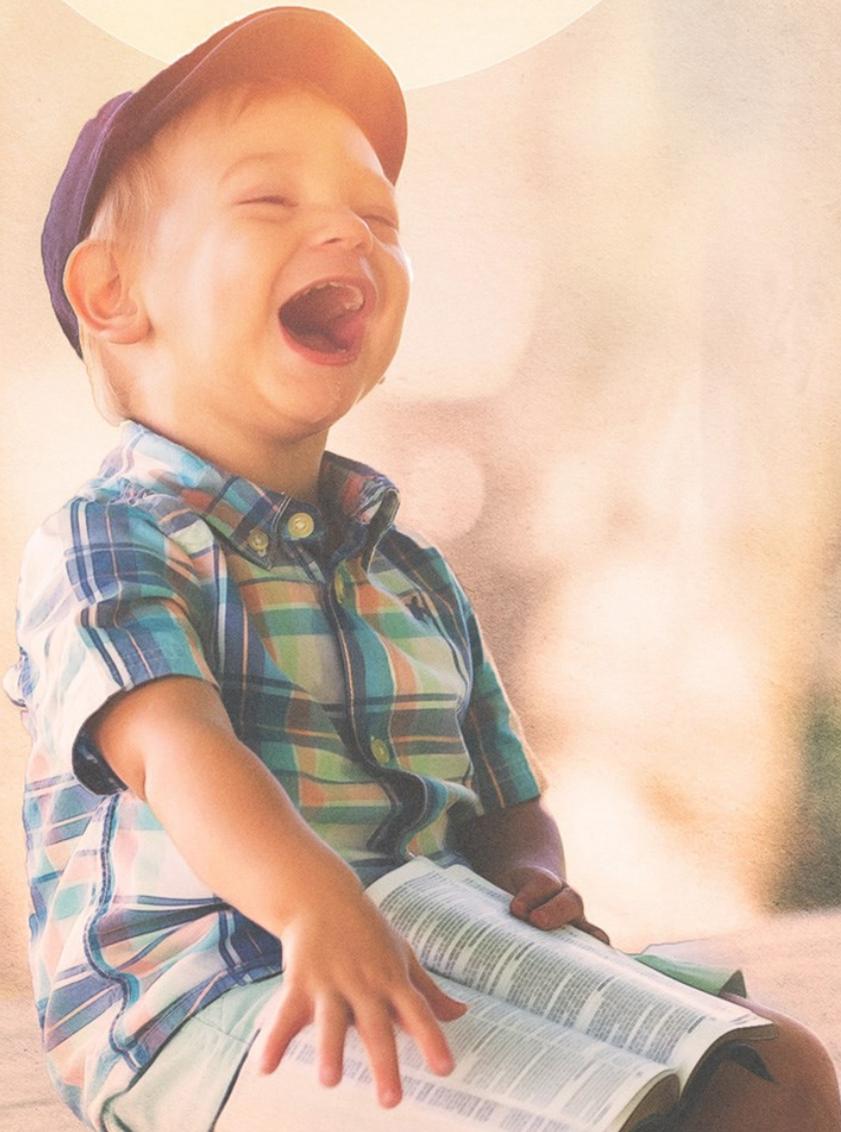


CHURCH OF

SAINT AIDAN

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February 16, 2020



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Monday to Friday
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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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Mrs. Elaine Smith,

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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.

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

WEEKDAY—PRESIDENTS' DAY

George Bores (4th Anniversary Rem.)
Henry Zielinski
Josephine Kammer (26th Anniversary Rem.)
William Mahoney (8th Anniversary Rem.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

WEEKDAY

Stella Monz
Mary Magaldi
Lv. Ints. of Jimmy Delgrosso (Birthday Rem.)
Philip Calvin Amico

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

WEEKDAY

Liv. Ints. of Leo Han Kyungsoo
Robert Leslie
Lv. Ints. of Linda Inglima
Maria Duarte

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

WEEKDAY

Claire McNally (Birthday Rem.)
Ellen Collins (Birthday Rem.)
Lv. Ints. of Kenneth Inglima
Joe Melita (Birthday Rem.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

