

The background of the entire poster is a photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. Several birds are silhouetted against the sky, flying in various directions. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

WAIT *on the* LORD

H O P E I N H I S W O R D

CHURCH OF
SAINT AIDAN

November 8, 2020

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

RECTORY OFFICE 516-746-6585

HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

DAILY MASS

Catholics are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org and on Facebook. Masks or cloth facial coverings must be worn by all present.

COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be distributed at the normal time during the celebration of Mass.

VISIT THE CHURCH

St. Aidan Church is open from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please wear a face mask and maintain the proper precautions regarding distancing.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 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.

CONFESSION

Confessions are available in the St. Aidan sacristy meeting room on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Enter by the church door at the children's play area. You can also make a confession appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

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. 1.

ADORATION

First and third Fridays of the month 1:00 -3:00 PM in the church.

PARISH EMAIL

To be added to email distributions of the Parish Bulletin please email Bonnie Parente at bparente@verizon.net.

THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN

505 WILLIS AVE. WILLISTON PARK, NEW YORK 11596-1727

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Fr. Solomon	6:30 AM	Angela & Frederick White
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	All Souls' Novena
Fr. Ken	12:30 PM	Joseph O'Brien (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Bishop Andrzej	5:30 PM	John Sullivan (Birthday Rem.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 ST. LEO THE GREAT

Fr. Ken	6:30 AM	Olivia C. Macedo (Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Ken	9:00 AM	All Souls' Novena
Fr. Solomon	12:30 PM	Anne Eckhoff
Fr. Solomon	5:30 PM	Richard Bellew (2nd Anniversary Rem.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Fr. Solomon	6:30 AM	Joan Durcan (6th Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	All Souls' Novena
Fr. Adrian	12:30 PM	Owen Smith (Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Ken	5:30 PM	Patricia Reilly (1st Anniversary Rem.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ST. JOSAPHAT

Fr. Ken	6:30 AM	Lv. Ints. of Robert Yum (Birthday)
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	All Souls' Novena
Fr. Ken	12:30 PM	Dr. Hyung Joong Youn (Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Adrian	5:30 PM	Rudy Eckhardt (9th Anniversary Rem.)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Fr. Adrian	6:30 AM	Bob & Ginny Corkhill (55th Wedding Anniversary)
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Kieran & Annie Naughton
Fr. Solomon	12:30 PM	Daniel Colelli (Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Solomon	5:30 PM	Anthony & Mary Roccaforte (Birthday Rem.)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 ORDINARY TIME WEEK 32

Fr. Ken	9:00 AM	Phyllis Reinig (17th Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Adrian	5:00 PM	Louise & John Catalano & Grasso Family Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Milovcic & Vitulic Family Joseph Patinella Duarte Barroca (Birthday Rem.) Camille Gentile (Anniversary Rem.)
Fr. Solomon	7:30 PM	William Hewitson (Birthday & Anniv. Rem.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

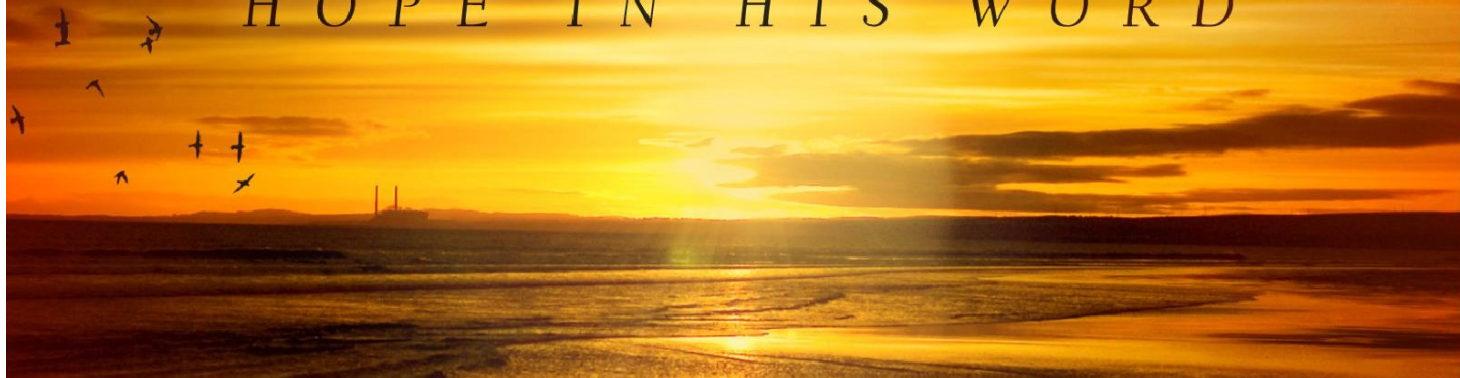
Fr. Solomon	7:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel O'Brien
Fr. Ken	10:30 PM	Brian John Cross
Fr. Adrian	12:00 PM	John Kenny & Marion Hartigan Marjorie V. & Joseph H. Emken (63rd Wedding Anniversary) Msgr. James M. McDonald (2nd Anniv. Rem.) Jacqueline M. Hender Lv. Ints. of Catherine & Tony Somma
Fr. Ken	5:00 PM	Richard Lahey (Birthday Rem.)

