



ALIVE

CHURCH OF
SAINT AIDAN

May 17, 2020

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**We invite
everyone to
walk with
Jesus
and
experience
His healing
power and
love**



THE RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED

**TO LEAVE A PHONE MESSAGE
CALL 516-746-6585**

**TO TALK TO A PRIEST
CALL 516-404-2746**

DAILY MASS

Catholics are hereby dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Masses are said in private for the intentions listed in the bulletin. Daily Mass from the Church of St. Aidan can be viewed at staidanparish.org and on Facebook.

ALL LITURGIES ARE SUSPENDED

No further liturgies are permitted at the Church of St. Aidan until further notice. This includes funerals, weddings, baptisms, and any other cause for gathering people together in the church, other than private prayer. Emergency sacraments are permitted, as always, but while exercising the proper health precautions. Burial services may be offered if possible, while observing all

safe distance precautions, and should be done at the gravesite. Wake services should no longer be conducted. Both wakes and funeral (memorial) Masses can be postponed. Confessions will not be advertised or scheduled. However, confession can be conducted when urgently needed and when requested on a case-by-case basis. Call 516-404-2746. Please observe safety precautions.

CHURCH

St. Aidan Church will remain open for private prayer from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You may enter by the door at the St. Francis garden or the door for the disabled. Please maintain the proper precautions regarding distancing and do not congregate in groups of people.

PARISH EMAIL

If you wish to be added to email distributions of the Parish Bulletin and other messages, please email Bonnie Parente at bparente@verizon.net. She will manually add you to receive emails from our Parish through our email server Constant Contact.

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE BY THE PRIESTS

MONDAY, MAY 18

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

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

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

FRIDAY, MAY 22

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

SATURDAY, MAY 23

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

Fr. Adrian 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 24

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

Fr. Ken 5:00 PM

EASTER WEEKDAY

Gregory Abatemarco (Birthday Rem.)
Mother's Day Novena
Constance Gentile (Birthday Rem.)
Ann Di Bello (Anniversary Rem.)

EASTER WEEKDAY

Elizabeth McEntee (60th Anniversary Rem.)
Mother's Day Novena
Magdalen Costkow
Philip Calvin Amico

EASTER WEEKDAY

Kay Neely (Birthday Rem.)
Antonia Ohle
Daniel Ferrara (7th Anniversary)
Michael A. Caputo (1st Anniversary Rem.)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Michael Trenza (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Trudy Petrunti
Theodore Papadogiannis (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Jennie Polverini (Birthday Rem.)

EASTER WEEKDAY

Sr. Ann Marie Barry
Stasia Terlecki (Birthday Rem.)
Leo Han
Thomas Murray (1st Anniversary Rem.)

EASTER WEEKDAY

Thomas Murray (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Mary & Nicholas Siciliano
Teddy Papadogiannis (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Frank Guzzo (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Lv. Ints. of Monica & Michael Williams
(Wedding Anniversary)
Robert Nesi

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Parishioners of St. Aidan
Daniel P. Murphy (22nd Anniversary Rem.)
Marco Bellasalmo (13th Anniversary Rem.)
John F. Loughlin (Anniversary Rem.)
Peter C. Pagano (6th Anniversary Rem.)
Shirley Odonits (Anniversary Rem.)
Marie Bengivango (Birthday Rem.)
Paterno Martin (35th Anniversary Rem.)
Genevieve Robinson (Birthday Rem.)

**I will
come to
you in
the
silence**

**I will lift
you from
all your
fear**



What's Pastor Thinking

"Shhh..." We spent most of our younger life hearing that sound "Shhh..." in the classroom. "Shhh..." in the library. "Shhh..." on the playground or in the cafeteria — although that never made any sense to me! At home, how many times a day does a parent say, "Shhh...?" And now with global lockdown and social distancing the whole world is hushed. For some, its all too much! "Shush yourself Enough. I want the noise back."

Soon the noise will return, but in the meantime we can use this time of quiet and quarantine to listen to what silence might be revealing to you about yourself, about life, about God.

Do you remember another kind of 'shhhh' moment that we looked forward to hearing when we were children. When going to sleep a parent would tuck a blanket around you, lean over and whisper "Shhh, I'm right here if you need me." They wouldn't shush because you were talking or were too loud, but because they wanted to make sure we heard the words of comfort offered to us. That's the kind of 'shush' moment Jesus has with his disciples in today's gospel. Today he is giving one of those final pep talks we see sprinkled throughout St. John's gospel. He tells them that He is going to be leaving them soon, but that God would send them someone in His place, the 'Counselor' or 'Comforter.' Those words of departure pierce the disciples' hearts as they realize that the One they had depended on, and turned to for support, through so many

difficult times, was not going to be with them for very much longer. What would they do? How would they carry on without Him? What would happen to them, to the movement?

