

CHURCH OF
SAINT AIDAN
WILLISTON PARK



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FLESH



December 22, 2019

**505 Willis Ave.
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Rectory Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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lynnp@staidanparish.org

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Rev. Adrian McHugh

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Rev. Ken Grooms
Rev. Solomon Odinukwe

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Mrs. Julie O'Connell

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**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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fr. Adrian	4:00 PM
Fr. Ed <i>Kirwin Hall</i>	4:15 PM
Fr. Ken <i>Gym</i>	4:15 PM
Fr. Adrian	5:30 PM
Fr. Solomon	8:00 PM
Fr. Ken	Midnight

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Fr. Adrian	7:30 AM
Fr. Ed	9:00 AM
Fr. Ken	10:30 AM
Fr. Adrian	12:00 PM
Fr. Solomon	1:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Fr. Ed	9:00 AM
Fr. Ken	5:00 PM
Fr. Adrian	7:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Fr. Adrian	7:30 AM
Fr. Ken	9:00 AM
Fr. Patrick	10:30 AM
Fr. Ken	12:00 PM
Fr. Patrick	5:00 PM

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Margaret Linehan (25th Anniversary Rem.)
Deacon Frank Love (3rd Anniversary Rem.)
Dcd. Mbrs. of the Pavlican Family
Lucilia Datorre

ADVENT WEEKDAY

No Mass
Margaret & James Twohig
Peter O'Hara (Birthday Rem.)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Richie Cavallaro
John Patrick Mulrooney
Milagros Seno (Anniversary Rem.)
Gregg Fiore
Vito & Paul Patrick Dondiego and DeVito
& Dongiego Family
Parishioners of St. Aidan

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Robert Lenney, Sr.
Mildred, Edward, John, Tom & Ed Lally
Dcd. Mbrs. of the Fiorillo & Mahaffey Families
Daniel P. Murphy
Jason & Anthony Ameruso

ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

No Mass
Daniel Walsh (Birthday Rem.)
Thomas F. Delaney (35th Anniversary Rem.)
Claire Cunningham (1st Anniversary Rem.)

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Carol Ann White
Joan Swanton
Vito Mossa (Anniversary Rem.)
Noel M. Ryan (Birthday Rem.)

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Josephine Witkowski (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Marie Andriano (Birthday Rem.)
The Faber Family
Thomas Biesty (Anniversary Rem.)
Michael Camardo
Shirley Odonits
Parishioners of St. Aidan

THE HOLY FAMILY

Lucy & Paul Petrillo
Mary Fennessy (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Patricia Cunningham
Heinz Berger
Silit, Lengiewicz & Kozlowski Family
Bernhard Berger (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Richard Lahey & Helen & Charles Melvin
Michael Cantillon

Kevin Plante

**CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
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 mecilful, 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.
Amen



What's Pastor Thinking

Recently we had a full moon. Such events invite us to look up and contemplate the mysteries above.

Today space exploration barely gets a mention apart from fictional movies like 'Star Wars.' And as for looking at a full moon, well we don't have time to look beyond our next scheduled event. In a busy world who has time for awe and mystery.

Maybe that's what's wrong with our society today. We don't look beyond our noses and so we miss out on the beauty of a full moon in late December. And we can miss out on awe, mystery, reflection and contemplation..

Christmas is a perfect time for reflection and contemplation. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke give us a story we can visualize - a young girl has a baby and shepherds and magi come to adore him. Matthew and Luke tell us of the town of Bethlehem and the star in the sky. Their stories are so vivid, filled with concrete things intended to answer our desire for explanations, not necessarily one filled with mystery and wonder.

John's gospel, on the other hand, focuses on the awe and mystery of the event. He uses metaphor and

allusions to draw us into the mystery of the Incarnation. John never mentions shepherds in the fields and the magi. Instead of the concrete characters we've come to recognize at the manger, John invites us to recognize the more significant mysteries of the Eternal becoming human, the Almighty being humbled, and the awe of beholding God's glory.

These mysteries are not just an historical event; they are present day wonders. Most prominent in John's poetry for us is the metaphor of light. A glance at the news reminds us that there are still places of physical and emotional and spiritual darkness. The darkness hasn't changed. What has changed is our ability and our willingness to reflect the light of God into the dark corners of our world.