STAY
AWAKE

FOR YOU
KNOW
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THE DAY
NOR THE
HOUR

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H O P E I N H I S W O R D



What's Pastor Thinking

Why weren't they prepared? That's the question of today's gospel story! If the maidens knew the wedding

procession might be delayed until the wee hours, why would they have been so negligent as to not bring enough oil for their lamps? We don't know. No clue. That is the bite of the parable.

What we do know is that once the door was closed to the wedding guests, it was bolted from the inside and no one was admitted. The door remained locked - no matter that the bride could identify her bridesmaids on the other side of the door.

What a sad sight! A locked door and five on the outside and five on the inside. Do what they will, Jesus implies — knock on wood, throw pebbles on the upper window, yell, cajole, whimper, or throw a tantrum — the door is shut and locked. Perhaps this was a protocol that Jesus' listeners knew only too well. The point? Maybe it is as stark as this: some people who are expected to be there, who have been invited to be there and fully intend to be there, won't be there in the end. We're not talking bad and good; all of the

maidens may be equally excellent. Maybe they all had impeccable character. But Jesus is talking wisdom-talk: it's all about being wise — and unwise.

Maybe they assumed that the others of the bridal party would simply share their oil. Sometimes we do that, don't we? We can go through life little prepared when we expect that someone will rescue us. But 'readiness' is what living the life of the Kingdom is all about. We choose to live Beatitudes not just one day in the year, but everyday. And it's a tough choice. Being peacemaker for a day is not as demanding as being peacemaker year after year. We especially need committed peacemakers as we encounter political difference and division in our homes and communities and as we face more violence and unrest on our streets. We are called to bear peace to any and all. At the beginning of the life of faith, we have lamps; we are excited about the procession; we all know how to say, 'Lord, Lord.' But not all who begin the journey will be prepared for the delays and setbacks that disciples are called to endure. 'Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

BRIEN COLLINS
 BETTINA FILARDI
 JAMES J. VILLANI
 JOANN SCIACHETANO
 JOSEPH FRANO
 DALE ARCELLO

Agnes Chun
 Blaise DeCario Webber
 Virginia Fallon
 Kathleen Donnelly
 Frank Keenan
 Isabella Mueller
 Eileen Fitzgerald
 Richard Arcario
 Janet Stemberger
 Jho Martin
 Mercy Velasco
 Anthony Bosco
 Bernadette Abbate
 Tony Sigonolsi
 Shirley Aguirre
 Daniel Kozak
 Vittoria Fellin
 Peter Testani
 Ambrose Donnelly
 Siobhan O'Keefe
 Linda Hayes
 Christine Adelman

Alicia Zumbrunn
 Anthony Siconolfi
 Rob Clarkin
 Geraldine Massey
 Ann McGarry
 Dominic Caccavale
 Greg Sasso
 Baby Nolan Shelley
 Noel Mcpartland
 Dana Cavanaugh
 Flavia Marino
 Florence & Paul Simmons
 Mary Mone
 Jonathan Viola
 Christine O'Gara
 Juliana Kim
 Rosie Bischoff
 Kathleen Donato
 Rebecca Ross
 Michael Horowitz
 Robert Marino
 Helen Burns

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jill Ohl
 Lily O'Rourke
 John Joseph Mulrooney
 Steve Pomticello
 Kay Perro
 Mark Cristello
 Maryann Katkowsky
 Sean Anderson
 Francesca Caccavale
 Thomas Yorke
 Judy Kostovick
 Jack Groothuis
 Sharon Devis