Jesus knew what they were feeling. He knew their fears, their doubts, their concerns and their questions. 'Shhh! ... the Father will send another to comfort you and to remind you of all that I have taught you. Now shhhhhh. I will not leave you orphans, I leave you my peace, a special kind of peace the world knows nothing about. Now sssshhhhh, listen, wait."

It wasn't because the disciples were being rude or talking too loud that Jesus had to shush them. It was simply that they might really listen to the words of comfort and hope that He had to offer. The spread of the coronavirus has shushed the whole world. Silence stills our lives, our hearts and souls to listen more deeply to the words of comfort and hope that Jesus offers. This is that perfect time to listen to Him.

Dealing with the grief of losing a loved one? Shhh! Jesus offers peace the world cannot offer! Questions about your faith or your salvation? Shhh! Listen, Jesus offers meaning and eternal life! Trouble at home or maybe work or school? Problems with finances? Shhh! God will never leave us orphans. God will send His Spirit. Shhh! Whatever you might be facing now, or whatever you might face in the future, Shhh! God is offering hope and comfort.

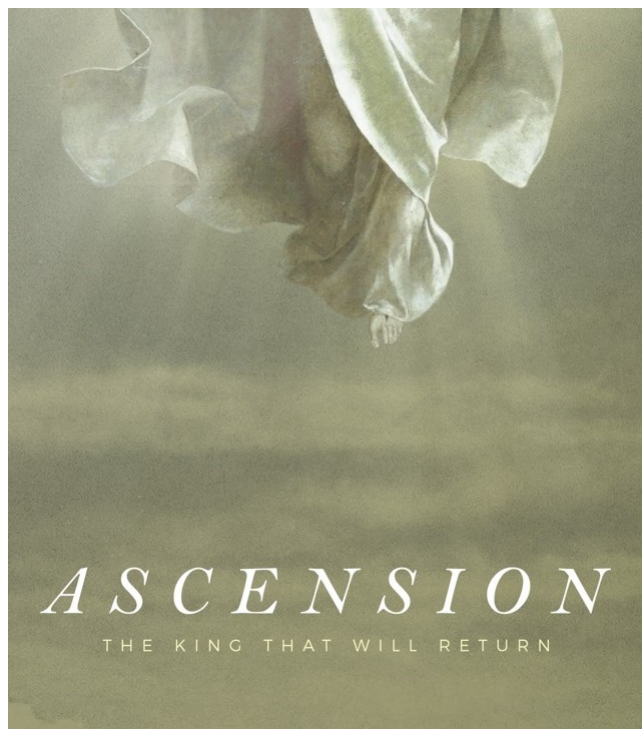
**WE PRAY FOR OUR
SICK**

Jill Ohl
Lily O'Rourke
John Joseph Mulrooney
Steve Pomticello
Kay Perro
Mark Cristello
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
Sue Fleming
Kathleen Donnelly
Frank Keenan
Isabella Mueller
Eileen Fitzgerald
Richard Arcario
Janet Stemberger
Jho Martin
Mercy Velasco
Anthony Bosco
Walter Stachurski
Bernadette Abbate
Tony Sigonolsi
Shirley Aguirre
Anthony Melchor
David Woodward
Marie Tedesco

**WE PRAY FOR OUR
DECEASED**

Gloria Schilter
Eulyn Best
John Wheeler
Rosemary Ruffenach
Ruben Velasco
Elvira Foldes
Anna Tagliaferro
Timothy O'Sullivan
Josephine Baltzer
Georgie Baltzer
Rose Repke
Florence Vaskas
Mary Lucas
Mary Lathuras
Savino 'Sal' Chimienti
Peter Tedesco
Dianne Powers
Anna Fortunato
Dominic Altamuro
Nora Walsh
Helen Roukis
Vincenza Cosola
Alfred Bieber
Nunzio Pantano
Manny Schinina
Grace Krukowski
Rosemary Holmes
Rosemarie Paganelli
Nora Tansi
Margaret Tarnasky
Suzanne Dunlop
Kevin Dunn
Margaret Mumm
Elizabeth O'Sullivan
Robert F. Hesse

We keep in prayer all those who are sick and suffering. We rely on parishioners to inform us of anyone to include on these lists. Please call the parish cell, 516-404-2746 to add a name to our prayer lists.



