

# Encounter at the Well

CHURCH OF  
**SAINT AIDAN**

March 15, 2020

505 Willis Ave.  
Williston Park  
New York 11596-1727

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**Rectory Office Hours**

Monday to Friday  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
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9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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**Pastor**

Rev. Adrian McHugh

**Associate Pastors**

Rev. Ken Grooms  
Rev. Solomon Odinukwe

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Rev. Edward Sheridan

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**St. Aidan School**

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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.

# THIRD WEEK OF LENT

## MONDAY, MARCH 16

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

## LENTEN WEEKDAY

Paul Deo, Jr.  
Susan Stumpf (Birthday Rem.)  
John F. O'Sullivan (2nd Anniversary Rem.)  
Ralph Mancini (5th Anniversary Rem.)

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

## ST. PATRICK

James M. Laverty  
Peggy Monfort & Margaret and James Twohig  
John Patrick Mulrooney  
In Thanksgiving to St. Patrick

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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

## LENTEN WEEKDAY

Robert E. Lenney, Sr. (Birthday Rem.)  
Philip Calvin Amico (9th Birthday Rem.)  
Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Giufurta  
& Donato Family  
Peter Evers (1st Anniversary Rem.)

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

## ST. JOSEPH

Bob Gaffney (Birthday Rem.)  
Mikey DeCristoforo (7th Anniversary Rem.)  
John Fiore (Birthday Rem.)  
Mikey DeCristoforo (7th Anniversary Rem.)

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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

## LENTEN WEEKDAY

James Baldwin (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Philip Calvin Amico (9th Birthday Rem.)  
Donald F. Brushi (21st Anniversary Rem.)  
& Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Brushi Family  
Richard Base (3rd Anniversary Rem.)

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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

## LENTEN WEEKDAY

Alice Gallagher  
Lisa Margaritis  
William J. Farrar (Anniversary Rem.)  
Duarte Barroca (22nd Anniversary Rem.)  
Lv. Ints. of Chris Wade (Birthday)  
Lv. Ints. of Mary McNulty (Birthday)  
James Tolsdorf (28th Anniversary Rem.)  
Sarah Coppelli

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Deceased Mbrs. of the Fitzpatrick Family  
Parishioners of St. Aidan  
Sait Nasifoglu  
Mary Curry (30th Anniversary Rem.)  
Warren Berndt  
Sheila & Daniel O'Brien  
George Baltzer, Sr.  
Andrew Balducci (2nd Anniversary Rem.)  
Joann Kolar (14th Anniversary Rem.)





## *What's Pastor Thinking*

What was Jesus doing in Samaria? Didn't he know that Jews and Samaritans had a long-standing and deep animosity toward each other? Tired and thirsty, he stopped at a well in a town called Sychar. It's Jacob's well, which had been there for centuries, and still exists today. Jesus stops for a drink. But He had two problems. For one thing, He had no means to draw water. He had no bucket to lower empty and raise full, and the well was deep. And, secondly, it was the wrong time of day. It was noon. The women of the village would go to the well early in the morning, to collect the water their households would need that day. But Jesus is at the well at noon, without a bucket, with no one in sight, and he's thirsty. Well, whether he expected it or not, someone else did show up at the well. It was a woman, a woman who had come at an unusual hour. John tells us that there are reasons for that — she had character issues which prevented her from going at the same time of day as the respectable women of the town. Jesus, violating all conventions of the day, speaks to her and asks for a drink. And a remarkable conversation follows! The topic of their conversation shifts again from marriage, to religion. They discuss the differences between Jews and Samaritans. At the end of this exchange, the woman professes her conviction that the Messiah will be coming, and Jesus

responds 'I am He'.

In spite of her lack of credibility in the village, the woman runs off to tell the townspeople about her remarkable conversation with a remarkable man and wonders, 'He couldn't be the Messiah, could he?' The townspeople come and see for themselves — and declare that Jesus is no less than 'the Savior of the world!' The Savior of the world stopped in Samaria that day, and changed the lives of a woman and others in her village.

Jesus wants to do the same for us. Jesus wants to meet us where we are, invite us to go deeper with Him, receive a drink from the living water that He offers, and rejoice that we too have met the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

The amazing story of Jesus and the woman at the well makes it clear what Jesus can do when we meet at the well, the well where our faith is renewed and deepened in profound moments of prayer. The well where we witness God producing new life and new growth in another person's life. Or the well of the sick-beds and death-beds of others, where God's promises were heard, celebrated, and embraced. Jesus shows up, when we don't expect him, just like He did for the woman at the well. That's what He does, you know. He goes to the well, and meets us there. And we discover an amazing thing. He is Messiah.

Dear Parishioners

Throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre neighboring parishes have been asked to explore ways of cooperating together on how we can best serve our people.

With this in mind the parishes of St. Aidan and Corpus Christi, which are in close geographical proximity, have begun a journey of exploration together.

One challenge we face is the decline in the number of priests available for parish ministry. This means that, in consultation with our Episcopal Vicar, we have to examine and propose a new schedule of Masses.

In **January 2021** the following changes will take place:

- The Church of St. Aidan will schedule daily Mass, Monday to Friday, at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM, but will not schedule Mass at 12:30 PM.
- Corpus Christi Church will schedule daily Mass, Monday to Friday, at 7:30 AM and 12:00 PM, but will not schedule Mass at 9:00 AM.
- At this time there are no proposed changes to the weekend schedule of Masses.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to greater cooperation between our parishes in serving the people of this area.

