

CHURCH OF
SAINT AIDAN

LIGHT OF THE

World

JOHN 1:4

The Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2020

**505 Willis Ave.
Williston Park
New York 11596-1727**

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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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Rev. Solomon Odinukwe

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Rev. Rudy Martin ext. 412

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ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8
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Ms. Barbara Graham

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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. 101 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. 101.

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.

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

WEEKDAY

Jane Giulini
Peter O'Hara (Birthday Rem.)
Jean Haggerty
Eugene Collein

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

WEEKDAY

James & Lillian Kirwin
Steven Daniel Clancy (25th Birthday Rem.)
Ellwood Jansen, Jr. (Anniversary Rem.)
Josephine Silvaggio (Birthday Rem.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Helen Majkowski & Family
Robert Nichols
Sophie Peplowski (8th Anniversary Rem.)
Charles Schnall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Evelyn Sheridan (Birthday Rem.)
Vera Dudkowski
Andrew Batcho
Barbara Rudofsky

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

WEEKDAY

Lv. Ints. of Eileen Fitzgerald
School Mass-Giuseppe Di Costanzo
Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Clinton & Tinghitella Family
Marion Carroll De Haven (Birthday Rem.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

WEEKDAY

Francis X. Murphy (Birthday Rem.)
John & Gregg Fiore
John Murray
Lisa Margaritis
Alice Brennan (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Lucy Razzetto
John Nagy

Fr. Adrian 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Charles Barkaus (Birthday Rem.)
Patrick Goggins (19th Anniversary Rem.)
Parishioners of St. Aidan
Bruce E. Anderson (35th Anniversary Rem.)
Jeanne Jaronczyk (Birthday Rem.)
Margaret McGuigan (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Matthew Clark
Angel Luis Llanes (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Isabella Nicolia

Fr. Solomon 5:00 PM

IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT LIFE
WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

JOHN 1:4



What's Pastor Thinking

Today is Super Bowl Sunday. My knowledge of football is limited—but one thing I know is that there's going to be a winner and a loser.

In this country, we're pretty big on winners. Winners are the people that get elected, the people who get promotions, the people who drive the expensive cars, wear the nice clothes - and the team that wins the Superbowl. It's hard to imagine a world without winners and losers. It is hard not to try to win. If you apply for a job and you don't want to win, your family won't have a roof over their heads. So we live in a competitive world.

It was into this world of winners and losers that Jesus came to offer salvation. He calls us to see things differently. Today's Gospel from Luke gives us the story of the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple. There Mary and Joseph meet Simeon, a spiritual man who recognized this child to be the Christ.

We have encountered spiritual people like Simeon who have helped us recognize God. George Gallup, Jr. and Timothy Jones from their book, 'The Saints Among Us,' tell us that Spiritually mature people share nine characteristics: Spiritually mature people feel a genuine sense of the presence of God in their lives and their religious experiences are a source of strength,

personal growth, and the healing of inner conflicts. These people are likely to have a daily time of private prayer, a greater sense of inner peace, to feel more joyful and happy, and are less likely to feel depressed. They are more humble. They are far more often engaged in compassionate helping acts to others. They are less racially prejudiced. They are far more capable of forgiving people who wrong them and to be constructive, reconciling members of society. They are more favorable to church involvement in political activity in order to right wrongs in society. Sounds to me that these authors are telling us to put God first in our lives.

God has already called you to new life in Him. He has given you the possibility of a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with Him. It isn't something you have to strive for - it is a gift for you today. Talk to Him about it. Pray about it. You won't be sorry.

Where does this leave us with the Super Bowl? The message of Jesus is for them as well. At this point in time, some players are probably mourning someone they love. Perhaps some players are feeling pretty meek. And they all want righteousness, so long as it is on their side. They've worked hard to succeed. One team will make it and one will not. But the bottom line is, they will be blessed if they do God's will, no matter who wins.

**WE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK**

Jill Ohl
Lily O'Rourke
John Joseph Mulrooney
Steve Pomticello
Kay Perro
Mark Cristello
Richard Pearles
Maryann Katkowsky
Sean Anderson
Francesca Cacavale
Thomas Yorke
Helen Bondurant
Ashley Lyons
Judy Kostovick
Jack Groothuis
Sharon Devis
Agnes Chun
Blaise DeCario Webber
Virginia Fallon
Kathleen Donnelly
Carol McKeon
Patricia Tomasone
Heinz Schmid
Hedy Valledolmo
Virginia Bradley
James Laverty
Isabella Mueller

**WE PRAY FOR
OUR DECEASED**

Marie T. McLaughlin
Mary Magaldi
Megan Smith
James McCabe

**BREAD & WINE
MEMORIAL**

In Loving Memory of
**STEVEN DANIEL
CLANCY**
25th Birthday
Remembrance
Requested by His Family

STEWARDSHIP
01/27/19 - \$22,005
01/26/20 - \$29,513
(+34.11%)

**ST. AIDAN SCHOOL
COLLECTION**
01/27/19 - \$7,704
01/26/20 - \$9,176
(+19.1%)

ONLINE GIVING
50 parishioners are
currently using Online
Giving. Go to
staidanparish.org.
Click on DONATE.

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES**
Goal \$169,600
Pledges \$131,350
Donors 494

Thank you for helping the
Diocese raise more than
\$9.5 million for the
Catholic Ministries Appeal
in 2019!



Please join us in celebrating the installation as pastor of

Fr. Adrian McHugh



CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN
505 WILLIS AVE, WILLISTON PARK, NY 11596
5:00 PM MASS

SATURDAY | 22 | FEBRUARY

**RECEPTION IN KIRWIN HALL
FOLLOWING MASS**

ALL ARE WELCOME



INCOME TAX DONATION LETTER

If you need an income tax statement for your **2019 Stewardship** donations to the parish, please call the Rectory office at (516) 746-6585 x101 or send in or drop the tear-off into the collection basket and a statement will be sent out in the mail.