WEEKDAY

Lv. Ints. of Rosmarie Cavallaro
Mary Daley (2nd Anniversary Rem.)
David Conklin (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Sophie Peplowski

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM
Bishop Andrzej 5:00 PM

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

Trudie Petrunti
Michael Affrunti, Jr.
Doris Marie Figliola
Sharon McDermott
Vito L. Racanelli
Anthony Zappa (3rd Anniversary Rem.)
Jean Jaronczyk

Fr. Ken 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Parishioners of St. Aidan
James Dowd (3rd Anniversary Rem.)
Kathy Reichart (1st Anniversary Rem.)
John Patrick Mulrooney
Mae Schunk & Geraldine McGiveny
Connie Tan
Carol Falcone
Lv. Ints. of Nathalia Zapata
Jennie Cosentino (Birthday Rem.)
John Lettis (Birthday Rem.)

Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 17 Mon Weekday green/white [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order] Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)
- 18 Tue Weekday green Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)
- 19 Wed Weekday green Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26 (337)
- 20 Thu Weekday green Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33 (338)
- 21 Fri Weekday green/white [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1 (339)
- 22 Sat The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle white Feast 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 (535) Pss Prop
- 23 SUN SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 (79) Pss III



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What's Pastor Thinking

Last Friday was Valentine's Day. St. Valentine lived in Rome during the third century. Christianity was illegal at that time. Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. Claudius wanted to have a big army, and go out and conquer lots of people so that Rome would grow bigger and bigger. He expected men to volunteer to join, but many men just did not want to fight in wars. They did not want to leave their wives and children. This made Claudius furious. So what happened? He had a crazy idea. He thought that if men were not married, they would not mind joining the army. Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages. Young people thought his new law was cruel. They were sort of into commitment in those days.

Valentine was a Catholic priest and he performed marriages. After Emperor Claudius passed his law, he performed secret marriage ceremonies. One night Valentine was caught, thrown in jail and sentenced to die. But many young people came to the jail to visit him. They threw flowers and notes up to his window. One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard, and the prison guard allowed her to sit and visit with Valentine. This is not a fairy tale, and things did not end happily ever after. On the day

Valentine died, February 14, he left a note for the young woman, and he signed it, "Love from your Valentine."

They were not a couple in love in a romantic sort of way. Rather, Valentine loved the young woman for her friendship. She loved him for his commitment to his faith. Legend has it that she and her family became Christians.

The first Valentine was from a man who died for his love. But not his love of a woman, rather his love of Christ. How many of us have had a powerful experience of human love, or of God's love that overwhelmed us? And we wanted to hold onto it forever? Sometimes this is true for people in love. They want that experience to last. So they get married, but marriage is work. Or parents with a new baby. There is almost nothing like that new baby. But you have to leave the hospital. You have to get on your feet. And you love that baby, but that baby is work.

Or that experience can be finding that God has moved us in a powerful, life-affirming way. So wonderful we can almost taste it. And we have a powerful sense for God's love in the world. God's love for us. That we are special in God's eyes. And we are. But we too have to get to work. Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more.

**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
Leo Han
Debbie Lau
Bob McLaughlin

**WE PRAY FOR
OUR DECEASED**

Paul Deo
Pasquale Ianniello
Felix Jakubowski
Eugene Semelrath
Joan McAleese
Susan Lovdahl
Janet Moro
Steve Magalnick

STEWARDSHIP
02/10/19 - \$23,932
02/09/20 - \$27,712
(+15.8%)

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

**2020 CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**
Goal \$150,000
Pledges: \$12,521
Donors 79



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**

**BANNS OF
MARRIAGE
SECOND WEEK**

Victoria Plourde,
St. Joseph the Worker,
Patchogue, NY
Edward Pappalardo,
St. Aidan

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

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.