Fr. Malcolm Burns, Corpus Christi Parish, Mineola.  
Fr. Adrian McHugh, St. Aidan Parish, Williston Park.

#### **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  
Virgini Bradley  
Sue Fleming  
Kathleen Donnelly  
Frank Keenan  
Isabella Mueller  
Eileen Fitzgerald

#### **WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

Cesarea Estevez  
Louis Grimaldi  
Veronica Fallo  
Ursula G. Trainor

#### **BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**

In Loving Memory  
JOSEPH MC DEVITT  
Birthday Remembrance  
Requested by His Loving Sisters



#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE THIRD WEEK**

Emily Karen, St. Aidan  
& James Seiger,  
St. Bartholomew, Philadelphia.

Elizabeth McArdle, St. Aidan  
& Matthew Kugelman,  
St. Aidan

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

03/10/19 - \$22,530  
3/08/20 - \$27,028 (+19.96%)

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

67 parishioners are currently using Online Giving. Go to [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org). Click on DONATE.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

#### **2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Goal \$150,000  
Pledges: \$58,331  
Donors 233

## What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

## Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

## Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

## How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

## What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

## What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

## How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

## If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

## What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

## Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

## Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



## **DIRECTIVES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARISHES DURING VIRUS SEASONS**

As a health precaution, the Diocese of Rockville Centre instructs all Pastors, Clergy and Parish Churches to enact the following measures immediately:

- Until further notice, the Precious Blood of Christ (the Chalice) is not to be distributed to anyone other than clergy (priests / deacons) or those who for health reasons must only receive the Precious Blood.
- Until further notice, the Sign of Peace will not be given / exchanged in any form during Holy Mass. To eliminate any confusion for latecomers, visitors, children, etc., please use the following sequence after the Lord's Prayer, which omits the words "Let us offer each other the sign of peace.":

The following practices are encouraged in all parishes:

- Parishioners are instructed to remain at home if they are sick. This includes deacons, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers, ushers, music ministers, etc.. Those who are able to attend Mass should be encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands.
- Priests, deacons, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers should wash their hands immediately before serving. Disinfectant soap and/or hand sanitizer should be provided for them. Clergy and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash / disinfect their hands after serving as well.
- Holy water fonts at the doors of the church should be emptied and cleaned several times per week, especially before and after weekends.
- Parishioners who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue still have that right, though they may freely choose to receive the Sacred Host in their hands during this precautionary time. (See Redemptionis Sacramentum, no. 92)
- Cleaning and disinfecting practices normally carried out in our churches and parish facilities should be given extra and careful attention during this time.
- Clergy may wish to discontinue the practice of shaking hands if greeting parishioners after Mass.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM. On Friday, March 27th the Stations of the Cross will be for children. Children will read the reflections and carry the cross between the stations. All are welcome.

## **RCIA ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process by which adults prepare to become Catholic by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). This coming Easter Vigil, our parish will be welcoming Elvin Polanco, Samantha Chu, Daniel Wloski, Samantha Ferazzoli, and Xiyao (Harry) Zhao into the church. Please keep them in your prayers throughout Lent and if possible, plan to attend the Easter Vigil.

## **CONCERT POSTPONED**

St. Aidan Traditional Annual Concert in Honor of St. Patrick and St. Joseph is postponed for Sunday, April 19th at 6:30 PM. Irish patriotic songs will be sung, also beautiful Italian songs and arias which our choirs and soloists prepared for Sunday, March 15 in Honor of Saint Joseph. Hope to see you all. We have some incredibly beautiful music to share with you!

## **BETHANY RETREAT POSTPONED**

The annual Bethany Retreat which was schedule for March 20th and 21st has been postponed until further notice. Many thanks to all those had signed up for the retreat and to our retreat team.

## **DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR TEENS POSTPONED**

The Day of Recollection for Teens on March 28th is postponed until a future date. Thank you to all those who intended to attend and to the young people who were facilitating the day.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday, March 20, 1:00-3:00 PM

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Sunday, March 22 after the 12:00 PM Mass

## **BLD COMMUNITY PRAISE**

Friday, March 20 at 7:30 PM in the church.

## **SENIOR ALTAR SERVER FAREWELL**

Will be held on Sunday May 17th at the 9am. Thank you all for the many years of altar serving.

## **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.

### **SISTERS OF CHARITY**

The Sisters of Charity served in this parish for many years. Their charism of charity touches many of us. I am part of a group that meets monthly to pray, socialize and learn about that charity charism. We pray with each other as well as some of the Sisters. We meet on Sunday afternoons in the Parish Center. If you feel that you too share that charism of charity where you live and work or have an interest in learning more, please call or send an email to me. Ann Masters amasters1966@gmail.com; 516.742-3188.

### **ST. AIDAN MARIAN PRAYER GROUP**

The Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group invites you to join them. We have been praying "To Jesus through Mary" for 29 years here at St. Aidan's. Some of you have been with us on Divine Mercy Sundays, where we take your intentions and keep them in prayer in our group. Open to all, both men & women. We start at 7:30 PM every Wednesday in the convent. For more info, call Gloria 741-5399

### **THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY PRAYER GROUP**

Join us for an evening of prayer on Friday, March 27th at 7:30 PM in St. Aidan's School Cafeteria. Our evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, Confession, Prayer of Forgiveness and short Lenten Reflection. Music: Al Barbarino. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. For information please call Tecky at (516) 477-4486 or Angela at (516) 655-4429.