The moon has no light of its own to offer. It merely reflects the light of the sun. Even in the nighttime, the sun is at work. Even in our darkened world, God is at work when we allow the light to be reflected from us. The mystery of the Incarnation is that God still comes to us; the wonder is that the light still shines through us. May the light of Christ reflects off us to a world in darkness.

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
Francesca Cacavale
Thomas Yorke
Helen Bondurant
Jack Groothuis
Sharon Devis
Virginia Fallon
Kathleen Donnelly
Kathleen Flynn
George Torres
Judy Kostovick

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

George Baltzer, Sr.

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

THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of
HUMBERTO & EDITH
SARMIENTO
Requested by Isabel Friedman

FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of My Sister
DIANE COPPOLO
Requested by James Delgrosso

BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

In Loving Memory of
JIMMY WARD & JAMES WARD
AL & MARIANNE MAYCE
Requested by Julia Ward & Family



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

533 families responded to our recent stewardship appeal. The average per family weekly increase was \$11.23.
Thank you so much to all our parishioners.

ONLINE GIVING

8 Parishioners are using Online Giving.
Go to staidanparish.org. Click on DONATE. A card will be available in the pews to put in the collection basket when you attend Mass. Thank you for supporting St. Aidan's.

STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

3,900 Envelopes Mailed 854 Envelopes Used
12/16/18 - \$24,529 12/15/19 - \$25,706 (+4.8%)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$169,600 Pledges \$124,296 Donors 484
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.

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Friday, December 27th at 2:00 PM
Justina Parmiter & Mitchel Vivero

Sunday, December 29th at 1:30 PM
Gina Riccobono & Peter Rice

FLU SEASON

Here are some directives regarding liturgical practices during the flu season

- During the Sign of Peace, instead of shaking hands or hugging, as is practiced in some parishes, it would be best to simply nod your head and avoid bodily contact.
- When praying the Our Father, please do not hold hands. Simply extend your hands toward Heaven or fold your hands.
- Holy Communion may be received under both species. During flu season it is recommended to receive the Consecrated Host and not the Chalice.
- Reception of the Consecrated Host in the hands limits contact with saliva, thus limits the spread of the flu virus.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should wash and sanitize their hands just prior to distribution Holy Communion and should wash and sanitize them immediately after distribution.
- If you are sick, sneezing or coughing, it would be best for you to stay home. You are welcome to take advantage of the TV Masses which are available on CFN and EWTN. It is not a sin to miss Mass on Sundays if you are ill.

Please try to limit the spread of influenza and to save lives. Please pray for all who have lost their lives as a result of the flu, and may we do our part to prevent its spread.

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 23, from 1:00-2:00 PM and from 4:30-5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

In Slavic countries there are many customs connected with the celebration of the Christ Child's birth. One such tradition is the breaking of Oplatek or Christmas wafer. The wafer, which looks much like unconsecrated communion bread, is traditionally broken at grace before the Christmas Eve meal. If you are interested in making the tradition part of your Christmas celebration, please purchase an Oplatek at the Rectory office (\$2.00 donation).

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

St. Aidan's is looking to expand its Ministry of Consolation, and we need your help! Ministers of Consolation offer support to families 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: Sts. Peter and Paul Room (across the street from the church in Finamore Parish Center).

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

'CHOCOLATE—CHOCOLATE'

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

POSITIVE DISCIPLINE WORKSHOP

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



The BLD Rockville Centre Charismatic Community would like to invite YOU to our...



Church of St. Aidan
505 Willis Avenue
Williston Park, NY 11596

HEALING MASS at 8:00 pm

***Every 1st Friday of the month and the Sacrament
of Reconciliation is available at 7:30 pm***

PRAISE & WORSHIP SCHEDULE :

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of the month

-Rosary 7:45 pm

-Worship 8:00 – 9:30 pm

-Fellowship 9:30 – 10:00 pm

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

FORMATION PROGRAM/TEACHING

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

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,

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.

PEANUT BUTTER GANG

Thank you everyone who volunteered to make peanut butter sandwiches at our last meeting. We made 1,200 sandwiches and 112 wash-up kits. The Gang meets on the second Saturday of every month. Join us if you can.

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.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

The monthly Singles Gathering will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020, 8:30 PM at St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. Our monthly gathering for singles; discussion and socialization. Ages 35+; \$5.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

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 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.



