

CHURCH OF

SAINT AIDAN

WILLISTON PARK



SALT & LIGHT

February 9, 2020

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**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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lynnp@staidanparish.org

Pastor

Rev. Adrian McHugh

Associate Pastors

Rev. Ken Grooms
Rev. Solomon Odinukwe

In Residence

Rev. Edward Sheridan

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Rev. Salvatore B. Villani
Rev. Rudy Martin ext. 412

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ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8
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Mrs. Julie O'Connell
Assistant Principal
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.

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Stanley Kowalski (Birthday Rem.)
Virginia Starkes (Birthday Rem.)
Marie & Nicholas Benivango (Wedding Anniversary Rem.)
Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Dunne & Jordan Families

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

WEEKDAY

Frances Kelly
Honora Dutkowsky (8th Anniversary Rem.)
Eleanor DiCanio
Lv. Ints. of the DeMarco, Zambuto & Costanzo Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

WEEKDAY

Thomas Thottam (Anniversary Rem.)
Joan Theresa Hunt (5th Anniversary Rem.)
Lv. Ints. of Barbara Boyle
Graham Vance

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

WEEKDAY

Salvatore Mangialino (Birthday Rem.)
Felice Borgia (100th Birthday Rem.)
Lawrence Olsen & Family
Kevin Galway (6th Anniversary Rem.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

STS. CYRIL, MONK AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

John Pagan (1st Anniversary Rem.)
George V. Piltz (Birthday Rem.)
Lv. Ints. of Immaculee Iliagiza
Lv. Ints. of Dominie Oh & Elizabeth Oh Wade (Birthday Rem.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

WEEKDAY

Fr. Solomon 7:30 PM

Jake Cassell
Salvatore Mangialino (Birthday Rem.)
Lisa Margaritis & Ann Garoy
Veronika Baker
Joseph Gadaleta
Sonja Kugslatter
Patrick J. McKenna (24th Anniversary Rem.)
Salvatore Mangialino (Birthday Rem.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Ken 5:00 PM

Loretta Arnold
James Dowd (Birthday Rem.)
Armand Villa (Birthday Rem.)
Jeanne Jaronczyk
Antonio Machado
Blaine R. Emken (Birthday Rem.)
Mary Proctor
Joseph & Salvatore Scotto
Parishioners of St. Aidan



SALT *light*



What's Pastor Thinking

I'm sure you are familiar with the old light bulb jokes.

- How many Charismatics does it take to change a light bulb? One to change the bulb and nine to pray against the spirit of darkness.
- How many TV evangelists does it take to change a light bulb? One. But for the message of light to continue, send in your donation today.
- How many liberals does it take to change a light bulb? At least ten, as they need to hold a debate on whether or not the light bulb exists. Even if they can agree upon the existence of the light bulb, they still might not change it, to keep from alienating those who might use other forms of light.
- How many Catholics does it take to change a light bulb? None. Only candles are permitted.

'Let your light shine,' Jesus said. As Catholics, we are challenged to bring the light of Christ to the world. In case we don't get it, He told us again, 'You are the salt of the earth.' Just as salt enhances the taste of food, we are challenged to enhance the political and moral debates of our time by proclaiming what is true and just. What is really interesting is that Jesus doesn't

say, 'Go and be the salt of the earth.' He doesn't say, 'You are called to be the salt of the earth.' He says, 'You are the salt of the earth.'

Pope Francis frequently calls for Christians to go out to the streets and make the Gospel message known to those who are far off. Be joyful rather than sour.

When asked about what mission he would give to the laity, Francis said that 'they have to go out and bring the message of Jesus to others.' He explained that the Good News is meant to be shared, not stored away.

When asked what Christians lack in order for this to become the norm, the Pope said there is a need for greater 'courage.' Apart from courage, the Pope said that 'we have to pray more.' He pointed specifically to meditating on Scripture through Lectio Divina, saying, 'this is a very beautiful exercise and all of us have a quarter of an hour to do it, to take the bible, a little piece, and reflect a bit.'

