

CHURCH OF  
**SAINT AIDAN**  
WILLISTON PARK



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LEARNING TO GIVE

**COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

December 8, 2019

505 Willis Ave.  
Williston Park  
New York 11596-1727

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516-746-6055 (Fax)

**Rectory Office Hours**

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9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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**Pastor**

Rev. Adrian McHugh

**Associate Pastors**

Rev. Ken Grooms  
Rev. Solomon Odinukwe

**In Residence**

Rev. Edward Sheridan

**Deacons**

Rev. Salvatore B. Villani  
Rev. Rudy Martin ext. 9412

**St. Aidan School**

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ext. 9302, 9303 Grades 3-8

Principal

Mrs. Julie O'Connell  
Assistant Principal  
Ms. Barbara Graham

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Director ext. 9406  
Mrs. Elaine Smith,

**Youth Ministry**

Coordinator ext. 9403  
Mr. Stephen Loewenthal

**Music Director**

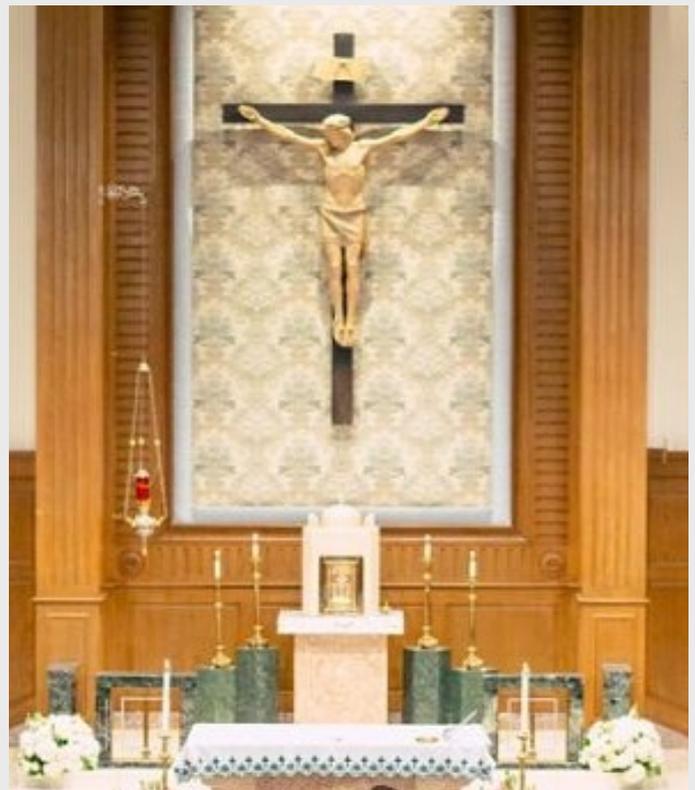
Mr. Drago Bubalo ext. 9130  
bdrago@staidanparish.org

**Social Ministry, Director**

Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro  
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**Buildings & Grounds** ext. 9107

We invite  
everyone to  
walk with  
Jesus  
and  
experience  
His  
healing  
power and  
love



**Baptism**

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. Contact the Rectory office ext. 9101 Tuesday-Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

**Baptism Class For New Parents**

The required Baptism class for new parents is held the second Sunday of each month beginning with the 12:00 Mass parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the main altar.

**Marriage**

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged through the parish.

**Anointing & Communion**

The anointing of the sick takes place after the 12:00 PM Mass on

the 4th Sunday of each month. Anyone who is homebound may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Call the rectory - ext. 9101.

**Confession / Reconciliation**

Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday from 12:30-1:30 PM and 4:00-5:00 PM in the church or by appointment with a priest.

**Adoration**

First and third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church.

**Pastoral Council Members**

Cathy Frischmann, Bonnie Parente, Mary Ellen Testa, Suellen Peterson, Jackie McHugh, Robert Rynkar, Joseph Arralde, Dominic Macedo

**PARISH E-MAILS**

Sign up to receive e-mails  
www.staidanparish.org.

# SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

Fr. Ed 6:30 AM  
 Fr. Ken 9:00 AM  
 Fr. Solomon 12:30 PM

Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

Bishop Andrzej 7:30 PM

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM

Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM  
 Fr. Ken 12:30 PM  
 Fr. Ken 5:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

Fr. Ed 6:30 AM  
 Fr. Ken 9:00 AM  
 Fr. Adrian 12:30 PM  
 Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

Fr. Ken 6:30 AM  
 Fr. Ken 9:00 AM  
 Fr. Adrian 12:30 PM

Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM  
 Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM  
 Fr. Solomon 12:30 PM  
 Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

Fr. Ken 9:00 AM  
 Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

Fr. Solomon 7:30 PM

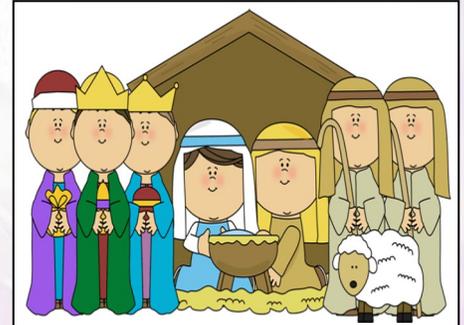
## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

Fr. Solomon 7:30 AM  
 Fr. Ed 9:00 AM  
 Fr. Ken 10:30 AM  
 Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM

Fr. Ken 5:00 PM

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Isabella Nicolia  
 Armand Villa  
 Dcd. Mbrs. of the McManus,  
 Loughlin & Fitzpatrick Families  
 Ints. of Lv. & Dcd. Members of  
 the Legion of Mary  
 Parishioners of St. Aidan



## 2019 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All are welcome to attend the true  
 meaning of Christmas on

Sunday, December 8th 3:00 PM in  
 the church

## ADVENT WEEKDAY

Stepano Chun Jim Ho  
 (Anniversary Rem.)  
 Genevieve Robinson  
 Maria Elsy Vasquez  
 Eugene Martone, Jr.  
 (Birthday Rem.)

## ST. DAMASUS I, POPE

Matthew Ryan Martin  
 Thomas M. Freeman & John Lynch  
 Helen Bielinski  
 Julius Dutkowsky (17th Anniversary Rem.)