### **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.

### **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

Sunday, March 22, 10:30 am Mass

### **FRIENDS OF WARREN & CLAIRE MCNALLY**

The Warren and Claire McNally Foundation is hosting its annual event: "Friends of Warren and Claire McNally" On Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 7:00 – 11:00 PM at The Irish American Center ~ 297 Willis Avenue Mineola, NY 11501. \$50 (includes dinner, drinks, and music). If interested, please purchase your tickets here: <https://friendsofwarrenandclairemcnally2020.eventbrite.com>. All proceeds go to the foundation which grants 2 annual scholarships to St. Aidan graduates and supports educational needs within the St. Aidan School community. The Warren and Claire McNally Foundation Corp. is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. For questions, please contact Laura McNally Miller at [warrenandclairemcnallyfound@gmail.com](mailto:warrenandclairemcnallyfound@gmail.com)

### **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](http://www.drvc-faith.org). If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, ext.223.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Saturday, April 4th ROCK THE NIGHT AWAY - Corpus Christi Council #2502 invite you to enjoy the Rockinghams live at the Council Hall (186 Jericho Tpke.) on Saturday, April 4th, starting at 7:00 pm. The Rockinghams perform many of the 60's hits, near misses, and forgotten gems with the harmonies, arrangements, and energy that are an inextricable part of the classics; they will provide a memorable night of music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Open bar, Italian Buffet, coffee & dessert for a cost of \$ 60 per person. Reservations only; checks

payable to Corpus Christi Council #2502 K of C. For reservations/payments, send to Tom Kelly, 68 Jerome Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501. Contact Tom at (516) 642-3242 for further information.

### 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. RSVP to Ruth Ann at 516-221-6105 or Barbara at 516-739-6158.

### YOUTH GROUP 2020 SCHEDULE

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|----------|--|
| March 15 | Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM                            |
| March 22 | Meeting @ Luigi's Pizzeria<br>from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM |
| March 28 | Day of Reflection - POSTPONED                        |
| March 29 | Easter Basket Making and Drive                       |

### 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.

### KIDNEY DONATION NEEDED

The 18 year old granddaughter of one of the parish housekeepers, Rolanda John, is in need of a kidney transplant. If you want to consider this life saving donation please call Andrea at (212) 746-3922 and an appointment for testing can be made through her.

### SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

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

### ROSARY

The Solemnity of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Thursday, March 19. Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary for the help of marriages and families after the 12:30 PM Mass in church.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Please join in saying the rosary for Religious Freedom on Wednesday, March 18 after the 5:30 PM mass in the St. Francis Prayer Garden.

### YOUTH GROUP

SAVE THE DATE!



#### Come join us for an Easter Basket Wrapping Party

\*GREAT, FUN WAY TO EARN SERVICE HOURS\*

When: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Saint Aidan Parish Youth Group Room

Who can come: anyone in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Donations Needed: Boys and girls toys for ages 3-12, Easter chocolate/candy clear cellophane wrap, ribbon, scissors, tape.

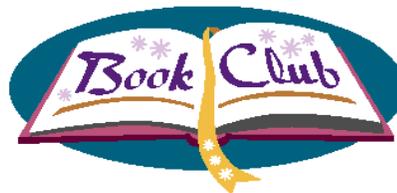
Bring your favorite dessert: cookies, brownies, etc.

Let's spread some Easter cheer. Bunny Ears are always welcome!

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE DONATED  
TO SAINT AIDAN'S PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY!**

Any questions please contact Steve Loewenthal at [SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com) or (516) 410-6461.

### Saint Aidan Teen



Come and join us for our Book Club discussion.

Open to anyone in 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Church of Saint Aidan Youth Room

We will be discussing

**The Seventh Most Important Thing**

by Shelly Pearsall

\*Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions email Steve at

[SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com) or Call 516-410-6461

**\$400 MEMORIALS**

**SANCTUARY RESURRECTION GARDEN**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Right Side Sanctuary**

**\$100 MEMORIALS**

\_\_\_\_\_ (22) **Window Memorials-Each window will receive (2) Kalanchoe plants w/parish candle in center.**

**\$90 MEMORIALS**

\_\_\_\_\_ (15) **Azalea Plants**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6) **Rhododendron Plants**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (12) **Forsythia Plants**

**\$80 MEMORIALS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **15 Triple Stem Lily**

\_\_\_\_\_ **1 Triple Lily  
Right Side  
Vestibule Doors**

\_\_\_\_\_ **12 Hydrangea  
Plants**



**St Aidan  
Church**  
**EASTER**  
**Flower  
Memorials**

*Please complete this form and send to the Rectory office with payment.  
Make checks payable to: Church of St. Aidan. information call (516) 746-6585 x1*

**INSCRIPTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations will be published in the bulletin** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_



**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

1:00 PM CONFESSIONS UNTIL 7:00 PM

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

8:30 AM OFFICE OF READINGS  
 9:00 AM SUNG MORNING PRAYER  
 11:00 AM CHRISM MASS AT ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL  
 4:30 PM CONFESSIONS UNTIL 6:00 PM  
 7:30 PM THE LORD'S SUPPER  
 9:30 PM CHAPEL OF REPOSE (GYM)  
 11:45 PM NIGHT PRAYER

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

8:30 AM OFFICE OF READINGS-  
 9:00 AM SUNG MORNING PRAYER -  
 12:00 PM SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST  
 3:00 PM THE LORD'S PASSION  
 4:30 PM CONFESSIONS UNTIL 6:00 PM  
 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

8:30 AM OFFICE OF READINGS  
 9:00 AM SUNG MORNING PRAYER  
 12:00 PM BLESSING OF FOOD  
 12:30 PM CONFESSION UNTIL 2:00 PM  
 7:30 PM THE EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

7:30 AM FR. KEN  
 9:00 AM FR. ADRIAN  
 10:30 AM FR. ED  
 10:30 PM FR. SOLOMON (KIRWIN HALL)  
 12:00 PM FR. ADRIAN  
 12:00 PM FR. KEN (KIRWIN HALL)  
 1:30 PM FR. SOLOMON

**ST. AIDAN'S BOOSTER CLUB**

24 chances to win every month  
 \$30 Annual Membership  
 Runs September 2019-August 2020  
 The Booster Club is administered by  
 The Saint Aidan School Board  
 All proceeds directly benefit the school.