PARISH MISSION

CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN

505 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY 11596



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

FR. KEVIN CRONIN TO LEAD THE PARISH MISSION AT ST. AIDANS

Father Kevin Cronin, OFM, a native New Yorker, born in the Bronx, of Annette & John Cronin, an NYPD detective for 20 years in Harlem. Kevin was raised in N. Floral Park, Queens, on Long Island and went to join the Franciscans, in their HS seminary in Callicoon NY in the early sixties, right in the middle of Vatican II. He has his BA in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America, and his MA in Theology from the Washington Theological Union. Ordained by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, his first eight years of priestly ministry were spent at the busy downtown church of St. Anthony Shrine on Arch St. in Boston, much like the friar's church of St. Francis of Assisi on 31 St in NYC, hearing confessions, like all the other friars for 1 hr to 3 hrs a day. He was known as a popular preacher in the Boston area.

It was there he founded the Young Catholics (young adult group) and is happy to report that five young men joined the Order of Friars Minor from this community: one now a missionary pastor in Lima, Peru; another, the former Novice Director; another a youth minister at Mt. Ireneus near St. Bonaventure University; another the director of Arts at Siena College; and, John Kelleher, now a member of the Ministry of the Word team ! He was then appointed a Vocation Director for the Friars Minor of Holy Name Province for the East Coast of the USA for 4 years living in his home town parish of birth, Holy Cross on Soundview Ave in the Bronx.

During a 1987 sabbatical, he explored the effects of media in our culture studying in Berkfeys, CA; had a third world experience in our mission in Jamaica; and spent three months as a hermit in solitude, Then, as member of the pastoral team at St. Mary's in Pompton Lakes, NJ for 6 yrs. he coordinated the sacramental ministry of the church, delighting in the confirmation program. sophomore year of HS. At Pompton Fr. Kevin was awarded a special "citizen of the month " award from the mayor and the local

paper for his work with the youth of Pompton Lakes, especially during a tragic death of one of the HS youth.

He has published two books: KENOSIS. Emptying Self and the Path of Christian Service, where he shares an early time in his life when he worked at St. Francis Church in NYC, and critically analyzes himself and his ministry through the prism of kenosis. He also inspired and edited a book written by 15 friars called 'A Friar's Joy.' He studied the Bible & the land 2 months in the Holy Land on sabbatical, Fall '98 and has been involved with the Ministry of the Word since 1993. Fr. Kevin feels he is doing something he was always called & gifted to do! We are delighted to welcome him to St. Aidan's for our Parish Mission on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday 17th February for Presidents' Day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, February 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM.

INSTALLATION MASS

Join us for Fr. Adrian's Installation Mass as Pastor at 5:00 PM on Saturday, February 22nd. The presider is Bishop Andrzej. All are welcome. Refreshments after Mass in Kirwin hall.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick will be held after the 12:00 PM Mass on Sunday, February 23 in Mary's transept

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.

YOUTH GROUP 2020 SCHEDULE

- 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

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.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PEANUT BUTTER GANG

Thank you everyone who volunteered to make peanut butter sandwiches at our last meeting. We made 800 sandwiches and 156 wash-up kits. The Gang meets on the second Saturday of every month. Join us if you can.

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. 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. Contact your private school or the Mineola Transportation Dept. at (516) 237-2080.

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

BETHANY

retreat

ST. AIDAN PARISH

Learning from Mary to Live in the Present Moment

Focus: How did Mary do it? We will try and learn from Mary how she navigated her life and its unbelievable calling. Give yourself a gift, live moment to moment and treasure each one. That is her gift to us. St. Aidan's Bethany is open to both men & women. This is a time of spiritual refreshment, a place to come and be with other parishioners as Jesus did in Bethany with his friends. A place to prepare yourself for the Great Season of Easter!

Where will it take place? The place is the convent, 16 Pembroke St., on Friday evening, after which you will return to your own homes. You will meet again on Saturday morning. We will end at the 5:00 PM Mass and then break bread together as we have our dinner.

**Friday Evening, 03/20 at 7:30PM &
Saturday, 03/21 at 8:30AM.**

Doors will open at & 7PM for refreshments. We will start promptly at 7:30.

Friday Night Speaker: Fr. Daniel Griffin, S.M.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Saturday)

Space is limited, please register early

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ I Will _____ I Will Not _____ be having dinner.

