

# Directory of Parish Ministries, Organizations & Programs



## ~ Saint Brigid Catholic Church ~

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Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option.

*~Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

## **Clergy**

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## **Mass Schedule:**

### **Weekend:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm (Teen Mass)

### **Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 6:30 am & 9:00 am

# SAINT BRIGID ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Parish Vision Statement

Saint Brigid Catholic Church, with Jesus Christ as its foundation, continually strives in all parish activity, to praise the Father, in the Son, through the Spirit; and to proclaim and share the Good News of Jesus Christ within our community and beyond, through our liturgies and ministries.

## Parish Mission Statement

Saint Brigid Catholic Church commits, by the grace of our Lord, to be a people of God, who in a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather in worship and prayer to become more Christ-centered in our lives and actions, while teaching and treasuring the traditions of the Catholic Church.

## The Parish Patron Saint

Saint Brigid lived in Ireland in the 5th century; a holy woman, granted by the grace of God, great gifts of spiritual leadership, devotion in prayer, patience and compassion. Brigid is probably the best-known Irish saint since Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. She was born in County Kildare around the year 457. It is widely believed that her parents belonged to noble families, and it is generally accepted that her father, Dubtach, was a Christian.



Refusing many offers of marriage, Brigid became a nun and received the veil from Saint Macaille, the abbot and bishop of Longford. With seven more women she founded the Convent of Cill-Dara, the Church of the Oak. Saint Brigid's small convent quickly became known as a great center of religion and learning. Today a major city Kildare stands on that same location. Saint Brigid also founded several monastic institutions and schools, which explains why she has always been regarded as a patroness of students.

Saint Brigid traveled extensively throughout Ireland, carrying on the great work begun by Saint Patrick, but there is no real evidence to suggest that they ever met. Brigid was one of the most remarkable women of her times, and despite the numerous legendary, extravagant, and even fantastic miracles attributed to her, there is no doubt that her extra-ordinary spirituality, boundless charity, and compassion for those in distress were real. The best-known story about Brigid is of her visit to a dying pagan chieftain, who after days of semi-consciousness, awoke to find Saint Brigid's Christian Cross on his chest and Saint Brigid praying beside him. Thankful to God's graces for saving him, soon afterward he converted and was baptized by Saint Brigid, along with his entire village.

February 1<sup>st</sup> is Saint Brigid's feast day, and it is still customary to obtain a cross at that time, in the hope of receiving the saint's blessing. The phrase, the "Queen of the South: the Mary of the Gaels," in other words, "Brigid and Mary Be With You," has been applied to her, not just in Ireland, but worldwide, for she has been honored and respected all over the world.

## **What is God Calling You to Do?**

In Luke 10:17-24 we read how Jesus had sent out 72 of his followers to preach, teach and heal, and they returned with glowing reports of success. Jesus had entrusted these relatively unknown men and women, each one with different gifts and talents, with the same work of the kingdom that he had given to the 12 apostles.

Jesus did not want to limit the work of the gospel to just a chosen few. He has confidence in each one of us. We are all called, empowered, and expected to bring others to him. So none of us should feel inadequate or too fearful. All we have to remember is that it is not so much what we do, but what we allow the Spirit to do through us.

Sharing our gifts of time and talent is one way of giving thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed on us. What is God calling you to do?

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## THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The seven sacraments instituted by Christ are received in the Catholic Church. When we begin life, Baptism unites us with the risen Lord and our fellow Christians. Confirmation gives us the strength of the Holy Spirit to live a life of faithfulness to Christ and the Church. The Eucharist is the summit of Christian worship and is a sacred meal that re-enacts the Lord's sacrifice on the cross for our salvation. When we are guilty of sin and in need of forgiveness and reconciliation, we receive the Lord's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation. In times of serious illness, the Anointing of the Sick gives us God's mercy, forgiveness, courage, and hope. The sacrament of Matrimony is an ongoing sign of God's love as it appears in the union of a couple who are committed to loving each other until death. Those who are called to serve God's people as priests or deacons are supported through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

### Reconciliation

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm/Nave; Saturday 10:00 am - 11:00 am/Nave, or by appointment.

### Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament brings the support and encouragement of the Church to a person seriously impaired by illness or old age. Catholics not in imminent danger of death who wish to receive the sacrament due to anticipated surgery or serious illness should call the Parish Office to arrange to be anointed. For all emergencies, call the Parish Office, 24/7, and follow the voice mail system's directions for emergencies.

### First Holy Communion/Confirmation

Traditionally, the sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation are received during 2nd grade. Confirmation is traditionally received in the 10th grade in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. There are programs for Catholics who have not received these sacraments at the traditional ages. Refer to the "Religious Education" section of this publication for more information.

### Baptism

Baptisms should be scheduled with a priest or deacon at least one month in advance of the anticipated sacrament. In preparation, parental participation in the Baptismal class is required. It is held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:15 pm. Call the parish receptionist to register. Catholics traditionally are baptized in the church or chapel as infants.

### Marriage

At least six months before the anticipated wedding date, prospective brides and grooms should contact a priest or deacon of the parish. The clergy member will then outline the steps required to reserve a date and time for the wedding ceremony.

### Holy Orders

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time. Thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate. For vocation information, contact a member of the parish clergy.

### Order of Christian Initiation

Non-Catholics who wish to become Catholic may receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) through the OCIA Program. Refer to the "Religious Education" section of this publication.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

### ♦ Parish Office Volunteers

An active list of volunteers is compiled of those people who are available on a regular basis to assist in parish-wide mailings, data entry, and various basic office duties. No meetings or training required. Parish Offices rely on the generous gift of time and talent from their parishioners to accomplish tasks that would otherwise necessitate the expense of outsourcing.

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## DAY SCHOOL

### ♦ Day School

Saint Brigid Day School offers an early childhood education for children ages 2 – 5 years old. Our curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia philosophy of education where children learn through exploration and play. In addition to the regular classroom schedule, we offer Spanish, Art, Music, and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The Day School is a place where children and families begin their lifelong journey of learning in a Catholic environment. Our mission is to create a community of students, parents, and educators who work together to build a strong foundation for a love of faith and learning. We invite you to visit our website for more detailed information.



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## HELPING & HEALING

### ♦ Addiction

#### ◇ 12 - Step Meeting Information /Support/Referral

Information and volunteers are available to assist those who are affected by addiction and for those who love them and are looking for a spiritual solution, change and support. Referral to local 12 Step Meetings.

Mary Straetmans

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#### ◇ Comunita Cenacolo

Addictions: Young Men & Young Women

Doug or Brenda Tollett

404-406-9325

### ♦ Bereavement

#### Funerals

Volunteers work with members of the clergy to assist the family with preparations for the Wake Service, the Funeral Mass and will also follow-up with family members as needed. **Funerals are Mondays - Fridays at 11:00 am.**

Cindy Soder

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#### Funeral Receptions

Volunteers provide a luncheon for family and friends of deceased members of the parish.