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thomas Laffey  
 John, Anna & John Dwyer  
 Minnie Bruschi (6th Anniversary Rem.) &  
 Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Bruschi Family  
 Chris Benson

## ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

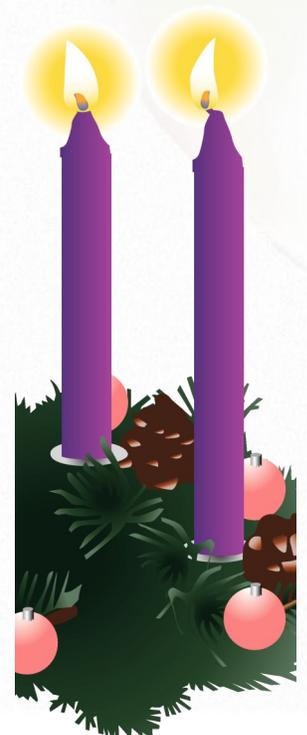
William Geary  
 School Mass-Palma Woltering  
 Vita Maria Mossa (Birthday Rem.)  
 John Lentini (Anniversary Rem.)

## ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

John Thomas Moran  
 John McQuaid (Birthday Rem.)  
 Mary McGrath (Birthday Rem.)  
 Cathy Malarzo  
 Barbara Sinkevitch  
 Daniel & Sheila O'Brien  
 Peggy & Thomas Joyce  
 Therese & Ralph Sposato

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Deacon Frank Love (3rd Anniversary Rem.)  
 Danny Steiniger (7th Anniversary Rem.)  
 Parishioners of St. Aidan  
 Louise Oliveri (Birthday Rem.)  
 Denis Barry (15th Anniversary Rem.)  
 Bernhard Berger (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
 Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Kerzner & Harnet Families  
 Angelo Iannone  
 Julia Muntzner (1st Anniversary Rem.)





# CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN

Dear Friends and Parishioners

Thank you for supporting St. Aidan's Parish. St. Aidan's Church & School are one entity and consist of eight buildings. With respect to human resources we have 94 people on our payroll - 54 are in the school, of which 31 are full time. There are 40 Church employees, of which 9 are full time. Staff is such a vital asset. Salaries are not usually high. Many of the staff work in the parish because they love the Catholic Church and its mission.

Like many other Catholic parishes and schools, St. Aidan's is running at a deficit. This is a new reality for St. Aidan's, but not a new reality for many parishes.

The income for St. Aidan's comes from two sources - Collections & Fees. Collections are a pivotal source of revenue as they make up almost 70% of our income. We mail over 3,900 envelopes each week, from which 809 are returned. The decline in collections is indicated in the bulletin each week. On average we are down \$2,000 per week compared to the previous year's collection. Since 2017 collections have dropped \$108,000.

This has happened for a number of reasons:

- First, the clerical abuse scandals have resulted in a decline of contributions to the Church.
- Second, attendance at Mass is in decline in many parishes. Not everyone fulfills their obligation to attend Mass weekly, so we do not receive their offering.
- Third, we haven't appealed to our parishioners and our school alumni to help us address the situation.

If collections continue to decline by the same amount we will find ourselves in severe financial difficulties within six years time. We do have reserves. They amount to one year's income. It would be prudent to hold our savings as long as we can as we will need them in the future.

Parish programs like Religious Education, CYO etc. should pay for themselves, and they currently do generate enough income to cover their costs.

School tuition, fundraising (PACE) and other donations go towards the running of St. Aidan's School. School expenses are increasing each year. These include salaries, fringe benefits, pensions, operating costs of two buildings, heat electricity and insurance. When the income to the school does not cover its operating costs we give the school what is called a subsidy. The recommended subsidy is 15% of collections. Last year our subsidy was 27% of collections.

We want St. Aidan's School to grow. Enrollment is currently 417 students and first indications are that registration for next year is positive. To maintain our school we rely on payment of tuition and

fundraising. The activities of PACE (Parents Acting for Catholic Education) are essential to help us meet our operating costs.

We would like to make improvements to our facilities. This includes:

- replacing the roof on the lower school,
- replace classroom window shades
- repairing of window lintels on lower school
- repair windows, gutters and paint buildings,
- brickwork repairs
- developing the play area,
- update our phone system
- replace two garages with a storeroom,
- replace railings,
- address problems with the elevator
- introducing a STEM lab,
- and looking to the future we plan to give the convent building a new purpose as an early childhood center.

On the expense side the largest items for most parishes are payroll and employee benefits. Other major expense categories are ones regulated by the diocese: property insurance, auto insurance, diocesan assessments. Parish employees have not received a pay raise in 10 years.

Through this Stewardship Campaign we have an opportunity to think more about the future of our parish and about our contribution of time, talent and treasure. While the Church is not a business we do have a stewardship responsibility to use our resources as effectively as we possibly can to carry out God's work on earth. This we will continue to do with God's help, and your support. Please consider using our online facility to make donations. Go to [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org) and click DONATE. This could eliminate the use of a weekly envelope and ensure you contribute regularly to your parish. Thank you for reading my letter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

May God bless you and all those you love,  
Fr. Adrian

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

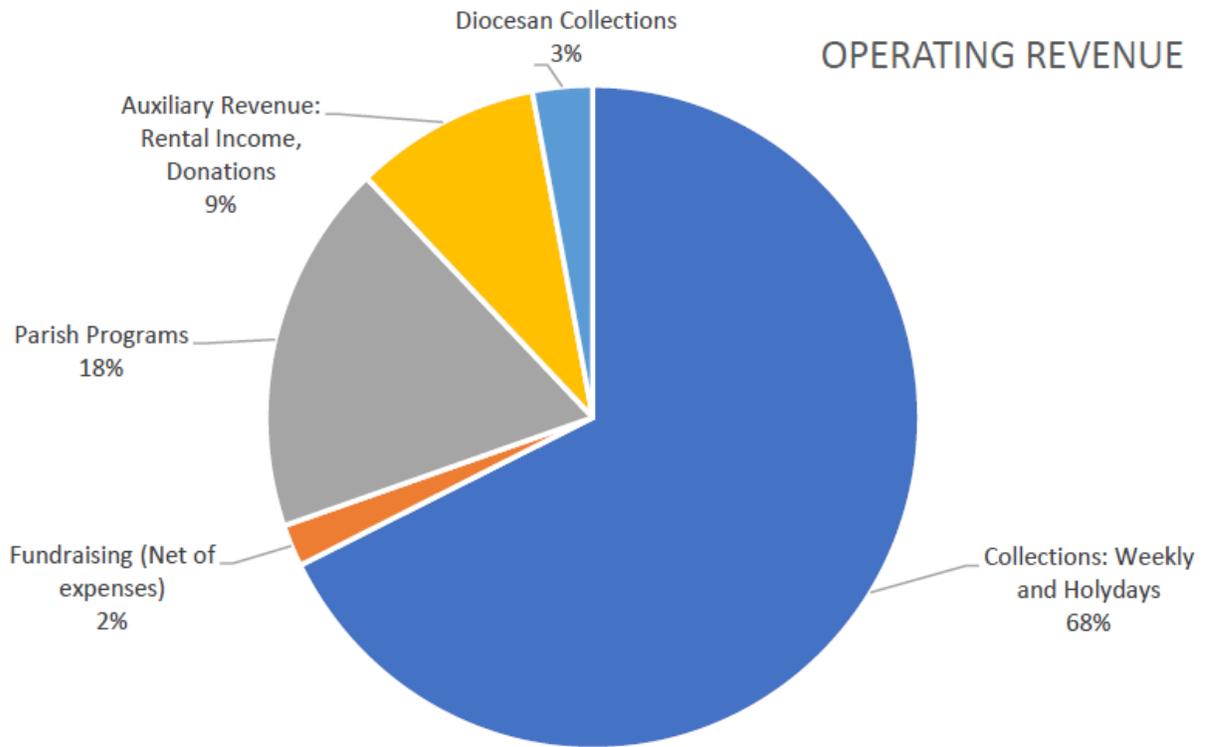
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
I come to You in Thanksgiving,  
knowing that all that I am  
and all that I have are gifts from You.  
Teach me to be generous  
as You have been generous with me.  
I offer to You this day all the facets of my life,  
whether at home, at work or at school  
to be patient, to be merciful,  
to be generous and to be holy.  
Keep me mindful that as Your disciple,