*If you are registering for friends, please list all names & phone numbers attending.
Return to St. Aidan's Rectory. There will be no reservations or payments at the door.
Please mark the envelope, "Bethany Retreat." Any Questions, call 516-746-6585*

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: 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,, oil, tea
bags, paper plates, pudding 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, ext. 408/410.

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 25th. 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,
ext. 410.

THRIFT SHOP: Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
Bargains & Blessings Thrift Shop will no longer be accepting
donations

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).

**CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
FEBRUARY 26TH**

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

REMEMBRANCE THROUGH SACRIFICE

Morning Mass

6:30 am, 9:00 am and 12:30 pm.

Prayer Service 3:30 pm.

Evening Mass

5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

**Ashes will be distributed at the
end of each service.**

SAINT ANTHONY'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



**AN AFTERNOON OF
CELTIC MUSIC**

A BENEFIT FOR SAINT ANTHONY'S CELTIC PIPE BAND

SUNDAY MARCH 1

SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM @ 2PM

FEATURING:

SAINT ANTHONY'S
CELTIC PIPE BAND

SAINT ANTHONY'S
IRISH STEP DANCING TEAM

SINGERS
NOEL AND NANCY



PLEASE RETURN FORM & CHECK TO: SAHS ALUMNI OFFICE | 275 WOLF HILL ROAD | SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY 11747



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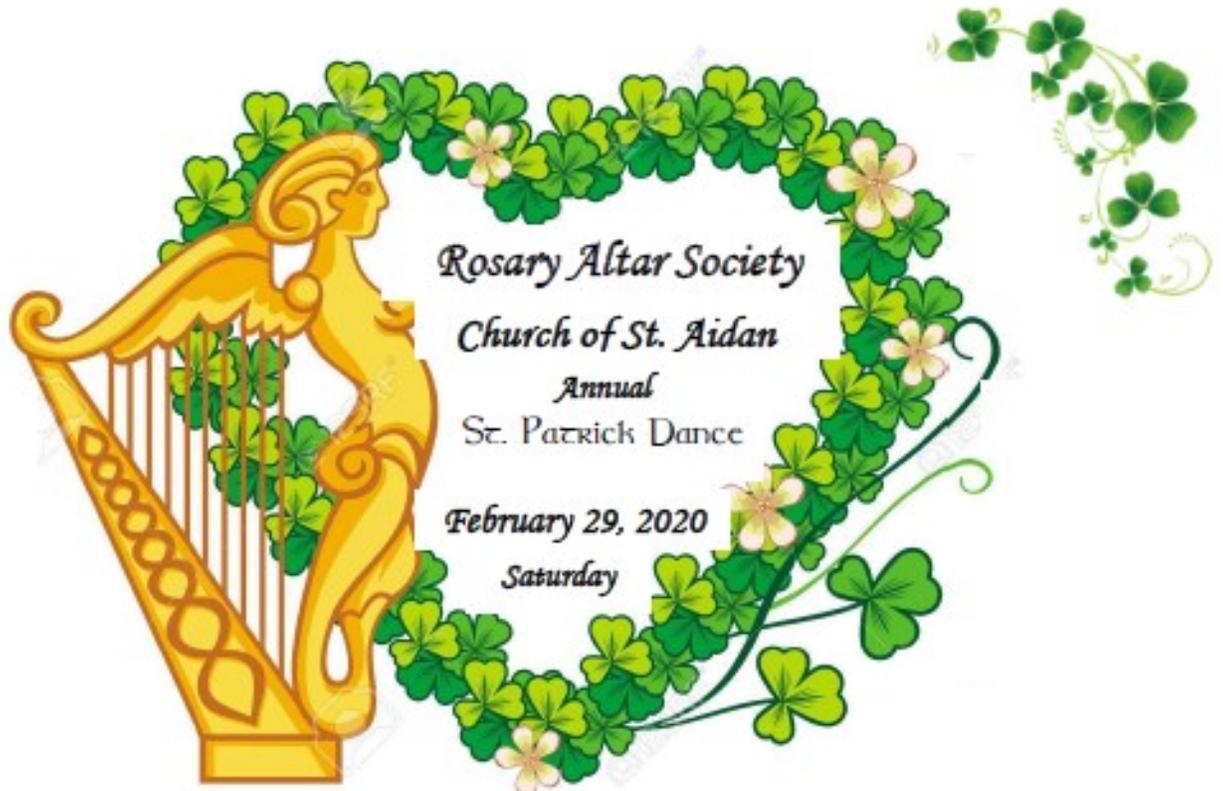
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Chairlady: Jeanne O'Brien Windish 516-873-0159