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: 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:45 am in the Peter and Paul Room located in the Finamore Parish Center to knit or crochet prayer shawls or lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14th. New members are always welcome. You need not know how to knit or crochet. We have talented parishioners who can teach you. If you have any question please call Parish Social Ministry (516) 746-6585 X 9410.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our winter blood drive will take place on Sunday, January 12th in Msgr. Kirwin Hall from 8-2 pm. Please consult flyer in the bulletin for more information.

Items Needed: cleaning products, dishwashing liquid, soups, mac and cheese, ketchup and tissues

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be closed December 24- 30. 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).

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!**



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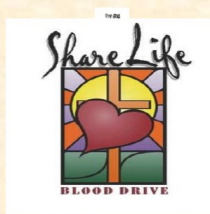
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St. Aidan's Church Blood Drive



Sunday, January 12, 2020
525 Willis Ave., Williston Park
8:00am-2:00pm ~ Msgr Kirwin Hall

One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives

You must be between the ages of 16-75 years old to donate blood (16 yr olds need parental consent & over 75 yrs need Dr.'s note)

You must weigh at least 110 pounds to donate

It is perfectly safe to donate blood every 56 days

You will need DONOR CARD or ID w/ photo or signature

Eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating

Remember, Blood is Life... Pass It On !

10:30 AM FAMILY MASS

Christmas is almost here! Please join us on January 5th when we will celebrate Three Kings Day! A reception will take place immediately following the Mass in Msgr. Kirwin Hall. As always, there will be door prizes!

Visit the Family Mass Table in the Main Lobby of the Church for some wonderful ideas on celebrating all the days of the Christmas season as a family! Be a great Missionary Disciple and invite a friend to Mass!



The Family Mass Team wishes you a Blessed Christmas!

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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2019

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

In his December 1, 2019 Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*, Our Holy Father Pope Francis writes:

“The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture...I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.

Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. *It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be discovered and revived.*”

The Holy Father captures so poignantly how we creatively share our Catholic faith generation to generation through the Nativity sets and creches that bring Christ’s light and love into our homes, our parishes and our public squares.

He also captures how the poor, the outcast, the ignored, the forgotten and the vulnerable have a privileged place in every Nativity scene: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod’s palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.”

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and the power and presence of the Prince of Peace in our families, in the Church and in the World, we realize at the same time that the Christmas Crib can never be separated from the agony of Calvary’s Cross.

Even as we rejoice this Christmas of 2019, we remember and stand with the poor, the hungry, the addicted, the mentally ill, the global refugees and non-documented immigrants, and survivors of sexual abuse.

As we pray before the Christmas manger and see the beauty, the hope, the possibility in the birth of Jesus, we are compelled to remember that far too many children do not receive the welcome and joy they deserve for the miracle of their existence.

We cannot forget this Christmas season the great sadness that New York State, through the passage of the horrific Reproductive Health Act¹, has enshrined into law the killing of innocent human beings through abortion up until the moment of actual birth and beyond, as this radical law permits the killing of those children who survive abortion.

Together, we invoke the power of the Prince of Peace and His compassionate Word found in the Beatitudes and in His call to serve the poor and the most vulnerable among us in Matthew 25. Our Lord gives us the courage and the voice as the Catholic Church in New York State and around the world to speak of the beauty, the sanctity and the dignity of every human life.

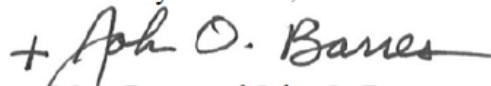
We will continue to be “a sign of contradiction” by witnessing relentlessly and courageously to the Gospel of Human Life. As is said in the first words of the *Didache*, the earliest known non-Scriptural Christian writing: “There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death...” We will always stand with our earliest ancestors in the Christian faith in favor of the Way of Life and opposed to the Way of Death.

We will continue to seek the intercession of St. Thomas More, patron of statesmen, politicians and lawyers for the conversion of the public servants who have supported this tragic legislation.

The Cistercian biblical scholar Father Simeon writes: “The Child, while present only in Bethlehem by his poverty and weakness, is already present in the pattern of the constellations by his splendor and his glory.”²

May our praise and glory of the Prince of Peace fill our hearts and homes and give us the courage and prayerful determination to bring the Joy of the Gospel and the Splendor of Truth to every public square in New York State and throughout the world.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ <https://www.drvc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/ReproductiveHealthCareAct.pdf>

² Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis (Fr. Simeon), *Fire of Mercy Heart of the World: Meditations on the Gospel according to St. Matthew Volume 1* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1996), 76.