I am called through the Holy Spirit,  
to be an instrument of  
dramatic missionary growth,  
radically faithful to participation  
in the Sunday Mass,  
deeply devoted to the presence of Jesus Christ  
in the Holy Eucharist,  
and courageous in living the truths of our Faith  
and sharing the "Good News" with the world.  
Make us One Family in Mission  
so that together, we may ignite our Church  
with the joy of the Gospel.

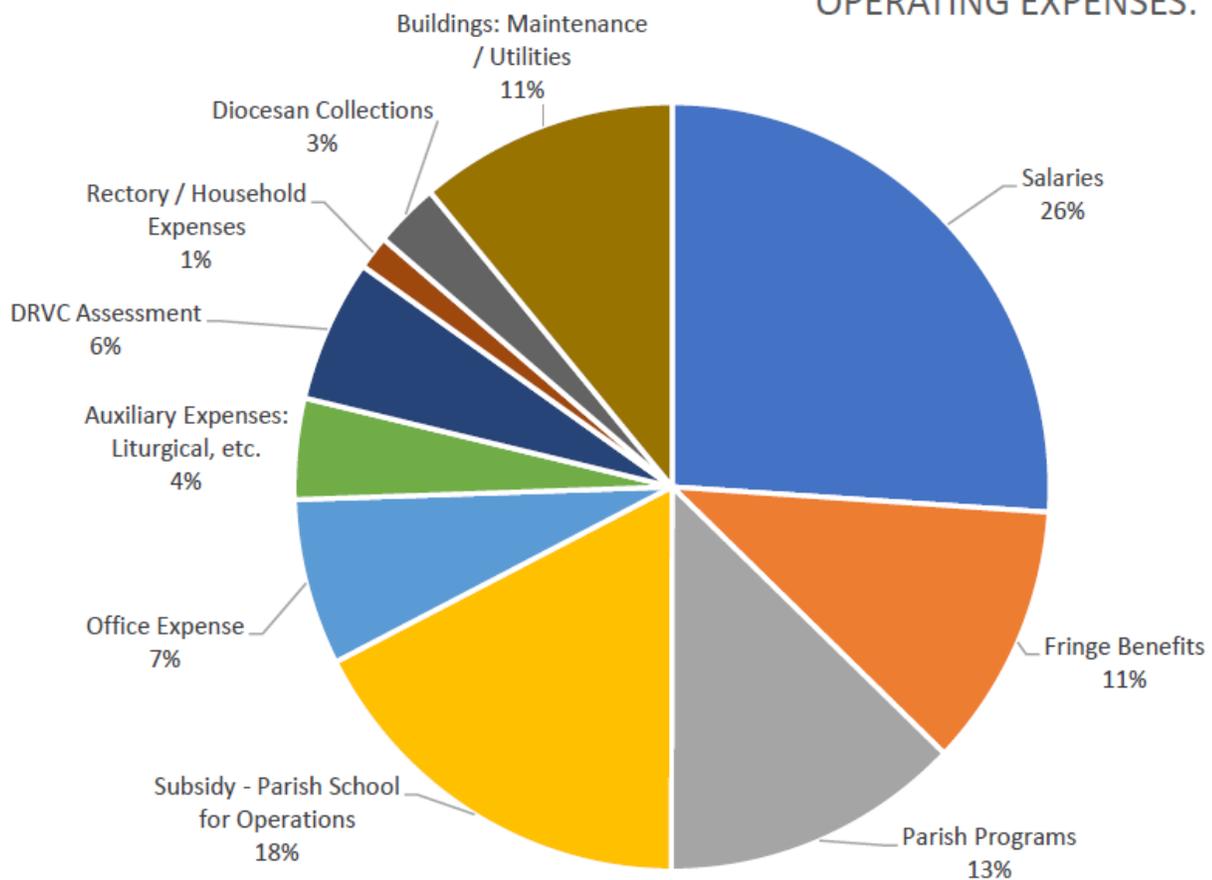
**St. Aidan's Parish**  
**12 Month Operating Results**  
**For the Fiscal Years Ended August 31, 2019 and 2018**

	2019	2018
OPERATING REVENUE:		
Collections: Weekly and Holydays	1,557,852	1,630,150
Fundraising (Net of expenses)	47,307	36,857
Parish Programs	417,046	448,196
Auxiliary Revenue: Rental Income, Donations	211,883	312,679
Diocesan Collections	<u>68,463</u>	<u>105,841</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<u><b>2,302,551</b></u>	<u><b>2,533,723</b></u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Salaries	645,420	614,291
Fringe Benefits	276,330	313,873
Parish Programs	317,703	347,093
Subsidy - Parish School for Operations	431,986	307,764
Office Expense	173,516	178,246
Auxiliary Expenses: Liturgical, etc.	105,279	105,520
DRVC Assessment	149,353	145,924
Rectory / Household Expenses	35,306	37,348
Diocesan Collections	68,463	105,841
Buildings: Maintenance / Utilities	<u>274,130</u>	<u>286,370</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u><b>2,477,486</b></u>	<u><b>2,442,270</b></u>
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFECIT)	(174,935)	91,453
Non-Operating Revenue:		
Restricted Donations	11,000	12,484
Investment Income	1,520	212,694
Non-Operating Capital Expenses	<u>(116,419)</u>	<u>(111,994)</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFECIT)</b>	<u><b>(278,834)</b></u>	<u><b>204,637</b></u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1	2,820,091	2,615,454
CLOSING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31	2,541,257	2,820,091

## OPERATING REVENUE



## OPERATING EXPENSES:



# John *the Baptist*



## *What's Pastor Thinking*

Isn't it striking how Mark begins his gospel? There's no angel Gabriel, no Mary and Joseph, no shepherds or chorus of heavenly angels, as we have in Luke's Gospel. Mark gives us none of that. He simply declares, 'The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.' Mark makes it clear the good news has everything to do with Jesus.