ASCENSION THURSDAY THIS WEEK

O Lord, Your Ascension into heaven marks the culmination of the Paschal Mystery, and it contains an important teaching for us. May we live life as an earthly reality and develop our human potential to the fullest. May we make use of the results of science to achieve a better life on this planet. But in our best moments we know that there must be more than all of this, a transcending Reality. As Christians, we know that this Reality is Your loving Father Who awaits us with You and the Holy Spirit. Where You have gone, we ultimately will come - if we are faithful.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Preparation for the Reopening of Public Mass

May 12, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Coronavirus has affected society and the Church in ways unlike anything we have experienced in our lifetimes. None of us could have imagined the impact on our families, our livelihoods, and our practice of the Faith. As treatments for the sick and potential vaccines are developed, it is important that we act prudently for everyone's wellbeing, body and soul.

What has the Church been doing?

Hospital chaplains have heroically ministered to the sick throughout this crisis and parish food pantries continue to support those most in need. Your priests have adapted as best they can to the limits of "distance ministry" while struggling to manage the devastating impact on our parishes and schools. Catholic school teachers, administrators and Faith Formation volunteers are admirably upholding standards of excellence while keeping our children engaged online. Catholic Charities is addressing the physical and emotional needs of people around the clock.

We know that there is a hunger to return to public Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments. Pray that this hunger spreads among active and inactive Catholics, so that our Churches may soon be filled and experience a lasting renewal when we reemerge.

The challenges facing us:

Much is still unknown about the virus and how best to deal with it. As a result, many decisions are actually judgment-calls based on a review of the information available. What is known is that the virus is deadly, particularly for the elderly and vulnerable. As of this writing, nearly 75,000 have contracted the virus and over 3,500 souls have returned to God, just within the territory of our Diocese. May our Heavenly Father welcome them and comfort their families. Our hospital systems, front-line doctors, nurses and support staffs were very nearly overrun.

All of this leaves us with an enormous challenge: **when and how to reestablish public liturgies in a way that does not irresponsibly place the common good and the health of our people in grave danger.** These are serious moral issues. If we can protect the sanctity of human life and the stability of our healthcare system by cooperating with sensible limitations and safety practices, then we have a moral obligation to do so. This is not a surrendering of our right to practice our Faith. It is an exercise of our moral responsibility for the common good. Therefore, we are carefully forming our plan for the reopening of public Mass in consultation with medical experts and civil authorities who share in our responsibility for the common good.

The Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our Salvation (Catechism of the Catholic Church – Article 3, Paragraphs 1322 – 1419). The Mass unites us to the sacrifice of Christ, the gift of himself to the Father for us. Spiritual Communion, which has been a continual part of the Church's theology through

Saints Augustine, Aquinas, John Vianney, John Paul II and others, has allowed us to remain united to the Lord's Body and Blood, offered daily by our priests, even when we are not physically present or do not physically receive Holy Communion.

Considerations for Reopening

The conditions on Long Island are being carefully monitored and preparations are being made. **However, we do not yet have a date for reopening public Masses.** Medical experts and civil authorities have urgently asked that congregate gatherings of any size remain suspended until we better understand the risks and how they are managed.

When it is determined that we can gather for Mass with reasonable safety, it will likely involve precautions that will require everyone to make sacrifices. However, the Mass is not our "personal possession". It is a gift from God entrusted to the Church. Therefore, the dignity of the Mass and the Church's liturgical laws must be respected and observed. Certain elements of the Mass can be adapted while others cannot because we do not have the authority to alter them.

Limitations may involve facial coverings or masks, limits on seating capacity to maintain social distancing, changes to the Mass schedule to allow for cleaning, modified procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion, etc. This will involve tremendous coordination between clergy, parish staffs and volunteers, as well as training and preparation. Guidelines and protocols are being developed that will be shared with pastors. The dispensation from the obligation to physically attend Mass will likely remain in place for a time, especially to protect the elderly and most vulnerable among us.

Other Sacraments

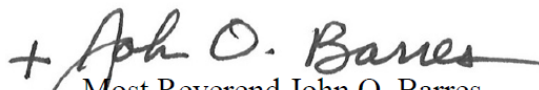
The period of isolation has delayed celebrations of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings. Funeral Masses for loved ones have also been postponed. We understand the sorrow and sacrifice of those awaiting the celebration of Holy Sacraments. Please understand the enormous stress that this will place upon your very limited number of priests, some of whom are older and particularly vulnerable because of health concerns. We ask for your patience, understanding and compassion as your clergy serves you as best we can through these complex and very challenging times.

