Saint Aidan Parish

Saint Alphonsus & Saint Alexis Churches

January 16, 2022

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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From the Desk of Darcy Osby

Falling in Love With God

Joseph Whalen S.J. once wrote: “Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

When we love someone, we want to know them fully. The more we get to know them, the more we fall in love with them, and we love what they love. While we will never be able to fully know God on this side of heaven, God wants to be in relationship with us. He gives us Jesus, the fullness of his self-revelation to show us how to know and love God. He gives us the Church and the sacraments to have tangible experiences of his grace and love.

Maybe you’ve been in a long-term relationship with God, yet are constantly surprised by the never-ending depths of his love and mercy. Maybe it’s been a rocky relationship with ups and downs over the years but you’re slowly learning to trust God. Maybe it’s a new relationship for you, and you’re still asking those first-date questions to get to know him. No matter where you are on this journey of faith with God, you are a part of our parish family and we are here to walk with you.

To help you learn more about God and his Church, we are happy to announce that our parish has just renewed our subscription to Formed.org this year! Formed is a platform of Catholic movies, videos, study programs, ebooks, and audio talks for adults and children! If you have not yet set up your free account, go to formed.org/signup and enter our zip code: 15090 or “Saint Aidan Parish”. Once you set up an account online, you can download the Formed app on any device to access the content on your phone or smart TV.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Pastoral Notes by Fr. Will

- **New COVID protocols:** Bishop Zubik recently sent updated protocols for the safety of all related to COVID-19. We are working with our ministry leaders and staff to make sure that everyone is clear on our parish procedures. Some of the regulations are mandated by the parish, mainly those related to the celebration of Mass. Other procedures are recommendations related to parish activities, and we will be working with those ministry leaders to communicate our local policies to each group or ministry.
- **March for Life**: The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be on January 21, 2022. The parish will have a bus going to the March. Please see the details to sign up for the bus. Thanks to a generous donation, there will be no cost for the bus. If you would like to make a donation to offset the costs for the March for Life trip, make a check payable to Saint Aidan Parish and indicate March for Life on the memo line.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Open House**: We had a great turn out for the Volunteer Appreciation Open House. I am grateful for all those who have dedicated their time and talents to the Lord and His Church.
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**: This week we pray in a special way for Christian Unity throughout the world. This includes the 23 Rites of the Catholic Church, Protestants, and all the baptized.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 16 / Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday (Vigil)
4:00 pm † Lynn & Greg Harrold / Donna Bartlett

Sunday
7:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Saint Aidan Parish
9:30 am † Olive Pegher Senita & All Deceased Members of Senita Family / Senita Children
10:00 am † Shirley Wilson / Mary (Molly) Cole
11:30 am Maciej Kedzierski / Tomsey/Borland Family
5:00 pm In Thanksgiving of Cleonice & Ruy Cruz / Cruz Family

Monday, January 17 / Saint Anthony
8:00 am † Patti Hunt / Mary Ann Kappeler
12:00 pm Helen Sonson / Jenna Shanahan

Tuesday, January 18 / Weekday
8:00 am † Mary Louise Lioi / Jean Lioi

Wednesday, January 19 / Weekday
8:00 am Special Intention of John Michael DiDonato / John & Marianne DiDonato
12:00 pm † James McStay / Kerry Meyers

Thursday, January 20 / Weekday
8:00 am † Jean Baldasare / David & Anne Ricchuito

Friday, January 21 / Saint Agnes
8:00 am † Helen J. Muhl / G. Robert Muhl
12:00 pm † Kaleb Kean / Vargo Family

Saturday, January 22 / Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
8:00 am † Kelly Bauer Kilhof / Mom & Dad

St. Alexis St. Alphonsus

Saint Aidan Income 1/3-1/9

Offertory	$ 23,239*
Parish Share	$ 7,595*
Diocesan Collections	$ 2,086*
Other Donations	$ 6,842*
TOTAL	$ 39,762*

* Includes electronic giving

Saint Aidan Parish Share As of 1/9

Parish Share Goal	$252,574
Parishioner Donations	$312,217
Amount to stay with our parish	$ 59,643

Sunday's Readings

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

We Pray For The Sick

We pray with special love and concern for all those members of our Parish families of Saint Aidan who are ill or infirmed, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need.