Name _____ Telephone # _____
(as it appears on your envelopes)

Address _____

Envelope Number # _____ (if you know it-not necessary)

**ANOTHER OPTION IS TO WRITE THE WORD "TAX" ON YOUR WEEKLY ENVELOPE AND
WE WILL AUTOMATICALLY SEND OUT YOUR STATEMENT.**

ST. AIDAN'S YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, January 19, 2020, the Saint Aidan Youth Group had a fun trip to Puzzle Break Long Island.

The Youth Group is open to any boy or girl in the 8th - 12th grade. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Steve Loewenthal at SaintAidan YouthGroup@gmail.com or at (516) 410 - 6461. New Members are always welcome! Also, Please follow the Youth Group on Instagram @Saint_Aidan_Youth_Group



YOUTH GROUP 2020 SCHEDULE

February 2	NO MEETING (SUPER BOWL)
February 9	Meeting 6:00 PM -7:30 PM
February 16	Meeting @ Luigi's Pizzeria from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
February 21	Ronald McDonald House Volunteering 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
February 28	Meeting 6:00 PM-7:30 PM
March 1	Meeting 6:00 PM -7:30 PM
March 8	Meeting 6:00 PM -7:30 PM SMORE'S COOKOUT
March 15	Meeting 6:00 PM -7:30 PM
March 22	Meeting @ Luigi's Pizzeria from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
March 28	Day of Recollection
March 29	Easter Basket Making and Drive

2021 MASS BOOK

The 2021 Mass book will be opened on March 28 from 9:00-11:00 AM in Finamore Parish Center. A limit of three Masses will be permitted. The book will then be closed until April 15th for recording purposes.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Throats will be blessed after all Masses on Monday, February 3rd. The blessing of throats may be given by a priest, deacon or lay minister—so we ask Eucharistic

Ministers and Lectors to remain after Mass to assist with the blessing. Please check the sign-in sheet in the sacristy.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Eucharistic Ministers are invited to help distribute both Holy Communion and ashes on Ash Wednesday. There is a sign-up sheet in the sacristy if you are available. Masses on Ash Wednesday are 6:30 am, 9:00 am and 12:30pm. There is a Prayer service at 3:30 pm. Evening Masses at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Ashes will be distributed after each service.

2020 BETHANY RETREAT

The St. Aidan's 2020 Bethany Retreat will be here before you know it. If you have not attended before this could be the year that Jesus is calling you. The retreat is run by parishioners for parishioners. So mark your calendars for March 20th and 21st.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Girl Scout Sunday is being celebrated on Sunday, March 8th at St. Aidan Parish at the 10:30 AM Mass. Girl Scouts should attend in uniform (sashes and vests). Arrive at 10:15 AM to process in with the celebrant Leaders may obtain patches by sending a check to "Catholic Committee" at the Catholic Scouting Office, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

If you have questions please contact Janice Syers at rnjanice@msn.com

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The next JCDA meeting will be held on February 2nd in the convent from 1:00-2:00 PM Please bring any merchant gifts you have already gotten. We are collecting money for the Mother/Daughter Brunch. Please put in an envelope and give to Mrs. Lamere. Girls who are doing baskets please think of a theme. Girls doing baskets put no more than \$10 towards the basket. Any questions please call Mrs. Lamere at (516) 972-0779.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

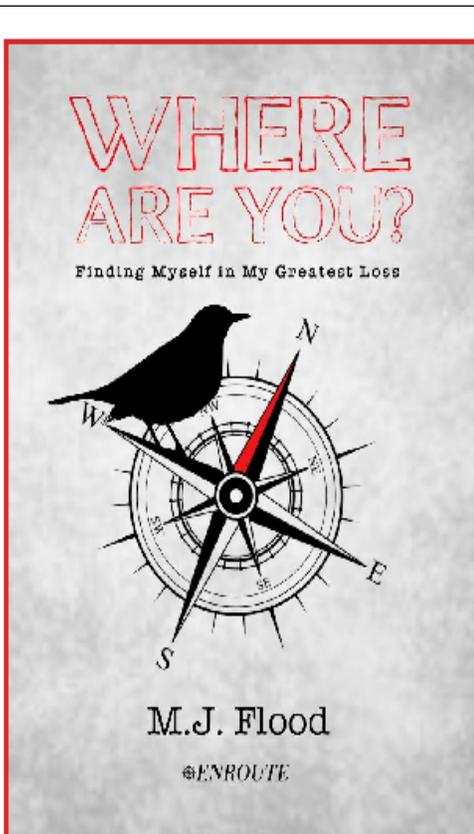
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1577 will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:30pm in Kirwin Hall. After a short business meeting, we will have a presentation by local author and teacher M.J. Flood. He will share an excerpt from his book and give an inspirational talk. We invite any parishioners who are interested to join us at 8:00. Refreshments will be served.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Court St. Aidan #1577 FATHER TULLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND JOAN P. FOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP All children of St. Aidan Parish, whether they attend public or private school, are eligible to apply for the Father Tulley Memorial Scholarship and the Joan P. Foy Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Student must have taken the High School Placement Test in October or November of 2019.
- Student must have been accepted and plan to attend a Catholic High School in September of 2020 and must not have received a full tuition scholarship to said school.

Families must be registered parishioners of St. Aidan Parish. Students who attend St. Aidan School will receive an application from the principal or their homeroom teacher. All other interested students please contact the Court Education Chairperson at (516) 747-1579 for an application and further information. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2020 TO QUALIFY.



