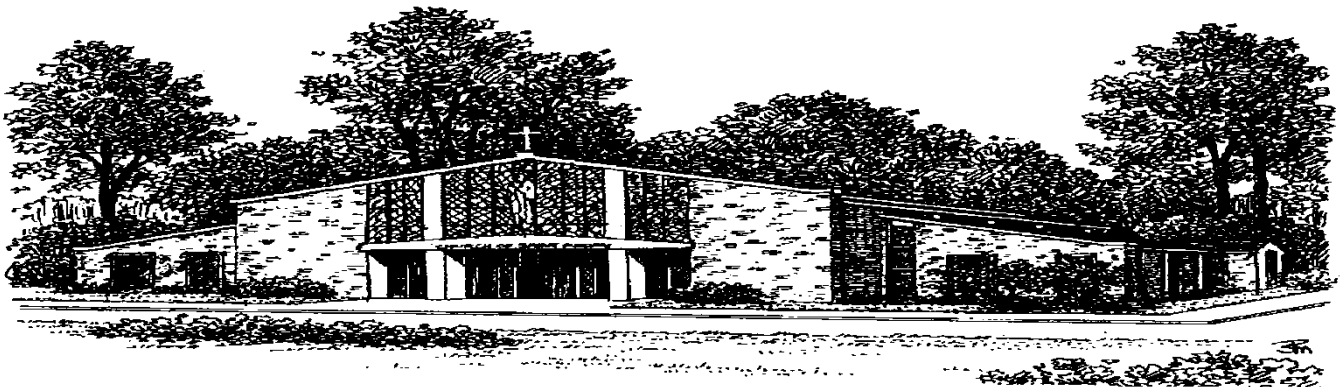




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MASSES

Saturdays: 5:30 PM (Satisfies the Sunday obligation)

Sundays: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM
(Novena following 9:00 AM Mass Monday and Tuesday)

Saturdays: 9:00 AM

Holy Days: 5:30 PM Eve of Holy Day
9:00 AM, 12:10PM, 7:00PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:30 – 5:15 PM

BAPTISMS

1st and 3rd Sunday at 2:00 PM. Parents please call Rectory to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the date selected.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
(PREP)

845-735-2036 **<staedan3@verizon.net>**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 13, 2015

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP THIS WEEK- DECEMBER 14th -20th

MONDAY 12/14 - Reconciliation Monday

Confessions from 4:00 - 8:00 PM All Churches

TUESDAY 12/15 -Ladies Guild - Filling Gift

Bags for the Retired Nuns - 1:00PM Meeting Room

PREP Confessions - 7:15P.M.

WEDNESDAY 12/16 - PREP Confessions 7:15 P.M.

THURSDAY 12/17 - Legion of Mary 10 A.M.

PREP Confessions 7:15 P.M.

FRIDAY 12/18

SATURDAY 12/19- PARISH BIBLE STUDY

9:30-11:00 A.M. - weekly, parish hall.

Advent Reflections - 2 - 3:00 P.M. in the Church.

SUNDAY 12/20- Fourth Sunday of Advent

The second collection this week is for Parish Finance Assessment levied by the Archdiocese.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 , COLLECTION

414 ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 8,254
BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,155
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 10,409



MONDAY	9:00 AM	Angela & Salvatore Catanzaro
12/14	12:10 PM	Edward Robinson
TUESDAY	9:00 AM	Loughlin & Gerturde Sutton
12/15	12:10 PM	Owen McCorry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	D/M Mimmagh Family
12/16	12:10 PM	Michael & May Cuddy
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	D/M O'Sullivan Family
12/17	12:10 PM	Joan O'Brien
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Kerry Burke
12/18	12:10 PM	Alice Scanwell
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Eileen Dowling
12/19	5:30 PM	Marie C. Terry
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Jack Gilroy's Heart Donor
12/20	10:00 AM	Mass for Parishioners
	12:00 PM	Maureen Malley
	7:00 PM	Mass for Parishioners



Steven Bailey, Kenneth Romejko, Janet Valerio, Billy Keenan, Brian Dillon, Charlene Kasnosky, Maryanne Siemers, Nicki Kelley, Michael Fury, Mary Lever, Lisa Shapiro, John Kennedy, Bridie VanSlyck, Josephine Cucchiara, Dick Clarke, Ken and Bernadette Sibon, Alice Luska, Roger Schardt, Brian Casse, Sharon Stonebridge, Alice Leesha, Dylan Ciarletta, Steven Lynn. Jercui Wnuk, Philip O'Brien, Betty Phillips. Jason Pritchard, Brian Connolly, John Javora, Fran Zujkowski, Karla Trotta, Mary Hopeck, Martin Connolly, Ronnie, Marvelli Family, Patricia Werner, Alan Handsman, John Bachleda, Kenneth Babock, Barbara DeSapio, John Dodd, Catherine Dwyer, Jean Marvelli.