- ◇ **Prepare Food:** Volunteers prepare fruit, pasta salad or dessert at home to be sent into the church the morning of the funeral (or the night before) to be served at the luncheon. Five different teams rotate food preparation as needed per funeral.

- ◇ **Serving, Set-up and Clean-up:** Volunteers meet the morning of the funeral to prepare for the luncheon. This includes setting tables, making sandwiches, salad and drinks, plating food sent in by food teams, helping serve during the luncheon and cleaning up afterwards. 4-5 volunteers usually work each funeral. Volunteers rotate working the luncheons depending on availability. **Time: About 4 hours per funeral.**

Colleen Crupie

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### Grief Care

This is a weekly seminar and support group. Trained volunteers are committed to aiding families grieving the death of a loved one with prayer and information about recovery and renewed hope.

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### ♦ Divorced Catholic

The Divorced Catholic 'Recovering from Divorce' program is specifically designed to help divorced/separated Catholics. This 13-week program offers support and addresses the most pressing challenges of divorce. The program is designed to help divorced/separated Catholics recover by more fully learning and living their faith.

Hilda and Ron Reardon

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## HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

### ♦ Coffee & Donuts



This group provides a convenient opportunity for parishioners to catch up with old friends and meet many new ones. Coffee & donuts are served after the 7:30 am and 9:00 am Masses Sunday mornings in Corbett Hall.

**Time: Volunteers are part of a scheduled team. They are committed to one Sunday every 5-6 weeks from 7:45 am to 11:00 am.**

♦ **Serving, Set-up and Cleanup:** Volunteers set donuts, napkins, cups etc. on the tables, make coffee, and put bowls on tables for donations. They make sure cups are filled and donuts are replenished. They will also help with clean up and taking out the trash.

Diane & Tom Sennett

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### ♦ Greeters

Saint Brigid greeters are the front line of hospitality in our parish. We want our guests to feel this is their spiritual home and that they are welcome here.

A team of Greeters is needed at all of our weekend Masses to hand out 'Orders of Worship' and to greet each and every parishioner with a smile and welcome. We also need greeters to help welcome guests at various special events held at Saint Brigid during the year. **Time: Greeters are needed at least 20 minutes before each Mass.**



Loreen Wright

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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### ♦ Altar Flowers



Altar flowers are donated each weekend in honor of a loved one, to remember someone's passing, or to celebrate a special occasion. Following all the weekend masses the flowers are moved to the chapel for the remainder of the week. To donate flowers please call:

Church Office

office@saintbrigid.org

678-393-0060

### ♦ Altar Linens

Altar Linens is a behind the scene ministry. It consists of volunteers rotating washing and ironing the sacred linens that Jesus will rest upon during the Holy Mass. **Time: Volunteers will perform this duty 4 - 6 times a year.**

Rich McKenzie

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### ♦ Altar Servers



The Altar Server Guild is a group of people that render faithful, reverent, and meaningful service to God through their service as ministers to the altar. They help inspire the hearts and souls of the congregations and grow in their personal development as faith-filled Catholics.

♦ **Altar Server Advisors:** This is a team of adult parishioners that hold a position for one year term. Positions include Chairperson, Training Angel, Mass coaches, Scheduling Angel, Asst. Scheduling Angel, Parent Rep, and Administrative Angel. **Time: approx. 1 hour per week plus a meeting once a quarter.**

♦ **Altar Servers:** Must be at least 10 years old and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and Eucharist. They must attend Holy Mass no less frequently than weekly. They need to be reliable and punctual and abide by the Guild's Code of Conduct and Appearance Code. They need to be a member of a registered active parish family. **Time: Altar servers commit to serving at least once per month.**

Fr. Colin Patrick

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### ♦ Baptismal Bibs

This group is for those who love to sew to make baptismal bibs for all parish baptism ceremonies. This can be done at one's home. All materials are provided.

♦ **Volunteers:** Sew lined bibs trimmed with lace for Baptisms. Parish needs about 120 bibs annually, so each person will be called on to sew as many as needed (typically twice a year). Seven members are on the committee with one who only cuts out the bibs and six who currently sew.

**Special Skills: Ability to sew on machine. Time: About 2 hours to sew 6 bibs.**

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### ♦ Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Saint Brigid offers the children of the parish that are from ages 4-6 years old, the opportunity to explore the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. This is especially intended for those younger than the age of reason. Children who are preparing for and have celebrated First Holy Communion should remain in the church with the main assembly.

The purpose of dismissing the children is to provide them a focused environment where they are more likely to become more active listeners and responder's to God's Word. It is presented at the Sunday 9:00am Mass. Teams rotate for a commitment of once a month. Please consider joining one of our teams.

♦ Adult and teen volunteers provide team support as leaders and shepherds. Adult leaders prepare the reflection and the shepherds assist the leaders. Training is provided. CLOW follows the PSR schedule which runs from September through April. *Please contact us for further information.*

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### ♦ Decorative Arts

The Decorative Arts committee is a fun and informal group focused on enhancing the spiritual experience of our parishioners and visitors during our holidays by beautifully decorating our church. We decorate the church for Christmas, Easter and First Communion. We gather on scheduled days to:

- take out, prep, and organize existing decorations
- put up decorations typically for 4 altar locations; and outside the church building
- maintain the flowering plants by dropping by to water them throughout the season
- take down and store decorations for the next year

Anyone who has even thirty minutes of time to share during Advent and Lent can be a great help to our committee. You do not need to be "crafty". We have families that bring their children to help. Teens can get service hours by helping our committee. It is also great to help you get into the spirit of the season. We need many hands. All are welcome.

Kindly contact us to be added to our email list.

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## ♦ Eucharistic:

### ♦ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a Catholic devotion in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance on the altar for veneration and adoration. **Time: Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament commit to spending a quiet hour of prayer, in the Real Presence of Christ, once a week in the Chapel.**

Denise Ballard

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### ♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Infirm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Infirm bring the Holy Eucharist to members of our parish family who are unable to attend Mass, either at the local assisted living homes within our parish boundaries, or at their homes. Those who wish to serve, as an EMI must already be commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Debbie DeViney

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### ♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Altar

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Altar assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion when needed during the Sacrifice of the Mass. Parish trainings are held on an as needed basis. To begin the process of becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, one must complete an application and submit proof of sacraments received. **Time: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are scheduled depending on their availability and Mass preference. Extraordinary Ministers are expected to be a Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament. Must be recertified every 3 years.**

Carol Kler

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## ♦ Lectors

The Lector proclaims the Word of God during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Two Lectors are required for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses and may also serve for weekday, holiday, and Holy Day Masses. The "Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers" is provided to assist in preparation. Attendance at a Lector Workshop is required for all new Lectors.