M.J. Flood, Where Are You?

“...a tender ‘must read.’”

Reverend Dr. Marjorie S. Schiering,
Molloy College

“I would recommend the memoir to anyone suffering loss.”

Virginia C. Honerkamp, RN MSN,
Certified Hospice and Palliative Care

“...this heart-rending memoir will bring solace and healing hope....He risks being vulnerable and misunderstood while validating the reality of loss in life, enveloped in faith and ultimately the grace of healing.”

Martha Weiss, Guardian Angel Perinatal Support Group,
St. Kilian Parish, Farmingdale, NY

Where Are You? Finding Myself in My Greatest Loss is the first published work by M.J. Flood. Recalling the author's experience as the father of a stillborn daughter, this memoir articulates the private heartbreak so frequently associated with disenfranchised griefs like pregnancy loss. But Where Are You? is ultimately a work of hope, as



M.J. Flood walks the reader through the chaos of death in search of the peace of healing. M.J. Flood is a husband and a father of two little girls and a baby angel. Residing in Long Island, New York, he teaches literature and writing at Kellenberg Memorial High School and at Molloy College. Where Are You? Finding Myself in My Greatest Loss, published by EnRoute Books and Media, St. Louis, Missouri.

A Story of Loss...and Healing

COLUMBIETTES

Would you like to join a Catholic group in 2020? The Columbiettes from Corpus Christi Council 2502, invite you to join our group. We are Catholic women 18 years and over. We meet at the Knights of Columbus, 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, NY in the lounge downstairs. Please RSVP to Ruth Ann at (516) 221-6106.

ST. PATRICK SEASON-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Save the Dates – Corpus Christi Council #2502 of the Knights of Columbus is

sponsoring two events in celebration of St. Patrick.

Mark your calendars now!

- Sunday March 1st – OPEN HOUSE at the Council Hall (186 Jericho Tpke.) during and after the Annual Mineola St. Patrick Parade (Doors Open at 12:00 noon). FREE ADMISSION! Reasonable prices for Corned Beef, Shepherd's Pie, Guinness, Irish Coffee and other beverages. Live Music by Billy and Jacinta. Special Appearance by the New York State Court's Pipe and Drum Corps.
- Saturday, March 14th – ST. PATRICK DINNER-DANCE at Council Hall; 8:00 pm – 12:00 midnight (doors will open at 7:30 pm). Honoring as Irishman of the Year, Rev. Adrian McHugh. Family Style Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Shepherd's Pie, Coffee & Dessert and full Open Bar. Live Band – The Switch – Appearance by Feis na Nollag (step dancers from Donny Golden School of Irish Dance). Cost \$ 60 per person. Reservations contact Jim at KofCJim2502 @gmail.com or text to (516) 282-6774 or voice-mail to (516) 270-3744.

PEANUT BUTTER GANG

Join us on Saturday, February 8th at 8:15 AM 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 by Wednesday, February 5th 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).

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 21st.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Save the date for the St. Aidan Holy Name Society Annual Men's Retreat May 1-3 at Bishop Molloy Retreat House, Jamaica Estates, NY.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

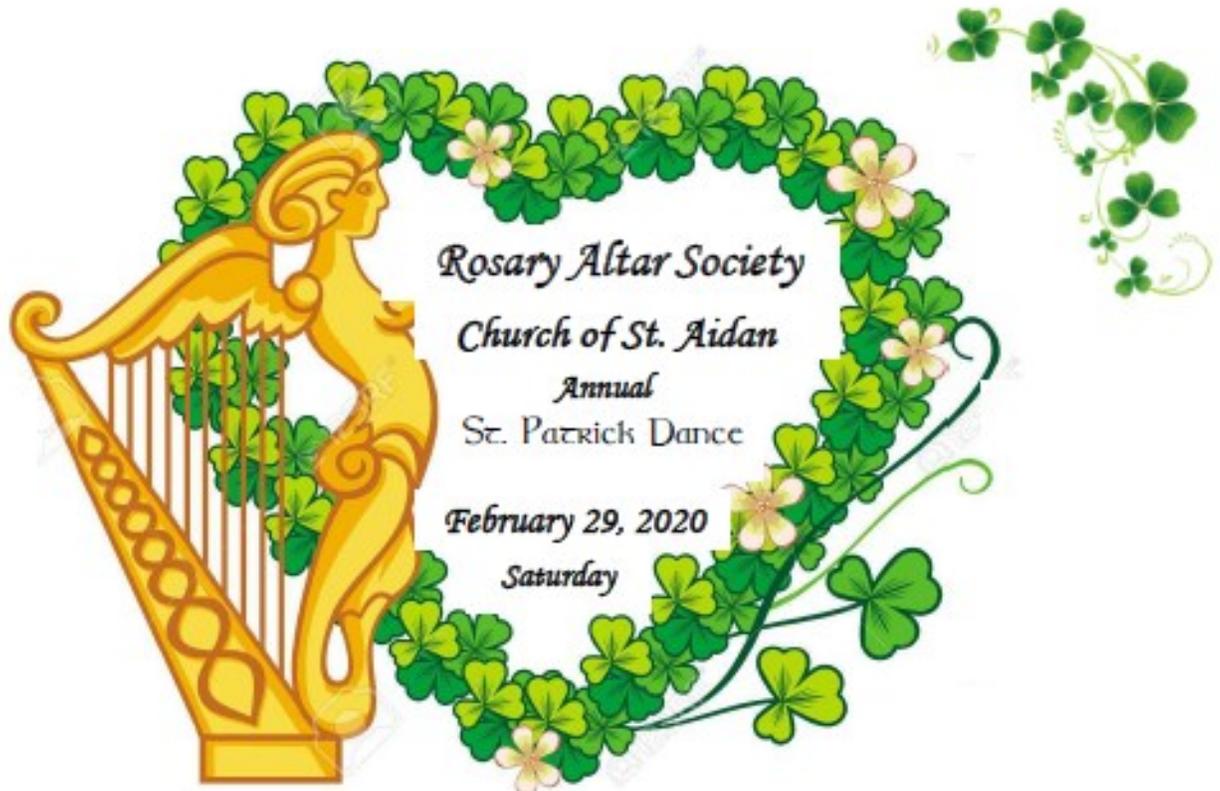
The Corporate Mass of the Rosary Altar Society will be celebrated on February 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM. This Mass will be offered in loving memory of Connie Blake and Carol Falcone. Please arrive at 8:45 AM to recite the Rosary. The monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 3rd at 7:45 PM in Msgr. Kirwin Hall. At this meeting, Beatrice Bullock and some other rosarians will teach how to make Rosary Beads. These Rosaries will be donated to missions, hospitals, churches, schools, those serving in the military and any others who ask for them. We will be joined by members of Sacred Heart Rosary Makers who meet in Queens. This will be a fun activity and we will be sharing our love of the Rosary with others. Anyone interested in joining the Rosary Altar Society is welcome to attend a meeting. We welcome new members.