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Parish Goal \$150,000.00
 Pledges \$102,922.15
 Donors 392
 Payments \$97,754.65

BANNS OF MARRIAGE**SECOND WEEK**

LAUREN JACOBSON,
 St. Aidan
 & MATTHEW CHERSON,
 Lutheran Church of the
 Resurrection, Garden City, NY

MEGHAN WELLENBRINK,
 St. Aidan
 & MICHAEL DOHERTY,
 Our Lady of Fatima,
 Piscataway, NJ

FLOWER MEMORIAL**MAIN ALTAR**

50TH Wedding Anniversary
 JUNE & KEN BREGLIO

FLOWER MEMORIAL**OUR LADY'S SHRINE**

50TH Wedding Anniversary
 JUNE & KEN BREGLIO
 Requested by
 Your 8 Loving Grandchildren

BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL

50TH Wedding Anniversary
 JUNE & KEN BREGLIO
 Requested by
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NOVEMBER 8, 2020



Veterans Day is November 11!

We remember and pray for all those who have served our country in times of war, including our military chaplains.

O God,

by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their
lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son
they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom
and rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

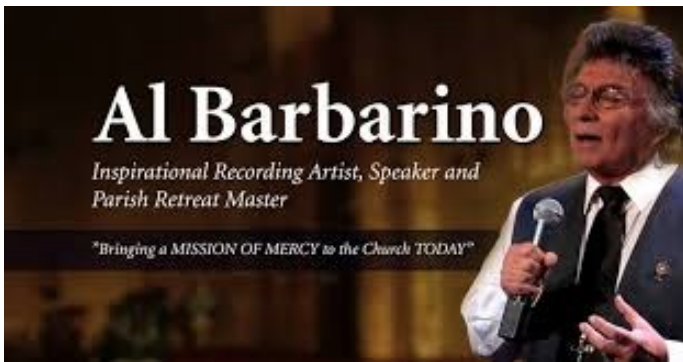
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EMAIL LYNNP@STAIDANPARISH.ORG**

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631-249-4994. THE COST OF OUR
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**JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS
FROM THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
AT STAIDANPARISH.ORG AND ON
FACEBOOK.**

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.



LEGION OF MARY

AL BARBARINO WILL BE WITH US ON:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 @ 7:00 PM

Topic: "Living Our Catholic Faith in This Divided America"

Our Lady's profound Messages, throughout the world and their affect on us today... She has PROPHESED the CHAOS and TURMOIL we're living in today's world... (family, sin, the church, immorality, the world and ungodliness!)

Questions:

1. Are YOU listening?
2. How do YOU respond?
3. What does God expect of YOU?
4. Finally, what do YOU decide to do?

Al Barbarino is a Lay Franciscan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the Late Fr. Benedict Groeschel's Community, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Throughout the years in this apostolate, he has recorded CDs/videos and traveled around the world. He speaks on our faith in a most practical, everyday level. Through all the support of his recordings, he helps the Franciscans at their homeless shelters, Croatian Relief (International Outreach) and for the poor, wherever he sings. Al has worked in the NYC prisons for incarcerated youth as a counselor. He has many stories to share!

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The November meeting will be held on MONDAY NOV. 9th in the church. At this meeting, Francesca Yellico, Executive Director of Bridge to Life will be the guest speaker. This agency provides compassionate care to pregnant women to empower them to choose life. The meeting begins at 7pm with the recitation of the rosary and can also be viewed online.

MONDAY NOVENA

Please join us every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass for a Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Rosary will follow.

JOIN THE 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. RSVP to Ruth Ann at 516-221-6105 or Marge at 516-269-9178

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday, November 22nd after the 12:00 PM Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, November 20th from 1:00-3:00 PM

CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH BLD GROUP

Every Friday from 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday, November 7th. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

BAPTISM CLASS

Parents who are bringing their first child for baptism may now attend a baptism class. The next class is on Sunday December 13th at 1:00 PM in the church. Please contact the rectory office.

WE REMEMBER

Remember your loved ones by enrolling them in the Masses for November. Envelopes can be found at the doors of the church today. The names will be placed with the Book of Remembrance at Our Lady's Shrine during November.

SEARCHING?