Our Prayers and our Gratitude

Dear friends, thank you for your prayers and support throughout this crisis. Your parish Church depends on weekly contributions in order to survive and carry on Christ's saving mission. The loss of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday collections is a serious hardship for the functioning of a parish. Likewise, Catholic Charities, our Catholic Schools, and the Catholic Ministries Appeal all rely on support from the Faithful to carry out their missions. We are so grateful for your dedication, especially during these most challenging times. Please know that you are remembered in my prayers and daily Masses.

The risen Christ has won the victory over death. His grace will strengthen us to carry this cross so as to share in his resurrection.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

DEAR PARISHIONERS

PREPARATION FOR REOPENING OF PUBLIC MASS

A letter from Bishop John O. Barres entitled 'Preparation for the Reopening of Public Mass' can be found in today's bulletin and on our website. In the letter the Bishop states 'the conditions on Long Island are being carefully monitored and preparations are being made. However, we do not yet have a date for reopening public Masses. Medical experts and civil authorities have urgently asked that congregate gatherings of any size remain suspended until we better understand the risks and how they are managed.'

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Last Saturday we held a drive-by for our First Holy Communion children in second grade who are attending St. Aidan's School. At the front doors of the church they received a gift and some words of encouragement. We invite all second graders attending St. Aidan's Religious Education to come to a church drive-by on Saturday, May 30th (rain date May 31st). If your child attended class on Monday, please come at 12PM. Tuesday children should come at 1:30PM. Looking forward to meeting you all.

CHURCH CHANGED NOT CLOSED

Although churches all over the world are not holding public gatherings, we are not closed – we are still active. Members of St. Aidan parish are in regular contact with one another, especially checking on elderly neighbors and those who are alone. School life has moved to the virtual platform of Zoom and learning continues. Social Ministry continues to offer help to families in need, and parishioners are dropping food items to the rectory for the pantry. Daily Mass is available on staidanparish.org and on Facebook, and pastoral conversations are happening via the parish cell phone. It's thanks to the generous support of parishioners that St. Aidan's Church and School will continue to serve the people in this area. Many parishioners mail or drop their envelopes to the rectory office and already 321 parishioners are donating online. Go to staidanparish.org and press the 'Donate' button. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH IS NOT CONFINED TO THE BUILDING

So although things are different and painful right now, the mission of the church continues. Call the parish cell, 516-404-2746 at any time. Although we cannot hold large church services or receive Holy Communion, all the Communion we received in the past have nourished us to keep going now. Nourished by the Lord's presence, we are dispersed to the world He loves, as a sacrament of His grace. A special thanks to all our parishioners who are serving on the front lines of the medical response to the coronavirus, and those serving in essential services. The bells of St. Aidan ring out a patriotic song every evening at 5:00 PM for you.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

There are people in our area who recently lost employment and are apprehensive about their financial situation for the future. Help us rebuild our economy and our community by always supporting local businesses. We will come out of this kinder, stronger and more grounded in the truth of what's really important in our lives.

FR. ADRIAN

ROSARIANS CROWN THE STATUE OF MARY ON MOTHER'S DAY

The crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in front of the rectory took place on Mother's Day. This is to honor Mary as Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Queen of May.

DAILY ROSARY

One group of daily Mass-goers continue to join together via conference call for the recitation of the rosary. To join with them, call Charlie Kempton at 516-528-3793

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

COURT SAINT AIDAN No. 1577

2020 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST WINNERS

POETRY DIVISION 1:

FIRST PLACE: Katherine West
SECOND PLACE: Serena Signorello
THIRD PLACE: Kaitlin Duckfield

POETRY DIVISION 2:

FIRST PLACE: Blair Weber
SECOND PLACE: Adrianna Altadonna
THIRD PLACE: Gabriella Pacheco

ESSAY DIVISION 1:

FIRST PLACE: Olivia Allard
SECOND PLACE: Ellen Bennett
THIRD PLACE: Madeline Mulhall

ESSAY DIVISION 2:

FIRST PLACE: Hailey O'Sullivan
SECOND PLACE: Alyssa Haflich
THIRD PLACE: Danny Tiernan

ORDINATION OF BISHOP ELECT ROMERO

Bishop-Elect Luis M. Romero Fernandez, M.Id. will be ordained as an auxiliary bishop for the diocese on Monday, June 29, 2020, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, at 2:00 p.m. in Saint Agnes Cathedral.