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.

MINEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

Personal requests for transportation for the Mineola School District must be made by parents of students attending a private school for the school year 2020-2021. The deadline for filing this application is April 1, 2020. For information contact your private school or the Mineola Transportation Dept. at (516) 237-2080.



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Msgr. Kirwin Hall 8-Midnight

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Carolyn Eckhardt 516-248-9215 cut off Fri. 2/21

Kitty Kelly



PARISH MISSION

CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN

505 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY 11596



Rev. Kevin Cronin,
OFM Franciscan Friars
Ministry of the Word

Loving God Gladly

Monday, March 2nd

God's Love in Jesus
Brings True Joy!

12:30pm Mini Mission at Mass
7:30 pm Mission Service

Tuesday, March 3rd

God's Mercy
Restores the Joy of Our Youth!

12:30 pm Mini Mission at Mass
7:30 pm Mission Service

Wednesday, March 4th

God's Healing
Brings New Hope!

12:30 pm Mini Mission at Mass
7:30 pm Mission Service

ST AIDAN FAMILY MASS

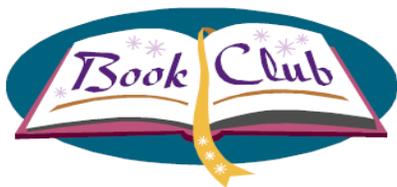
10:30 AM

SUPER SUNDAY

GET IN THE GAME

Make every Sunday Super by joining us at the 10:30 AM Family Mass. Next Sunday, February 9th, the Family Mass welcomes the Boy Scouts and their families. All are welcome to join us. Please take a few minutes to visit the Family Mass Table in the Main Lobby of the Church for some wonderful materials to help link Sunday Mass with family life. As always, there are a variety of materials for children of all ages! Coming Soon: Lent! Stay with us during this great season! 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.

Saint Aidan Teen



Come and join us for our first Book Club discussion.

Open to ages 13-18.

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Church of Saint Aidan Youth Room

For our first meeting, we will be discussing

Tuesdays with Morrie

by Mitch Albom.

*Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions email Steve at SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com or Call 516-420-6462

SAVE THE DATE!

30th ANNUAL
Kick Off
"FOOTBALL SUNDAY" at the
Kiwanis
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

RAFFLES, PRIZES and FUN!

Sunday, February 2nd
From 8am Until Noon at the
NEW LOCATION!
MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL
10 Armstrong Road
Garden City Park, NY

Entertainment provided by
the Mineola School District
Bands & Orchestras

Adults - \$8.00 • Sr. Citizens - \$6.00
Kids under 12 - \$4.00

Pancakes • Sausage • Juice and Coffee

Pancakes made and donated by IHOP Williston Park (Hillside Avenue at Willis Avenue)
Sausages by Churrasqueira Bairrada (144 Jericho Tpke., Mineola)

COME AND SEE

TEEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION



Join Us for a day of Fun, Faith, Prayer, Food and Great Music

Who Can Attend: Boys and Girls in Grades 8th-12th

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 8:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Where: Church of Saint Aidan, Monsignor Kirwin Hall

Cost: Free

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Email: _____

In case of emergency please contact: _____ at _____.

Relationship to child: _____

I/we the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____ grant permission for our son/daughter to participate in St. Aidan's Parish Day of Recollection. We hereby release and save harmless the Youth Group, its leaders, the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the Church of St. Aidan from any liability arising to your child as a result of participation in this trip.

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Signature(s)

x _____ x _____

If you would like to register for the event please return above form to Church of Saint Aidan 505 Willis Ave Williston Park, NY 11596 Attn: Steve Loewenthal or have any questions contact:

Steve Loewenthal at SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com or (516) 410-6461

Please register by March 10, 2020, but walk-ins are welcome

In Collaboration with BLD Long Island



Alan Ames from Australia

**Catholic Evangelist with the Gift of Healing
& Author of "Through the Eyes of Jesus"**



Thursday, March 19th

7:00 p.m. Rosary, 7:30 p.m. Mass

Mass celebrated by Rev. Augustine Fernando

Mass / Talk / Blessed Sacrament / Healing

St. Aidan Catholic Church

505 Willis Ave
Williston Park, NY 11596
(516) 746-6585

Everyone is welcomed, please invite family & friends

f Alan Ames International Ministry

www.alanames.org

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NEW CAMPUS OPENING SUMMER 2020

Campers, ages 3 and up, enjoy fun-filled summers with incredible activities, including Sports, Arts & Crafts, Swimming, Gaming, GaGa, Go Karts, Bowling, Field Trips, Special Events and much more. Our premier facilities, top-notch staff, and unique affordability have earned us the reputation as one of the best summer camps on Long Island!