Do you know someone searching for a spiritual home? Our "no strings" inquiry is open to anyone searching that you may know. This is ideal for learning about

Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received the Eucharist and/or Confirmation. There is no obligation to continue. To set up an appointment to speak to someone please call the rectory at 746-6585.



Advent begins on November 29, 2020. If you would like to memorialize one of the four candles on the parish Advent wreath please return your request to the Rectory office. The donation is \$200 per candle. Make checks payable to: Church of St. Aidan. Any questions please call the rectory office at (516) 746-6585 x1.

Name: _____

Inscription: _____

Telephone #: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ check _____ cash _____

The memorialization will be published in the bulletin each of the 4 weeks of Advent. Please indicate if you would like your name to appear in the bulletin with your donation ____ Yes ____ No.

MASS CHANGE

Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021, the Monday to Friday 12:30 PM Mass at the Church of St. Aidan, will be moved to the Church of Corpus Christi. The 9:00 AM Mass at Corpus Christi will discontinue. This change is approved by the Diocese who encourage neighboring parishes to cooperate in serving the pastoral needs of the area. St. Aidan will continue to celebrate three daily Masses, Monday to Friday, at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Few churches in the area offer an evening daily Mass, so we were encouraged to keep the 5:30 PM Mass. Three priests currently serve at St. Aidan. Two priests are available each day for Masses, funerals, duty etc. Obviously,

further changes may become necessary in the period ahead as parishes and pastoral areas continue to review local circumstances. I know and understand that not everyone will be happy with this change, but I am confident that the people of the area as a whole will give it a chance. Fr. Adrian

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG

For the month of October, the PB&J Gang made 245 wash-up kits which they donated for the homeless. Thank you to all who contributed.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

As 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: Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the Sacred Heart Chapel in church or to the Parish Social Ministry office.

THANKSGIVING: We are hoping to help out many families this year by providing food and gift cards. If you are able to help out, kindly drop off your donations to the Parish Social Ministry office.

Items Needed: paper towels, tissues, napkins, dishwashing liquid, cleaning supplies, mayonnaise, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, stuffing, cans of sweet potatoes/yams, apple juice and cookies.

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

ADVOCACY IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

You now have the tools to make your voice heard to your elected officials right in the palm of your hand. The Catholic Action Network (CAN) can text critical advocacy alerts directly to your smartphone, with links to quickly send messages to your elected officials on urgent issues of the day. To sign up, just text the word CAN to 50457. You'll immediately receive a one-time link to complete your registration, which is free. Please consider signing up today.

THE GREAT GIVE BACK

The Library is collecting non-perishable food for the St. Aidan's Food Pantry for the month of October.

Items most in need are: cookies, apple juice, cans of sweet potatoes/yams, cans of gravy, oil, toothpaste. Donations not on this list are also greatly appreciated. A donation bin is located inside the library.

COAT COLLECTION

It's that time again. Keep the homeless warm this winter. Please donate a coat or jacket to a soup kitchen that feeds 185 million meals a year. Please call Tecky at (516) 655-9755 or Cathy comayu27@gmail.com for drop off point. Coats will be collected until January.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are you the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great grandson/daughter of a Veteran who served in the Military or is presently serving? American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144 has scholarship applications available. Applications can be downloaded, please contact Dianne Karl, email dianneli@optimum.net, or call 516-746-2625 or text 516-778-0006. We have had scholarship winners for the past 6 years and this past year we had two winners from our Unit 144.

WINTER PRE CANA CLASS 2021

Saturday, Feb 13, 2021 - 8:30am-4:30pm Msgr. Kirwin Hall followed by a closing Mass at the church at 5pm. Couples preparing for marriage can call the rectory to reserve a place.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Your marriage belongs to God. Bring God into your marriage on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting November 2 - 23 from 7-9:30 PM. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio

at 718-344-3700 or visit us at <http://www.wwme.org/>

THE FRIENDS OF THE WILLISTON PARK LIBRARY

WOULD LIKE YOU TO ENJOY ALL THE BEAUTY OF THE FALL SEASON RIGHT NEAR HOME AT THE NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART LOCATED ON NORTHERN BLVD. IN ROSLYN. STROLL THROUGH THEIR LOVELY GROUNDS FOR BREATHTAKING SCENES OF AUTUMN'S GLORY. FREE PASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WILLISTON PARK LIBRARY. FOR FURTHER INFO, CALL CAROLYN STALTERS AT 742-0412

FREE COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING

The Town of Hempstead has teamed up with Northwell Health to help keep our community safe. To schedule an appointment, call 516-821-2500.