Fr. Mike Ackerman
Rachel Brocka
Jeanne Bukauskas
Ray Bukauskas
Colin
Julie Ewell
Allison Fearnley
Don Gaus
Bartley Graban
Nancy Greer
Renee Hartle
Lois Jencka
Michael Karapandi
Lois Leahy
Gene Lersch
Bethany Lesczynski
Linda
Jean Mack
Ann Magill
Mary Maloney
Liz McArdle
Gay Mullen
John Mullen
George "Murph"
Neelan
Briana Oliphant
Emily Olup
Therese Pegher
Tom Pendel
Mary Grace Roos
Bella Sciara
Helen Sonson
Janice Spowal
Brooke Sturgis
Steve Takacs
Bud Van Ryn
Amber VanVickle
David Zappa

If you know of a parishioner or have a loved one who is ill, contact the Parish Office at 724-935-4343 to add their name onto the prayer list.

Second Collection

This weekend, has been designated for the special collection to benefit **St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.** St. Anthony and DePaul Schools fill a necessary role for special education within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Both programs empower students to become active and contributing members of their respective communities. Any help you can give is deeply appreciated and makes a tremendous impact on the students, as well as their families. Thank you and God bless.

May They Rest In Peace

St. Aidan Parish wishes to extend sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially:

Sister Michelle Quinn

Agnes Tallarico

May the choirs of angels welcome them, and may they find eternal rest.

Please Note: If you are donating by check to the parish, please make your check out to **SAINT AIDAN PARISH**. Many parishioners are still making their checks out to the former parishes which does not match our bank account. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Intention Requests

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition. The Mass is the greatest prayer; it is the sacrifice of Christ.

Masses may be offered for the living as well as for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, for family difficulties, for sickness, birthdays, anniversaries, as well as in thanksgiving for something.

We are currently in need of Masses for the coming months. We are in need of Masses without a specific date. Mass Intention requests may be found on our website homepage in the green box that says Mass Requests. You must pay for the Mass request online. You can also get a copy of Mass Requests forms in the front foyer of the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 724-935-4343.

Catholic Charities Warming Station Collection

In service to the poor and homeless of our community, St. Aidan Parish will be collecting the following items for the Catholic Charities Warming Station (located downtown) from now through January 23rd:

- Individual oatmeal packets
- Breakfast bars
- New hats, gloves, and scarves

Please leave all donations in the boxes marked “CC Warming Station Items” at the back of the old side of St. Alphonsus Church and in the narthex at St. Alexis Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is on Mondays from 12:30 to 7:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Church and on First Fridays from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at St. Alexis Church.

Sign up the signup sheet in each church or online at saintaidanparish.org/adoration or call the Parish Office at 724-935-4343.

Join us in celebrating

The Feast of Saint Aidan of the Ferns

Monday, January 31, 2022

St. Alexis
8:00 am Mass

St. Alphonsus
Noon Mass
Eucharistic Adoration after Noon Mass
6:00 - 6:45 pm - Confession
7:00 pm - Evening Prayer
Reflection by Father Will
7:30 pm - Evening concludes with Benediction

Ministries & Organizations

Life Teen Ministry

We meet every Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room at St. Alexis unless otherwise noted.

- **January 16** - Meet in the Youth Room. I know you might be thinking, "I know the sacraments!" You may know them in your head, but let's move them to your heart so that they become your way of life!!

  Life Night Series: The Sacraments (SACRAMENTS) Making Sense; Humanity is searching for something. Saint Augustine states, "Our hearts are restless O God, until they rest in you" (St. Augustine, Confessions, 1, 1). This restlessness is part of the human experience and in the culture of the world around us. The answer to the restlessness that life brings is God and, in a unique way, the grace found in the Church through the seven sacraments.
  What Are Sacraments?
  The Sacraments of Initiation
  The Sacraments of Healing
  The Sacraments of Service
- **January 21 -** March for Life trip to DC
- **January 23 -** Bowling night at Zone 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Young Adult Ministry

Join us on Monday, January 17, in the Youth Room at 6:30 pm. Our meetings are an opportunity to grow in your knowledge and relationship with God and each other. Please call Christine Miller at 724-935-4343 ext. 227 with any questions.

Homebound Ministry

If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit, please email homecare@saintaidanparish.org or call the parish office at 724-935-4343.

Thank You to our sponsors

A special thanks to

Tender Care Learning Center for advertising in our parish bulletin. Please patronize our sponsors or be sure to thank them when you have the opportunity. It is through their support that our weekly bulletin is made possible!

May God bless all our benefactors!