SAINT AIDANS
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FIELD TRIPS
FRIENDSHIPS

Bishop Andrzej visited St. Aidan's Upper School during Catholic Schools Week





ST. AIDAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION

New applicants wishing to attend St. Aidan School in September 2020

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. 202 or 302.

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.



2020 Online Auction to benefit St. Aidan School PACE!

Bidding opens at 8 am on 1/26 and closes at 5pm on 2/2

The excitement has reached a fever pitch and we are anxious to share our incredible auction with you! We will be featuring electronic bidding for all auction items this year. All bidding will be done through your cell phone or computer! You can bid from anywhere, anytime before the close of the auction, from your own device! You even get an update if you are outbid! **Here are the details:**

- The auction is online now for viewing: <https://SASauction.givesmart.com>
- Visit the site or text SASauction to 76278, complete the registration, view the items and BID!
- **SHARE** the link with family and friends – the auction is open to all!

After you register you will get a welcome text message with all the information you need to BID!

We have some AMAZING prizes available to all – AND MANY MORE

<u>Community Items</u>	<u>Event Tickets</u>	<u>Camps</u>
CYO registration for a year	Peppa Pig	Camps R Us
Mineola PAL Registration	Jerry Seinfeld	Chaminade Football Camp
WP Little League Registration	Maroon 5	OLMA Summer Sports Camps
Mineola AA Registration	Niall Horan from One Direction and Lewis Capaldi	All Net Basketball Camp
	5 Finger Death Punch	Game 7 Baseball Camp
	NY Rangers	



Tomorrow's Hope Foundation's
2020-2021 FACTS Online Application
will be available January 22, 2020



Please contact
Tomorrow's Hope Foundation at
info@thfny.com or 516-745-7611
for further information

What's Happening at St. Aidan School!

Catholic Schools Week 2020 Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



On Monday, January 27, 2020, we started Catholic Schools Week with a school-wide prayer service to give thanks to God for our wonderful school. We have many God-given gifts to share with one another and the world.

If you were in the Williston Park area on Monday, you may have heard the laughing, cheering, and music coming from Monsignor Kirwin Hall. Our students in Kindergarten through 8th grade were treated to a “Wild and Crazy Challenge”.

EVERYONE had a lot of fun!



One of the highlights of Catholic Schools Week is the Book Fair. Students, faculty, staff, and priests, all enjoyed browsing the selection of books for sale. We are WILD about books at St. Aidan School!





2020 Spring Season Registration

Online registration for baseball and softball is currently underway. Please go to wpl.wpsports.org to begin. Once you log in to the website, you will be able to register your child and pay online.

Registration will be open until February 16th; however, we encourage all interested in participating to sign-up as soon as possible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ★ There are two registration forms: Baseball and Softball.
- ★ If you register for Pre-Tee and/or Tee Ball for both boys and girls, please use the Baseball link.
- ★ If you live within the Incorporated Village of Williston Park, you are eligible to play in the WPLL.
- ★ If you attend Saint Aidan School, you are eligible to play for the WPLL regardless of where you reside.
- ★ All registered Baseball and Softball players for Farms, Minors and Majors are eligible for free winter training



Division	Boys Grade	Girls Grade	Fee
Pre Tee Ball	Pre-Kindergarten	Pre- Kindergarten	\$75
Tee Ball	Kindergarten	Kindergarten & 1 st Grade	\$75
Farms (Baseball/Softball)	1 st & 2 nd Grade	2 nd & 3 rd Grade	\$125
Minors (Baseball/Softball)	3 rd & 4 th Grade	5 th & 6 th Grade	\$150
Majors (Baseball/Softball)	5 th & 6 th Grade AND 7 th Grade Born after 8/31	6 th & 7 th Grade	\$150

There is a 10% discount for families signing up three or more children

wpl.wpsports.org



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 next 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.

Items Needed: laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, clorox wipes, sponges, cookies, snacks, brillo and oil.

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, February 11th. 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 x410.

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).

The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Upcoming Workshop

Building Intercultural Competence in Ministry -

A workshop addressing the changing cultural landscape in our Faith Formation Programs.

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.

Desarrollando Competencias Interculturales para el Ministerio -

Se ofrecerá un Taller para abordar el panorama multicultural en los programas de Formación de la Fe.

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Jueves 6, 13, 27 de febrero; 12, y 19 de marzo, 2020
10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

O

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

Lunes, 10, 24 de febrero; 2, 9, y 16 de marzo, 2020
6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.

Basic Religious Studies Course Series

St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset

3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Old Testament

Mondays, February 24; March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

New Testament

Mondays, March 30; April 6, 20, 27; and May 4, 2020

Christology

Mondays, May 11, 18; June 1, 8, and 15, 2020

Divorce & Beyond Support Group

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2020
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Retreat Day for the Elect of 2020

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

Sunday, March 8, 2020

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Un Día de Retiro para los Electos de 2020

Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción, Huntington

Domingo, 8 de marzo, 2020

2:00 p.m. a 6:00 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 -

For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them.

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bereavement Ministry Facilitator Training Level I & II

St. Bernard, Levittown

Saturdays, 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.

Annual Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment - Ministry of Consolation

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Melville

Thursday, May 14, 2020

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event/



Faith Formation

Catechists Needed! A Wednesday 7th grade class will soon be in need of a catechist to fill a leave replacement from early March until early April. A catechist is also needed for grade 8 class that meets on Tuesdays from 7:15PM to 8:30PM. If you can help, please call us at (516) 746-6585 x405.