SAINT ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

Missed the Entrance Exam?
Apply online!





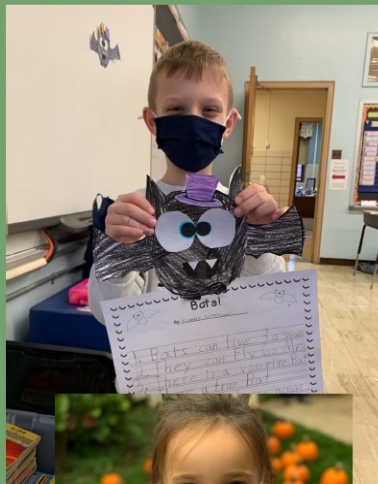
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FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL

We had a BOO-tiful Halloween!





St. Aidan Catholic School

WILLISTON PARK, NY

Our students THANK YOU for your support!



Thank you for your generous donations towards the St. Aidan School Tent campaign! We are very blessed to have such generous families and parishioners. Through your donations we have **achieved our goal** and have purchased two tents for our lower and upper school play areas. Our students will be able to continue going out for mask breaks through the winter.

A special thank you to the families, alumni and parishioners that contributed to the campaign with Gold and Silver donation amounts.

St. Aidan Gold Donors (\$1,000):

- Kuczwaj Family
- Klimek Family
- Lobato Family
- Macedo Family
- Mr. Jack and Mrs. Paula Martins
- McErlean Family
- Mr. Nicolas and Mrs. Aliete Milone
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- Warren and Claire McNally Foundation Corp.

St. Aidan Silver Donors (\$500):

- Agnes (Boyd) Kirschner, 1980
- Murphy Family "In Memory of Angela Murphy"
- O'Keefe Family

Your support is invaluable to us, thank you again!

If you have any questions, please contact staidanpace@gmail.com.



THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

To Benefit St. Aidan School

White Post Farms is once again offering delicious pies, breads & cookies for Thanksgiving!

Please complete this order form and return it with payment (checks made payable to PACE) to school or in the rectory in an envelope marked "PACE Pie Sale". ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

EMAIL: _____

Pies and Cookies			
	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Apple	\$22.00		
Apple Crumb	\$24.00		
Blueberry	\$22.00		
Dark Choc Pecan	\$23.00		
Fruits of Forest	\$22.00		
Peach	\$22.00		
Pumpkin	\$22.00		
Pecan	\$23.00		

Breads			
	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Apple Crumb	\$14.00		
Banana	\$14.00		
Banana Dk Chocolate	\$14.00		
Banana Nut	\$14.00		
Hot Chocolate & Oreo	\$14.00		
Pumpkin	\$14.00		
Pumpkin Dark Chocolate	\$14.00		
Zucchini	\$14.00		
Zucchini Walnut	\$14.00		

Pick up will be in the Upper School on Tuesday November 24th from 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Vitale at meganvitale@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

On-going Communication! FAITH FORMATION HAS ITS OWN PAGE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE: staidanparish.org/ff. Please visit this webpage throughout the year for updates and information.



2020-2021 School Year: Due to the current pandemic, the Faith Formation program is a blended program for the 2020-2021 school year, which includes children working at home under the direction of their parents supported by the Faith Formation Office plus small church gatherings where children will come together in the church while remaining socially distant. Children must be registered to participate. Children attending public schools are expected to participate in Religious Education classes every school year from grade 1 through grade 8. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Multisensory Religious Education: Children and Catechists assigned to Schedule "A" will meet this Thursday, November 12th at either 4:30 or 5:45PM

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our young women and men who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Aidan's yesterday. We also congratulate their parents and sponsors for supporting them. May these new fully initiated Catholics continue to welcome and use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit throughout their lives. Please continue to keep these young people in your prayers. Our parish is very proud of their efforts.

Attention Grade 2 Parents: There will be an important church gathering on Monday, November 16th and Tuesday, November 17th at 4PM and 6:30PM. All registered 2nd grade students were assigned to specific day and time. Please be sure your child attends on their assigned day and time since attendance will be taken. Each session will be one hour. This important Church Gathering will introduce the children to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is scheduled to be celebrated in late January.