Weekly Prizes: (1) \$25 winner and (4) \$20 winners  
 Monthly Prizes (1) \$50 winner and (2) \$25 winners

Monthly Bonus Prizes:  
 (1) \$500 winner March, June and December  
 (1) \$100 winner in all other months

**NOVEMBER WINNERS**

**\$20 Winners**

Mary Jo Love, Rosalia Gioia, Debbie & Mike Donovan, Anthony Cassone, Louise Hurley, Betty McEnery, Joanne Fitzgerald, Connor McGrath, Sara Smith, Julia Murphy, Christopher Malley, Rosemary Loughlin, Carol Lovly, Jim & Barbara Stumpf, Carol & Morgan O'Brien

**\$25 Winners**

Patty Regan, Patricia Tilley, Margaret Clark, Judith Hawrysko, Betty Ann Pristupa, Theresa B. Sullivan

**\$50 Winner**

Michael & Joyce Rowley

**\$100 Winner**

Michael & Joyce Rowley

Winning checks will be mailed within the next 10 days.

Renew your membership or join now!

Membership will run from September 2019 through August 2020. Please fill out this form and return to the Rectory with cash or check made payable to: St. Aidan's Booster Club.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_ numbers at \$30 each. \$\_\_\_ enclosed.

\_\_\_ Please check here if this is a renewal or an existing membership.



**Alan Ames from Australia  
Catholic Evangelist with the Gift of Healing  
& Author of “Through the Eyes of Jesus”**



**Thursday, March 19th**

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

**Mass celebrated by Rev. Augustine Fernando**

**Mass / Talk / Blessed Sacrament / Healing**

**St. Aidan Catholic Church**

505 Willis Ave

Williston Park, NY 11596

(516) 746-6585

**Everyone is welcomed, please invite family & friends**

 **Alan Ames International Ministry**

**[www.alanames.org](http://www.alanames.org)**

# ST AIDAN FAMILY MASS 10:30 AM

Please continue to attend Mass every Sunday during Lent and participate in the Lenten Word of the Week Butterfly Project. Each week, there is a special word connected to the Sunday Gospel theme. Sheets are provided with the word of the week for children to decorate and display at home. Ideas are included for adults and children about how that word can be practiced during the week as we journey through Lent. These materials and others can be found on the Family Mass Table. Please stop by!

The reception that was scheduled this weekend after 10:30 Mass is cancelled.

Be a great Missionary Disciple and INVITE a friend to Mass!

Next Week: March 22nd Junior Catholic Daughters

March 29th First Communion Pin Mass & 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](mailto:staidansfamilymass@gmail.com).



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St. Aidan's School  
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Williston Park, New York  
[facebook.com/cruwillistonpark](https://www.facebook.com/cruwillistonpark)

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Sat. May 30, 10 AM - 1 PM

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*“Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day.”*

Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven’t contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2020 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is used to support the ministries of the Appeal that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10. **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!**

Make checks payable to:			
Catholic Ministries Appeal			
Parish _____	Pledge:	\$ _____	
Name _____	Down payment:	\$ _____	
Address _____			
City, State, Zip: _____			
Phone: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	

To make a donation, you can also visit [drvc.org/CMA](http://drvc.org/CMA)  
 or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296  
 Thank You!

Pope Benedict XVI  
said in his  
Encyclical, *Deus  
Caritas Est*,  
"Everything has  
its origin in God's

love, everything is shaped by  
it, everything is directed  
towards it. Love is God's  
greatest gift to humanity; it is  
his promise and our hope."

**FOOD PANTRY:** If you  
missed our monthly food  
drive that took place last  
weekend and 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. We are in need of  
frozen vegetables, chicken  
cutlets, hamburgers/hot  
dogs and chop meat

**ITEMS NEEDED:** cookies,  
apple juice, jars of sauce,  
coffee, tuna fish, saltines,  
individual bags of snacks,  
Clorox wipes and baby wipes

**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, March March 10th .  
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.

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

## The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

### Upcoming Workshop

**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.

**Basic Religious  
Studies Course Series**

**St. Mary's, Manhasset**  
3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

New Testament

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

Christology

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

**8th Annual Women's  
Conference – The  
Voice of Catholic  
Women**

**Seminary of the  
Immaculate  
Conception,  
Huntington**  
Sunday, April 4, 2020  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Wonderfully  
Made Mother and  
Daughter Tea**

**Queen of the Most  
Holy Rosary,  
Roosevelt**  
Sunday, March 22, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or

**St. James, Setauket**  
Sunday, March 29, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or

**St. Rosalie,  
Hampton Bays**  
Sunday, April 19, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 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.