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 7:15PM. 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 1:30 to 6:30 PM 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 rest of 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 x406 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 x405 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 GRADE 2 PARENTS: There will be a Parent Meetings for First Communion parents on Monday, February 3rd at 7:30PM in the Upper School Cafeteria. (This meeting is a repeat of last week's meeting.) Please use the Cafeteria Entrance located in the back parking lot of the Upper School Building.

ATTENTION GRADE 8 PARENTS: Spirit Night will take place at 7:15 PM in the church on Tuesday, February 11th and Wednesday, February 12th. St. Aidan School students have been assigned a night. Religious Education Students should attend on the night they ordinarily have class. ‘

STUDENTS MUST ATTEND WITH A PARENT. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if there are any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17TH THROUGH THE 21ST DUE TO THE WINTER BREAK. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH.

FEBRUARY 2020

O God, Father of all Mercies,
 Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon
 those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
 preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service
 of you.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern
 Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to
 surrender themselves to serving others in the name of
 Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths
 in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
 Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin
 Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our
 prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ,
 our Lord.
 Amen.



Rejoice in hope,
 be patient in
 suffering,
 persevere in
 prayer.
 Romans 12:12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 MSGR. DONALD McE. BECKMANN SEM. JOSEPH LETTIERI
2 REV. JAMES MWANGI KINYUA, F.M.H. SEM. PAUL PILEGGI	3 REV. MIGUEL ANGEL RIVERA FRANCO SEM. DOMINIK WEGIEL	4 REV. CESAR RAFAEL BEJARANO, O.F.M. SEM. PATRICK O'BRIEN	5 REV. ROBERT J. KLINE SEM. HERLEY MENDEZ	6 REV. ROBERT A. ROMEO SEM. STEVEN McCLERNON	7 REV. REJIMON K. BENEDICT SEM. MICHAEL LOMBARDI	8 REV. BARTLOMIEJ KOBA SEM. STEPHEN ROONEY
9 REV. LUIS MIGUEL ROMERO, I.D. SEM. JOSEPH KRUG	10 MSGR. DONALD T. BENNETT SEM. ROBERT KAZIUK	11 REV. CHARLES F. KOHLE SEM. NICHOLAS WALDRON	12 MSGR. JOHN J. ROWAN SEM. DENNIS GANNON	13 MSGR. JOHN F. BENNETT SEM. JOSÉ FERNANDEZ	14 MSGR. RICHARD P. KOPINSKI REV. MR. RAFAL BOROWIEJSKI	15 REV. MARK P. ROWAN REV. MR. JOHN CROZIER
16 REV. ALBERT F. BERTONI, S.M. SEM. LOUIS CONA	17 REV. DARIUSZ KOSZYK REV. MR. PAUL CLORES	18 REV. PIOTR ROZEK SEM. JOSEPH CATAFAGO	19 REV. MARIAN R. BICZ SEM. HARRISON BOYD	20 REV. ROBERT KUZNIK SEM. ALEXANDER ZAPATA	21 REV. FELIPE RUFES VAZQUEZ, I.D. SEM. MANUEL BLANCO	22 REV. MICHAEL BISSEX SEM. JONATHAN PHAM
23 REV. GILBERT D. LAP SEM. CHRISTOPHER HELLER	24 MSGR. VINCENT T. RUSH PRAY FOR DEACONS	25 REV. ANDREW P. BLAKE PRAY FOR PRIEST FAMILIES	26 REV. FRANCIS LASRADO PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS BROTHERS & SISTERS	27 REV. JOHN RYAN PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN FAMILIES	28 REV. CODY W. BOBICK PRAY FOR DISCERNERS	29 REV. CYRIL OBI BAYIM PRAY FOR OUR LADY'S INTERCESSION



The BLD Charismatic Prayer Group
 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



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 parish volunteers 16 and over must be background checked, and all volunteers 18 and over must attend the Virtus class

ANNUAL TELETHON

The Catholic Faith Network Telethon is the weekend of Saturday, February 8th from 2:00 - 10:00 and Sunday, February 9th from 12:00 to 10:00. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest "stars" including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from celebrity chefs and

musical groups will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the Catholic Faith Network Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at www.cfntv.org.

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

Do you know someone who is suffering abortion loss? Project Rachel is a ministry about finding hope and healing after abortion. For



Member Drive



The Diocesan Choir is looking for new members! For many years, the dedicated men and women of the Diocesan Choir have sung for the many solemn liturgies of our diocese, inspiring many across Long Island. The Choir is made up of men and women who already sing in their parish choirs and desire to sing at the diocesan level. The members of the Diocesan Choir meet for rehearsals on most Monday evenings, from September through June. Events include Ordinations, Solemn Vespers, the Rite of Election, and more.

Interested parties should contact the Office of Worship:
worship@drvc.org
(516) 678-5800 x 504.

information call (516) 766-2538 or
projectrachel @drvc.org.

SHARE YOUR TIME -

Looking for Volunteers Ozanam Hall
Nursing Home – Bayside, Queens. For
further information, please contact Gail D.
O'Donovan /Sr. Charlotte Michael /Kathleen
Baratta in the Development / Volunteer
Office at 718-971-2020 / 2021 or 2022.

HERRICKS COMMUNITY FUND

The 24th Annual Dinner Dance will be held
on Thursday, March 19 from 6:30-10:30 PM
at the Inn at New Hyde Park, 214 Jericho
Turnpike, New Hyde Park. \$70 per person.
Proceeds to benefit Alzheimer's Day
Program, Senior Citizen Programs, Herrick
Youth Council, Herricks Scholarship Fund,
Herricks School District, Herricks Players,
Herricks Teacher Mini-Grants and Herricks
Community Fund Scholarships. For
information go to hcf@herricks.org or call
(516) 742-1926.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and
glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light
of your marriage sacrament shine for all by
attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend. The next weekends are May 1-3,
2020 in Huntington, NY and June 26-28,
2020 in Huntington, NY. For more
information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-
697-9963 or visit them at [https://
www.menyli.org/](https://www.menyli.org/).