A person's name will appear on this list for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks, it will be removed unless we hear from a family member.

We remember all of our recently deceased loved ones.

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT

We respectfully ask that your annual Christmas Gift to Saint Aedan's reflects your love of God and of our beautiful parish. We realize that not everyone's financial means are the same and that some individuals and families are struggling to make ends meet. All we can ask is that each and every individual and household make the most generous sacrificial offering *their own personal financial means will allow*. Just do your best, whatever that may be. That's all we can ask. A blessed Christmas to all.



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Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for them.

GLORIA ALBERT DAY AT ST. AEDAN'S SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

12 NOON MASS AND RECEPTION

Please plan on joining us as we honor our long-time parish Administrative Assistant, Gloria Albert, who will be retiring as of December 31st.

We invite you to join Gloria and her family at the parish 12 noon Sunday Mass. Please plan on joining us over at the parish hall, after mass, for some refreshments and fellowship.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE – REJOICE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent, originates from the first word of the Introit at Mass (*Gaudete – Rejoice*). The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas. By the twelfth century, the fast had been reduced to simple abstinence. Since Pope Gregory the Great was the first to draw up an Office for the Advent Season, the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide masses for the **Sundays of Advent**.

On **Gaudete (Rejoice)** Sunday, the church takes a break from the otherwise penitential nature of Advent by acknowledging the closeness of the approaching feast of the nativity. This is seen in the priest wearing the rose-colored vestment and our lighting the **rose-colored candle** on the Advent wreath.

Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new invitatory, the Church no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely **"The Lord who is to come"**, but calling them to worship and hail with joy **"The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand."** The **Epistle** again incites us to *rejoicing*, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Savior with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, while the Gospel, the words of Saint John the Baptist, warn that the Lamb of God is even now in or midst, though we appear to know him not. The spirit of the Office and Liturgy all through Advent is one of **joyful expectation and preparation** for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercise suitable to this spirit are thus suspended on **Gaudete** or **Rejoice** Sunday.

Ladies Guild Gifts for Retired Religious

is again planning to collect gifts for the Retired Religious Sisters of St. Dominic, Sparkill, Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt and the Sisters of Charity in Nanuet.

Our goal is to give a few gifts to every sister, such as skin lotion (Vaseline Intense Care), toothpaste/mouthwash, writing paper, stamps, Dove soap, white tube socks and articles appropriate for an elderly person. NO Perfumes. Gifts should be unwrapped.

Please place your donations in the box in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your generosity. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas.

ALSO: Come join in the merriment as we wrap the gifts that will be given to our local retired nuns. Our wrapping party will be held on *Tuesday, December 15th at 1:00PM* in the Parish Meeting Room....just bring scissors & tape and **we will provide the paper and refreshments.**

RECONCILIATION MONDAY CONFESSIONS

DECEMBER 14TH 4:00 – 8:00 PM



Reconciliation for Advent has been scheduled at every parish church in the Archdiocese of New York. This is a great opportunity to make your Christmas Confession. Whether you go on a regular basis or have been away for years, **ALL ARE WELCOME** to take advantage of this opportunity and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession / Penance here at St. Aedan's or another parish of your choosing. Thank you.

PARISH ADVENT REFLECTIONS – PART II

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Most of us would have to admit that in our American society, **ADVENT** has, in many ways, become the **"forgotten season."** Here, at St. Aedan's, we invite you to help us do something about that. This **ADVENT** season, we invite you to go out of your way to join Msgr. Nevin, Fr. Palatucci and Deacon Maher, in the Church, as they present an afternoon of reflection which will be focused on the **Prophets of Advent**, especially *Isaiah*, as they urge us to prepare for the coming of Christ who leads us into our future and who we learn about by listening to the voices of ancient prophecy, *Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Malachi*. A priest will be available for confessions immediately following each session. **"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His path."**

ANNUAL ADVENT GIFTS FOR JESUS DRIVE

Once again, we are calling upon the young people of the parish to "give" of themselves to our Advent Project.