The next thing we know, we're not at a manger, we're out in the wilderness listening to a prophet who is wearing strange clothes and eating the bizarre diet of the ancient prophet Elijah. That prophet in the wilderness proclaims that God is about to do something new. His name was John the Baptist.

The people of God had waited a long time for God to do something to deliver them— we heard it last week: 'O Lord, why don't you rip open the heavens and come down and save us!' Their world was a mess — politically, religiously, economically. It felt like a wilderness, a frightening, terrifying wilderness. A time, perhaps, like ours? Oh, yes, even in our sophisticated times we have political, religious and economic anxieties. Everyone is

yelling at everyone else, no one is listening. Could it be that underneath our anxieties, there is the same kind of fear and uncertainty, the same chaos, as people experienced when John the Baptist came on the scene, and when Mark wrote his gospel? That restlessness with a world where there is so much injustice, and so little peace. That weariness, as we make the same old preparations for yet another Christmas, and we know in our soul that, once again, all our frantic scrambling to get ready, all our decorating, all our feasting with families and friends, and our annual visit to Church, will not fill that emptiness inside, and we'll be more than ready to put it all away again on the 26th of December. John is the voice crying out in the wilderness, announcing that God is going to turn everything upside-down, especially our tired, old way of muddling through life. His message was bold and straightforward: 'Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent!' He reminds us to get on the right pathway, to return to God, to listen to God's voice and open ourselves up to doing God's will! Do you hear that voice? Do you hear that voice, crying in the wilderness of this world?

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

John Eich  
Edna Hanley  
Dennis Gilhooly  
Mark Trantel  
Joseph Delaney  
Catherine Vasek  
Edna Hanley

**FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT**

In Loving Memory of  
**GABRIEL A. SANTUCCI**  
Requested by  
Chantal Santucci

**SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT**

In Loving Memory of  
**GUIDO DI RE**  
Requested by  
Dolores Di Re

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Jill Ohl  
Lily O'Rourke  
John Joseph Mulrooney  
Steve Pomticello  
Kay Perro  
Mark Cristello  
Dennis Gilhooly  
Richard Pearles  
Maryann Katkowsky  
Sean Anderson  
Monika Baker  
Francesca Cacavale  
Thomas Yorke  
Helen Bondurant  
Jack Groothuis  
Sharon Devis  
Virginia Fallon  
Kathleen Donnelly  
Eileen Breen  
Paul May  
Blaise DeCario Webber  
Frank Keenan

**STEWARDSHIP**

11/25/18 \$24,021  
11/24/19 \$24,070 (+0.2%)

12/02/19 \$26,256  
12/01/19 \$27,275 (+3.88%)  
3,900 Envelopes Mailed  
809 Envelopes Returned



**ONLINE GIVING**

6 parishioners are using online giving. Go to [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org) and click on DONATE.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

11/18/18 \$4,180  
11/24/19 \$4,455 (+6.57%)

**THANKSGIVING**

11/22/18 \$3,817  
11/28/19 \$5,770 (+51.16%)

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES**

Goal \$169,600 Pledges \$124,19  
Donors 482

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Completing your 2019 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate. There's still time to make a gift.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

The second collection for **The Religious Retirement Fund** will be taken December 7/8. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**SECOND WEEK**

Justina Parmiter,  
St. Catherine of Siena, Franklin Square & Mitchel Vivero, St. Brigid, Brooklyn

Gina Riccobono,  
St. Catherine of Siena, Franklin Square & Peter Rice, St. Joseph, Babylon

**Church Of Saint Aidan**

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturdays  
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
**Monday, December 23, 2019**  
1:00 - 2:00 PM & 4:30 - 5:30 PM

**MASSES**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**  
4:00 PM - Church  
\*4:15 PM Msgr. - \*Kirwin Hall  
\*4:15 PM - \*Gym  
5:30 PM - Church  
8:00 PM - Church  
Midnight Mass - Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 NOON, 1:30 PM  
No Evening Masses

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**Vigil-Tuesday, December 31, 2019**  
5:30 PM  
**January 1, 2020**  
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM and 5:30 PM  
**Saturday & Sunday Masses are as usual**



## **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year December 8th falls on this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent. The feast of the Immaculate Conception will therefore be celebrated on Monday, December 9th and is not a holy day of obligation. Masses are: 6:30 and 9:00 AM, 12:30, 5:30 and 7:30 PM.

## **MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says our God." (Isaiah 40:1). St. Aidan's is looking to expand its Ministry of Consolation, and we need your help! Ministers of Consolation offer support to families in their darkest hour. They are the "light of Christ" that guides those bereaving through the dark valley following the loss of a loved one. Ministers of Consolation serve through visiting the family, gathering biographical information about the deceased, planning the liturgy (Readings, songs, etc.), serving at the Funeral Mass, baking cakes, following up with a phone call or visit a month after the funeral. If you have free time in the mornings and think God may be calling you to this critical ministry, please contact Ro Cavallaro from Parish Social Ministry at (516) 746-6585 ext. 9410 or rcavallaro@staidansparish.org

Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, will be offering a 4-part Workshop for those in our parish interested in becoming a Minister of Consolation. She literally wrote the book on the Ministry of Consolation! The workshop will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays. Each session will last two hours. Dates: January 22, January 29, February 5, and February 12. Time: 10:00 am — 12:00 noon. Location: The Peter and Paul Room (across the street from the church).

## **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual Christmas Party will be held on December 10th at 6:30 PM. Please make checks payable to Court St. Aidan #1577. If you would like to participate in

the Elf Game. Please bring a small wrapped gift. If you wish to participate in the ornament gift exchange, please bring a wrapped ornament. Any questions please call Jeanne Windisch (516) 761-0126, Ann Marie Flynn (516) 270-8420 or Erin DiLorenzo (516) 270-8422.

## **COAT COLLECTION**

Keep the homeless warm this winter. Contribute a used winter coat or jacket to a soup kitchen that serves 185,000 meals a year. Please contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755 or Cathy at comayu27@gmail.com for details. Help these children and adults. RSVP by February 21, 2020.