BEGINNER LINE DANCE LESSONS AND OPEN DANCE

American Legion Hall, Post 144, 730 Willis
Avenue, Williston Park every Tuesday.
Beginner Level 7:00-8:00 PM and Improver
+ Level 8:00-9:30 PM. Cost: \$15 per person.
For information please go to [mtaylor5678
@gmail.com](mailto:mtaylor5678@gmail.com) or call (516) 557-3384.



Eucharistic Retreats

Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist
at the

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road, Huntington, New York

*Renew your spiritual life through a profound experience of the healing love of the
Eucharistic Heart of Jesus at this Eucharistic Retreat Center. The Seminary is
surrounded by beautiful countryside on the North Shore of Long Island.
The Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist offer:*

SILENT RETREATS:

These retreats will comprise
the primary activity of the
Missionaries residing at the
Seminary.

"Come apart and rest for a
while" (Mark 6:31) in silence
with Jesus in the Blessed
Sacrament. Silent retreats are
in the form of Eucharistic
Spiritual Exercises, with
Scriptural Meditations before
the Blessed Sacrament, daily
Mass, and scheduled meetings
with the Retreat Director.

All Silent Retreats conclude
with Sunday Mass and range
from 2 to 5 nights at the
Seminary. To book your silent
retreat, please contact Linda
Zollo at the seminary at
(631) 423-0483 Ext. 128 or
lzollo@icseminary.edu

EUCCHARISTIC DAY RETREATS:

Centered on the Eucharist, preached
retreats are currently scheduled for:

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Sunday, June 14, 2020



*Note that advance registration is
greatly appreciated for these retreats.
\$35 Donation of cash or check made out to
the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
is suggested for the day and
will be collected at the door.*

*For information & registration,
call Alison Ferrara (631) 896-0870.
or register by sending name,
e-mail address, home address, parish,
and phone number to
MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com
specifying the retreat of interest.*

For more information, explore our website: www.MostHolyEucharist.com

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Healing after Abortion



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving
mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by
specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and
clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

Day of Prayer and Healing for Women Saturday, March 7, 2020

Please register by Monday, March 2nd.

For more information and to register please visit www.respectlife.drvc.org
or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or
projectrachel@drvc.org. All information will remain confidential.



- February 26, Ash Wednesday
- March 19, St. Joseph (Solemnity)
- March 25, Annunciation (Solemnity)
- April 12, Easter Sunday (Solemnity)

What happened to Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays?

Some of us may remember that the three Sundays before Lent had their own names in the past. These holy days were part of a pre-Lenten "countdown" to Easter, and began a period of stricter observances than we now have. In one form or another, their names and some of the rites and rituals associated with them date back roughly 1500 years. When the liturgical calendar was revised in 1969 after Vatican II, this pre-Lenten season was eliminated in order to focus more on the Lenten season itself and the three pre-Lenten Sundays were removed; they are now simply Sundays in Ordinary Time. But the three of them, Septuagesima Sunday, Sexagesima Sunday, and Quinquagesima Sunday, are all still observed in the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass.

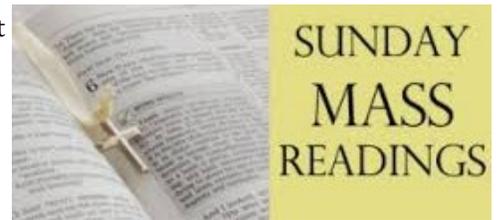
So what were these Sundays? They were celebrated by name in the pre-Vatican II Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, and they seemingly were named to roughly coincide with how long it would be until Easter. They also served to introduce the penitential rites used to prepare for Easter. Septuagesima Sunday was the name of the third Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the ninth Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, Septuagesima Sunday marked the beginning of preparations for Lent. We don't know precisely why Septuagesima Sunday has that name. Literally, Septuagesima means "seventieth" in Latin, but contrary to the common

belief, it is not 70 days before Easter, but only 63. Similarly, Sexagesima Sunday was the name of the second Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the eighth Sunday before Easter. And it was the second of the three Sundays of preparation for Lent.

Sexagesima literally means "sixtieth," though it falls only 56 days before Easter. Quinquagesima Sunday was the name of the final Sunday before the start of Lent, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which makes it the seventh Sunday before Easter. It was the third and last of the three Sundays of preparation for Lent.

Quinquagesima literally means "fiftieth." It is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself. Similarly, Pentecost Sunday is said to be 50 days after Easter, but the number is calculated by including Easter in the total, so we can make a logical case for Quinquagesima Sunday's name, and then surmise that Septuagesima Sunday and Sexagesima Sunday derived their names from Quinquagesima Sunday aided by a little sloppy math.

Quinquagesima is also referred to as Shrove Sunday and the following Tuesday as Shrove Tuesday in many traditions. Quinquagesima Sunday and the next two days were used to prepare for Lent by making a good confession. The word shrive means to hear one's confession and forgive the penitent's sins, and good Christians were encouraged to be shriven before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Shrove is the past tense of shrive, so their sins would have been forgiven before Lent started. In any case, whether Sundays in Ordinary Time, or Sundays counting down to Lent, this is a good time to begin to think about the coming solemn season.