Jennifer Grizzle

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## ♦ Sacristans

The Sacristan is a scheduled volunteer position. He or she is responsible for sanctuary set up, candles and altar arrangements, sacred vessels, bread and wine, supporting Priests, Deacons, Ushers and Eucharistic ministers and selecting the gift family. **Time: One Mass every three to four weeks.**

Bill Soule

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## ♦ Ushers

The Ushers are men and women who assist at all weekend Masses to create a warm and friendly atmosphere, direct parishioners to seats, assist with the weekly collection, the reception of communion, and with the distribution of the *Sunday Bulletin*. They help out as needed. **Time: Weekly Mass assignments are made on a volunteer basis using Signup Genius.**

Lee Keller

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## ♦ Wedding Ministry

Small teams of Wedding Assistants assist our parish Wedding Directors at rehearsal and the wedding ceremony. All weddings are unique so we try to accommodate the bride and groom's wishes for their special day. Requirements: A love of weddings and the sacrament of Marriage, a warm and caring attitude, and a sincere willingness to be helpful.

**Time: A wedding commitment is one hour for rehearsal and two and a half hours on the day of the wedding. Wedding Assistants receive a schedule of weddings and sign up based on their availability. There is no minimum requirement on the number of weddings you must do. Weddings are scheduled on Friday at 4:00pm and Saturday at 11:00am, 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Friday weddings have rehearsal on Thursdays at 6:00pm. Saturday weddings have rehearsals on Friday at 6:00pm, 6:45pm and 7:30 pm depending upon the number of weddings. If there is only one, it is usually scheduled for 6:00 pm.**



### ◇ Rehearsal

Assist the Wedding Director and members of the wedding party at the rehearsal.

### ◇ Wedding Day

Church setup – Help to set up the altar, put programs in the reserved pews or whatever the Wedding Director needs done.

Bride – Assist the bride and her bridal party on the wedding day in preparation for the ceremony.

Groom – Assist the groom and his groomsmen on the wedding day in preparation for the ceremony.

Lobby – Hand out programs and welcome each guest as they arrive with a smile and a greeting.

Rachel Coco

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## ♦ White Gloves

This group meets weekly to dust, clean and vacuum the chapel and main church for Mass.

**Time: Every Monday, 6:30 am to 8:30 am**

Adelina Olivo

678-624-1395

# MUSIC

## ♦ Cantors



Cantors lead the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation at Mass. They may also assist in leading the singing of the congregation, depending on the situation. At Saint Brigid, Cantors must also take part in a musical ensemble (for example 4HG, Choir, or Journey of Praise). They are chosen by interview and audition with the Director of Music.

Jonathan Eason, Director

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## ♦ The Choir of Saint Brigid (11:00 am Sunday Mass)

The Choir of Saint Brigid rehearses on Wednesdays and sings the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. The Choir sings a variety of music from many different time periods, including the work of contemporary composers. The group sings for principal Feasts and Solemnities of the liturgical year and for other special occasions. The Choir is open to adults and teens through an interview with the Director of Music.

### ◇ Rehearsals: Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Sundays at 10:20 am

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## ♦ Sursum Corda (Various Masses throughout the year)

Sursum Corda is a *Schola Cantorum* (School of Singers) dedicated to Sacred Music, especially Gregorian Chant. The Schola sings at various Masses through the year, frequently in conjunction with the Choir of Saint Brigid. The Schola sings the Vigil of Easter every year.

### ◇ Rehearsals: As needed, frequently after Choir of Saint Brigid rehearsals.

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## ♦ Instrumental Musicians

Saint Brigid is richly blessed with talented musicians. Their playing, especially on solo instruments, often lends a depth and richness of sound to vocal and keyboard textures. If you play a band or orchestral instrument, please consider lending your talents periodically to the music ministry. This is an occasional opportunity rather than a weekly commitment (although you may find that you want to do it more often). To take part, contact the Director of Music or the leader of the ensemble you wish to join.

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## ♦ Children's Choir - (9:00 am Sunday Mass, once per month) (Grades 1 - 5)

The Children's Choir of Saint Brigid provides an enriching musical experience and teaches young people the importance of singing the Mass. Children will learn music reading skills and various styles of sacred music. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:00 am Mass once a month from September through December, concluding with the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Children's Choir is open to children in First through Fifth Grades. Kindergarten students may be admitted at the Director's discretion. Registrations are accepted throughout the year.

◇ **Rehearsals** : *Sundays from 10:00 am - 10:45 am (Music Room) and 8:00 am before scheduled Sunday Masses*

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## ♦ Youth and Children's Choir - (9:00 am Sunday Mass, once per month) (Grades 1 - 12)

The Saint Brigid Youth and Children's Choir provides an enriching musical experience and teaches young people the importance of singing the Mass. It provides an opportunity for Children's Choir singers who would like to continue singing after Christmas as well as those who have "graduated" from Children's Choir. Students will learn music reading skills and various styles of sacred music, including chant. The Youth and Children's Choir sings four 9:00 am Sunday Masses during the season, beginning in January and ending with Mother's Day, including the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. Youth and Children's Choir is open to singers in First through Twelfth Grades.

◇ **Rehearsals** : *Sundays from 10:00 am - 10:45 am (Music Room) and 8:00 am before scheduled Sunday Masses*

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Cathy McClain, Accompanist

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## ♦ Journey of Praise Ensemble (5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass)

Journey of Praise provides music for the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass from September through May. In addition to the Saturday Vigil Mass, Journey of Praise sings the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass and 1:00 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass. The ensemble sings a variety of liturgical music styles including Praise and Worship, Traditional, and Gospel/Spirituals. Adult singers and instrumentalists ages 16 and up are welcome.

◇ **Rehearsals**: *Thursdays from 5:30 - pm to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.*

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## ♦ 4HG - For His Glory Life Teen Band (5:00 pm Sunday Mass)

Provides music at the Sunday Evening Life Teen 5:00 pm Mass and is open to experienced singers and instrumentalists who enjoy singing and playing contemporary music. The group is open by audition.

◇ **Rehearsals**: *Tuesdays, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Sundays, at 3:30 pm*

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# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

## ♦ The Employment Network (TEN)

Looking for work, need a career change, want to sharpen your job search skills? Join us on Tuesday evenings to learn how to take charge of your career search and get results. Learn strategic and productive steps, tips and techniques to find your next job and career opportunity. Our volunteers have expertise in job search strategies, tactics and skills and want to help you find a new career opportunity and get back to work as quickly as possible. The Employment Network (TEN) at Saint Brigid invites all those who are seeking new jobs to come to our meetings each week. We will guide and help you get on the right job-seeking track, provide advice and support, and answer any questions you may have.