## **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

December 14th- Holiday Cards at Parker Institute from 12:00-1:00pm

December 14th- Christmas Party at Angelina's (Williston Park) 1:30-5:30pm

January 5th- Coat Drive at Finamore Parish Center from 9:00am-12:30pm. Meeting in St. Francis room from 12:30-1:30pm

# CONCERT

*Ignis Angelicus*  
Angelic Fire Choir, Soloists and Orchestra



**The Promise of Christmas**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020 AT 3PM**

CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN, 505 WILLIS AVE., WILLISTON PARK, NEW YORK

FREE WILL OFFERING

## **Williston Park Public Library Presents "Chocolate- Chocolate "**

With Susan Ackerman of Chocolicious Chocolatier. Free workshop all about Chocolate! Yummy chocolate paintings & trivia. Date: Monday, December 30, 2019. Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30. Place: Assembly Room of Village Hall. Fee: None. Ages: 12 years old to adult. Sign up: At Circulation Desk

## **Williston Park Public Library Presents "Positive Discipline Workshop "**

With Caryn Azemounm of "Growing Through Coaching". Free one hour workshop for parents with children up to 10 years old. Let's GROW through life together! Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30. Place: Assembly Room of Village Hall. Fee: None. Sign up: At Circulation Desk



## **COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS**

Kirwin Hall was filled with anticipation for the Birth of Jesus as families gathered to celebrate the beginning of Advent and to start the countdown to Christmas. Eight craft stations were set up for children to create their

Advent crafts including creating and decorating an Advent wreath, making a stocking for Jesus, turning a candy bar into St. Nick, assembling an angel ornament and painting a Nativity scene to name a few. Children left with arms full of crafts, luscious hot cocoa and cookies in their bellies, a chocolate Advent calendar and big smiles on their faces. Heartful thanks to those who supported this event and who volunteered. Due to your generosity we were able to raise over \$1,200.00.



## **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

In our culture, Christmas is often lost among decorations, shopping, etc. Corpus Christi Council #2502 of the Knights of Columbus is providing a way of publicly standing up for the true meaning of the Christmas Season by offering lawn signs and car magnets that proclaim our desire to Keep Christ in Christmas. These items are available for sale in the rectory office.

## **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

Are you the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great grandson or daughter of a Veteran who served in the Military or is presently serving? American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144 has scholarship applications available. Applications can be picked up at the Williston Park Library or please contact Dianne Karl for the website to download the applications. Email [dianneli@optimum.net](mailto:dianneli@optimum.net) or call at 516-746-2625. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. Note: We have had scholarship winners for the last 5 years.

## **PEANUT BUTTER GANG**

Join us on Saturday, December 14th at 8:15A.M. in the East Campus cafeteria to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the hungry and homeless on Long Island. Children under the age of 9 cannot be accommodated; children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults must have taken the Virtus Training. Due to logistics, you have to pre-register at our e-mail address: [peanutbuttergang@staidanparish.org](mailto:peanutbuttergang@staidanparish.org) by Wednesday, December 11th in order to participate. This month we ask each volunteer to bring a jar of peanut butter, a jar of jelly, and at least 2 loaves of BREAD. Thank you. Remember what Jesus told us, "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40).

## **HOPE OF THE GENERATION—UGANDA**

This Holiday Season is a wonderful time to consider making a donation to the all-volunteer run nonprofit, Hope of the Generation Uganda (HOGU). Erin Lawless, Founder, Saint Aidan's and Sacred Heart graduate,

began HOGU nearly 15 years ago. Over the years, the support of St. Aidan's parishioners has allowed HOGU to reach hundreds of young people affected by poverty and HIV/AIDS with health promotion messaging in the most rural areas of Uganda using creative education techniques.

HOGU carries out several activities throughout the year. One in particular, incorporates much needed life skill training into the sports that boys and girls play such as soccer and volleyball. In these sports camps children learn how to set goals, plan for the future, make positive choices, and learn about health topics that are relevant to them. Life skill sports camps are a proven way to engage youth in healthy dialogue and provide them with social support as they navigate adolescence.

HOGU plans to carry out 4 Life Skills Soccer Camps in 2020. Each 1 week camp brings together 60 students from 3 different schools from the villages around HOGU's catchment area. HOGU will be able to impact the lives of 240 students over the course of the year if our \$3,000 fundraising goal is reached. We need your help to make this happen! Any donation amount will make a difference. You can make a donation at [hogusmile.org](http://hogusmile.org) and click on the DONATE tab. You can also send a donation to HOGU at 84 Dartmouth St. Williston Park NY 11596. Feel free to email us at [hogusmile@gmail.com](mailto:hogusmile@gmail.com). Thank you!

***The Incorporated Village of Williston Park  
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony***

*at Village Hall-494 Willis Avenue*

*Christmas Carols sung by Scouts and neighbors*

*Santa arrives by fire truck and is available for pictures  
and gives treats to all the kids!*

*Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>—6:30 p.m.*

*Hot chocolate and cookies will be served*



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPERATION SANTA**

**Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday 12/24**

**Santas and drivers needed!**

**1-2 hours of your time starting at 5:30 p.m.**

**Please Contact Village Hall**

**746-2193**

**Thank you!**

## 10:30 AM FAMILY MASS

Please plan to join us during this wonderful season of anticipation as we prepare for Christmas. During Advent, children are invited to do Acts of Kindness represented by the cotton balls placed in the manger to make a soft bed for Baby Jesus. Visit the Family Mass Table in the Main Lobby of the Church for the cotton balls and some wonderful ideas on celebrating Advent as a family! Be a great Missionary

Disciple  
and invite a  
friend to  
Mass!

Children in  
Grades 4  
and 5 will  
be



spotlighted

at the Family Mass on Sunday, December 15th.

A reception sponsored by Faith Formation will follow in Msgr. Kirwin Hall. Yes, there will be great door prizes!

The Family Mass Team is committed to having a Family Mass that is **INSPIRING, INCLUSIVE, and INTERACTIVE** for children and their families each week.

We hope you will consider bringing up the Gifts during Mass on a Sunday of your choosing.

Please use the email below to let us know if there is a particular week we can count on you!

Stop by the Family Mass Table in the Church lobby for more information and a chance to get involved!

Don't forget to pick up your issue of MagnifiKids, some coloring pages, and some parent information while you are there!

Email us at [staidansfamilymass@gmail.com](mailto:staidansfamilymass@gmail.com).

# Church of St. Aidan Christmas Memorials

## \$200 MEMORIALS

Upper School       Lower School       Finamore Parish Center  
 Gymnasium       Evergreen Roping

## \$300 MEMORIALS

(1) Tabernacle Tree       Right  
 (2) Large Wreaths Outside Front of Church       Right       Center  
 (2) Sanctuary Wreath       Left       Right

## \$350 MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Tree       Right

*Please complete this form and send to the Rectory office with payment. Make checks payable to: Church of St. Aidan. For information call (516) 746-6585 x9101.*

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## St. Aidan Holy Name Society

Presents 18th Annual

### NITE AT THE RACES



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

## Food, Fun, Friends & Exciting Races

Msgr. Kirwin Hall Doors Open at 6:30 pm

First Race Starts at 7:30 pm

\$25 Admission gets you:

Exciting Races • Dinner • Beer/Wine • Door Prizes & More



Ladies and Gents — Wear your best Derby hat and Bowtie for a chance to win a fabulous prize!