Francis was also asked what kind of legacy he would like to leave with the Church, and responded with many ideas that have already become trademarks of his papacy: 'a Church that goes out, is one, open doors. Christians going out on the streets. Christians who are convinced. A prayerful Church.'

**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
Frank Keenan
Isabella Mueller
Eileen Fitzgerald
Paul Deo

**WE PRAY FOR
OUR DECEASED**

James M. Lavery
Neil G. Clark
Patricia Tomasone

STEWARDSHIP
02/03/19 - \$30,642
02/02/20 - \$33,793
(+10.28%)

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

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

**BANNS OF
MARRIAGE
FIRST WEEK**
Victoria Plourde,
St. Joseph the
Worker,
Patchogue, NY
Edward Pappalardo,
St. Aidan

Dina Lamanna,
St. Joseph
Hewlett, NY
Peter Murawski,
St. Aidan



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
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INCOME TAX DONATION LETTER

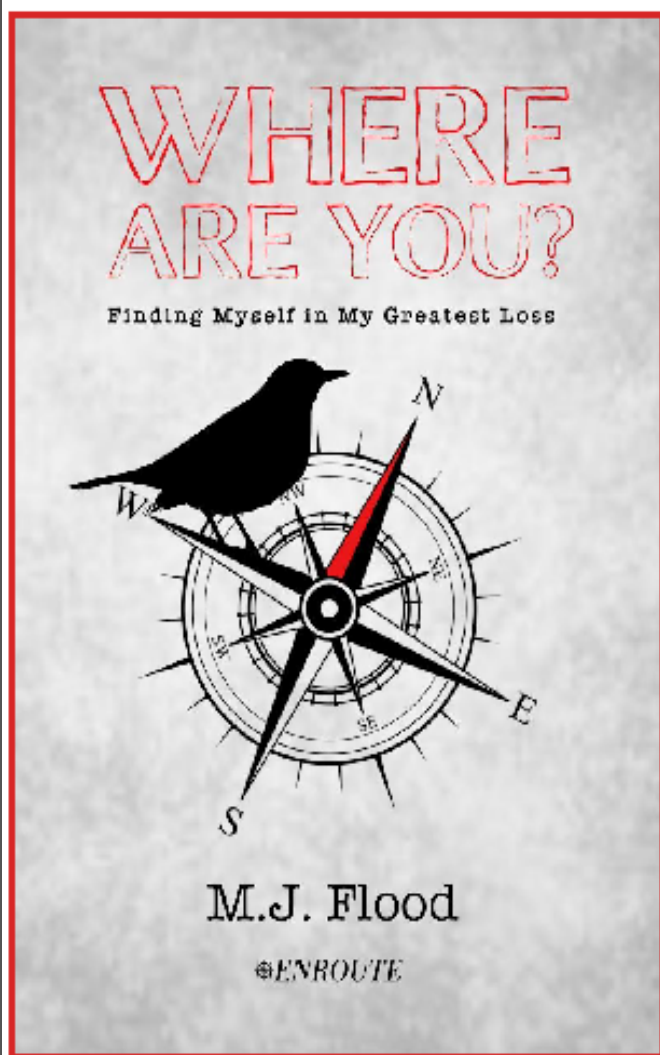
If you need an income tax statement for your **2019 Stewardship** donations to the parish, please call the Rectory office at (516) 746-6585 x101 or send in or drop the tear-off into the collection basket and a statement will be sent out in the mail.

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.**



A Story of Loss...and Healing

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1577 will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:30 PM 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 PM. 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.

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.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council met on January 9th. Discussions took place on the following:

- New Morning Star Initiative for Diocesan elementary schools
- Stewardship Campaign
- New feast on Church calendar – January 26th
- BLD Charismatic Healing Mass
- Revamping of Ministry of Consolation program
- Upcoming Parish Mission with Father Kevin Cronin
- Upcoming Parish Ministry Fair
- New Hymnals
- Parish maintenance and repairs

The next meeting will be in February.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP SPRING 2020

COPING WITH GRIEF: A DIFFICULT BUT IMPORTANT JOURNEY. When a loved one dies, a period of grief usually follows. It is almost impossible for humans to experience loss without feeling some kind of grief. Grief can be painful, confusing and overwhelming. To share with others who are experiencing what you are experiencing can be supportive and healing. A Bereavement Group for people whose loved one has died (parent, spouse, sibling, or friend) will be held in

the Peter & Paul Room of the Finamore Parish Center by trained Bereavement Facilitators.