**Time: Meetings every Tuesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

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## ♦ Caring Connection

Our mission is to offer care and support to parish families during times of unexpected challenges. The Caring Connection ministry provides an opportunity for our faith community to provide assistance to fellow parishioners to ease them through difficult situations. Unexpected events may make it difficult to tend to the normal routine of daily life without a helping hand. Caring Connections volunteers can be called upon to provide short-term assistance with meals and other ancillary needs following a surgery, accident, or other difficult circumstance. **Time: Volunteers are not required to help as every need arises, but rather when they can. Many hands make for light work!**



- ♦ **Caring Connection Meals:** Often the most needed types of support for parishioners experiencing an unexpected challenge is for help with daily meals. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to parishioners who are unable to cook for themselves due to an accident, surgery or other unforeseen circumstance.
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity Breakfast and Lunch:** Several times a year, as part of our community outreach, Caring Connection volunteers prepare and serve meals at job sites for Habitat workers.
- ♦ **Sunrise at Ivey Ridge:** As part of our community outreach, several teams of volunteers visit the elderly delivering smiles and offering donated items, such as costume jewelry, note cards and seasonal items on their "goody cart".

Suzanne Augustyn

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## ♦ Habitat for Humanity



This ministry works closely with Habitat for Humanity-North Central Georgia to increase the availability of low cost housing for deserving families in North Fulton and Cherokee Counties. Each year Saint Brigid Church sponsors one half the total cost to build a home.

The ministry committee plans the year's activities, prepares a fund raising plan, conducts fund raising events (Taste of St. Brigid in January) and coordinates all of the construction volunteers. **Time: Construction volunteers work Saturdays building the house that Saint Brigid is sponsoring. The build usually occurs in the fall.**

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## ♦ Mustard Seed Ministry

Members meet monthly to promote awareness and support of the handicapped and abandoned children of Mustard Seed Communities Nicaragua. Travel and local support opportunities available. **Time: Meetings once a month August - February**



- ♦ **Traveler:** Attend monthly meetings to learn the tasks and responsibilities of a Mustard Seed Missionary. A missionary will work as a team, love the children, help those less fortunate, be passionate and enthusiastic about raising funds to care for the children of MSC, and be a team player. Special skills appreciated, but not necessary: construction/handy background, child care, arts & crafts ability, medical, physical, occupational background appreciated, photography & video skills, children's sports enthusiasts. **Time: Mission trips are 1 week long.**
- ♦ **Local Support:** Attend monthly meetings to familiarize and inspire the new volunteers with the mission of Mustard Seed Communities.

- ◇ **Fundraising Only (non-traveler):** This volunteer will attend a fundraising presentation as well as monthly meetings to be inspired and informed regarding the challenges and needs for the children of MSC. Volunteers should be enthusiastic and passionate about raising funds to care for the children of Mustard Seed Nicaragua.
- ◇ **Local Events:** Assist with local events such as Charity Day at Uptown breakfast, All Inspired Shopping Event, Wine Raffle, and any other fundraising opportunities that may arise. These events are usually held between September and December. Volunteer roles may include: staff events, sell raffle tickets, create and/or distribute flyers for events, and promote event attendance.
- ◇ **Operation Orphan:** Held over 2 weekends in January or February. Volunteers will assist with set up and/or take down of Operation Orphan display outside of Corbett Hall. Sign ups available for assistance with event before and after each Mass. Assist with physical donation packing and storage one day in February. Volunteers will pack suitcases with donated supplies, provide inventory of each suitcase, weigh suitcases, and transport any items not packed to an offsite storage center.

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## ◆ **Respect Life**

The Respect Life Ministry, defends and respects human life from conception to natural death. Our ministry members actively promote resources on life issues within our parish, evangelizing our fellow parishioners on life issues, and supporting our pastor and priests in making life issues visible and viable within our community. We strive to meet these goals through efforts in prayer and worship, public information and education, pastoral care and public policy.



- ◇ **Prayer Support:** We give weekly prayer support outside abortion clinics where we offer hope and help to moms considering abortion. This past year we prayed over 1000 hours outside the abortion clinics and rescued around 100 babies and families that were spared the pain of abortion. We participate in the International 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Fall and Spring. We also hold prayer vigils on execution nights to end the death penalty in Georgia in conjunction with Catholics for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (GFADP).
- ◇ **Baby Showers:** We walk with Moms in need who are pregnant and parenting. Many of them were rescued from aborting their babies. We give them baby showers, help them with meals after the baby is born, and meet various needs in their life that include helping pay their bills when they are off work recovering from childbirth.
- ◇ **Walking With Moms In Need:** A program to accompany local pregnant and parenting women who find themselves in difficult circumstances. We come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn and born children. We work with the moms to learn their story and see how best to assist them in a positive way forward in their lives. We provide tangible help with baby gear and diapers and work with them on jobs, transportation and housing needs as well.
- ◇ **Book Club:** We offer a Respect Life Book Club that meets a few times a year to read a book on a life issue to help with educating us on what is going on in the world.
- ◇ **End of Life:** Seminars given as needed to plan for end of life issues

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## ◆ **Fostering Love Foster Care Support**

The Fostering Love Ministry offers loving and practical support to fostering and adopting families in our community by building Care Communities of volunteers around each foster family. Care Community volunteers provide crucial support by bringing meals, providing clothing/supplies, or occasional childcare/mentoring.

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### ◆ Saint Brigid Prison Ministries

The St. Brigid Prison Ministry in conjunction with St Ann's Catholic Church goes to Dismas Charities twice a month (2nd and 4th) Friday of every month) to teach resume writing, job readiness, and a parenting class. We are assisting in updating the current class material that they have as well as offer more classes in the future!

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### ◆ Saint Vincent de Paul



In a spirit of justice and charity, the Saint Brigid Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is comprised of men and women who seek to be totally present and bring Christ's love to those in our community who are suffering. We provide financial assistance, food, advice, and our prayerful consideration to those in need. We offer person-to-person assistance in a way that promotes human dignity and integrity while deepening our own spirituality. **Time: Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM and every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Room 135**

- ◇ **Caseworker:** Volunteer as a primary or secondary caseworker, conducting client visits together to provide hope and help to those in need so they may find stability and move towards self-sufficiency. First and foremost, our ministry seeks to expand each members spirituality and in so doing, extend ourselves to those around us in need of help.
- ◇ **Food Pantry:** A food pantry volunteer will work as part of a team responsible for stocking and bagging food for caseworkers to bring to clients. Each team of 4-6 volunteers is responsible for roughly 6-8 weeks per year. Duties include moving food from our collection box to the pantry and bagging food (in sets of three prescribed sets) and leaving the sets of food in the ushers room on shelves.
- ◇ **Food and Clothing Drive:** Our spring and fall food and clothing drives normally take place in April and October. We usually request volunteers sign up for a minimum of a two hour shift.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saint Brigid Religious Education strives to fulfill the mission of Saint Brigid through Spiritual Enrichment and Religious Education. Programs are for adults, teens and children. Our mission is to encompass all aspects of Faith Formation and to build the Body of Christ by using the ministerial gifts parishioners bring to Saint Brigid. Volunteers needed range from program core teams to catechists to hospitality supporting Religious Education functions. See specific areas below.