ST. AEDAN'S GIVING TREE

Please take an ornament from the tree located in the vestibule, buy the item written on the back and then

decorate the ornament. When you return to church, place the *unwrapped* item under the tree and hang the decorated ornament on the tree.

This year, we are in need of a lot of household items. We know it's often more "fun" to buy toys for children, but please keep in mind what our people really "need." We are asking that everything be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 20th. **THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE, FOR YOUR TRADITIONAL SUPPORT. A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can stop an irregular heart rhythm and allow a normal rhythm to resume following sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest is an abrupt loss of heart function. If it's not treated within minutes, it quickly leads to death.

Most sudden cardiac arrests result from ventricular fibrillation. This is a rapid and unsynchronized heart rhythm starting in the heart's lower pumping chambers (the ventricles). The heart must be "defibrillated" quickly, because a victim's chance of surviving drops by seven to 10 percent for every *minute* a normal heartbeat isn't resolved.

AED's make it possible for more people to respond to a medical emergency where defibrillation is required. Because **AED's** are portable, they can be used by nonmedical people. They can be made part of emergency response programs that also include rapid use of 9-1-1 and prompt delivery of cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All three of these activities are vital to improving survival from cardiac arrest.

A built-in computer checks a victim's heart rhythm through adhesive electrodes. The computer calculates whether defibrillation is needed. If it is, a recorded voice tells the rescuer to press the shock button in the **AED**. The shock momentarily stuns the heart and stops all activity. It gives the heart the chance to resume beating effectively. Instructions guide the user through the process. **AED's** advise a shock only for ventricular fibrillation or another life-threatening condition called pulseless ventricular tachycardia.

Non-medical personnel such as police, fire service personnel, flight attendants, security guards and other lay rescuers who have been properly trained can use **AED's**.

AED's are safe to use by anyone who hasn't been trained to properly use them. Studies have shown that 90 percent of the time, **AED's** are able to detect a rhythm that should be defibrillated. And 95 percent of the time they are able to recommend NOT shocking when the computer shows defibrillation is not indicated.

It is recommended that **AED's** be placed in public areas such as sports arenas, office complexes, places of worship, doctor's offices, etc. They should be placed in any public areas where large numbers of people gather.

Here at Saint Aedan's we will be placing an AED inside the church as well as over in the gym - religious education lobby. We will be looking for volunteers to step forward and undergo training in the use of the **AED** so that if, heaven forbid, someone goes into cardiac arrest here on our property, we have trained individuals leaping into action during those precious minutes when we are awaiting an ambulance to respond to a 9-1-1 call.

Health care professionals, already certified in CPR are encouraged to make yourselves known to us so we can add you to the list of individuals we can rely upon in an emergency. As we begin the New Year, we will advertise a date and place for volunteers to undergo training in the use of the **AED**.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

"St. Aedan's has a parish Hospitality Committee which provides refreshments to help us to foster fellowship at certain parish events. If you would be interested in helping with this "sweet" ministry, please email Marie Maher at memaher57@aol.com."

CHRISTMAS CRECHE

On Sunday, December 20 at 1:00 pm the Pearl River Christmas Crèche Committee invites you to come to the 11th Annual Procession of young children bringing the "Infant Jesus" to the Manger located in Braunsdorf Park (by the police booth) and placing Him in the crèche. Christmas caroling and music coordinated by Margie Mulvihill with the Pearl River School of Irish Music students. Hot chocolate and cookies served afterwards. Come let us adore Him, the more the merrier...rain, snow or sunshine.

ADULT ALTAR MINISTRY

We are always grateful to our volunteers who jump up to assist the priest at our weekday masses. At this time, we are inviting all of our adult *women* and *men* to join our new **Adult Altar Ministry** which will be exercised at all of our parish funeral masses and services. Don't worry, after some brief training, you will be all set to go. **If interested, please contact the parish house at 735-7405.**

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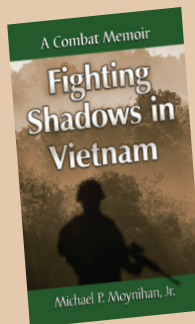
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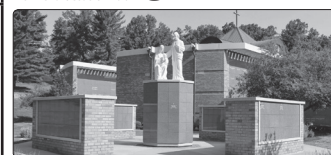
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