- Tuesdays: 9:45 AM, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & April 7th
- Wednesdays: 7:30 PM, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st, 8th

Please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at (516) 746-6585 x410 to register. "The only feelings that do not heal are the ones you hide." Henri Nouwen

YOUTH GROUP 2020 SCHEDULE

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

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

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.

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 UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP

Join us for an evening of prayer on Friday, February 28th at 7:30 PM in St. Aidan's School Cafeteria. Our evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, Family Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & The Immaculate Heart of Mary. Music: Ria Music Ministry. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. For information please call Tecky at (516) 477-4486 or Angela at (516) 655-4429.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Please join us in saying the Rosary on the church steps after the 5:30 PM Mass on Wednesday, February 19. Everyone is invited to participate.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown. Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on www.drvc-faith.org. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, ext.223.

LEGION OF MARY

Weekly meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Convent Chapel. All men and women 18 years of age and older are welcome. Contact Bridget Brassel at (516) 581-3056.

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.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If you applied for and completed applications for American Legion Auxiliary scholarships please make sure you get them to Dianne Karl by February 29th. You can call her for her address at (516) 778-0006.

MINEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

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

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

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Sun. February 23, 11 AM - 2 PM
Sun. March 22, 11 AM - 2 PM
Sat. April 4, 10 AM - 1 PM
Sat. May 30, 10 AM - 1 PM

look like
light
taste like
SALT
- matthew 5

ST AIDAN FAMILY MASS 10:30 AM

Today, the Family Mass welcomes the Boy Scouts and their families!

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. Be a great Missionary Disciple and invite a friend to Mass.

Coming Soon: Lent begins on February 26th. Plan to join us throughout the Lenten season.

March 8th Girl Scout Sunday

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.

What's Happening at St. Aidan School!

Catholic Schools Week 2020

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

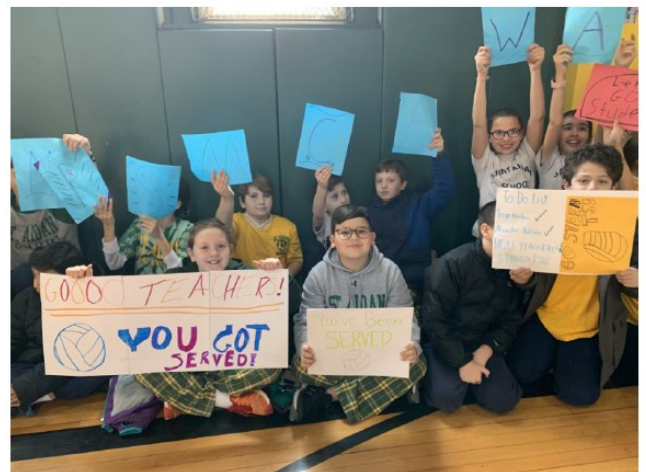


A favorite game during Catholic Schools Week is a good old fashion game of BINGO! Mrs. O'Connell and Mrs. Graham had a blast playing with the students in Pre-K through 5th grade. The older students assisted their buddies and everyone had a great time!



On Thursday January 30, 2020, we celebrated SPIRIT DAY! The annual Teacher vs. 8th grade Student volleyball game is always an exciting event. This year the teachers had a surprise player. Fr. Solomon stopped by the gym to observe, and turned out to be the STAR player on the teacher's team! Everyone was dressed in St. Aidan Spirit attire.

St. Aidan School has SPIRIT!



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."



Please note that our office will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day!

FOOD PANTRY: Our monthly food drive took place last weekend. We collected a lot of food which helped restock our shelves. Thank you all so much. 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: cookies, individual bags of snacks, bread crumbs, oil, tea bags and paper towels

DRIVING MINISTRY: We are in need of additional volunteers to drive our senior citizens to their doctor appointments. You need not commit to any particular day. Your name would be added to our list of drivers and when a request for transportation is received we would call you a few days in advance to see if you are available. If you are not available we simply call the next person on the list and perhaps you will be able to drive another time. If interested please call Parish Social Ministry at (516) 746-6585 x408/410.