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### ◆ Adult Education

Adult Education strives to provide all adults to grow closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ, by better understanding and living out the teachings of His one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. This includes leading non-Catholics and returning Catholics as well to an understanding and appreciation of the fullness of the Catholic Faith.

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### ◆ Confirmation

Confirmation preparation takes place during 9th and 10th grade. Confirmation classes include games, teaching and witness talks, small group discussions, games, and prayer experiences.

**Time: Small group leaders are needed throughout the year, starting in February**

- ◇ **Small Group Leaders:** Adults and already Confirmed high school students are needed. Volunteer responsibilities include leading small group activities and encouraging teens to grow in their faith.



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## ♦ EDGE (6th - 8th Grade)



EDGE is the Middle School Youth Ministry for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. EDGE nights include games, activities, teaching and small group time. EDGE also includes an annual retreat, service opportunities throughout the year. **Time: Small group leaders are needed Sept - May.**

- ♦ **Small Group Leaders:** Adult Volunteers are needed as small group leaders and service project, social event chaperones/facilitators. Small groups will be assigned according to grade.

### Edge Nights

Edge meets on Sunday nights from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (after the Teen Mass) in Corbett Hall. EDGE is for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Each night includes activities, teaching and small group time. Small groups will be assigned according to grade.

### Retreats: A retreat will be offered in the Fall

### Service Opportunities

We offer several opportunities for our kids to participate in service activities throughout the year. Typically EDGE students are asked to help with Breakfast with Santa, Taste of Saint Brigid, Mom's Group activities and the Lenten Fish Dinners. Separate e-mails will go out to sign up for these opportunities if they are going to happen this year.

### Looking ahead to Confirmation

The Archdiocese of Atlanta requires at least 2 years of Religious Education prior to entering the Confirmation Preparation Program. At Saint Brigid, this means that students should either attend EDGE in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade or attend Catholic School.

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## ♦ Life Teen (9th - 12th Grade)



Through Sunday night 'Life Nights', weeknight events, weekend retreats, socials, summer Mission trips and many other events, we invite teens into a deeper relationship with Christ. Life Teen is centered in the Eucharist to bring teens into a love for their Catholic faith. The Life Teen model helps teens learn about their Catholic faith in a fun, engaging, and relevant way.

- ♦ **Adult volunteers (CORE members):** The CORE team meets 1-2 times a month on Tuesday evenings to plan 'Life Nights' and retreats. They use a relational method to lead teens closer to Christ using Life Teen resources. CORE members help with various Life Teen events including Sunday evening Life Nights (during the school year), weekend retreats & occasional events over the summer. Leading small groups is a large portion of this opportunity. **Time: Sundays (Sept-April) 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 1-2 Tuesday evenings per month for meetings, retreat weekends throughout the year (as needed basis)**
- ♦ **Meal Preparation:** Adult volunteers are on a rotating team that cook and serve meals for Life Teen & Edge on Sunday evenings. **Time: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm approx. one Sunday per month**
- ♦ **Service projects:** Volunteers would find and organize service projects to offer throughout the year.

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## ♦ PSR - Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion opportunities include catechists, and support for Prayer Honor roll.

**Time: Session Schedule is Sept - April meeting once a week for 1 hour and 15 mins.**



♦ **Catechist for Preschool Age 4 through Elementary Grade 5:** PSR catechists teach Preschool Age 4 through Elementary Grade 5 once a week from September through April. PSR is held Sundays at 10:30 am and Mondays at 4:00 pm. A requirement for this ministry is an understanding of Catholicism and your willingness to share your Catholic faith with the children of our parish. You are provided with support from the Religious Education staff with creative and sound curriculum. Certification classes are available for those interested. PreK and Kindergarten uses RCL's Stories of God's Love curriculum. Grades 1 through 5 use RCL Blessed Are We and Pflaum Gospel Weeklies.

♦ **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** is a Montessori based religious education program approved by the Archdiocese as an alternative to the traditional PSR class for young children. Saint Brigid currently offers a Level 1 CGS class for children between the ages of four and six. Volunteers are needed as assistants to specifically trained catechists.

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## ♦ OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

A process of initiation through which the Catholic Church witnesses to and hands on what God has revealed to man in the person of Jesus Christ. Through this process new members are brought into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion). This process is for adults who have not been baptized, or baptized in another Church or ecclesial community. Each person wishing to be initiated into the Catholic Church is has a sponsor to walk with them on this faith journey. Adult Confirmation is available for those who have not received Confirmation at the traditional time. **Time: Catechists for the OCIA teach adults once a week from September through April. OCIA is held Sunday from 10:30am to 12:30pm to at the Holy Redeemer School building.**

***If God is calling you to support the OCIA Program as a CATECHIST (one who instructs those on this faith journey) or as a SPONSOR (one who walks with those on this faith journey) please contact Deacon Leo Gahafer for more information.***

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## ♦ OCIC - Order of Christian Initiation of Children

The Order of Christian Initiation of Children is the process by which youth are brought into the Catholic Church by reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation). The Registration Form for OCIC is on the SBCC website.

This process is for youth (ages 7-17) who have not been baptized or who were baptized in a non-Catholic church or community. It is also for baptized Catholics (3rd grade - 17 years old) who have never received first Communion. **Time: We meet on most Sundays from September through April. Reception of the Sacraments take place during the Easter Vigil. OCIC is held in the main building's classrooms from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

**Catechists needed for Elementary, Middle/High, and Parent Groups.** OCIC Catechists teach one of three groups (your preference):

♦ Elementary student group – Grades 3 through 5

♦ Middle/High School student group – Grades 6 through 12

♦ Parent group – the parents of the students enrolled are expected to actively participate in the program.

A requirement for this ministry is an understanding of Catholicism and your willingness to share your Catholic faith with the children of our parish. Adults must be up to date with Virtus Training, and if you are not, then we can help. You are provided with all the necessary materials and support from the Religious Education staff.

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## ♦ **LTE: Living the Extraordinary Special Needs Youth Group (6th grade - young adults)**

This program is designed for teens and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in catechesis, fellowship and community building activities specifically adapted to their own individual abilities and learning styles. Participants will work side-by-side with a volunteer mentor each class session. The goal is to provide teens and young adults with disabilities a sense of belonging in the Catholic Church while growing in their love for Jesus and in their relationships with their peers.