Students are expected to arrive on time, wear a mask, and adhere to social distancing directions. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Attention Grade 5 Parents: There will be an important Church Gathering on Monday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 2nd at 4PM and 6:30PM. All registered 5th grade students were assigned to a specific day and time. Please be sure your child attends on their assigned day and time since attendance will be taken. Each session will be one hour. Students are expected to arrive on time, wear a mask, adhere to social distancing, and be dressed appropriately.

Attention Helpful Websites: During this time of pandemic

precautions, the following websites may be helpful. Google.usccb.org (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 Faith at home in the "domestic church." Loyolapress.com and religion.sadlierconnect.com have some family activities and informative articles.

Contact Us: The Faith Formation Webpage includes direct contact information for each member of the Faith Formation Office Team. During this time of phasing into a more "normal" schedule, the office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 6:30PM and on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only. Please contact us with your questions and concerns. We welcome your phone calls and emails during this challenging time. If you have paperwork to submit, there is a Drop Box outside the building for your convenience. If you want to stop by the office, please call ahead of time.

Let us pray for one another!



During this time of transition, the Family Mass will continue to provide some limited materials each week. The Magnifikids magazines are available on a weekly basis along with the Children's Worship Bulletins for ages 3 to 7 and ages 7 to 12. They are located in the Children's Corner racks in the main lobby of the church. Even if you are not yet returning to Mass due to pandemic concerns, these materials can be used at home. Take a few minutes to stop by the church to pick them up for home use. Please do not leave them in the church.

Today the Church celebrates the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The liturgical color is green. Each week, we have been focusing on a Word or Phrase of the Week to help link the gospel to Family Life. This week's Phrase of the Week is "BE READY." Place the Phrase of the Week on the refrigerator as a reminder during the week.

In today's Gospel, (Matthew 25:1-13), Jesus tells the Story of the Ten Virgins to teach all of us something very important about the Kingdom of God. The characters and setting in this story are symbolic. The groom is Jesus particularly when He comes again. The virgins are those who are called into relationship with God and the oil represents the good deeds of each person. The setting is a wedding, symbolic of the Second Coming.

In the story, ten virgins (bridesmaids) were waiting for the

groom. They are special "guests" as they were chosen to be at such a special event. Jesus divides the Virgins in half. Five of them made wise choices by anticipating the potential darkness ahead so they prepared for the darkness by making sure they had extra oil to keep their lamps lit through the night. The foolish virgins did not get ready for what may come. They fell asleep while waiting for the groom's arrival and were simply not prepared by running out of oil. The foolish Virgins asked the wise ones to give them some of their extra oil but the wise Virgins refused.

Instead, the foolish virgins were told to buy their own oil. While they set out to buy some oil, the groom arrived and the wedding began without them. In fact, Jesus says that the groom locked them out!

While this story sounds quite harsh coming from Jesus, who preached love, sharing, and kindness etc. Jesus was trying to teach His disciples how important it is to BE READY! As the Church year draws to a close in a few weeks, the readings point us in the direction of thinking about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The reality is that none of us know how long we will live nor do we have a clear picture of our personal futures. Adults understand how tenuous life can be; however, children have limited experiences. Many of them may not yet have experienced a major loss in their lives. This story is not just a story about earthly death, but a lesson in teaching how important it is to be the best disciples we can be at all times.

Children should establish a personal relationship with Jesus as is appropriate to their ages and

understanding. First, communication with Jesus is vital and this occurs through prayer. Building time in your family routine for helping children form a prayer "habit" is essential to their spiritual growth and development. Emphasizing good deeds as a necessity to be a follower or disciple of Jesus needs to be part of their everyday lives. Sometimes with younger children, good deed opportunities may even need to be "orchestrated." Older children and teens can help facilitate these grace-filled moments within and outside of the family unit.

This week, remind one another in the family to BE READY. (Children in scouts know the importance of always being prepared.) Work to cultivate the talents in one another. Perform some good deeds as a family and keep track of them. Talk about how important it is to use time wisely. Showing younger children an alarm clock may be a useful tool. Lend a helping hand to an elderly neighbor or perhaps chat a short while with someone who is lonely on your block. Get in touch with someone who would love to receive a phone call. (Many children can also do this on their own.) Continue to be generous by connecting with the parish food pantry or any food collections in school or the community. Consider preparing a meal as a family for someone who needs it. Finally, memorize the old expression, "Never put off to tomorrow what you can do today." Do it for Jesus. BE READY!