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.

PEASE 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).



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

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER IS STILL A GREAT OPPORTUNITY UNDER NEW TAX LAWS!

Whether you itemize or not in 2020, this unique opportunity allows you to make charitable contributions through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted gross income.

If you would like to make a gift using your IRA and if:

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift...
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify)...
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions... then you will not have to report your distribution as income.

It will be free of federal and New York state income tax

and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) if you are required to take one in 2020.

The best way to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you receive the money first, then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 516-678-5800 ext. 257. This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.





Rosary Altar Society

Church of St. Aidan

Annual

St. Patrick Dance

February 29, 2020

Saturday

Back by Popular Demand

Kitty Kelly & Catskill Fever

Msgr. Kirwin Hall 8-Midnight

*\$35. pp includes, Fabulous Band, Beer, Wine, Set-ups, Sandwiches,
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Chairlady: Jeanne O'Brien Windish 516-873-0159

Reservations: Marilyn Wotruba 516-516-248-5236

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

Kitty Kelly



BLD Charismatic Prayer Group St. Aidan Church

HEALING MASS

1st Friday of the month at 8:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:30 pm

PRAISE & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Rosary 7:45 pm

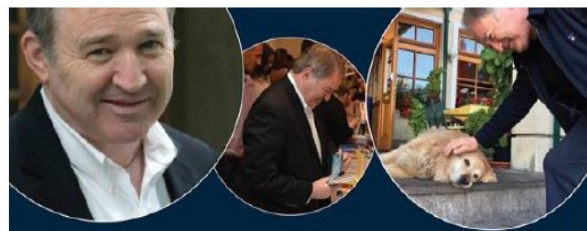
Worship 8:00 – 9:30 pm

Fellowship 9:30 – 10:00 pm

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

FORMATION PROGRAM/TEACHING

Every 3rd Saturday of the month



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
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Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

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June 9: Liturgy and Personal Growth



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Advanced Registration is Appreciated
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Faith Formation

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 1:30 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

National Marriage Week 2020

Stories from the Domestic Church



Sunday, February 9th is World Marriage Day, an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

National Marriage Week is celebrated from February 7-14. This year's theme is "Stories from the Domestic Church."

What is a "Domestic Church"?

Every family is called to be a place of prayer, service, and love—a "little Church of the home." Families naturally do this in their day-to-day lives: "The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures" (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, no. 315). They do this by strengthening the bonds of love among their members, and by asking the Lord's presence into their homes.

service opportunity working with children for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year or looking ahead for a service opportunity for the 2020-2021 school year, this is a great 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 10:10AM. Be sure to follow the Dress Code for Mass!

Assisting at the Family Mass counts toward the Catholic Setting service hours required in grade

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.



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

Bereavement Conference
For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them
theme
"I Am With You Always"
**...God's Healing Presence
In Times Of Loss**
Saturday, March 21, 2020
St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
To register visit: www.drvc-faith.org

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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.

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/>.

ST. ANASTASIA'S CHURCH

Continuing the Marian Healing Ministry of Father Dennis Kelleher, CSsR. There will be a Healing Mass at St. Anastasia's Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston-Little Neck, NY 11362 on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM. Rosary, Mass & Healing Service. Celebrant: Father Augustine Fernando assisted by Deacon Michael Vicinanza. Music: Al Barbarino. For information please call (718) 631-4454.

WEDNESDAY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Will be held at 12:30 PM on February 26 sponsored by the St. Aloysius Sociables, at the Jolly Fisherman Restaurant, 25 Main St., Roslyn. Cost: Price of your meal. Please call John Hyland. (516) 482-3795 for reservations.



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.

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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.




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Encountering Christ Through the Joy of the Gospel

Lenten Experience


Sunday, March 8, 2020

Seminary of Immaculate Conception
 440 W Neck Rd, Huntington, NY 11743
 Afternoon Prayer in the Main Chapel at 1:45 p.m.
 The day will end at 4:30 p.m.