For Tickets Call: Colin Dorney -746.3987, Ron Saporita -746-4615,  
Fred Pacher - 294-3104, Mike Villa - 884-3490

All Proceeds to Benefit St. Aidan School Scholarship Fund



## Holy Name Society

### 8th Annual Super Bowl Raffle



#### Four "Super" Prizes

1st Quarter: \$250      2nd Quarter: \$500

3rd Quarter: \$250      Final: \$1,500

#### Here's How it Works:

- Only 100 Boxes Will Be Sold
- Cost: \$50 Per Box
- Boxes Will be Picked Randomly
- You'll be Notified of Box Number by E-mail or Phone
- Drop off the Below Form to Rectory ASAP— Boxes Sell Out Quickly!
- Make Checks Payable to St Aidan's Holy Name Society

Holy Name 2020 Super Bowl Raffle

(Please Write Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Questions Call  
Fred Pacher 294.3104  
fpacher@optimum.net  
Tom Kelly 741-2874

**Thank You for Your Support of the Holy Name Society Mission!**

# What's Happening at St. Aidan School



On Wednesday, November 27, we came together for a Thanksgiving Prayer Service to give thanks for our many blessings. Fr. Adrian shared three simple words that Pope Francis said are the key to living well and in peace with our families:

1. "PLEASE"
2. "THANK YOU"
3. "I'M SORRY"

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families!

On Tuesday, November 26, the Middle School students from St. Aidan School and Schechter School of LI continued a nine year tradition of sharing an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. They shared poems, music, stories, and prayers of both faiths. Thank you to Fr. Ken Grooms, Dr./Rabbi Scott Sokol and the music teachers from both schools for helping to make this annual event so special.



On Friday November 22, dentists from KidSmiles in Syosset came to visit our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders to discuss good oral hygiene and the proper way to brush their teeth. We can already see the brighter smiles from these students!



**St. Aidan School**  
**Golf Outing Committee**  
 Cordially Invites You to Join Us For  
**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**  
**Memories 2 – 121 Hillside Ave. Williston Park**  
**Monday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.**  
*NY Giants vs. Philadelphia Eagles*

**GOLF OUTING “KICKOFF” EVENT**  
 Featuring the Announcement of our Honorees for the  
 May 4, 2020 Golf Outing

- Selection of Appetizers
- Cash Bar Featuring Many Specials on beer and mixed drinks
- Football box - 50/50
- Other great prizes

\$25 per person

All proceeds go to PACE (Parents Acting for Catholic Education) supporting St. Aidan School

Please bring a friend – All Are Welcome!

For more info: Tony Santos 646-220-0540 or Joe Galante 516-410-2600

**Please return the bottom portion with payment to SAS, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY 11596**  
**Attention: Mrs. Debora Vitale – Lower School**

\_\_\_\_ Yes. I/We will attend on December 9th. Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I/We can't make it but enclosed is a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_



**Saint Aidan**  
**Basketball**  
**Clinic**

Open to Boys and Girls in Grades 1 and 2

Sessions are held on Saturdays from  
 January 25, 2020-March 7, 2020

Registration fee \$90

Register at [www.staidanscyo.org](http://www.staidanscyo.org) by  
 January 1, 2020

\$25 late fee after January 1, 2020

Session Times will be not be determined  
 until registration closes

## ST. AIDAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2020

Registration of new applicants wishing to attend  
 St. Aidan School in September 2020

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

**Kindergarten and Grade 1 –**

West Campus Building 9:00-11:00 AM

*Re-registration of our present Pre-K students  
 returning for Kindergarten will be completed  
 through the mail. Information will be forwarded to  
 you through school.*

**Thursday, February 6, 2020**

Grades N-3 West Campus Building and

Grades 4-8 East Campus Building

9:00-11:00 AM



Phone Number 746-6585 ext. 9202 or 9302.

Parents who are unable to make the scheduled registration times, should call the office for an appointment. Preference is given to those presently enrolled in our school and to students who have siblings in St. Aidan School. The following items are required for all new applicants at registration: copies of birth and Baptismal certificates (will not be returned) and complete immunization record with signature or stamp of physician. There will be a non-refundable fee of \$150 per family for all registrants. The age cut-off date for all grades is November 30. This registration is an application process only. Applications will be reviewed thoroughly and you will be notified as to the status of your child's acceptance into our school.



*Pope Benedict XVI said in his Encyclical, Deus Caritas Est, "Everything has its origin in God's love, everything is shaped by it, everything is directed towards it. Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is his promise and our hope."*

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our monthly food drive is taking place this weekend. If you would like to donate to our food pantry, please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the sacred heart chapel in Church or to the parish social ministry office.

**SHARING OUR TREASURES:** See Flyer for more information. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY GIFTS/GIFT CARD UNDER TREE. ALL GIFTS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFICE WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER SCHOOL BUILDING! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

**Items Needed:** clorox wipes, laundry detergent, tissues, dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, oil and chocolate pudding

**FOOD PANTRY:**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Social Ministry office hours are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please use the Finamore Parish Center entrance (across from the church on Willis Avenue).



## **SHARING OUR TREASURES**

Our Advent Program  
of collecting  
Gift Cards, Toys, Clothing and  
household items for those in need will  
begin the weekend of  
November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>

We are helping many families, singles  
and senior citizens right here in our own  
parish.

In addition we will be sending gifts to St. John the Baptist, New Ground,  
the Veterans, Pediatric Hospital Units, Holy Redeemer Church,  
Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville and St. Hugh's in Huntington  
Station

Please take a Christmas Ornament which has a gift request from our  
Christmas tree which is located in the vestibule of the Church.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL GIFTS, UNWRAPPED, ALONG WITH THE  
ORNAMENT AND GIFT CARDS TO THE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFICE  
DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH!**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE GIFTS or GIFT CARDS IN CHURCH.**  
**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



# Faith Formation

**Catechist Needed!** A catechist is needed for a grade 8 class that meets on Tuesdays from 7:15PM to 8:30PM. If you can help, please call us at (516)746-6585 x9405.

**SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS/ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please consider serving the children of our parish as a volunteer for 2019-2020 school year. We always have a great need for substitute catechists, greeters, hall monitors, and office assistants. We have a particular need for substitute catechists on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:15 PM. If you can spare a little time, love spreading the Catholic Faith, and enjoy working with children, this is a perfect opportunity for you to get involved in the Faith Formation program. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:** The Faith Formation Office is open Mondays through Thursdays from 1:30PM to 6:30PM and Fridays by appointment.