What's Happening at St. Aidan School



*Merry Christmas
from the Faculty, Staff, and
Students at
St. Aidan School*





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.staidanscvo.org by
January 1, 2020

\$25 late fee after January 1, 2020

Session Times will be not be determined
until registration closes

2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

**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.**

**If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please
prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal.**

**Pledges can be accepted until December 31, 2019
and payments can be made through January 31, 2020!**

Self-Mailers are provided in the back of the church.

**This Advent, let us all join together as the *Hands of
Christ's Mercy!***

Thank You!



Please make checks payable to *Catholic Ministries Appeal*.

Parish: _____ Total Pledge: \$ _____

Name: _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

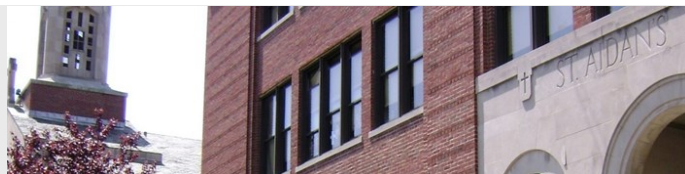
*Re-registration of our present Pre-K students
returning for Kindergarten will be completed
through the mail. Information will be forwarded to
you through school.*

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.



Faith Formation

Catechist Needed! A catechist is needed for a grade 8 class that meets on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 8:30 PM. 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 10:10AM. 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.

THREE KINGS DAY CELEBRATION: January 5th is Three Kings Day (also know as 3 Wise Men)! There will be a reception sponsored by the Family Mass Team in Msgr. Kirwin Hall immediately following the Mass for everyone. Please join us. Yes, there will be door prizes and refreshments!

ATTENTION GRADES 3 THROUGH 6 PARENTS: There will be a meeting for all parents whose children are in grades 3 through 6 on Monday, January 13th at 7:30 PM in the Upper School Cafeteria. Please use the Cafeteria Entrance located in the back parking lot of the Upper School Building.

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 18TH TO JANUARY 6th. *The Faith Formation Staff wishes you a Blessed Christmas! Carolyn, Maryann, Liz, Jim, and Elaine*

The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
January 2020 through March 2020
Register Online WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

RCIA Level I

Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon

Wednesday, January 15 22, 29
and February 19, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Or

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/

Fourth Sunday in Advent

IN THESE FINAL DAYS OF ADVENT,
CONSIDER GATHERING AS A
FAMILY AROUND YOUR HOME
NATIVITY SCENE TO SAY A
BLESSING TOGETHER.

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

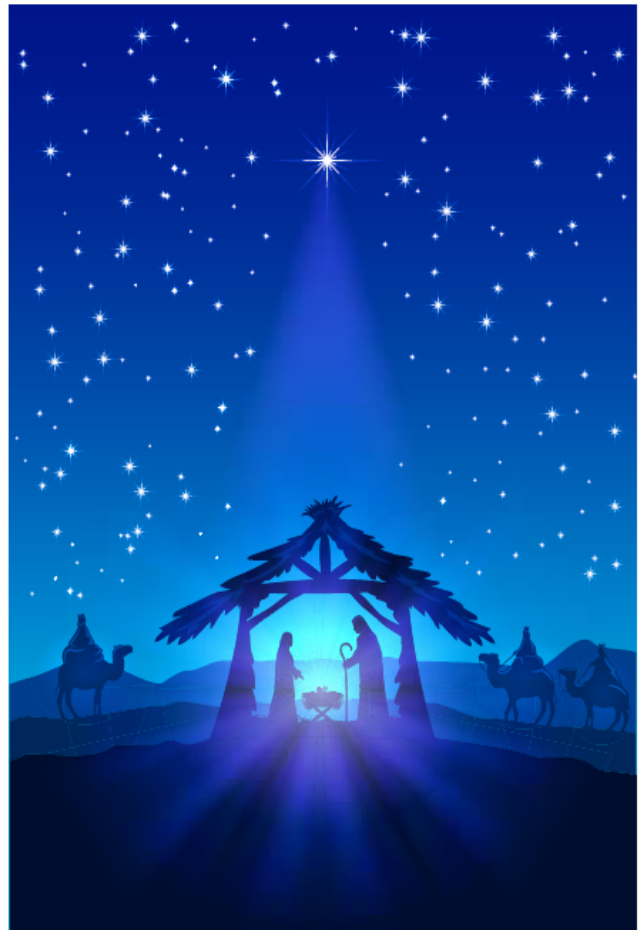
One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, [Luke 2:1](#) (lines 1-8) or [Isaiah 7:10](#) (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.