Come join us for this Lenten Prayer where we will share scripture and listen to the testimonies of those who have participated in School of Missionary Disciples. This event is designed for those who would like to know more about the School of Missionary Disciples starting in September 2020.

There is no fee for this event. Registration is required.

Register here: <https://conta.cc/2RzZDti>


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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.

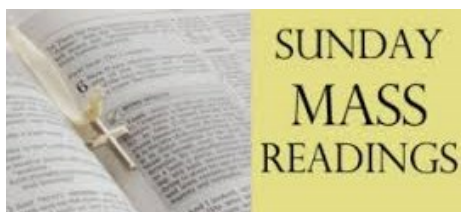
Catechist Training Level II
St. James, Setauket
 Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020
 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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 drv-c-faith.org/event/



February 9, 2020 The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Readings for today, we are reminded of our need to be mindful of the health and welfare of those less fortunate than ourselves; and there are many, not only in far-off countries, but right here in our own area.

In the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (58:7-10), we hear the prophet chastising the rich and powerful people of the 5th century BC for not looking after the poor, the hungry, the oppressed and homeless. Selfishness and greed were some of the reasons for the fall of the Jewish monarchy, and now they (selfishness and greed) are rising again to be a major issue among the Jewish people. However, he concludes that charity toward those less fortunate can bring much spiritual freedom to the heart and mind.

The Responsorial Psalm, (112:4-9), is a prayer that continues the same thought pattern of the blessings that come to those who share their time, talent and treasures with those in need.

In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (2:1- 5), Paul tells us something about himself. We know, from other writings, that Paul was well educated and probably well off financially. However, after his conversion, he gave up everything to preach the gospel. In doing so, he did not approach people as a person of power and means, but rather as a poor itinerant preacher. In this way the words of the Gospel, the "Spirit and Power" of God, would shine through

and be more important than the one who delivered them. The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16). This short passage follows immediately after Jesus' pronouncement of the Beatitudes. The symbols of salt and light are used here to explain how service to others can lead both the giver and the receiver into a closer walk with Jesus Christ. "Salt" has many uses, but the one that we most often think about is as a food enhancer, to bring out the best in food. When we help to bring out the "best" in someone else, we help ourselves as well. When we help others to "see the light" through our example, we both gain insight into our role in God's Plan of Salvation.

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

- 9 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green . Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 (73) Pss I
- 10 Mon Saint Scholastica, Virgin white. Memorial. 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 (329)
- 11 Tue Weekday green/white [Our Lady of Lourdes] 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 (330)
- 12 Wed Weekday green 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 (331)
- 13 Thu Weekday green 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 (332)
- 14 Fri Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop white. Memorial. 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 (333)
- 15 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM. 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 (334)
- 16 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green. Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 (76) Pss II



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

As we approach the holy season of Lent, let us think seriously about doing something positive to help others less fortunate. Rather than "giving up" something like food or smoking or television, try to do something positive such as helping out at the Food Bank, or St. Vincent de Paul Center, or visiting and helping out one or more "shut ins" or just praying for those who can't do any of those acts of mercy. The Apostle James tells us in his Letter that "faith without good works is dead, no faith at all." (See James 2:26) So, during this Lent, let your faith shine through your good works. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Mardi is the French word for Tuesday, and gras means "fat." In France, the day before Ash Wednesday came to be known as Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday." But how did it become what we are familiar with today?

Mardi Gras, also known as Carnival, is celebrated in many countries around the world, chiefly those with large Roman Catholic populations, on the day before Lent begins. Brazil, Venice and New Orleans host some of the most famous public festivities, drawing thousands of tourists and revelers every year. As a Christian holiday and popular cultural phenomenon, it actually dates back thousands of years to pagan spring and fertility rites,

including the Roman festivals of Saturnalia and Lupercalia. When Christianity arrived in Rome, religious leaders decided to incorporate these popular local traditions into the new faith, which was easier than abolishing them altogether. As a result, the excess and debauchery of the Mardi Gras season became a prelude to Lent, and its 40 days of fasting and penance between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Along with Christianity, Mardi Gras spread from Rome to other European countries, including France, Germany, Spain and England, and, thereafter, to the new world, including the United States.