**DROP BOX:** The Faith Formation Office has a Drop Box for your convenience. Registrations, Outstanding Assignments, and any other Paperwork may be dropped into the box at anytime. The Drop Box is located to the left of the Finamore Parish Center Door directly across the street from the church.

**THE MULTI-SENSORY THURSDAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGES** is looking for students in grade 8 and high school to serve as Student Aides on Thursday afternoons. You would assist catechists to support the learning process, provide additional supervision, and be role models for the students. If you are looking for a great service opportunity for the 2019-2020 school year working with children, this is the job for you! We provide service hour

documentation and letters of recommendation for college, scholarships, awards, and jobs. Please call the Faith Formation Office at (516) 746-6585 x9406 for more information.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** Grade 7 and 8 Confirmation candidates can work on their 2019-2020 service hours by volunteering at the weekly Family Mass on Sundays at 10:30AM. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Sign up lists with instructions are on the bulletin board outside the Faith Formation Office or call (516)746-6585 x9405 to register. Student volunteers must be in Church by 10:10 AM. Be sure to follow the Dress Code for Mass! Assisting at the Family Mass counts toward the Catholic Setting service hours required in grade 8.

**ATTENTION GRADES 4 AND 5 PARENTS:** Please join us at the 10:30AM Family Mass on Sunday, December 15th for a grade level Mass. A reception will follow immediately after Mass in Msgr. Kirwin Hall for all 4th and 5th grade children and their families. Yes, there will be door prizes!

**ATTENTION GRADE 2 PARENTS:** The First Reconciliation Parent Meeting previously cancelled due to poor weather conditions, has been rescheduled for Monday, December 9th at 7:30 PM in the Upper School Cafeteria. Please use the Cafeteria Entrance in the parking lot behind the upper school building.

**THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE OPEN. ALTHOUGH THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR, PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND MASS.**



**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**  
**January 2020 through March 2020**  
 Register Online [WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG](http://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG)

## RCIA Level I

**St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage**  
 Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30,  
 February 6, and 13, 2020  
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## Ministry of Consolation Level I

**St. Aidan, Williston Park**  
 Wednesdays January 22, 29;  
 February 5, and 12, 2020  
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Building Intercultural Competences in Ministry

**St. Frances Cabrini, Coram**  
 Thursdays, February 6, 13, 27;  
 March 12, and 19, 2020  
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Or

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt**  
 Mondays, February 10, 24;  
 March 2, 9, and 16, 2020  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Catechist Training Level II

**St. James, Setauket**  
 Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

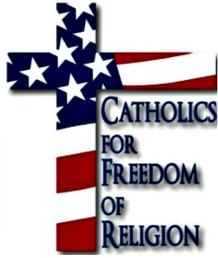
## Bereavement Conference

**St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh**  
 Saturday, March 21, 2020  
 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II

**St. Mary's, East Islip**  
 Saturday, March 28; April 4, 18, 25;  
 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and June 6, 2020  
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online, please visit [drvc-faith.org/event/](http://drvc-faith.org/event/)



### Protecting Conscience Rights for Doctors & Nurses

Texas: A recent U.S. District Court ruling will allow doctors to refuse to perform gender-transition surgeries that violate their faith as well as

their scientific judgment that the procedures can cause significant risks, especially to children, that include heart conditions, loss of bone density, and increased risk of cancer. Also, "studies show that children with gender dysphoria found that fewer than one in four children continued to experience that condition into adulthood," said a Becket Law statement.(1)

In May, 2016, the Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) issued a rule requiring all doctors to perform gender-transition surgery. If the doctor refused - even on religious grounds - they could be fired or face severe consequences. "Today marks a major victory for compassion, conscience, and sound medical judgment," said Luke Goodrich, VP of Becket Law. (2)

Vermont: The HHS Office for Civil Rights recently announced that the Un. of Vermont Medical Center violated the conscience rights of a nurse forced to assist in an elective abortion in 2018 against her conscience/religious objections. The nurse was not told the procedure was an abortion until she walked into the room and the doctor said, "Don't hate me."(3)

"Forcing medical staff to assist in the taking of human life inflicts a moral injury on them that is not only unnecessary and wrong, it violates longstanding federal law," said Roger Severino, Director of OCR. "Our investigation has uncovered serious discrimination by UVMMC against nurses and staff who cannot, in good conscience, assist in elective abortions. We stand ready to assist UVMMC in changing its policies and procedures to respect conscience rights and remedy the effects of the discrimination."(4)

(becketlaw.org, 10/15/19, (1) onenewsnow.com, 10/21/19; (2) thetexan.news, 10/15/19; (3)(4) hhs.gov, 8/28/19, dailysignal.com, 8/28/19; aclu.org, 11/19)

"Never do anything against conscience even if the state demands it." Albert Einstein

- The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (January 1, 2019), falls on a Wednesday and is a holy day of obligation this year.
- The Sunday after Christmas (December 29) is the Feast of the Holy Family.
- The Solemnity of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, January 5, 2020.



Before returning to the history of the Mass, let's look briefly at the current season. Advent is the first season in the church calendar, the beginning of the church year, and while it is not known exactly when the period of preparation for Christmas that we now call Advent first began, it was certainly in existence from about 480 as celebrated by some monks with strict fasting, and gradually spread to the church in general. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word *advenire* which means to come. Its purpose is twofold: first, it prepares us for the celebration of the first coming, the birth of Christ, and second, it reminds us that we are eagerly waiting for the second coming, Jesus' return in glory. As we prepare for Christmas, we need to prepare our lives for Jesus, Who came as "the light of the world," and specifically, to prepare for Him to enter our world, both at Christmas and all throughout the year. Today is the second Sunday of Advent and we light the second purple candle to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

Now to return to the history of the Mass, we go back to roughly the same time frame as those monks first began what became Advent. As a result of the Roman expansion into transalpine Europe, Christianity spread along with it, but as Roman control was diminished by repeated invasions such as Attila and the Huns (452), the Vandals (455), Theodoric (493), and the Lombards (568), many religious institutions migrated out of Italy farther into western Europe spreading the base of Christianity beyond the English Channel even as far as Ireland. This would be a critical development as the Roman Rite evolved.

Thus the Roman Mass as reformed by St. Gregory gradually spread and became predominant not only in Italy, but also beyond the Alps. But during this expansion the Roman liturgy absorbed features of local, that is to say Gallican, traditions which traced back to an earlier period and carried some of the more ornate traditions of eastern rituals, probably through the practices of the Church in northern Italy centered on Milan. Some of these Gallican features eventually found their way to Rome and later were incorporated into the Roman Mass itself. This is how it happened.