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Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
R/. Amen.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

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







2019 Christmas Memorials



Front Windows Mary's Transept

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- #1 *In Loving Memory of*
GABRIEL A. SANTUCCI
Donated by His Loving Family
- #2 *In Loving Memory of*
ALICE QUANDT
Donated by Rose Sperber Blase
- #3 *In Loving Memory of*
HARRY ENTENMANN
Donated From Your Loving Family
- #4 *In Loving Memory of*
SUSAN & JOHN MC DEVITT
Donated by The McDevitt Family
- #5 *In Loving Memory of*
ANNA & MICHAEL JAKOBY
Donated Ann Reilly
- #6 *In Loving Memory of*
AGNES YANDOLI, VERONICA
PORTARO & JEANNE AMODIO
Donated by Carolyn Mueller

- #7 THE PISCATELLA FAMILY
- #8 THE KAMMER & COLAVITO FAMILIES
- #9 *In Loving Memory of*
EDWARD WILLIAM BLATZ
Donated by The Cunningham & Stanton Families
- #10 *In Loving Memory of*
CLAIRE & EDWARD CUNNINGHAM
Donated by Cunningham & Stanton Families

- #11 *In Loving Memory of*
DANIEL & NORMA STANTON
Donated by Stanton Family
- #12 STEVEN DANIEL CLANCY
*Deeply Missed, Deeply Loved,
Always Remembered*
Donated by The Clancy Family

- #13 *In Loving Memory of*
LOLA REYNOLDS
Donated by Tim & Kate Reynolds & Family
- #14 *Deceased Members of the*
DOWNES, SULLIVAN & MC ARDLE FAMILIES
Donated by William & Doreen Downes
- #15 *In Loving Memory of*
DONATO & ISOLANDA ABBALLE
Donated by Abballe Plumbing


- #16 *In Loving Memory of*
KEVIN B. GALWAY
Donated by Pat Galway
- #17 *In Loving Memory of*
FRANK FALCINELLI
Donated by Marie Falcinelli
- #18 *In Loving Memory of*
STEVEN DANIEL CLANCY
With Love Your Grandparents

- #19 *In Loving Memory of*
ROBINSON, TOMEI & NERI FAMILIES
Donated by The John & Angela Robinson

Front Windows St. Joseph's Transept

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Right Side Aisle

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- #20 *In Loving Memory of*
MICHAEL PEPPARD
Donated by Margaret Peppard
- #21 *In Loving Memory of*
DAN KOPETIC
Donated by The Kopetic Family
- #22 *In Loving Memory of*
BOB KOPETIC
Donated by The Kopetic Family
- #23 *Deceased Members of the*
DELANEY & KIERNAN FAMILIES
Donated by Patrick Kiernan
- #24 *In Loving Memory of*
BARBARA BIALOBRZESKI PAGELS
CHARLES DEMEO
Donated by Patricia & Thomas Tilley
- #25 MORIARTY & OCKOVIC FAMILIES
Donated by Rich & Mary Ellen
Ockovic
- #26 *In Loving Memory of*
DEACON FRANK LOVE
Donated by His Family



2019 Christmas Memorials

COLUMN WREATHS (facing the Altar)