FAMILY MASS

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Each week we are continuing to focus on a Word of the Week to provide a simple link to Sunday Mass that families can use throughout the following week during this time when we cannot attend Mass in person. This week's Word of the Week is LOVE. (John 14:15-21) Jesus gives his followers a very clear direction: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". He then promises to send them an "Advocate," the Holy Spirit to help them live the way Jesus wants us to live and to continue Jesus' work in the world. Keeping rules has a huge learning curve for all children. Parents are constantly trying to help their children to regulate behavior by setting and enforcing reasonable rules. Most children have no problem understanding the concept but they are also very

autonomous at times. They rarely associate following the rules with showing love for the giver of the rules. To help each family member to grow in understanding the importance of following God's rules as a way of showing our love for Jesus, try to establish some clear family rules your family has not already done so. Write them down and review why your family has each rule. If you are just making rules, involve the whole family in making the rules. Hold children responsible to follow the rules. Discuss some of the commandments with the children. Make hearts throughout the week and ask children to write or draw about how and when they followed a particular rule. Have children reach out to others in and out of the family by doing acts of kindness. Have a special prayer time inviting each family member to share how they showed love (or didn't show it) for others. Since May is the month when we particularly honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, say a decade of the rosary together. Create a family LOVE poster and have each person focus on one of the commandments.

FAITH FORMATION

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

- Religious Education classes will not resume until September.
- Attention First Communion Religious Education Parents! Since all the spring Communion dates had to be cancelled, we would like to celebrate our wonderful First Communion children who are having to wait longer for their special day by having a celebration drive through on Saturday, May 30th (raindate May 31st). If your child attended class on Monday, please come at 12PM. Tuesday children should come at 1:30PM. As the cars drive by, each car will briefly stop in front of the church and Fr. Adrian will give the First Communion child his/her Communion pin. There will also be greetings from catechists and Miss Elaine along with a little goodie bag. It should be a fun way for us to celebrate our children and their families. Please come!
- Grade 7 Confirmation Candidates: All Confirmation Packet work including Mass

Reflections, Projects, and Community Service Reports are cancelled for this school year.

- Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates: All Confirmation Packet work including Mass Reflections, Projects, and Community Service Reports are cancelled for this school year EXCEPT the Confirmation Registration Form, Sponsor Form, and the Letter to the Pastor requesting Confirmation. These items will be accepted during the summer when parish offices are open so sponsors can get the requested documentation from their home parishes. When parishes reopen, a due date for these documents will be set.
- Helpful Websites: During this most important time in the liturgical year, the Easter season, since we cannot attend Holy Mass, the following websites may be helpful. Google USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) which provides the Scripture readings for Mass. Catholicmom.com, which ordinarily has many of the Mass worksheets made available to the children at the Family Mass, is providing videos and articles about how to celebrate the Easter season at home in the "domestic church." Loyolapress.com and sadlierreligion.com have some family activities and informative articles.

If you need to reach me during this time, please email me at esmith@staidanparish.org. I promise to keep you posted as we continue to move through these challenging days. Let us pray for one another. Elaine Smith

SOCIAL MINISTRY

In light of the impending health crisis affecting our community the Social Ministry office would like to provide help to the elderly, homebound, the immunosuppressed and anyone in need of food or non-perishable supplies. We are in need of mayonnaise, mustard, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, Clorox wipes, baby wipes, cans of soup, oil and cookies. Please drop items in the church. Please contact the rectory at 516-746-6585 or our parish cell 516-404-2746. Thank you, Ro Cavallaro

NASSAU AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Due to the current health concerns surrounding COVID-19, Narcotics Anonymous meetings across the country are unable to meet face to face. To find a list of Narcotics Anonymous virtual meetings, reachable by landline phones or smartphones/computers, please visit www.nassauna.org or <https://nanewyork.org/virtual-meeting-list/>.

You can also text your zip code to 631-237-9538 and you will receive a text back with the next five meetings in your area, including the NA virtual meeting links.

If you need help with any NA resources, you can reach another recovering addict today by calling any of the Helpline Numbers below. We will help you navigate these times together!

HELPLINE NUMBERS & INFORMATION ABOUT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

LOCAL HELPLINES

Nassau Area	(516) 827-9500
Suffolk Area	(631) 689-6262
Eastern Suffolk Area	(631) 884-9500
Queens Area	(718) 962-6244
Metro (Spanish Speaking) Area	(866) 345-8862
Greater NY Region	(212) 929-6262

ONLINE MEETING LISTS

Nassau Area:

<https://nassauna.org/>

Eastern NY Region:

<https://nanewyork.org/virtual-meeting-list/>

Greater NY Region>

<https://newyorkna.org/>

INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS/CONNECT TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS BY LAPTOP, DESKTOP OR SMART PHONE:

Download the Zoom meeting app from your phone app store or from your computer app store, then, enter the meeting ID number in the "Join Box". You will then be connected to that zoom meeting.