Neighborhood News

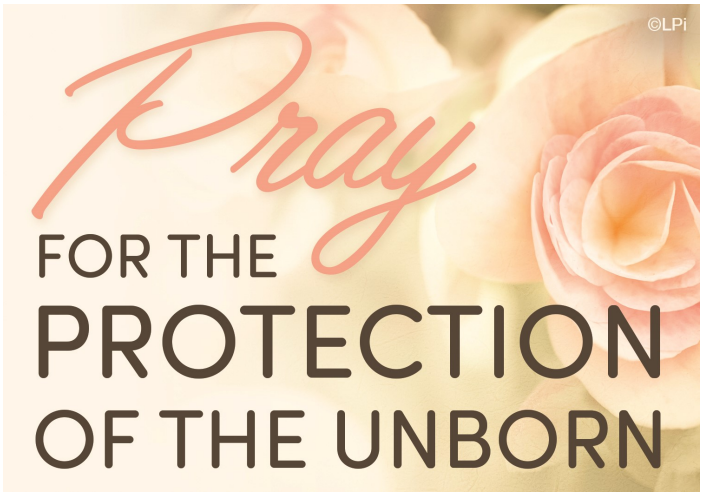
Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a one day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey.

Please plan to join us on Saturday, January 29 from 8:45 am to 4:00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center (St. Athanasius) located at 7 Chalfonte Avenue in West View. Fee is $25.00 and lunch is included. Register by Tuesday, January 25 at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Rob at 412-584-5575 or Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

Blessed Francis Seelos Academy Open House

Give your child the gift of a Catholic education! The academic curriculum at Seelos Academy is held to the highest standard to ensure that your child can take on the next step in their education confidently while integrating the teachings of Christ. Our small class sizes and accredited teachers give our students the attention they deserve in the classroom while nurturing their spiritual development.The K-8 campus will be open on Sunday, January 30, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Reservations are suggested and can be made at https://www.seelosacademy.org/event-news.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation 2021-2022

This week our children are covering lesson 9: How are we strengthened for service to God and others? We will learn how each person is called to serve God in a special way using their gifts and talents. Some people are called to serve God through the vocation to marriage or priesthood and are strengthened by the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Formation

"The sole value of a child is too often seen in the fact that the child will eventually be an adult. Thus one places the child's value for mankind exclusively in the future. This is inexcusable. The child is an important human being in and of himself." - Maria Montessori. Our children are spiritual beings who have profound encounters with God here and now. CGS seeks to give them language to understand and express their current relationship with God.

If you wish to have your baby baptized, please go to https://saintaidanparish.org/baptism to view our guidelines and fill out the request form.

You will need to attend a baptism preparation session if this is your first child, or if it has been four years since you attended a baptism class. **Upcoming date is Thursday, January 20** at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Questions? Contact Darcy Osby at dosby@saintaidanparish.org.

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Darcy Osby at dosby@saintaidanparish.org or 724-935-4343 ext. 213.

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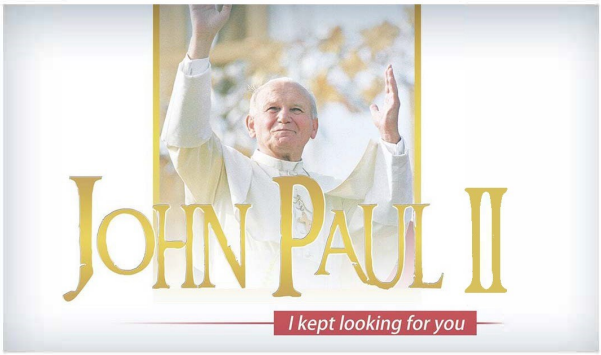
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Together, We Gather to Celebrate Life

WHO: ALL are welcome!

WHAT: The Annual March for Life

WHEN: Friday, January 21, 2022
Mass at St. Alexis at 5:30 am
6:00 am departure-one bus only
10:00 - 11:00 pm return to St. Alexis

WHERE: Washington, DC

Included in the charter bus trip: donut breakfast, snacks, beverages and boxed dinner. Participants are responsible for providing their own lunches.

To sign up for the bus pilgrimage, members of the L.I.F.E. SQUAD will be in the narthex after all Masses at both churches on **Saturday, January 15 and Sunday, January 16.** You may also call the Parish Office at 724-935-4343 or email Christine Miller at **cmiller@saintaidanparish.org**.

The *March for Life* started in 1974 to protest the Roe v. Wade decision in 1972. It is considered the largest pro-life event in the world. This peaceful demonstration is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, “Abortion on Demand”.

