses on providing an overview of the legislation, an update on the bill's legislative status, and suggestions on action steps people can take at this time. You are encouraged to watch it so you can understand the radical nature of this measure. The link is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kshuo78QZdA&feature=youtu.be
For more information, contact: human.life.and.dignity@diometuchen.org. Thank you!
Sample email and Senator and Assembly person contact information can be found on the parish website:
www.sainteb.org

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

THANK YOU …

Please know of my gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and prayers conveyed to my mother, my family and myself on the recent passing of my dad. I ask that you please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Salvatore Puleo. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
God bless you,
Monsignor Puleo

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'" *– MARK 4:40*

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

WORD OF LIFE

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux
"Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Good and gracious Father,
send your Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we may resume our lives
following the tragedies that beset our nation.

Help us to embrace your truth:

... that with Christ there is peace even in war;
without Christ there is war even in peace.

... that with Christ the poor are rich;
without Christ the rich are poor.

... that with Christ adversity is sweet;
without Christ prosperity is bitter.

... that with Christ the ignorant are wise;
without Christ the wise are fools.

... that with Christ we commit ourselves
to the journey that leads to our Heavenly Father,
who gives us true peace.

Amen

Reverend John G. Hillier
© June 11, 2021

Prayer for Fathers on Father's Day

God, Father of mercy,
shine the abundance of your love
upon our earthly fathers.

Keep my dad in your care.
Give him the necessary strength
of mind, body and spirit
to fulfill his many responsibilities
as custodian of our family.

When distracted by the circumstances of life,
give him hope and optimism.
When weighed down with torment,
give him interior peace.
When challenged by the details of worldly cares,
give him a share in your Fatherly comfort.

Father of all,
keep my dad safe in your care.
Give him the grace of perseverance,
to remain always faithful and
never let him depart from your providential
care. Amen

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PLEASE REGISTER FOR OUR 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-8

You can choose from two Sunday morning sessions for grades K-8 either 8:10 AM to 9:20 AM or from 10 AM to 11:10 AM. There is a new Confirmation program option for grades 7-8, please see the information on the website for the details. Feel free to email or mail your completed forms and payment to the Parish Center. If you need additional forms, please contact Sr. Sara at (908) 234-1524.

For students transferring from another Parish's Religious Education Program or from a Catholic school please include a letter of verification indicating grade levels completed, sacramental history, progress reports and certificates of Baptism and First Holy Communion.

Forms can be found under the tab marked Religious Education on the Parish website at www.sainteb.org

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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!

Please pray the Rosary for peace in our world.

Year of Saint Joseph Prayer

Dear Saint Joseph,
guardian of the Holy Family,
watch over our human family.
With Mary, our heavenly Mother,
keep us safe in God's care.

Although divided and distracted,
by many ungodly preoccupations,
including the destruction of precious human life,
we seek a path that leads back to God.

Glorious son of David and just son of God,
protect us as you once protected Mary and Jesus.
Inspire us in ways that will help us
overcome our transgressions.

Rekindle in the souls and arouse in the minds
of all who have turned away from God,
the joy of loving and serving Him;
as you did most perfectly as husband and father
for Mary and Jesus.

As you cooperated with God's grace
and lived your life virtuously,
enable us to follow your example,
giving of ourselves to God and neighbor,
all the days of our lives.

We ask this through Christ Jesus Our Lord, Amen.

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Nihil Obstat: Reverend John G. Hillier, Ph.D
22 January, 2021

SAINT JOSEPH - PATRON OF FATHERS

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, and their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. *Pope Saint John XXIII*

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CHAIR YOGA FOR ALL AGES BEGINS

Please join us each Thursday morning in St. Patrick Hall beginning Thursday, June 17 at 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM. The session is facilitated by Breda Ryan-Blake, a certified yoga instructor, and will focus on breathing and gentle stretching. No experience is needed and we recommend bringing a water bottle and towel for keeping cool (mats are optional). For more information contact Breda at cyclegirl100@yahoo.com

A CALL TO ACTION

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It's credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million** children to date.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, *billions* of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion.

That means abortions would be *cheaper, easier, and funded* with our taxpayer dollars.

It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a *strong* message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the *incredibly high stakes* Congress needs to hear from a *massive* number of people.

You are invited to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the **first week of June**. The primary goal is for *millions of Catholics to sign the petition* on NoTaxpayerAbortion.

STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

- Author Unknown

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Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, NJ, will be offering an exciting slate of academic and athletic summer programs for girls who are entering the fifth through eighth grade. Enrichment courses will focus on STEM, science, math, Python coding, art and more! The Athletics Camp is designed for all levels of players. Contact Joanne Cadigan-Peters at (908) 757-0108 or jcadigan@mountsaintmary.orgRegister online at: https://www.mountsaintmary.org/admissions/summer-academy

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