- ◇ **Teen and Adult volunteers** - Adult and teen mentors work one on one with teens and young adults on a weekly basis. You can expect lots of laughter, silliness, and growing in your relationship with God and friendship with others! Adult volunteers must be up to date with Virtus Training.  
**Time: Mondays (Sept-April) 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm, dinner included; volunteer orientation in August**
- ◇ **Meal Preparation** - Adult volunteers are on a rotating team that cook and serve meals for LTE students and volunteers  
**Time: Meal prep at home, serve and clean up on Mondays 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

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## ♦ **VBS - Vacation Bible School**

A summer Bible school for all children, age Pre-K through 5th Grade, which incorporates Bible lessons, summer fun and service into a one-week program. Middle school and high school students are involved in the production of this week as volunteers. Adult volunteers are needed for planning, drama, decorations, crafts, games, group leaders, snacks, registration and lots more. Training is available. **Time: Commitment varies. Core team meets from January through May, once or twice a month. Other commitments vary from one to five days during VBS or commitment can be project-oriented.**

**Volunteer opportunities include:**

- ◇ **Director** – (administrative role) Oversees and organizes the program.
- ◇ **Music Leader** – (artistic/administrative role) decides which songs the kids will be taught during the week and creates motions to the words also organizes the music volunteers and leads the music station
- ◇ **Bible Drama Leader** – (artistic/administrative role) with the help of the VBS program guide, the leader creates the bible skits that the kids watch during this station teaching them the bible verse of the day also teaches the skit to the teen volunteer actors
- ◇ **Craft Leader** – (artistic/administrative role) comes up with a craft for each day using the VBS themes also organizes the craft volunteers as well as ordering the supplies and decorating the craft room
- ◇ **Games Leader** – (onsite/administrative role) decide appropriate outdoor game centers for the kids to accomplish during this station also organizes materials and volunteers
- ◇ **Snack Leader** – (onsite/administrative role) decides appropriate snacks for the week, purchases the food, organizes the snack volunteers

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## **SOCIAL & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES**

### ♦ **Adult Athletics**

This group targets men's and women's adult athletics. Each year parishioners participate in inter-parish sports leagues as a way to promote exercise, fun and community.

**Men's Basketball** - In the Holy Redeemer Gym from 6:00 Pm - 8:00 pm on Sundays. No sign ups necessary. All experience levels welcome. Just join in the FUN!!!

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**Coed Bowling** - League starts in September and runs through April, at Roswell Bowlero at 6:00 pm every other Sunday. All experience levels welcome. Contact Bob Gerker to sign up.

Bob Gerker

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## ♦ Children's Athletics

This group targets adults leading children's athletics. It served over 300 children last year. This organization provides a wonderful experience for the families in the parish. The group meets once a month and directors handle specific seasons, i.e., Winter Basketball, Fall/Spring Soccer and Fall/Summer Volleyball. Workloads vary based on the sport.

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## ♦ The Women of Saint Brigid



The Women of Saint Brigid is blessed with amazing faith-filled adult women of our Parish. We are sisters, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, wives and friends. We are a beautiful and unique group of women, supporting one another through our spiritual and personal growth while navigating the ups and downs of motherhood and being a woman. The Women of Saint Brigid come in all ages and we look forward to offer programs that meet the needs of every woman. We provide social, spiritual and service opportunities for the women, children and families of Saint Brigid throughout the year. So whether you are young or maybe just young at heart, the Women of Saint Brigid is now the place for you!

♦ **Social** - We host many social events throughout the year including monthly Ladies Nights Out, our Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange and our Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch. We also have playgroups that are a great opportunity to meet fellow Saint Brigid Moms who are experiencing the same season of "motherhood" as you. For children ages 0-5.

♦ **Service** - The Women of Saint Brigid serve the needs of our community by helping the following ministries: Action Ministries Women's Community Kitchen, Fostering Love, Mustard Seed, Habitat for Humanity, Caring Connection and other parish sponsored groups. Our Annual Giving Tree event collects items and gift cards for needy families and individuals in the Atlanta metro area. The Annual Easter Basket Assembly provides Easter Baskets to the Catholic Charities to distribute to deserving children of Atlanta.

♦ **Spiritual** - We provide spiritual events for the women and families of Saint Brigid. Advent by Candlelight provides the women of our parish the opportunity to gather in fellowship with dinner and spiritual renewal and reflection. We also have Soulcore and a Day of Reflection. Family Adoration, Stations of the Cross and other seasonal activities provide our families with children of all ages the opportunity to learn about our Catholic faith in a relaxed environment with other children.

♦ **Fundraising** - The Women of Saint Brigid host the Holly Days Market and the Lenten Bake Sale at the Annual KOC Lenten Fish Dinners. The proceeds from both of these events help us fund our events throughout the year and support our local charities.

We are always in need of volunteers to help throughout the year at all of our events and activities. Please email [womenofsaintbrigid@gmail.com](mailto:womenofsaintbrigid@gmail.com) to learn how you can get involved.

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## ♦ Knights of Columbus



Membership in this Fraternal Order is open to Catholic men in union with the Holy See. Membership provides an opportunity for fellowship with those who believe in duty to God, family, neighbors and country and stand unified in defense of those beliefs. Programs are organized to appeal to those interested in assisting our priests, the homeless, the disabled, parish families, and veterans. **Time: Council Meetings (General Members) 6:10 pm - 8:10 pm every 4th Tuesday of the month, Assembly Meetings (General 4th Degree Members) 6:10 pm - 8:30 pm every 2nd Thursday of the month.**

♦ **Leadership (Officers):** Officers typically serve for a two year term. Each has specific responsibilities in overseeing the normal business functions of the Council and Assembly. Positions are established to cover operational, financial, membership and physical facilities. Our pastor covers the spiritual area for both the Council and the Assembly.

♦ **Fundraising:** Monies raised through KoC fundraising events support various church ministries and charitable organizations. Major fundraising events include Lenten Fish Dinners, Saint Patty's Day Dance, Breakfast with Santa, and Vidalia Onion Sales.

♦ **Priest Support:** Knights assist the pastor in activities related to the parish such as parking assistance for holiday Masses, serving at the Parish Newcomers Receptions, provide Honor Guards for special liturgies (Communion, Confirmation, etc...), and property clean-up days.

♦ **Philanthropy:** Knights provide homeless assistance, disabled assistance, and family support with funds and service hours. The following organizations are served: Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise Program, Men's and Women's Shelters, S.M.I.L.E., People with Intellectual Disabilities, and Special Olympics, St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Parish Picnic in September, Adopt-a-Family, Respect Life Ministry, and youth activities.

- ◇ **Veterans:** Knights provide Veteran Support by working closely with the Johns Creek Veterans Association on various projects, distributing American Legion Poppies after all Memorial Day weekend masses, and distributing American Flags after all Veterans Day weekend masses.

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## ◆ **Men of Saint Brigid (MOSB)**

The mission of the Men of Saint Brigid: Honoring our covenant as disciples of Jesus by following His example of Faith, Fellowship, Charity and Service. We encourage you to put your faith in action by getting involved. Please join us!