INSTRUCTION VIA AUDIO ONLY, OR FROM FLIP PHONES OR LAND LINES:

NA directory of meetings by phone at

<http://www.nabyphone.com>

or Dial +1 646-558-8656 and then enter the Zoom meeting ID number.

The Nassau Area Narcotic Anonymous Public information Subcommittee encourages all NA members to take advantage of virtual and phone line meetings until this crisis is averted and our local meetings can be restored to face to face status.

Nassau Area Narcotics Anonymous Public
Information Subcommittee—

publicinfo@nassauna.org

Nassau Area of Narcotics Anonymous,
PO Box 1533 Mineola, NY 11501

POETRY FOR A PANDEMIC

To submit a poem you
composed for our bulletin,
please send it to our parish
email [lynnp@](mailto:lynnp@staidanparish.org)
staidanparish.org



THE CHALLENGE OF CORONA

SR. MAUD MURPHY, SSL, KNOCK, IRELAND

We were flying to the Moon
We were finding life on Mars
We were dropping bombs with drones
We were getting bigger cars.
We were building finer homes
Flying out to warmer lands
We were busy buying clothes
We were brushing up our tans.
We were throwing out good food
While we watched the starving poor
We kept burning fossil fuels
And our air became less pure.
We were warned by our Pope

Need to mind our Common Home
Need to watch our Carbon Footprint
Try to save our world from doom.
But we didn't want to listen
And we didn't want to hear
We just watched TV and Tablets
Drank our wine and quaffed our beer
Then Corona chose to visit
We were all caught unprepared
This wee microscopic VIRUS
Has our whole world running scared.
So our hands we keep on washing
And we're careful when we cough
We stand six feet from our neighbor
Cause this virus might jump off.
Now we live in isolation
While our hearts are full of fear
And we fill our fridge and cupboards
Just in case it lasts a year .
Pubs and cafés are forbidden
And we dare not go to Mass
Nursing homes we must not visit
Hospitals we have to pass.
But this enforced isolation
Gives us lots of time to think
Time to clean the kitchen cupboards
Time to make our wardrobes shrink.
Could it be that this Corona
Is a blessing in disguise
Makes us think about our lifestyle
Makes us open wide our eyes.
We thought we were all important
Greatest beings on this earth
So we used it and abused it
As if it were ours from birth.
But Corona is a challenge
Makes us take a different view
Helps us see what really matters
What it is we need to do.
We must watch out for our neighbour
Doing everything we can
We are all in this together
Let us love our fellow man.
God is with us every moment
Minding us with loving care

Now we know how much we need Him,
Let us talk to Him in prayer .
So Corona, thanks for coming
Truth to tell, we needed you
But don't overstay your welcome
That, alas, would never do!

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY

LOVE, DAVID AND REBECCA SYERS (AGE 10)

Stay safe and healthy during the year.
Make hearts and rainbows to bring people cheer.
Go for a bike ride down the street.
Make sure you are within six feet.
Family is the best and groups are temporarily done.
Let's go outside and have some fun.
We pray for the sick every day.
We will do this in every way.
For those taking care of the sick we pray,
That they stay healthy in every way.
Help the doctors and nurses stay safe and well.
Wait for coronavirus to end only time will tell.
Enjoy your family time at home.
Right now we cannot go out and roam.
We pray for the time when that will be.
We pray for friends and family we soon hope to see.

GOOD NEWS

KIM STAFFORD

Would you rather have the good news
at a bad time, or bad news at a good?
Give me the good news, please.
Okay: Bad times don't last forever.
Man, I needed that. And the bad news?
Good times don't last forever, either.
So news is, basically, Things change?
When it's bad, we need the good.
That's new, old, and always.



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What's Happening at St. Aidan School!