Reservations: Marilyn Wotruba 516-516-248-5236

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

Kitty Kelly



ST AIDAN FAMILY MASS 10:30 AM

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26th. Please plan to join us during this holy season. There will be special activities and for adults and children. Be a great Missionary Disciple and invite a friend to Mass!

Please take a few minutes today 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.

Coming Soon: March 8th Girl Scout Sunday
March 15th St. Patrick's Day Reception

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.



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Mrs. Sullivan's Kindergarten class created these special lanterns for the end of Chinese New Year! They paraded around the school to share with everyone.

Yuan Xiao Jie Kuai Le! Happy Lantern Festival!

Our students participated in a Super Bowl Monday Jersey Day sponsored by our Student Council. Students and teachers could wear their favorite team jersey to school for \$1. The funds raised helped our Student Council get the student store up and running.



On Friday, February 7, Miss Ruchalski's Class 7-1 hosted our First Friday Mass. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us. Thank you to Fr. Solomon for celebrating the Mass with us.

BLD Charismatic Prayer Group St. Aidan Church

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1st Friday of the month at 8:00 pm
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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 7:15PM. 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 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 10:30 AM. **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 7 PARENTS: Spirit Night will take place at 7:15PM in the church on Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th. 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.

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 Office of **FAITH FORMATION**
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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/2RzZD1i>



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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.

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Day of Prayer at the Seminary

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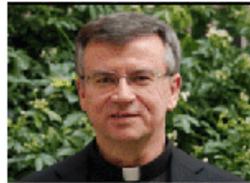
The cross draws our attention to who and what is most important about our belief. No other symbol so eloquently offers a sign of our faith and leads us along our Lenten journey.

Sunday
March 15
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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.

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"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://wwmenyli.org/>.

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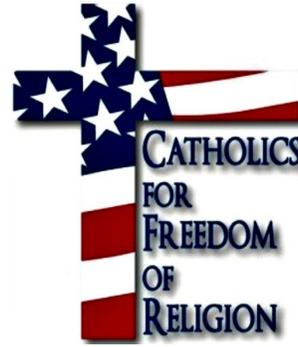
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SPIRITUALITY, IS THAT WHAT'S MISSING?

Do you ever feel like something is missing in your life? Do you feel less than satisfied, even in good times? Do you yearn for a stronger connection to God? This Lent, we invite you to join us as we explore how to find the peace and fulfillment that only God can offer. As we prepare for the Paschal Mystery, take some time out of your busy life and see how you might make it better! Improve your understanding of God Identify some of the roadblocks to your relationship with Him Learn to communicate with Him in new ways. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish, Prospect Road, Centerport March 24, 31 and April 7, 7-8:30 pm, in the Community Room. Presenters: Rev. Msgr. Robert Hayden, Sr. JoAnn Bonauro, S.C., and former parishioner Lisa Brogan.

COME ENJOY SOME SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT AND RENEWAL! Questions? Call Lisa at 516-672-3851

They Fought for Freedom
In February, Americans remember the birthdays of two champions of freedom: George Washington, the "Father of our



Country," on Feb. 22, and Abraham Lincoln, the "Great Emancipator," on Feb.

12. Washington liberated Americans from British tyranny and Lincoln liberated slaves from bondage.

Although some scholars today choose to question the motives of these great men as to whether they truly believed in freedom for colonists and slaves, it cannot be disputed that their actions did indeed bring liberty. Since reading minds to discover motive is impossible, we can only judge facts, and the actions of both Washington and Lincoln qualify them as champions of freedom.

Historians have called George Washington the "Indispensable Man" for his role in the fight for freedom and creation of the United States of America. One congressman's eulogy supports this title with these memorable words:

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen, ... Pious, just, humane, temperate, and sincere; uniform, dignified, and commanding ..."