1st Left Column Wreath

Donated by Betty Schnell

In Loving Memory of

ROBERT SCHNELLE & BETSY KARMAN

1st Right Column Wreath

Donated by Mom & Dad

In Loving Memory of

GREGORY ABATEMARCO

2nd Left Column Wreath

Donated Their Loving Family

In Loving Memory of

ROSE & PASQUALE SALVA &
HARRIETTE & JOSEPH PARENDO

2nd Right Column Wreath

Donated by Virginia Villa

In Loving Memory of

CALOGERO VILLA & WILLIAM A. RIZZO

3rd Left Column Wreath

Donated by Theresa Sullivan

In Loving Memory of

MAUREEN HOGAN

3rd Right Column Wreath

Donated by Theresa Sullivan

In Loving Memory of

MARY & PATRICK HOGAN

4th Left Column Wreath

Donated by The Costabile &
Sheridan Families

In Loving Memory of

MARY & PAUL COSTABILE &
EVELYN & CHARLES SHERIDAN

4th Right Column Wreath

Donated by Abballe Plumbing

In Loving Memory of

DONATO & IOLANDA ABBALLE

5th Left Column Wreath

Donated by The Vanatta Family

In Loving Memory of

ANTHONY & ELEANOR VANATTA

5th Right Column Wreath

Donated by The Viscardi Family

In Loving Memory of

MARYANN T. CELIA & RITA & JOSEPH VISCARDI



2019 Christmas Memorials

CHOIR LOFT WREATHS (left to right facing loft-clock in middle)

1st Choir Loft

Donated by Her Parents Mr. & Mrs. Frank Murphy

In Loving Memory of

REGINA MURPHY

2nd Choir Loft Wreath

Donated by Daniel Giordano

In Loving Memory of

**LUCY TUMIA, MICHAEL GIORDANO,
WILLIAM SULLIVAN & LINDA CATALANO**

3rd Choir Loft Wreath

Donated by Richard Ryan

In Loving Memory of

NOEL RYAN

4th Choir Loft Wreath

Donated by Norm Jarine

JARDINE & DUKES FAMILY

EXTERIOR WREATHS (left to right facing church)

Left Exterior Door

Donated by *The Connolly, Johnson & Saketos Families*

In Loving Memory of

THOMAS JOHNSON

Center Exterior Door

Donated by Their Children

In Loving Memory of

DOLORES & PETER OWENS, SR.

LARGE SANCTUARY TREES (left to right facing altar)

Left Large Christmas Tree

Donated by James Delgrosso

In Loving Memory of My Dear Sister

**DIANE T. COPPOLO &
MONSIGNOR JAMES M. MCDONALD**

TABERNACLE TREES (left to right facing altar)

Left Tree

Donated by Colleen, Conor & Fiona Cahill

In Loving Memory of

MICHAEL CAHILL

Right Tree

Donated by Mildred Clinton

In Loving Memory of

**GENE CLINTON &
LILLIAN & JOSEPH TINGHITELLA**

2019 Christmas Memorials

SANCTUARY WREATH (left to right facing altar)

Right Wreath

Donated by Frederick J. Emken

In Loving Memory of

MARJORIE V. EMKEN

EXTRA LARGE POINCETTIA PLANTS

Mary's Altar

Donated by Eileen Fitzgerald & Family

In Loving Memory of

JOHN W. FITZGERALD

St. Joseph's Altar

Donated by His Loving Family

In Loving Memory of

MICHAEL LEE

Sacred Heart Statue

Donated by Clarke and Martin Families

THE CLARKE AND MARTIN FAMILIES

St. Therese Statue

Donated by Karen Viscardi & Michael Cilia

In Loving Memory of

MARYANN T. CILIA

St. Anthony Statue

Donated by Ann Reilly

In Loving Memory of

DANIEL REILLY

CRECHE IN SANCTUARY

Donated by Dick & Maureen Kearns

Deceased Members of

KEARNS & WATERS FAMILIES

FRONT OF RECTORY

In Thanksgiving



2019 Christmas Memorials

EVERGREEN ROPING

Donated by The O'Connell's

Matty, Colleen, Emily, Matthew & Joseph

In Loving Memory of

JIMMY "POPPY" O'CONNELL

LARGE VESTIBULE WREATHS (facing front of church)