The Sacramentary attributed to St. Gregory actually applies to a group of Sacramentaries which emerged after his pontificate. The most important of the Gregorian Sacramentaries is the one referred to as The Adrianum. It was sent by Pope Adrian I [722-795] to Charlemagne

at the request of the Emperor about the year 783. Charlemagne had asked for a Roman Mass book because he wanted to standardize the liturgy in his Empire and ensure that it was in agreement with the Roman practice. He got both more and less than he asked for. It was essentially a museum copy and somewhat severe, leaning heavily on penitential rites and it was lacking in some elements common in Gaul and needed for the liturgy. So at the invitation of Charlemagne, Alcuin, an English monk from York, a noted scholar, poet and teacher, joined the Carolingian court and assisted with this by addressing these apparent deficiencies in the Roman Sacramentary by adding material from Gelasian Sacramentaries then in use in Gaul in particular by including some Frankish martyrologies and prayers. Alcuin's mixed rite Sacramentary eventually found its way back to Rome and material from it was incorporated in the Roman Sacramentary. It is from this Gallicanized Roman Sacramentary that the finalized Roman Missal was eventually compiled. By roughly the 11th century, or at the latest by the 12th century, this Gallicanized Roman rite had supplanted all the pure Gallican rites in the west with the exception of the survival of the Mozarabic rite at Toledo and a Romanized version of the Ambrosian rite in Milan. So the principal that rite follows patriarchate as in the east had finally prevailed in the West as well.

## LITURGICAL CATECHESIS The Sacraments



Join **Bishop ANDRZEJ** for this final installment of his fall lecture series on **Sacraments**, presented as real encounters with the living **GOD**, touching all stages and all the important moments of **Christian life**.

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION**  
"THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION"

**Curé of Ars Parish, School Auditorium,**  
2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566  
This lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Advance Registration is Appreciated

Please call or email to register:

Suzanne Lynn at 516.744.6850; [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
or Curé of Ars, Merrick at 516.623.1400



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# DECEMBER 2019



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Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest,  
you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross  
and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit  
gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.  
Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests.  
Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood  
may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master.  
May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear  
conscience.  
Let them be shepherds according to your own heart,  
single-minded in service to you and to the Church,  
and shining examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life.  
Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and  
ours,  
draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care  
to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.  
Pope Benedict XVI



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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29 REV. AZUBUIKE ANTHONY CLIFFORD IGWEGBE PRAY FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR DIOCESE	30 MSGR. PAUL F. RAHILLY PRAY FOR DISCERNERS	31 REV. DONALD E. BABINSKI PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN FAMILIES				

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## PROMISE TO PROTECT/PLEDGE TO HEAL

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every arch/diocese/eparchy in the United States now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help you make a formal complaint of abuse to the arch/diocese/eparchy, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire. The victim assistance coordinator for your arch/diocese/eparchy is Mary McMahon, LCSW, Director at (516) 594-9063. All volunteers 16 and over must be background checked, and all volunteers 18 and over must attend the Virtus class.

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**-Birthright, Inc. 24 hour hotline 1 (800) 550-4900. Wantagh (516) 785-4070; Hampton Bays (631) 728-8900; Islip (631) 277-3888; Southold (631) 876-5138 or Rocky Point (631) 821-9727.

**PROJECT RACHEL HOPE AFTER ABORTION**- Do you know someone who is suffering abortion loss? Project Rachel is a ministry about finding hope and healing after abortion. For information call (516) 766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org).

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ." Embrace the love of God in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 31-February 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John &

Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/.resume> to [parishsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:parishsecretary1@gmail.com)

## TUESDAY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, 12:30 PM, December 17th, 2019, sponsored by the St. Aloysius Sociables of Great Neck, at the Milleridge Inn, 585 North Broadway, Jericho, N.Y. Cost: Price of your meal. Please call John Hyland (516) 482-3795 for reservations.

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## *Eucharistic Retreat Day*

Sunday, December 8, 2019

The Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist

*We welcome you to join us for a day set aside to adore, reverence, and love Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist*

*Come abide with Him on this day which includes*

*Hot Breakfast & Lunch  
Spiritual Meditations*

*Holy Mass*

*Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction*

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

To register, please use this link <https://forms.gle/Mg9aGMSJEz7bZXwm7> or call Alison Ferrara at 631-896-0870. Please state your name, email address, home address, parish and phone number.

For questions, please send e-mail to [MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com](mailto:MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com)  
Advance registration is **required** and registration using the link is preferred.

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### Travel Package Inclusions

- Round-trip economy class airfare via Lufthansa Airlines from New York.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from New York JFK International Airport.
- Deluxe motor-coach transportation upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- Eight (8) nights' accommodations in twin rooms at first-class hotels throughout.
- Buffet breakfast and dinner daily, including a farewell dinner at Hofbrauhaus in Munich.
- Full-time tour manager throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers.
- Sightseeing with licensed, professional, English-speaking guides as outlined in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary.
- Portage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels.
- Coordination of all liturgies as noted in the itinerary.
- Travel documents, travel wallet, luggage tags, name badge and drawstring bag.

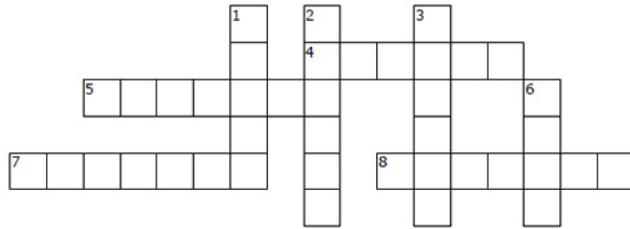
*Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.*

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

PREPARE	STRAIGHT	CLOTHES	LOCUSTS	REPENT
PATHS	BELT	LORD	KINGDOM	PROPHET
JOHN	DESERT	BAPTIST	HONEY	LEATHER
CAMEL	HEAVEN	PREACHING	HAIR	WILD



ACROSS

- To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
- What John did to people in the Jordan River
- To get ready for something that is going to happen
- One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future

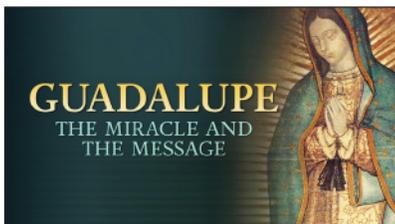
DOWN

- The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
- To deliver a sermon
- An area where there is little rain and not many plants
- The man who preached that Jesus was coming

REPENT	PREACH	VOICE	BAPTIZE
JOHN	PROPHET	DESERT	PREPARE

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PICK OF THE WEEK



**Guadalupe**  
The Miracle and the Message

*The Heart of the Evangelization of the Americas*

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of this Marian apparition to the modern world.

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