**St. Rosalie, Hampton  
Bays**

Saturday, April 11, 18,  
25; and May 16, 2020  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**St. Mary's, East Islip**

Saturday, April 25;  
May 2, 9, and 16, 2020  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Golden Wedding  
Anniversary Liturgy**

**Saint Patrick's,  
Smithtown**  
Sunday, May 3, 2020  
2:00 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.

**Enrichment Day For  
Bereavement  
Facilitators June 2020**

**St. Rosalie,  
Hampton Bays**  
Saturday, June 6, 2020  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Save the Date!**

**Catechetical Congress  
2020**

**St. John the Baptist  
High School,  
West Islip**  
Saturday,  
September 19, 2020

**Registration coming  
soon.**

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

# What's Happening at St. Aidan School

## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

On Monday, March 2, 2020, the St. Aidan students and teachers celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday in many different ways.



The students in Miss Prisco's 2nd grade class made their own Cat in the Hat hats. We hope they aren't as mischievous as that Cat in the Hat!

In Art, our 3rd grade students designed postage stamps inspired by Dr. Seuss characters.



One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish! The students in Mrs. Waklely's Nursery class went fishing, and look what they caught!



You Are Cordially Invited To Join  
Fellow St. Aidan Parishioners & Friends at the  
**2020**  
**“Monsignor James McDonald Memorial Golf Outing”**  
In Support of St. Aidan School

**Honoring:**  
**Dick Kearns ('64) and Mo Kearns ('65)**

**Monday, May 4, 2020**  
**Wheatley Hills Golf Club**  
147 East Williston Ave. (Hillside Avenue), East Williston

**Featuring Lunch, Golf, Drinks & Dinner**  
**\$325 per golfer or \$1,250 per foursome**  
**Many Sponsorships Opportunities Available**

**If you don't play golf, please join us for Dinner - \$130 per person**

**St. Aidan Parishioners: Please consider a Monsignor McDonald Memorial Sponsorship for \$50 to honor the memory of our beloved former Pastor.**

**St. Aidan Alumni: Please consider an “Alumni Sponsorship” listing your name and graduation year for \$25**

**To register or for more information, please visit:**

**[SASgolf.givesmart.com](http://SASgolf.givesmart.com)**

Or contact Golf Outing Co-Chairs Tony Santos (646-220-0540) or Joseph Galante (516- 410-2600)  
or by email at [staidangolf@yahoo.com](mailto:staidangolf@yahoo.com)  
Get your reservations in fast! The Golf Outing sells out quickly.

**Thank you for supporting our Parish School!**



# Faith Formation

**SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS/ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please consider serving the children of our parish as a volunteer for 2020-2021 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 10:30AM. **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 8.

**SPREAD THE WORD!** If you have a child entering grade 1 or if you know a Catholic family in the community who has a child entering grade 1 in the Fall, please contact the Faith Formation Office at (516)746-6585 x405 to leave your contact information so that registration materials can be sent to you when they are distributed.

**ATTENTION GRADE 8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS:** The Confirmation retreat dates are April 26th and May 2nd. Confirmation candidates must only attend one session. Pre-registration for your preferred date is required by calling the Faith Formation Office at (516) 746-6585 x405. Candidates must sign-in at 8:45AM in the lobby of the church and proceed to the reserved rows for the 9AM Mass. Lunch will be provided and the retreat will end at 2:00 PM. Attendance for the whole retreat experience is expected. Instructions regarding arrival and departure, attire, and other details are included in the announcement mailing. Please call the Faith Formation Office with any questions and /or concerns you may have.

**THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH IN OBSERVANCE OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**

**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

**5TH ANNUAL RUN FOR  
TOMORROW'S  
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FUN RUN @ 8:30 AM · 5K @ 9:00 AM



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# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE *of* ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## **PROMISE TO PROTECT & PLEDGE TO HEAL**

### **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

the things you will see and the people you will meet on your spiritual journey. To read the letter, visit [www.thegreatweek.com](http://www.thegreatweek.com). The pastoral letter will also be included in the March edition of The Long Island Catholic Magazine. Printed copies will be available later this month. To subscribe to The Long Island Catholic Magazine visit [www.licatholic.org/subscribe/](http://www.licatholic.org/subscribe/).

## **PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

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

## **PROJECT RACHEL**

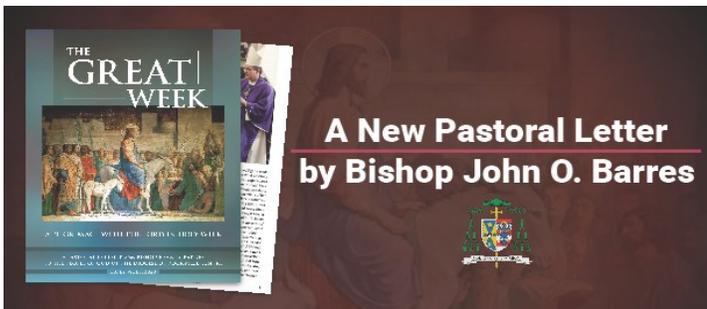
Do you know someone who is suffering abortion loss? Project Rachel is a ministry about finding hope and healing after abortion. For information call (516) 766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org).

## **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](mailto: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://wwmenyli.org/>.



Available online by visiting:

[www.thegreatweek.com](http://www.thegreatweek.com)

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## **NEW PASTORAL LETTER**

The Great Week – A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week. Bishop John Barres has written a pastoral letter about Holy Week: The Great Week – A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week. This Lent, Bishop Barres invites you to join him in making a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Lord during the last week of His life by attending all the liturgies that take place in your local parish during Holy Week, the final week of Lent just prior to Easter. This pastoral letter will provide you an overview and explanation of the 'places' you will visit,

## RETRouvaille WEEKEND

April 19-19, 2020. You Can Help Heal Your Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

## MOLLOY COLLEGE

Spring Open House, Sunday, April 26 @1:00 PM at 1000 Hempstead Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY. For information please call (516) 323-4000.

## HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Presents its 10th Annual "Oldies Concert" on Saturday, March 21 from 6:00-11:00 PM. Starring Stan Zizka's "Del Satins". Air personality "Don K. Reed" to MC show. Dinner, dancing, concert. \$40 per ticket \$45 ticket at the door. Call Dolores Santangelo for ticket information at (516) 903-6630. If anyone would like to make a basket for the raffle table or donate a new gift it would be greatly appreciated. This is a fundraiser for the parish. Come join us for an evening and reserve your table early. 500 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park.

## PLEASE JOIN US !! LENT AFTERNOON

With Sr Ave Marie Clark. Sunday March 22,2020. 2:00-4:30 pm Tabor Retreat House 60 Anchor Ave, Oceanside, NY 11572. Please call/email to reserve your seat. \$20.00 fee will be accepted that day (check/cash only)

## ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE BYZANTINE CHURCH

The Annual Bake Sale will be held April 4th from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Time is quickly approaching for the Pascha Bake Sale. Slavic foods, ethnic bakes goods, raffles and boutique items. 275 Ellison Avenue,

Westbury, NY. For information please call (516) 404-1162.

## SENIOR SOCIAL

The Village of Williston Park Senior Advisory Committee will be hosting the Annual Senior Social on Sunday, April 5th, 2020 at 2:00pm at the American Legion Hall, 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of music and light refreshments!

## QUEEN OF PEACE RESIDENCE

"Beacon of Light and Hope Dinner". A golden opportunity to commemorate a ceaseless wonder. A unique evening of togetherness and festivity celebrating 50 years of Queen of Peace Residence and the amazing work done by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thursday, April 16 from 6:30-10:30 PM at Antun's of Queens Village, 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY. \$85 per person. RSVP by March 20 at (718) 464-1800.

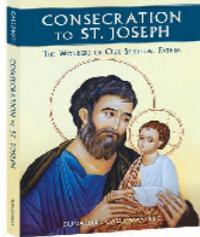
## ST. MARY'S CHURCH-ROSLYN

A part-time Secretarial position is available. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 15-18 hours a week with flexibility. Candidate must be proficient in Publisher and Word. Job includes preparing the weekly bulletin, issuing Mass cards as requested, maintaining parish registration records and volunteer files, recording contributions, correspondence, answering the phone and other general duties. If interested please contact Laura Fay at (516) 621-2222 or stmarys@optonline.net



**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](http://www.drvc-faith.org)

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The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and the family."

**St. Lucia Dos Santos of the Fatima apparitions**

"The patronage [of St. Joseph] must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to evangelization in the world and to re-evangelization in those lands and nations where religion and the Christian life were formerly flourishing and are now put to a hard test."

**St. Pope John Paul II**

Join us in preparation for a special Consecration to St. Joseph. You may attend at 10:00- 11:30 AM or 7:00- 8:30 PM each Monday beginning March 30 for five consecutive weeks. Meetings will be at the Convent on Pembroke St. Father Donald H. Calloway's book, *Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, will be available for \$15.00. Please register by March 23 by contacting Cathy at cathy8970@optonline.net or (516) 395-1012



Did you receive a gift that you can't use?  
Did you receive an item that you already have?  
Did you receive a present that you could give away?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, the Dominican Sisters of Amityville invite you to donate your items for our annual Beauty of the Spirit Luncheon. All proceeds from the event benefit the elderly and retired Sisters living in the Motherhouse. Last year, the event grossed over \$118,000!

Please remember, all items must be **NEW**. To arrange a drop off, please phone the Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext. 238. Thank you for your support.

The Sisters of St. Dominic | 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701 | (631) 842-6000 [advancement@amityop.org](mailto:advancement@amityop.org)

*Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues*

# Liturgical

"Please note **CORRECT** March date." *Catechesis*

↓ Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

- March 31: 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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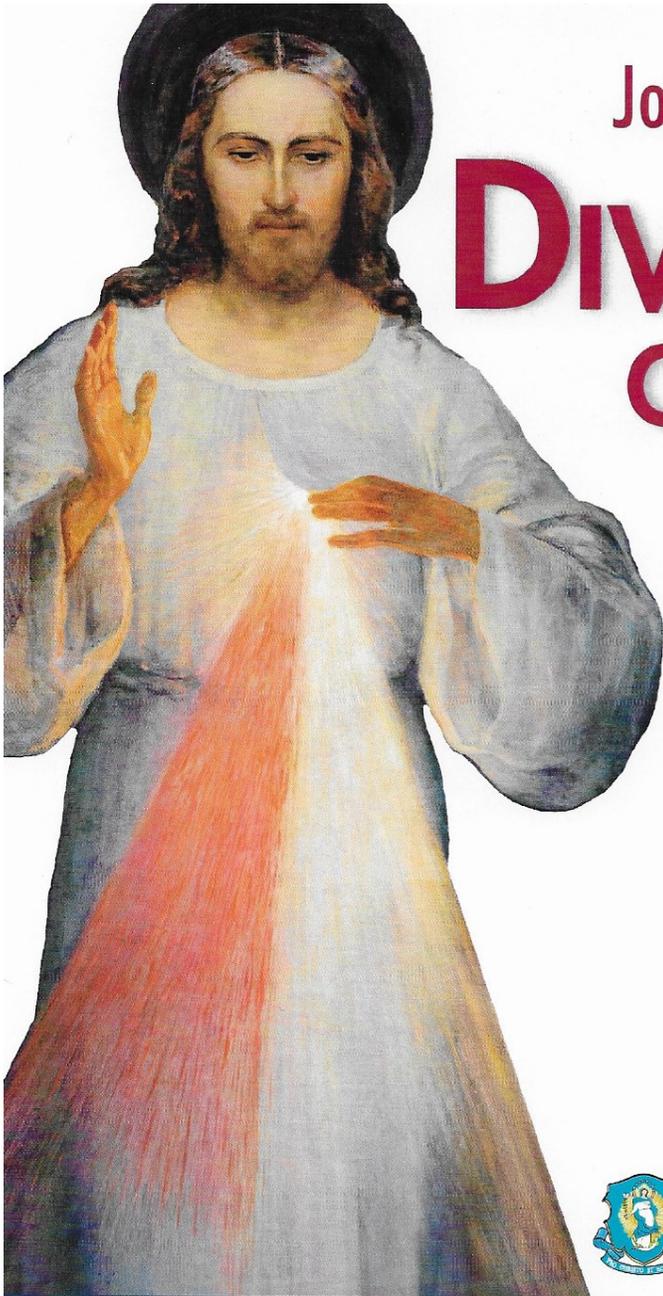
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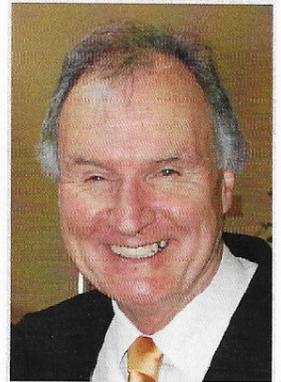
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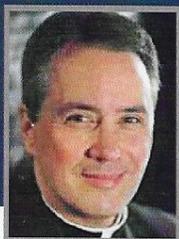


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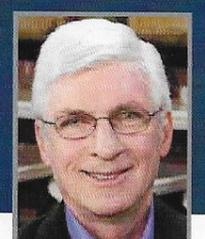
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- March 19, St. Joseph (Solemnity)
- March 25, Annunciation (Solemnity)
- April 12, Easter Sunday (Solemnity)
- May 31, Pentecost (Solemnity)
- June 7, Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)
- June 14, Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord (Solemnity)
- June 19, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum, from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. After the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we will not celebrate Mass again until that Mass of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil Saturday night. To prepare for this, let's look more closely at these days, starting with Holy Thursday.

The Triduum starts with Mass on Holy Thursday evening. What comes to mind when you think of Holy Thursday? How do you picture Holy Thursday? Do you see something like the famous mural with Jesus and His disciples lounging peacefully at a long table sharing the Passover meal? Perhaps you think of Him washing their feet, as we will recreate at our Holy Thursday Mass? There is really much more going on.

First, it is far easier for us to understand what Jesus is saying to His apostles from our vantage point. We know what

is about to happen next on Good Friday and then on Easter Sunday. The apostles didn't. They're celebrating a fancy meal. Jesus knows what is about to happen. He knows that one of His close friends will sell him out that night. He knows that His closest friends will accompany Him to the garden where he will face His final temptation when He asks His Father to take this cup from Him and He needs their support. And they will fall asleep, then run away. He knows His very closest friend, Peter, the one upon whom He will build His church, will vehemently deny that he even knows Jesus. Three times. Does He complain, or warn them? Is He angry? No, He shows them how He loves them, and serves them and how they are to serve in the future. He washes their feet, and explains why. They're shocked. The Master is washing their feet! But something much greater is happening, and the apostles miss it. Other than debating who was the most important among them (per St. Luke's gospel) all they did was head out for a post-dinner walk – to Gethsemani. What shook them up was that the Master washed their feet, and said one of them would betray Him. They didn't take notice of the most important thing that had ever happened up to that night.

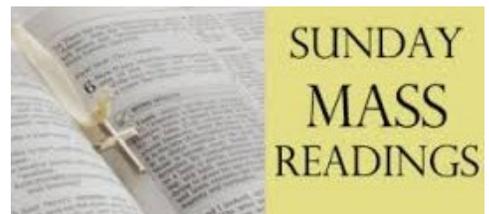
But Jesus understands and is very deliberate and precise in what He says and does. Knowing that this constant giving of Himself is about to culminate in His ultimate gift of Himself on the cross, He gives us the supreme eternal gift of the Eucharist. Knowing exactly what was about to happen, He calmly takes common bread and wine and institutes the greatest of all the sacraments, actually initiating His sacrifice on the cross, because that is what the Eucharist is. So in a sense, Good Friday was already there on Holy Thursday. St. Paul and all three synoptic Gospels describe this in almost exactly the same way. He took the bread,

blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples using the words our priests use every day at Mass. After that, He took the cup and told them plainly that it contained His blood, the blood of the new covenant which will be shed for many. The apostles didn't understand that night, but they would the following day when they saw what He knew was coming. And how blessed are we to not merely understand it, but to be able to receive this Gift.

In addition to the initiation of the sacrament of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday is also the birthday of the priesthood. When Jesus said "Do this in remembrance of Me", He was speaking not just to the apostles, but to their descendants. Our priests will be the ones who will continue the sacrifice of Good Friday and share with us the gift of the Eucharist as they continue it as the eternal once and for all sacrifice of the Son of God for us.