In past years this Feast of THE PRESENTATION was celebrated every year on January 1st (the octave of the Nativity) in keeping with Jewish Law and tradition. (See Leviticus 12:2-8) In more recent years, it has been transferred to February 2nd, but we only celebrate it with a special liturgy when February 2nd falls on a Sunday. The theme of this liturgy is "Dedication," and throughout all of the readings we will see some aspect of dedication to the service and/or the will of God. Now, dedication in this context means more than just words or a pious expression. It means giving oneself to a special cause, family, spouse or to God in a special way that fits into His Plan of Salvation. Let us see how this definition is illustrated in the following readings.

The First Reading is from the Prophet Malachi (3:1-4). Malachi is the last book placed in the Old Testament and probably the shortest. Nevertheless, he has an important message for the people of Israel and indeed for people of all times and cultures. That message is a warning against the unacceptable forms of worship and dedication that people are offering to God or the way they are living their daily lives. It is true that times were very difficult in the middle of the 5th Century BC; but rather than turning to God for help, the people are falling back into the ways that caused them to be exiled to Babylon. In this passage, we hear a warning that a special messenger will come from God with great power and He will "purify the sons of Levi" with His message and His dedication and "then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the Lord." This was confirmed in the

Baptism of the Lord Jesus when the Father says, "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased."

The Responsorial Psalm is (24:7-10). This short Psalm (10 verses) lays down the moral conditions for sincere (dedicated) worship of Christ the Lord when we are attending the Eucharist and also reflects the coming of the Lord of Glory to mankind for our salvation.

The Second Reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews (2:14-18). Within the Presentation ceremony in the temple, as described in the Gospel reading, was the circumcision of the male child. Circumcision was an act of dedication to God and involved the shedding of blood to remind mankind of its mortality. In Jesus' case, this minor shedding of blood was an indication of His dedication to the life and death that He was to live and give to God for our Salvation.

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (2:22-40). There are three stories entwined and all of them reflect a form of dedication to laws, to causes and hopes and finally to a Plan. Here, Mary and Joseph are fulfilling the Jewish Law which involves the purification of the new mother and the dedication of (or the Presentation of) the newborn child to God. This passage also talks about two elderly people who have spent most of their years in the temple waiting and praying for some sign of "the redemption of Israel." In this scene, their eyes have been opened and their prayers have been answered; their dedication has been fulfilled.

When we come to church to celebrate the Holy Eucharist do we do so with a mind and heart dedicated to God or do we come to fulfill an obligation? Remember, mere presence within the church does not constitute Worship. Worship is the highest form of dedication; but it takes mind and heart, body and soul all working together with sincerity and humility. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

- 3 Mon Weekday (Fourth Week in Ordinary Time) green/red/white [Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop] 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20 (323) Pss IV
- 4 Tue Weekday green 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43 (324)
- 5 Wed Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr red Memorial 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 (325)
- 6 Thu Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs red Memorial 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 (326)
- 7 Fri Weekday green Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 (327) 17
- 8 Sat Weekday green/white/white/white [Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM] 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (328)



"I didn't want to file a lawsuit, but after many unsuccessful meetings with the (school) administration, I wound up realizing it was the only way to secure future students' rights to pray...," Chase Windebank told President Trump on National Freedom

of Religion Day, Jan. 16. (1) Chase had started a small group of fellow HS students praying during free period in his Colorado Springs school. By senior year, when the group had grown to 90 students, the administration banned students from praying during school hours - even during lunch.

The updated guidelines, originally issued at Pres. Clinton's direction, and announced by the White House on Jan. 16, are designed to end this abuse of student Constitutional protections and promote teachers' and students' right to pray in public schools. Windebank said, "And you guys are making sure that the Founding Fathers are living in our nation. So, thank you very, very much." (2)

Since secular legal groups have regularly pressured local school districts to end any perceived entanglement with religion, the Dept. of Education new rule "ensures the equal treatment and Constitutional rights ... owed to students on campus." (3)

(1) (2) c-span.org, 1/16/20, transcript; (3) christianpost.com, 1/16/20; ncregister, 1/17/20; whitehouse.gov/briefings)

January 24, 2020: Supporting the truth that "Religious Liberty protects the right to Choose Life," Catholics For Freedom of Religion, participated in the 2020 March for Life and Expo in Washington D.C. Over three days we distributed literature, videos, and pamphlets and spoke to thousands of attendees about First Amendment protections and rights in schools and the public square. Over 2500 of our Religious Liberty/Choose Life buttons were proudly worn by the Marchers.

"All of us here understand an eternal truth: every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. Together, we must protect, cherish and defend the dignity and the sanctity of every human life." Pres. Trump

The Presentation of the Lord



The Presentation in the Temple, Alvaro Pérez Portuguese, The Met Museum

“We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice.” —Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (CCC, no. 529).

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.



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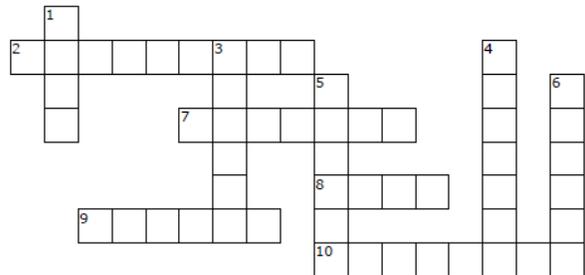
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Simeon and Anna Thank God
 Luke 2

SPIRIT	RIGHTEOUS	PRAISED	COURTS	TEMPLE
CHILD	DEVOUT	LIGHT	JOSEPH	JESUS
PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY



ACROSS

- Deliverance from the penalty of sin
- Something you said that you would do
- The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
- A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
- The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

DOWN

- The mother of Jesus
- The homeland of the Jewish people
- A person who is not Jewish
- The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
- The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE	SALVATION	MARY	NAZARETH	ISRAEL
SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES

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PICK OF THE WEEK

In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

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