- ◇ **Monthly Meetings:** Meetings are held the second Monday of each month. We typically have a guest speaker on a wide range of spiritual topics. Excellent food and beverages are provided, along with a 50/50 raffle. All are encouraged to attend and first timers eat free! **Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, on the 2nd Monday of the month, September through June.**

- ◇ **Fellowship:** Our two most popular fundraisers are also excellent opportunities for fellowship. During Advent, Christmas Tree Sales take place in the parish parking lot. At our annual Monsignor Reynolds Charity Challenge there are many opportunities to serve on the committee, helping find auction items and sponsors and become game day volunteers. All are encouraged to help organize, fundraise, work, and participate in these events:

**Christmas Tree Sale:** During Advent our volunteers sell Christmas trees from the Saint Brigid parking lot. This event is special as we help families prepare for the Christmas season, while sharing a cookout dinner in the parking lot. These are truly 'giving trees' as they are blessed by Father Neil and all net proceeds provide much needed funds to our supported causes.

**Monsignor Reynolds Charity Challenge:** This spring event serves as our May meeting and is held at the Country Club of Roswell. It is truly a great event with many opportunities to volunteer, sponsor, participate and/or donate. It is a fun day highlighted by golf, tennis, pickle ball, lunch and dinner, and live and silent auctions.

- ◇ **Charity:** Giving is the key, and numerous volunteer opportunities exist as the men are regularly asked to support parish ministries with time and talent. Also, as a direct result of our fundraising events, MOSB has been able to **donate over \$1,000,000** to Archdiocesan Vocations, and many Saint Brigid Ministries - Walking With Moms in Need, Respect Life, New Beginnings, Mustard Seed, the Parish Picnic, Life Teen, Saint Vincent de Paul, Habitat for Humanity, Saint Brigid Day School and more.

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## ◆ **PrimeTimers (55+)**

This is a social group of parishioners 55 and over who enjoy participating in various social outings. These outings are divided into 5 groups: Luncheons at local restaurants; theatre outings such as Fox theatre, Verizon etc.; baseball games; day bus trips to Georgia points of interest; movie nights with wine and cheese.

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## ◆ **Scouts - Cub (2nd Grade - 5th Grade) Boy (6th Grade - 18th Birthday)**



The mission of Boy/Cub Scouts of America is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, while training for the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness while maintaining duty to God, family, and country. Scouts are available to assist the parish and other ministries in service projects, keeping in mind that the members are children with limited availability to all, parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholics and non-Catholics

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## ◆ **New Beginnings Social Group**

You will be warmly greeted, made to feel welcome and introduced to fellow widowed members. This ministry is a spiritual and social support group for those who have lost their spouses. It is not a grief support group. Widows and widowers of all ages are invited to enjoy monthly catered dinners and organized social activities. **Time: Dinners held at 6:00 pm once a month Sept-May. Cost is \$20 for the meal and a drink.** RSVP to Ray Greenfield at [newbeginnings@saintbrigid.org](mailto:newbeginnings@saintbrigid.org) or call and leave a message at 770-331-6490.

**Ray Greenfield**

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### ♦ Young Adult Ministry (Ages 21 - 39)

Young Adult Ministry (Ages 21 - 39) Saint Brigid Young Adult Ministry (SBYA) is a dynamic community of single and married young adults in their 20's and 30's who SEEK to develop their relationship with Jesus and respond to His call to holiness through engaging spiritual, service and social events. SBYA desires to CONNECT young adults with Jesus, the Catholic Church, and a growing energized faith community both at Saint Brigid and throughout the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Our events are open to all young adults whether you attend Saint Brigid or not.

- ◇ **Spiritual:** Monthly spiritual events including Mass & Brunch and more
- ◇ **Service:** Quarterly service projects including Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent De Paul and more
- ◇ **Social:** Monthly socials including seasonal events, trivia nights, hiking, top golf and more

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## SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES

### ♦ Renewed in Christ

Renewed in Christ is a parish wide renewal program that encourages parishioners to spend valuable time with each other sharing their faith journey and encountering Christ through the Sacraments while they participate in a weekend renewal encounter at the parish. The Renewed in Christ program invites parishioners to spend a weekend together as fellow parishioners share their faith stories that are focused on several themes including Christian Renewal, A New Life in Christ, Spirituality, Christian Awareness, Christian Community, Scripture, The Father's Loving Care, and Discipleship. The program is offered to all parishioners 21 and older and to all parishioners no matter their length of membership in the parish. **Time: Renewed in Christ Weekends are offered in the Winter or the Summer. Opportunities for ongoing formation.**

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### ♦ Couples for Christ

Our mission is a work of Christ, which raises up Christian couples and establishes Christian families committed to the work of evangelization and winning the world for Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Time: The Couples for Christ meet Friday evenings at the home of each member on a rotating basis. This is called the "household prayer meeting". A household is a group composed of 4-5 couples. All households meet once a month at a bigger venue such as Corbett Hall for the "Prayer Assembly".**

#### ◇ Kids for Christ

KFC is a means of supporting CFC's Mission of bringing families back to the plan of God by helping the children enjoy a relationship with Jesus Christ and by creating an atmosphere where Christian values can be shared, practiced, developed, and experienced. **Time: KFC meetings are held during the monthly CFC Prayer Assemblies and occasionally at Kid's Camps held at Retreat Centers.**

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### ♦ Cursillo - Ultreya



Cursillo / Ultreya - Cursillo is a three day weekend retreat. It is one of the original renewal movements in the Catholic Church that started in the 1940s. Consider it a short course in Christianity that focuses on prayer, study and apostolic action. It can ignite your love of Christ and introduce you to a lifelong support community. The Atlanta weekends are held twice a year at the Holy Spirit Monastery in Conyers. Those who have made a weekend often gather together for an Ultreya (gathering of Cursillistas) to keep the weekend message alive. S Cursillo is a lay movement of the Catholic Church that has helped thousands of Catholics renew their faith and lead them to become true disciples building God's kingdom on earth. Call or email us if you want to make a weekend or just want to talk about the movement.

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### ♦ **Elijah Cup - Prayer for Vocations**

This ministry serves as a focal point of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Parishioners who sign up to participate are presented at the end of Mass with "The Elijah Cup," a chalice used at that Mass. The cup is kept for the week in their homes while they pray for vocations.

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### ♦ **Enthronement of the Sacred Heart**

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart as King of the family is a special blessing presented by the Clergy in your home. We especially invite newlyweds and those contemplating marriage to place their homes in the Heart of Christ.