The U.S. Senate official message read:

"Let his countrymen consecrate the memory of the heroic general, the patriotic statesman

and the virtuous sage. His example is now complete, and it will teach wisdom and virtue ... not only in the present age, but in future generations, as long as our history shall be read." (1)

Abraham Lincoln issued an executive order, the Emancipation Proclamation, Jan. 1, 1863, which changed the legal status under federal law of more than 3.5 million African Americans in the Confederate states from slave to free. The Proclamation broadened the goals of the Civil War, making the freedom of slaves an explicit goal of the Union war effort and one of the two primary war goals. To ensure the abolition of slavery in all of the U.S., Lincoln pushed for passage of the Thirteenth Amendment and insisted that Reconstruction plans for the Southern states require abolition in new state constitutions. Lincoln is also revered for his many wise and pithy sayings:

"Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"Freedom is the last, best hope of earth."

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

(azquotes.com; wikipedia.org; historynet.com; heritage.org(1); worldhistory.us/america; cbn.com)



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

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. As part of the renewal of the liturgical practices of the Church, The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II stated, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent - the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance - should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer.

The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning "Spring, it has been used since Anglo-Saxon times to translate the more significant Latin name, *Quadragesima*, meaning the "forty days", or more literally the "fortieth day". The number "40" has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water". Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb. Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry.

Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. For instance, St.

Irenaeus (d. 203) wrote to Pope St. Victor I, commenting on the celebration of Easter and the differences between practices in the East and the West. While the specifics of the letter get into detail, the importance of it is that it notes that since the time of "our forefathers" - always an expression for the apostles - a 40-day period of Lenten preparation existed. However, the actual practices and duration of Lent were still not homogenous throughout the Church.

Lent became more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313." St. Athanasius (d. 373) in his "Festal Letters" implored his congregation to make a 40-day fast prior to the more intense fasting of Holy Week. St. Cyril of Alexandria (d. 444) in his series of

"Festal Letters" also noted the practices and duration of Lent, emphasizing the 40-day period of fasting. Finally, Pope St. Leo (d. 461) preached that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the Apostolic institution of the 40 days," again noting the apostolic origins of Lent. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises.

Once the 40 days of Lent were established, the next development concerned how much fasting was to be done. In Jerusalem and the Eastern Church, people fasted for 40 days, Monday through Friday, but not on

Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

February 25:	Liturgy and Our Covenant with God
March 24:	Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us
May 12:	Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform
June 9:	Liturgy and Personal Growth

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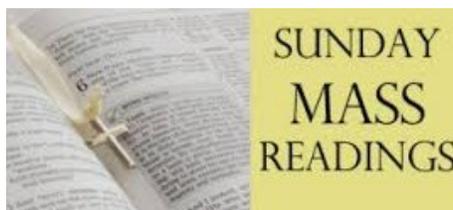
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Saturday or Sunday, so Lent lasted for eight weeks. In Rome and in the West, people fasted Monday through Saturday, making Lent last for six weeks, but just short of 40 days. Eventually, the practice of fasting for six days a week over the course of six weeks became universal, and Ash Wednesday was instituted to bring the number of fast days before Easter to 40. But the rules for fasting and abstinence varied. First, some areas of the Church abstained from all forms of flesh and animal products, including fish, eggs and cheese, while others made exceptions for food like fish.

Second, the general rule was for a person to have only one meal a day, in the evening which came to mean at or after 3 p.m. How this came about is interesting. Times were set by the liturgical hours, which also established the priestly office of hours. At a very early period, the practice began to be tolerated of breaking the fast at the hour of none, the ninth hour, which was strictly three o'clock in the afternoon. But the Office of None might be recited as soon as sext, which was the sixth hour, or midday, was over. Hence none in course of time came to be regarded as beginning at midday, and this has resulted in our word noon which means midday and not three o'clock in the afternoon. These Lenten rules continued to evolve. Eventually, a smaller meal was allowed during the day to keep up one's strength for manual labor. Eating fish was allowed, and later eating meat was also allowed through the week except on Ash Wednesday and Fridays.