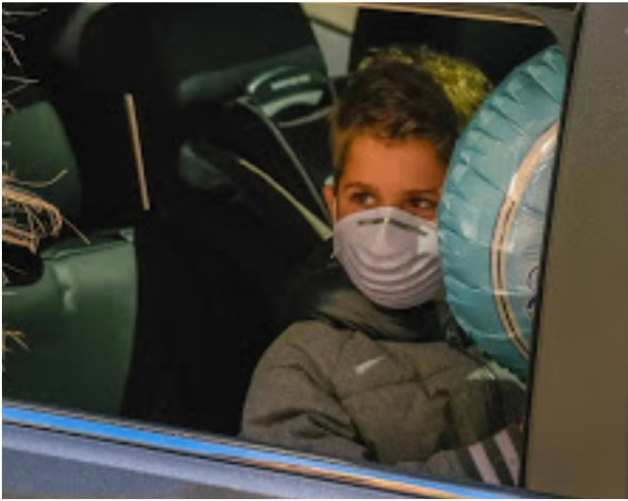
On Saturday, May 9, 2020, our 2nd Grade students were scheduled to receive their First Holy Communion. We invited the students and their families to drive by St. Aidan Church to see their teachers, Ms. Cornils, and Miss Prisco, Pastor, Fr. Adrian, Associate Pastor, Fr. Solomon, Principal, Mrs. O'Connell, and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Graham. The administration and teachers had special gifts for the students and words of encouragement that a special day will happen for them in the future. May God bless them all!

This special event was captured beautifully by Joel Harris Photography. We are grateful to Joel for donating his time and for sharing these pictures. Joel Harris Photography- 516-319-4465/Jharris2@optonline.net













May God Bless
Our Second Grade Students!



Before the revision of the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar in 1969 coinciding with the adoption of the Novus Ordo, the Church celebrated Ember Days four times each year. They were related to both the changing of the seasons of the year and to the liturgical cycles of the Church. In each season there were three of them, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The spring Ember Days were during the week after the First Sunday of Lent; the summer Ember Days were the week after Pentecost; the fall Ember Days followed the third Sunday in September; and the winter Ember Days were the week after the Feast of Saint Lucy (December 13). The Ember Days are a good example of how the Church repurposed pagan practices by taking advantage of what people were accustomed to celebrating and using them for a better purpose. The Romans had three sets of similar days scheduled in June for the harvest, in September for a rich vintage, and in December to prepare for the seeding. Repurposing these as Ember Days wasn't as much to remove pagan devotions as it was a way to simplify the lives of Romans converting to Christianity. The pagan practiced had a basis in practicality and was, on that level, a good thing. What was necessary was to redirect the prayers from pagan gods to the Christian God, and add one more set of days in the spring to coincide with Lent. Originally celebrated only around Rome, the practice spread informally throughout the Empire. St. Augustine brought them

to England; the Carolingians introduced them to Gaul and Germany. Spain adopted them along with the Roman Liturgy in the eleventh century. Eventually they were established throughout the entire Church by Pope Gregory VII.

The Ember Days were celebrated with fasting (no food between meals) and half-abstinence, meaning that meat was allowed at one meal per day. For those observing the traditional Friday total abstinence from meat, they would observe complete abstinence on an Ember Friday. As usual, fasting and abstinence serve a greater purpose. As the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, through these activities and through prayer, the Ember Days were used to "thank God for the gifts of nature... teach men to make use of them in moderation, and... assist the needy." When the liturgical calendar was revised in 1969, the Vatican left the celebration of Ember Days up to the discretion of each national conference of bishops. In the United States, the bishops' conference has decided not to celebrate them.

Rogation Days, similar to the Ember Days, were days set aside to observe a change in the seasons. Rogation Days were tied to the spring planting. There were four Rogation Days: the Major Rogation, which was on April 25, and three Minor Rogations, which were celebrated on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday immediately before Ascension Thursday. Rogation Days were days of prayer and fasting. The primary purpose of the Rogation Days was to ask God to bless the fields and the parish in which they were located. Like the Ember days, the Major Rogation probably replaced a Roman feast, that of Robigalia, which involved an animal sacrifice to protect grain fields from disease. So again, a smooth transition was made to help assimilate Roman converts into Christianity. And,

as with the Ember days, the tradition ultimately spread throughout the entire Church. And, like the Ember Days, Rogation Days were removed from the liturgical calendar when it was revised in 1969.

Parts of the world still celebrate Ember Days and Rogation Days, but as the Western world has become more industrialized, with their focus on agriculture and the changes of the seasons, they have become less relevant. Still, they are good ways to keep us in touch with nature and to remind us that the Church's liturgical calendar is tied to the changing seasons, and individual Catholics can, and many traditional Catholics still do celebrate them.



The Readings today, Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season, continue to tell us about the joy that is derived from loving and serving the Lord in a sincere and cheerful manner. However, in order to understand this and find the source of this joy and enthusiasm that the early followers of Jesus had, as well as the Psalmist, we must search a little deeper because when we talk about "Joy" in the spiritual sense, we do not mean the "Ha! Ha!" or the "Whoopie!" kind of joy of the body. Rather, spiritual Joy is a peaceful serenity that fills our being from within.