So remember what Holy Thursday really is, why it is so central to our faith. Without Holy Thursday, we wouldn't have the greatest of all the sacraments, the Eucharist, or our priests. And give thanks to Our Lord for this gift, because that is what the word Eucharist means – giving thanks.

And if you think that lines up the next two, yes, it does.



In the readings for today, we have a couple of stories that contain the biblical symbol of water. Throughout the bible there are many passages that use this symbol, which represents various attributes of God, mostly the

power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us look beyond the obvious uses or needs for water and try to see the gift of "living water" that God holds out to each of us every day. In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus (17:3-7), the Israelites are grumbling about the lack of fresh water. They threaten Moses with stoning and even want to go back to Egypt. Even after seeing what God did for them in freeing them from slavery in Egypt, they still complain rather than praying with patience and expectation for the Lord to continue to help them. God does provide the necessary water in abundance and in a miraculous way. However, God would like to do more and give more but they do not ask because their faith is weak. The Responsorial Psalm (95:1- 9) is a meditation on the above scene from Exodus, and it is what the Israelites should have been saying or praying rather than grumbling. They should have acknowledged, "...we are the people He shepherds; the flock He guides." If true, will He not provide what is necessary for His flock? In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:1-8), Paul realizes that the "water" that the Israelites wanted and the woman at the well wants and needs is, in reality, "the love of God that has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." We who are baptized in and through Jesus Christ have a spring of living water within us waiting to be tapped and yet, many of us do not realize it or make use of it. The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (4:5-42). In this reading we hear the familiar story of the woman at Jacob's well. Don't pass this over like so many stories that we have heard so frequently that we don't listen. The woman comes to the well for earthly water. She comes with an empty water jar, a symbol of an empty soul. The conversation between Jesus, a Jew, and the woman, a Samaritan, is engaging for many reasons. Jesus asks her to give Him a small part of herself (her efforts) and in return, He promises to give unending "living water," a gift of the Holy Spirit. The woman is so taken with what Jesus is telling her that she runs off, leaving her water jar and calls her neighbors to come and listen to the man "who knows all about her." When you come to Mass, whether it is on Sunday or any day, what do you bring to give Our Lord? He holds out to you living water, the Holy Spirit, eternal life and His own flesh and blood to nourish your soul and spirit. So what do you give Him in return? Like the Israelites in the desert, don't miss this opportunity to get more than you can imagine. When you come to Mass along with love and prayers, bring your hurts, your disappointments, and troubles and have them washed away with this living water that flows freely from the altar. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

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State ..." (2) The fact that separation of Church and State is not in the Constitution and the First Amendment protects Freedom of Religion and

Military Bans Bible Verses on Dog-Tags but Allows Non-religious Sayings

Freedom of Speech, did not deter the Pentagon from canceling the trademark licenses. They cited "Negative Press" as their motivation. (3)

A Texas-based jeweler is challenging the military's trademark office which pulled the company's trademark licenses saying they can no longer display military insignia and Bible verses on the replica dog-tags it has sold to service members since the 9/11 attacks.

A Constitutional Law attorney said, "While I would absolutely oppose the military issuing such tags, ... it is outrageous that service members can't voluntarily inscribe their own tags. From a legal point of view, if the military allows any inscriptions at all (like "I love you Mom") then banning religious ones is content discrimination." (4)

For about 20 years, Shields of Strength has provided service members with memento dog-tags featuring inspirational messages based on verses in scripture such as Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous..." or Psalm 27:3, "Though my enemies attack me, I will not fear; ...I will still trust in God." (1) In addition to sales, a few hundred thousand of these items have been donated to military units and personnel.

At present, anyone can order dog-tags online with military insignia and a non-religious saying such as "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes longer." (5)

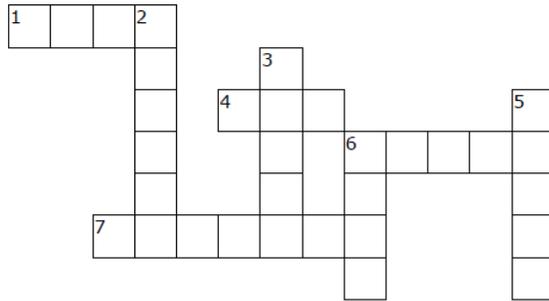
In July, the anti-religious, Military Religious Freedom Foundation, demanded the military branches stop allowing Shields of Strength to use a military emblem, saying it "poisons the constitutionally-mandated separation of Church and

(aclj.org/us-military (1); washintontimes.com, 12/4/19; foxnews.com/faith-values(2)(3); fellowshipoftheminds.com (4); dogtagsonline.com) "A government that roams the land ... scrubbing away any reference to the divine will strike many as aggressively hostile to religion. Supreme Court Justice, Samuel A. Alito

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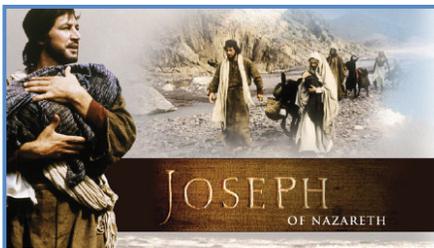
1. A present; something given without cost
4. The creator of heaven and earth; our Heavenly Father
6. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O
7. Continuing forever

**DOWN**

2. To feel the need for a drink
3. An adult female person
5. The act of taking liquid through the mouth
6. A deep hole or shaft dug or drilled to obtain water

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