Dispensations were given for eating dairy products if a pious work was performed, and eventually this rule was relaxed totally. (However, the abstinence from even dairy products led to the tradition of blessing Easter eggs and eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.)

Over the years, further modifications have been made to the Lenten observances, making our practices not only simpler but also easier. Ash Wednesday still marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. The present fasting and abstinence laws are very simple: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful fast (having only one full meal a day and smaller snacks to keep up one's strength) and abstain from meat; on the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from meat. More about this next week.



The Readings for today are about choices and the wisdom that should be used for practical purposes as well as to avoid offending God or our neighbor. For some, this is a tough balancing act because it takes self-control and there are so many distractions and enticements in this life that we are often blinded as to what we should do. Let us see how these are handled in the following readings:

In the First Reading, from the Sirach (15:15-20), the writings of the Sage Sirach are included among the "Wisdom Books" of the Old Testament, so-called because they do not tell us about certain people or event; rather, they tell us how to deal with the people around us and how to make the proper choice when confronted with a problem and multiple choices. The advice given here is truly inspired and no further advice need be given except to say, read this passage every day and you will truly "live."

The Responsorial Psalm, (119:1-34), continues the same line of thinking and is very much like the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel. Again, this, along with the above passage from Sirach,

would make a most inspiring "morning offering" prayer. Try it and you will see some very good results.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (2:6-10). Here, Paul talks about a certain wisdom given to those who are mature in their faith and who desire to walk the straight and narrow path. It is also available to anyone who wishes to do the same thing but who might be faced with multiple choices. The next step is to turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction "for the Spirit scrutinizes everything even the depths of God."

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (5:17-37). This rather long passage is from the "Sermon on the Mount" and is directed to all of Jesus' disciples, then and now. It is an extension of the Ten Commandments, with a little more detail for each of those, applying to interaction with others. And it warns us – us, today – just as it did 2000 years ago, that there are consequences for those who disregard the teachings of God in Jesus Christ. He goes on to say, "Unless your way of life surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Now, you might say "Wow, That's a tall order!" Yes, it is, but just look around you today and see how many people are suffering from depression-like symptoms because of their poor choices in life. The enticements of this generation are leading young and older people to do things not imagined just a few years go. Respect, Responsibility, Dignity and Manners seem to have disappeared from our society, but God hasn't changed and He is going to hold us responsible for our actions according to His teachings not according to the latest fad. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

The feast of the Chair of St. Peter

BY FR. LARRY RICE

On February 22nd each year, the Church celebrates the feast of the Chair of St. Peter. This might seem odd, as the church doesn't venerate furniture. There's no feast of the end-tables of St. Cyprian, or feast of the Sofa of St. Andrew. So, what's with the chair?

In pre-Christian Rome, the feast of *Parentalia* (celebrated in the third week of February) commemorated deceased relatives and friends, and it was traditional to leave an empty chair at the table in their honor. This empty chair has parallels in many other faiths, including Judaism. Christianity, in its early centuries, often established feasts and holiday that coincided with—and generally supplanted—the celebrations of the larger culture.

As early as the 4th Century, there is evidence of a Christian feast celebrating the Chair of Peter. The significance isn't the chair itself, but rather the authority it represents. The Latin word for chair, *cathedra*, is where we get the word cathedral. And when a pope speaks a pronouncement with his full authority as head of the Church, he is said to speak "*ex cathedra*" or, "from the chair." So, when we observe the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, we're celebrating the office of the pope as the authoritative head of the Church.

As for St. Peter's original chair, it is represented in St. Peter's basilica in Rome by an elaborate sculpture by Bernini. The relics of the chair itself are in the Vatican treasury, and not on public display. Those relics were given to the Vatican in the year 875 by King Charles II of France.

PRAYER FOR CIVIC LEADERS

In Celebration of Presidents' Day
February 17, 2020

God our Father,
You guide everything in wisdom and love.
Accept the prayers we offer for our nation.
In your goodness,
watch over those in authority
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We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

—From [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](#)



Upcoming Workshop

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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
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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

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For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them.