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:5-17), we read or hear how Philip, one of the new deacons,

went to Samaria to proclaim the Word of God. To draw attention to Philip's preaching, God worked many miracles through him, and many Samaritans were converted and baptized. The joy that was exhibited was not from the miracles or from Philip's preaching, rather, it was from the Spirit of Jesus that they received in Baptism. The conversion of heart and the commitment of Baptism bring the Holy Spirit who, in turn, gives joy, love, peace and many other gifts. In the Responsorial Psalm, (66:1-20), we hear the psalmist extol the great wonders or miracles that God had worked in the past through his people who were faithful and obedient to Him. In the end, the psalmist is praising God for blessing him and answering his prayers.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. Peter (3:15-18). In this passage, Peter is telling his followers, and us, that we should share the Good News of the Gospel with anyone who is interested, not with force or domination, but gently sharing with them the great things God has done for all of us. If you need help in doing this, call on the Holy Spirit. He will never fail you.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (14:15-21). This is a continuation of the Gospel from last Sunday. The scene is the Last Supper, and Jesus is telling the apostles that he is about to leave them "for a while" but that He would be with them through His Spirit. In this passage, we learn about the Trinity (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: All are One yet each has His specific role in God's Plan of Salvation. The "Oneness" of the Trinity is held together by the divine and perfect spiritual love that they share and want to share with us. This is the love that Philip shared with the Samaritans. This is the love that made the Psalmist sing the praises of God.

And this is the love that made St. Peter so brave and bold after the Holy Spirit descended upon him that first Pentecost Sunday.

Does the love of God reign in your heart? If not, pray to the Holy Spirit to help you find this love, joy and peace. Something to think about during your prayer time this week! MFB



"The Constitution Is Not Suspended in Times of Crisis"

- Attorney General Barr

"Standing up for liberty is one of our highest priorities, my highest priorities," said AG Barr during a White House conference call with more than 500 faith leaders, including CFFR, in April. He assured priests, rabbis, and ministers that the administration is on guard against overzealous state governments intent on "singling out" religious groups with punitive lockdown measures. He explained that while "Draconian measures" were initially necessary to stop the spread of the coronavirus, they will combat efforts that apply these disproportionately to religious organizations. (1)

"Many policies that would be unthinkable in regular times have become commonplace in recent weeks, and we do not want to unduly interfere with the important efforts of state and local officials to protect the public,"

said AG Barr in a memo. "But the Constitution is not suspended in times of crisis." (2)

The Supreme Court has long held that Constitutional rights can be lawfully restricted, to some degree, when emergency health orders are in place. But the line demarcating where one begins and the other ends is a legal gray area.

In a memo to the nation's 93 U.S. attorneys, AG Barr said, "We must be vigilant to ensure its (the Constitution) protections are preserved, at the same time that the public is protected." (3) "If a state or local ordinance crosses the line from an appropriate exercise of authority to stop the spread of COVID-19 into an overbearing infringement of constitutional and statutory protections, the Department of Justice may have an obligation to address that overreach in federal court." (4)

"One example of what Barr is concerned about is how churches have been singled out for different treatment," said Commissioner Gary Bauer, of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. "Why is it okay for people to gather at Walmart but not at church?" (5)

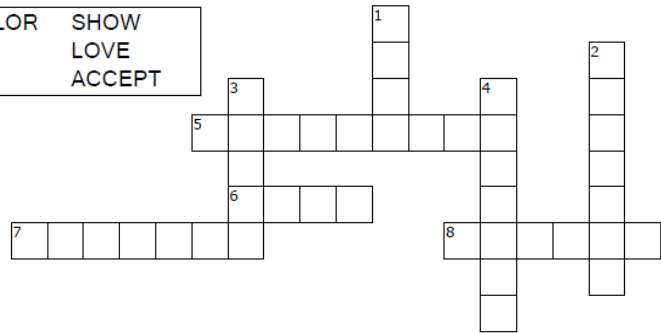
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"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." - Abraham Lincoln

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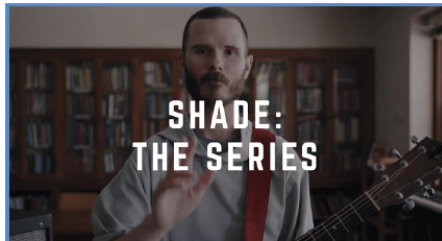
5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the _____.

DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

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