L.I.F.E SQUAD
Living is For Everyone

The L.I.F.E. SQUAD committee is back and geared up to support pro-life efforts in and around our parish in larger ways than ever! In alignment with the USCCB, this committee “believes that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.”

Please consider joining us on the St. Aidan bus for our first Pro-Life event this year, the *2022 March for Life* at our nation’s capital.

Be on the lookout for upcoming notable speaker events and various pro-life activities supported by L.I.F.E. SQUAD.

To join this ministry, contact Beth Ann Veres or Keith Young

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20017

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

To: All Bishops

From: ✠Cardinal Wilton Gregory,
Archbishop of Washington

Date: Thursday 23 December, 2021

Subject: Plenary Indulgence for Pilgrims for the March for Life Events January 20-21, 2022

Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you regarding the granting of a plenary indulgence surrounding this year's March for Life events.

This year's plenary indulgence provides for those pilgrims who will attend events in person and for those pilgrims who will attend events virtually. Pilgrims who participate in person, or virtually due to age, sickness or other grave reasons that prevent them from leaving their homes, but who join via TV, radio or social media in the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, January 20, 2022 will obtain a plenary indulgence. The same conditions apply for pilgrims, who will attend in person or virtually the Mass for Life, which will be celebrated on Friday, January 21, 2022 at The Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.

Thanking you for all you do to promote the dignity of all human life, please be assured of my prayers for you, and your ministry.

UPDATED DIOCESE OF PITTBSURGH COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS
FOR CLERGY, PARISHES AND INSTITUTIONS

In a continuing commitment to care for the health, safety, and spiritual well-being of the faithful, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop David Zubik announces the following updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols. **These practices are effective January 7, 2022, and are to be continued until further notice.** The updates are based on the dramatic surge in community spread of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus, and will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis as more information from the CDC and local healthcare officials becomes available.

Parishes

Effective immediately and until further notice:

- As leaders in their parishes and in the community, unless extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise, all priests and deacons must wear masks during the celebration of Mass at all times, including when preaching and at the altar.

- Everyone entrusted with the distribution of Holy Communion must wear a mask, and must also sanitize their hands immediately prior to distribution. Care must be taken not to directly touch the communicant, especially if distributing on the tongue. If contact is made, the person distributing Holy Communion must re-sanitize their hands before continuing.

- All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, servers, greeters, ushers, lectors, and cantors must wear a mask. In addition, faith formation leaders, catechists, and those who visit the sick or homebound must wear a mask.

- The presentation of the gifts is suspended until further notice.

- As already directed, the practice of shaking hands to offer the Sign of Peace is suspended until further notice.

- As also previously directed, those attending Mass are urgently encouraged to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. Based on their age, health history, and family considerations, parishioners must make prudent decisions regarding getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and staying home if not feeling well. As a reminder, anyone who is sick, feels they are at risk, or is a primary caregiver, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being part of a large group at this time are excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (CCC #2181)

- It is strongly recommended that any parish events outside of Holy Mass are to either be cancelled, rescheduled, or be held virtually.

- It is strongly recommended that where possible, parish staff work remotely. Those who do need to work on site must wear masks when in common spaces. Also, all meetings should be held virtually.

- Livestream Mass options are to continue so that we may serve those who are not able to come to Mass in-person.

Saint Aidan Parish Directory

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday
8:00 am - Saint Alexis
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12:00 pm - Saint Alphonsus
Saturday Vigil
4:00 pm - Saint Alexis - broadcast 89.5 FM
Sunday
7:30 am - Saint Alphonsus
9:30 am - Saint Alphonsus
10:800 am - Saint Alexis - live-streamed & broadcast 9.5 FM
11:30 am - Saint Alphonsus
5:00 pm - Saint Alexis

Reconciliation

Monday - **6:00 pm** - **6:45 pm** - St. Alphonsus
Saturday - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - St. Alexis
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday
12:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Saint Alphonsus Church

First Friday of the month
after 8:00 am Mass with Benediction at 3:00 pm - Saint Alexis Church. Sign up for Eucharistic Adoration at saintaidanparish.org/adoration

Sacraments

For Baptism, Marriage and Holy Orders questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with the proper staff member.

New Members

We welcome you! To become a registered member of the parish family, please visit our website at saintaidanparish.org/register and introduce yourself to us at Mass!

Diocesan Victim Assistance

412-456-3093 (Office)
1-888-808-1235 (Hot Line)
PA Child Line - 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.