Left Vestibule Wreath

Donated by Peter J. Tennis

In Loving Memory of

MY WIFE PATRICIA

MY SON JAMES

MY DAUGHTER VIRGINIA

Right Vestibule Wreath

Donated by Patricia & Thomas Tilley

In Loving Memory of

EDGAR N. TILLEY

PATRICIA V. TENNIS

JAMES P. TENNIS

VIRGINIA T. STARKES

LARGE WREATHS BACK INSIDE CHURCH

Left Back Inside Church

In Loving Memory of Our Parents

AGNES & ANTHONY KIMKOWSKI

MARY & TED MOSS

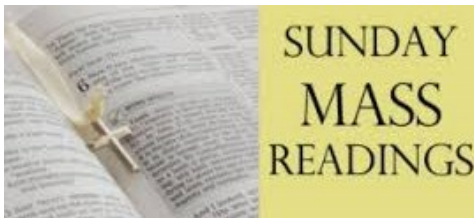
Right Back Inside Church

Donated by His Loving Wife Carolyn

TOM STALTERS

My Santa

*Thank you for your kind and generous
support of our needs!*



The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Readings for today pick up again the theme of the "Coming of the King..." but in a way that asks us to examine our hearts to see if we are really getting ready to receive Him. In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (7:10-14), we have the familiar story about the Prophet's confrontation with King Ahaz of Judah. (Circa 735-715 BC approximately) Judah is faced with an invasion by the Assyrians, and Ahaz believes that an alliance with Egypt is better than relying upon God and His promises to save Judah. In frustration, Isaiah gives Ahaz a "sign" that is so unusual it should have caused the king to take notice, but he refuses and plunges Judah into disaster. The essence of this story is that God's plan will triumph in spite of mankind's refusal to cooperate. This is also a veiled warning to us today to be careful about our relationships.

In the Responsorial Psalm (24:1-6), the psalmist spells out the conditions that God expects of us in presenting our worship to the King of all nations. Ascending the "mountain of the Lord" was the Jewish way of saying "Let us go to Jerusalem and its temple in order to worship the Lord of all creation." It fits into our reading for this day because it asks us to prepare ourselves for the coming of the "King of all nations" at Christmas time.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (1:1-7). In this

opening passage and greeting, Paul lays out the whole purpose of his and our call as Christians, and that is "called to belong to Jesus Christ" and "called to holiness and apostleship" so that he and we might spread the name of Jesus and by doing so, bring others to believe.

In the Gospel Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (1:18- 24), we hear the familiar story of how Jesus came into this world "through a woman" in what appears to be a normal birth process. However, as we now know, the story is anything but "normal." It is the fulfillment of the promises made to David and to his successors, such as King Ahaz, and to all mankind, for He, Jesus, is the savior of the world. Without our belief and trust in this truth, we would still be in sin and our faith would be worthless. (See 1Corinthians 15:17)

Advent is a time of soul-searching and preparing, of waiting and hoping, of examining our heart and actions to see if they conform to what God

expects of us. Are you worshipping with all your heart, mind, body and soul? We are all called to holiness through our baptism and our worship of the King of kings. We cannot afford to wait another minute. Our preparation time is nearing the end. Something to think about during your Prayer time this week!

The readings for the fourth Sunday of Advent all relate to the annunciation of Christ's birth, so the candle is sometimes referred to as the Angel's candle. This year we read of how the angel, or messenger, from God appeared to Joseph in a dream explaining that Mary was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Child would be special. Next year we will hear of how the angel Gabriel spoke with Mary and announced that her child would be the Son of God, and the year after, we hear part of her response in her prayer, The Magnificat. So this Sunday reminds us of how important it is to listen to the word of God, whether dramatically announced by an angel, or proclaimed by the lector, priest, or deacon.



*In every community, home and heart
the Christ Child is welcomed, freely, openly and joyfully.*

*Wishing a blessed and joyous Christmas from
Catholics for Freedom of Religion*

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us..." Luke 1:7



- 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.

Now, again, back to the history of the Mass. All that has been written concerning the Roman Mass so far has concerned what we would later describe as the High Mass. From the beginning we read of the liturgy being celebrated with deacons and assistants and in the presence of the people who sing their part. Until the Middle Ages, Mass was not said more than once on the same day. The bishop or senior cleric celebrated, and the rest of the clergy either received Communion or concelebrated. This is still the practice in the Eastern Churches, where there is no equivalent to the Low Mass some of us grew up with. By the early Middle Ages in the West, every priest offered his own Mass daily, which had far-reaching effects, not only upon the liturgy, but also on Church architecture and Canon Law. The proliferation of Masses was

due to theological reasons augmented by simple logic. Every Mass is a sacrifice of atonement and has a value before God; logically then, two Masses would be worth twice as much as one. So more Masses were offered, and this provided the opportunity for offering each Mass for a specific intention and charging a stipend for it. By the 9th century, the growth in the number of Masses had reached the point that many priests said Mass many times a day. Although this was later restricted in the 13th century, it was a major cause of dissention leading to the Protestant Reformation. All these things led to a less formal service that became known as the Low Mass. The Low Mass also affected the High Mass. Originally the celebrant said or sang his part and listened, like

everyone else, to the other parts, the readings, songs and hymns and so on. Later, since at Low Mass in which he had to take the place of the other ministers and the choir himself and say all the prayers and readings himself, he began to say them at High Mass too.