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Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. Unlike Memorial Day that honors service members who died in service to their country, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans - living or dead - to give thanks for serving their country honorably during war or peacetime.

From WWI to the present post-9/11 conflicts, approximately 40 million have served in all branches of the military. Women have been approximately 9.1% of active members. These military men and women who protect the U.S. come from all walks of life and from every state.

(history.com/topics/veterans; va.gov, 11/2019; military.com/veterans;

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Happening Now: 3 Killed in Knife Attack at Notre Dame Basilica, Nice, France

French bishops ordered a "death knell" to ring from every church of their country, as an act of mourning, after 3 people were hacked to death in Notre Dame Basilica in the southern Mediterranean city of Nice on Oct. 29th while they were preparing for Mass.

The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin, wrote, "Entrusting France to the protection of Our Lady," Pope Francis "wholeheartedly gives his apostolic blessing to all those affected by this tragedy." (1)

"... with this attack in Nice, it is freedom of religion (under attack)." said French Prime Minister Castex. (2)

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SUNDAY READINGS

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

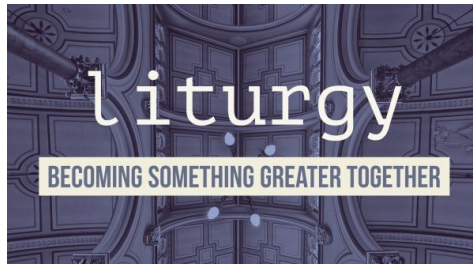
In recent months, we have heard a great deal about being prepared. All media has been after us to be prepared – for hurricanes, floods, tornados and other disasters.

However, have you heard anyone say anything about being prepared to meet your maker? Usually this phrase applies to condemned criminals or others about to die. The theme of the readings this week is very close to this "meeting your maker" idea, but it is a little more subtle. The emphasis is on the wisdom that is required to be truly prepared. The Spirit's Gift of Wisdom is ours for the asking.

The First Reading is from the Book of Wisdom (6:12-16). The Book of Wisdom is full of good advice for those seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord. Further, for those who think the Bible is all male dominated, the Book of Wisdom should come as a reminder that God is above (transcendent) all gender descriptions. In this book, God is spoken of as female. Here, she encourages us to seek this gift of wisdom to be "prudent and keep vigil," in other words, be prepared. The Responsorial Psalm (63:2-8). This beautiful prayer is said by one who is constantly seeking the Lord in everything he or she does. This is not just a preoccupation, but a genuine desire to follow the Lord every step of the way in life. The spiritually wise

person will take counsel from this prayer.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (4:13-18). The people of Thessalonica were overly concerned about those who were still alive at the time of Christ's Second Coming, thinking that it would soon happen. Would they be "left behind" when Christ came to take to heaven those who had already died? Paul assures them that everyone will have the same opportunity to get to heaven, provided they have prepared themselves by living their lives according to the teaching of Christ. The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (25:1-13). In this passage, Jesus tells us the familiar story of the wise and foolish virgins. Unfortunately, many people get caught up in the "virgins" part and don't hear the last couple of lines in the story. These are all about being prepared, and one of the best ways of being prepared is by having a deep and sincere relationship with Christ. Without this, all other forms of preparedness would be somewhat self-serving. The people in the story who tried to get into the wedding reception (heaven) late in the evening (of life) without being prepared will not gain entry because the bridegroom (Christ) did not get to know them. There was no relationship! We can do much on our own initiative, but all would be of no value if what we have done is not in with the will of God for us. So we are challenged by this reading to ask ourselves if we are working at being prepared to meet our maker. Something to think about during our prayer time this week!



This week we will look at two of Paul's shorter epistles, Philemon and Philippians.