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020

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For the Bereaved and those Ministering to them
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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

Mother & Child



Pro Bikers For Life will be Sponsoring a **40 Days For Life** Campaign on Long Island
February 26th through April 5th

You're invited to join other Christians in peacefully praying for the Unborn during a 40-Day Vigil outside
Planned Parenthood... Located at 540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, NY 11550

The vigil takes place 7 days a week, between the hours of 8am - 5pm

LOVE SAVES LIVES

You can protect mothers and children by
joining this worldwide mobilization!
Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils
and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has
inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in
6,742 local campaigns, 61 Nations & 855 Cities:

- 16,742 babies saved from abortion
- 196 abortion workers quit
- 104 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part:

- Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood
540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, NY 11550
- Vigil hours: 8am - 5pm Daily
- Local contact: Email:
Hempstead40days@aol.com
- Social Media: Like us on Facebook at:
40daysforLifeHempsteadNY/
- Learn more and get involved by visiting our
campaign at the website below:
40daysforlife.com/Hempstead

KICK OFF 40 Days For Life opening Mass at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church
February 22th, Saturday 9am

Located at 18 Richardson Pl, Hempstead, NY 11550

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be Concelebrated by Fr. Liam McDonald & Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR

There will be a Pro-Life talk by Robert and Kristi Koller & PBFL video following Mass.

Afterwords there will be a short procession
to Planned Parenthood Hempstead for a Witness and the Rosary.

Pro Bikers



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February 26 - April 5

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SMITHTOWN, NY!

Join our 2020 Campaign of Prayer and Fasting!

You can help protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! **Here's how to take part** in our 40 Days for Life prayer campaign (choose one or all three):

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired over 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

16,742 babies saved from abortion

196 abortion workers quit

104 abortion centers closed

More info.: 40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com

(1.) **Prayer Vigil** – pray on sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood building, 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown. (Park in public lot, corner of Main St. & Maple Ave. near CVS.)

Please sign up for your hour(s) each week at: 40daysforlife.com/Smithtown

~February 26 -April 5 from 7 am to 7 pm

(2.) **Pray** with friends and family at your local parish/church and at home

(3.) **Fast and Sacrifice** as your health permits

40daysforlife.com/Smithtown

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.



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

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

Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity



Led by Rev. Jacob Ledwon, Chaplain

David Kersten, CEO

May 14 - 23, 2020

Rüdesheim • Heidelberg • Rothenburg • Regensburg • Oberammergau • Salzburg



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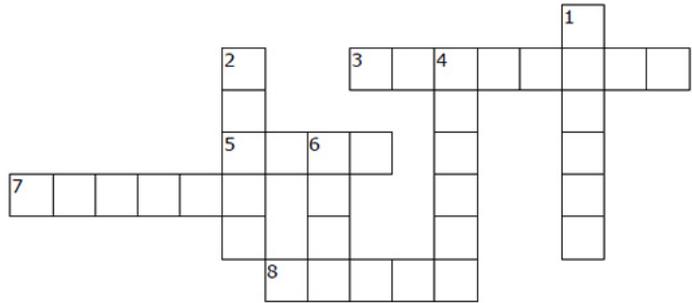
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OFFERING	FIRST	FOOL	JUDGEMENT	GIFT
BROTHER	HELL	DANGER	RECONCILED	FIRE

forgiveness



ACROSS

- 3. To decide if a person is guilty or innocent
- 5. A present that is given to another person
- 7. Killing of a person by another person
- 8. The place where gifts or sacrifices to God are made

DOWN

- 1. A group of human beings (men or women or children)
- 2. To be furious
- 4. To be at risk of being injured or harmed
- 6. A person who lacks good sense

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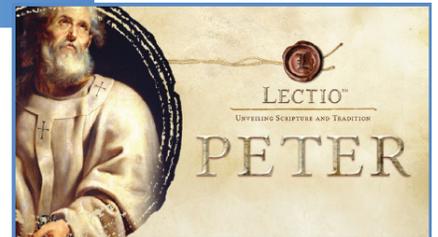
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the “keys of the kingdom.”

Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -
The Primacy of the Church



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