The development of the Roman Missal was further greatly affected by one new technology in Europe, the development of the printing press using moveable type around 1450. The spread of printing marked a decisive stage in the standardization of the liturgy. Rather than the laboriously hand scribed (and beautifully decorated) missals which were limited in number, significantly greater numbers of missals, all in the same format, could be widely

disseminated. The first printed edition of the Roman Missal was published in Milan in 1474 and is still in existence in the Ambrosian Library. Most of it, including the Ordinary, Canon, Proper of the time and much else, it is identical to the Missal published by St. Pius V in 1570. The development of printing, combined with the expansion of the Low Mass, led to widespread dissemination of the Missal, and so we had the near universal arrangement in the west where the celebrant spoke in a low voice at the altar whatever was previously sung by the ministers and choir which continued to be the practice until Vatican II.

IGNITE CONFERENCE

A DAY OF FORMATION FOR ADULTS ON EVANGELIZING YOUTH

JANUARY 4, 2020

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE *of* ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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.

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.

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://www.menyli.org/.resume> to parishsecretary1@gmail.com

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.

COMPUTER HELP Do you want to learn how to use the computer? Do you need help with your smart phone? Did your kids buy you an iPad that is still in the box? We can help. Free Technology Course Offered to Senior Citizens. The "COMPUTEERS" club of Mineola High School's Student Service Center is offering a four session Technology Training course for adults. We can teach you how to use Smart Phones, iPads and tablets, e-Readers and of course, personal computers. The Winter course will be offered on Wednesdays, January 8th, 15th, and 29th and February 5th from 2:25 - 3:20. We hope you can attend all 4 sessions, but you can register for each individually if necessary. Classes are held at the High School. There is NO CHARGE for this course. No technology

experience is necessary and all levels of technology literacy are addressed. Class participants are given one on one instruction with high school student volunteers. You must register in advance, since enrollment is limited. To register, call 237-2615 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

JOB POSTING The Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking a Part-Time Receptionist. This part-time position is 20 hours per week Monday–Friday 12:30–4:30 pm. Responsibilities: Greet visitors and direct people to appropriate office and workshops. Assist with mail and package deliveries answer and direct phone calls, copy information as needed, assist with various clerical projects as needed. Position Requirements: It is important that the candidate have excellent telephone and strong interpersonal skills. Upbeat personality and enjoys working with people. Maintains appropriate confidentiality at all times. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred. Please email your cover letter and resume in word format as an email attachment. Please note Part-Time Receptionist in subject of e-mail to our Human Resources Department: Diocese of Rockville Centre, P O Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 - Email: employment@drvc.org - Fax: 516-678-9566

Fr. Edward Sheridan, Diocese of Rockville Centre,
invites you to join him on a 10-day pilgrimage to Germany & Austria with

Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity



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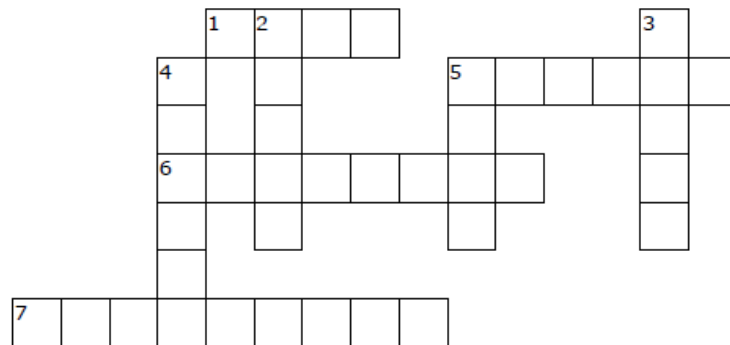
- Round-trip economy class airfare via Lufthansa Airlines from New York.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from New York JFK International Airport.
- Deluxe motor-coach transportation upon arrival and available for the 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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SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER

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