Traditionally, in the days leading up to Lent, merry-makers would enjoy all the rich, fatty foods, meat, eggs, milk, lard, cheese, that remained in their homes, in anticipation of several weeks of eating only fish and the various types of fasting required over the years during Lent. Early Christians believed that during the Lenten season, Christians should deprive themselves of many things that brought joy so that they might better understand the trials that Jesus faced leading up to his death on Good Friday. So, on the Tuesday before Lent, Christians would binge with a feast of their favorite foods to tide them over the coming weeks. The culmination of this celebration was specifically timed to coincide with the beginning of Lent. The total celebration of culinary delight actually started with Shrovetide, also known as the Pre-Lenten Season, the Christian period of preparation before the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Shrovetide starts on Septuagesima Sunday, and culminates on Shrove Tuesday, which we now know better as Mardi Gras. Perhaps this extended period of penance was too much to bear, since the hallmark of the end of Shrovetide became the merry-making associated with Carnival. On the final day of the Pre-Lenten season, Shrove Tuesday, many traditional Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Roman Catholics, who were supposedly making a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what changes of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with, saw it as one last chance to indulge in some of those things that needed changing before actually repenting, which then evolved into some of the celebrations of excess we now know as Mardi Gras, more in keeping with the ancient Roman traditions, than the Christian spirit of Lent. So while this may be good as an excuse for one last fling, it is not the best way to truly enter into the spirit of Lent.



"Faith-based groups should have the opportunity to compete on a level playing field as they seek to partner with the federal government to provide critical social services," said the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "These proposed (new) rules protect religious liberty, a core constitutional right..." (1)

On Religious Freedom Day, the administration issued 9 rules to protect freedom by eliminating burdensome requirements, issued in past years, that unfairly imposed unique regulatory burdens on religious organizations. Federal agencies, including the Dept. of Labor, must now ensure that the grant-making practices of state recipients of Federal funding comply with the First Amendment.

Religious freedom has been an ongoing concern in recent years as anti-faith groups have brought litigation against faith-based nonprofits and privately owned companies. These opponents of religious freedom have created much confusion by suggesting that it is illegal or even unconstitutional, for religious organizations to participate in federal contracts simply because they choose to operate in accordance with their faith. The end result was a distortion of law that put religious contractors at a distinct disadvantage. Many of them had to make an untenable choice: continue operating in accordance with their deeply held religious beliefs or violate their conscience just for the opportunity to compete for a federal contract.

"From its opening pages, the story of America has been rooted in the truth that all men and women are endowed with the right to follow their conscience, worship freely, and live in accordance with their convictions. On Religious Freedom Day, we honor the foundational link between freedom and faith in our country and reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding the religious liberty of all Americans." President Trump, Proclamation, Jan.16, 2020.

(Religious Freedom Day 2020 Proclamation; first liberty.org; christianheadlines.com, 8/15/19; daily signal.com, 8/14/19; White House press release; (1) usccb.org/news)

"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature." Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father

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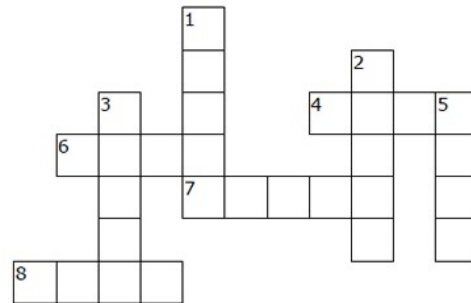


Let your light so shine
 before men, that they
 may see your good
 works, and glorify your
 Father which is in
 heaven.
 Matthew 5:16



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WORLD	CITY	MEN	HIDDEN	SHINE
PRAISE	HOUSE	FATHER	HILL	STAND

Let Your Light Shine



ACROSS

4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
7. The performance of good acts
8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
2. A place where families live
3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Shot on location in France, this film is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience," and was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes to retell the epic story.

Bernadette

St. Bernadette and the Apparitions
 of Our Lady of Lourdes



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