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### ♦ **Lay Carmelites - Third Order**

Being a Lay Carmelite is not just a devotion added to life; it is a way of life; it is a vocation. Our charism is prayer, service, and community. Contemplation of the Word of God remains the chief aim of the Order. More information about Lay Carmelites can be found at [Laycarmelitespcm.org](http://Laycarmelitespcm.org). Because becoming a Carmelite is a vocation, there is a formation program that consists of three phases over the course of six years. It is a journey, but you would not be alone. You are travelling with your fellow candidates and the St. Brigid Carmelite community. **Carmel teaches the Church to Pray! Time: The Saint Brigid Lay Carmelite Community meets on the third Saturday of the month in the Saint Brigid Library after the 9:00 am Mass.**

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### ♦ **Legion of Mary**

The Legion is a worldwide organization of practicing lay Catholics. It's goal is personal sanctification for it's members and apostolic service by Works of Mercy to our brothers and sisters. Under the pastor's direction, apostolic service may be done weekly. Prayer meetings meet every Thursday at 7:00 pm. The meeting lasts for about 1 to 1.5 hours. There are two types of membership; active members and auxiliary members (praying members).



- ◇ **Active Members:** The active members attend the weekly prayer meetings and are doing the works of mercy. The weekly volunteer works take about 1 to 4 hours weekly depending on the need and everyone's availability. Opportunities include serving 3 assisted living facilities: Ivy Hall, Tapestry and Dogwood Forest. Apostolic work with the residents includes: praying the rosary with the Catholic residents, playing Bingo, singing along with the residents, visiting the sick in their homes and at the hospitals, distributing Catholic literature, evangelizing those who lost their way, Holy Hour....interceding/praying for prayer request.
- ◇ **Auxiliary Members (praying members):** The Auxiliary members are the ones who pray the daily rosary and prayers on the Tesera (Legion Prayer Card). They are supplying the grace of God the active members need to accomplish His work. These are the left wing of the Legion of Mary's Praying Army. Auxiliary members are also welcome to join the weekly meetings.

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### ♦ **Man to Man**



All men in the parish are invited to some food, faith and fellowship. This ministry involves weekly meetings which include prayer, breakfast, fellowship, speakers, and other presentations designed to provide support and fellowship to enhance our journey in faith. **Time: Every Friday at 7:00 am with a light breakfast and ends at 8:15 am; typically in Corbett Hall**

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### ♦ **Men's Bible Study Group**

Mondays 7:15 am - 8:15 am at the Uptown Café, 9850 Nesbit Ferry Rd.

All men are invited to meet each Monday after the 6:30 am mass to share breakfast and study the Word of God and its application in our lives. A trained facilitator summarizes the week's Bible reading and leads a participative discussion about it and how it applies to Catholic men today. Participants should read each weekly reading and associated commentary and be prepared to discuss insights gained.

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## ♦ Natural Family Planning

Natural family planning is taught in a three-month series by a Certified Couple to Couple League Teaching Couple. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is safe and highly effective. Its philosophy is in full cooperation with the Church's teaching on contraception. Also check out <https://cccli.org/> for more information about NFP and The Sympto-Thermal Method.

Classes are available in three formats for your convenience:

- Live On site class - class is given in a typical classroom setting. Class is typically spaced about a month apart, allow 3 hours each class.
- Live online - scheduled online classes, A teaching couple leads the class as you participate from your own location on your computer.
- Self paced class - after enrollment, you may login and take each class on your schedule, on your computer.

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## ♦ Prayer Quilt Ministry



We offer comfort through prayer to those experiencing illness, serious surgery and other infirmities through our prayer quilts.

♦ **Sewers and Prayer Warriors:** The prayer quilts are made of three layers (top, batting and backing) that we tie together with Perle cotton floss. Each individual tie represents a prayer said for the recipient. The quilts are labeled, "Stitched with love and tied with prayer for ...*the recipient's name*...from the Prayer Quilt Ministry of Saint Brigid Catholic Church".

- ♦ **Individual Roles:** We are an informal group and we'd love to have you join us. We meet twice a month at our co-chairs' homes. Each member of the ministry contributes to the quilt making process according to their ability. Tasks include cutting fabric, machine sewing fabric pieces together, ironing, layering, tying and binding of the quilts. Whatever is not finished at the meetings can be taken home for completion or done at the next meeting. Simple straight stitch machines are used and minimal sewing experience is required.
- ♦ **Finding Recipients:** We welcome any parishioner to request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need of one whom will accept prayers being said for them. Those who have received our quilts express how much comfort they feel knowing that others are remembering them in prayer.
- ♦ **Fundraising Roles:** We are a self-sustaining ministry. Therefore we do spend some time making a variety of items to sell at Saint Brigid church fairs in order to purchase sewing supplies and batting. Our ministry always needs ideas for what to make that might appeal to buyers.

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## ♦ Rosary Ministries

- ♦ **Cenacle Rosary**
  - Prayer for our Holy Father & our priests
  - 6:00 - 6:35 PM on the 1st Tuesday of every month
- ♦ **Marian Consecration**
  - 33 days of short readings to enhance your relationship with Mary and her beloved Son
  - ♦ Self-guided reading or facilitated classes offered throughout the year
- ♦ **Daily Rosary**
  - 8:30 am Monday - Friday and Saturday at 8:15 am in the chapel
- ♦ **Living Rosary**
  - Bring the Rosary to life with individuals representing beads.
  - Optional consecration blessing after each Living Rosary
  - 7 Living Rosaries a year on Mary feast days
- ♦ **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
  - Pray this devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the apparitions of Jesus reported by St. Faustina
  - 8:15 am Monday - Friday and Saturday at 8:05 am in the chapel



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◇ **Medjugorje Prayer Group**

- Gospel reading, recitation of the Rosary, and reflection on Our Lady's message
- 6:45 - 7:45 pm on the 1st Tuesday of every month

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◇ **Rosary Makers**

- The Rosary Making Ministry supplies Mission Rosaries. Rosaries are made by members working independently at their own pace. All Rosaries are given away at no charge. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. We will gladly teach you.
- Classes on Rosary making offered throughout the year

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◇ **Traveling Madonna**

- Enjoy this beautiful modeled image of Our Lady of Grace in your home to encourage prayer, especially while praying the Rosary together with your family.
- Families will have the statue in their home for two weeks.

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◆ **Sponsor Couples—Marriage Prep**

Sponsor Couple Program is a parish-based ministry that enables an engaged couple to share and learn from the day-to-day experiences of a married Catholic couple who are members of their parish. As part of a couple-to-couple approach to marriage preparation, the sponsor couple encourages and supports the engaged couple in much the same way as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. Training is provided. ***Time: The engaged couple meets with the sponsor couple five times in the sponsor couple's home. They use a book entitled For Better and Forever.***

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◆ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to enhance their communications, refresh and revitalize their marriage, and deepen their love for each other. Every relationship is a journey, and sometimes everyday life may cause you and your spouse to "lose touch" with one another. Through the weekend experience, the renewal of the couple brings new life to their relationship, to their family, and to their church. Couples who have experienced the weekend have the opportunity to continue to meet together monthly at various couples' homes for ongoing fellowship and support. For more information and resources: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) Or contact:



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