Philemon was written to a Phrygian Christian whose slave, Onesimus, had run away. Paul and Onesimus were both in prison, either in Ephesus (c 53-54 AD) or more likely in Rome (c. 61-63 AD). This is Paul's shortest (just 335 words in the Greek text) and most personal letter. Onesimus apparently had met Paul in prison, was converted, and was being returned to his master with a letter from Paul appealing not on the basis of his apostolic authority but according to the accepted practices within the system of slavery and the right of an owner over a slave. Paul certainly could, and did, give orders, but in Philemon, he suggests, but does not tell Philemon what to do. He requests that Onesimus be accepted "as a beloved brother" and that he be released voluntarily by his master to return and serve Paul and help in Christian work. Paul appeals to the owner that Onesimus (whose name in Greek means "useful") is no longer useless because of his conversion and claimed that the owner owed Paul a debt (as he probably was also instrumental in his conversion) and that any debt or penalty incurred by the slave would be paid by Paul. Such manumission is part of Paul's concept of being an apostle whose mission was to spread the teachings of Christianity, rather than a judgment of the evils of slavery. As we read this, we must remember that

slavery was viewed much differently in the first century.

Although this is a personal letter, Paul addressed it to "the church at your house", so he makes this not just an individual affair, but a test of communal self-identification. Paul never asks directly for manumission, rather he appeals to Philemon's goodness and love, using praise and challenge, increasing the pressure until the challenge becomes unavoidable. So what does Paul really want? As we read in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" so perhaps he is stressing that in this new faith, we are all equal. And while we cannot be certain, the preservation of the letter suggests that Paul's request was granted.

Philippians is similar in that it was also written from prison, and again, most likely from Rome. It is a warm and friendly letter to a community with whom Paul was on good terms and which had done much for him. There is some academic dispute over whether this is one letter or was cobbled together from several. There are a few discontinuities and one particular passage stands out as odd for Paul and out of character with the rest of the letter: Phil 3:2 "Beware of the dogs! Beware of the evil-workers! Beware of mutilation!" immediately after telling them to rejoice.

Otherwise, it begins as usual with a warm greeting from Paul, with Timothy as co-greeter, followed by a beautiful description of how thankful he is for them and their faith and support. He notes the importance of adherence to the Gospel he preached and urges them to remain steadfast in their faith. He then offers a poetic

hymn which probably pre-dates this letter and may not have been his. It is something we hear often. Phil 2: 5-11 "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." This hymn is significant because it strongly suggests that there were very early Christians who understood Jesus was a pre-existent divine being Who chose to take on human form, rather than a human Who was later exalted to a divine status. But it also reflects another tradition: Jesus is exalted rather than resurrected. But the difference does not matter to Paul who accepts both as forms of validation. What it does is show the dichotomy between the values of the hierarchically structured world in which honor was all-important, and the conscious choice of Christ, Who deserved honor, but chose to come as a slave, one

who would be at the lowest level of society, subject to literally anything the owner demanded. So Jesus identifies Himself with all of us, regardless of status. A contemporary, equating honor and power, would not understand this, but in the end, Jesus receives the honor and power that an emperor could only hope for: Phil 2:9-11, the end of that poem. There is even another layer of interpretation to this poem, related to how the Israelites experienced conquest and subjection to foreign rule with passive resistance. Paul appropriates it and reverses imperial terms and imagery. The one put to death by the empire is The Lord, and "at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend" as opposed to the imperial order that it is at the name of the emperor that all should kneel. So now it is the name of Jesus that is the highest, not that of the emperor, and not only on earth, but in heaven and under the earth. All things now, and eternally, are subject to Him.

After this there are two interruptions, first to say he is sending Timothy and Epaphroditus to them, then a brief

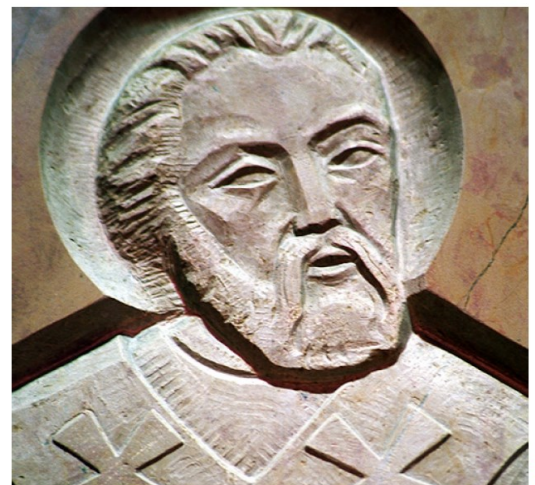
polemic warning against false teachers, before Paul returns to himself, noting how he once persecuted the church, but now has is willing to consider everything else as a loss since he has gained the righteousness which comes from faith in Christ and can hope for his own resurrection from the dead. Thus Paul urges the Philippians to join him as he imitates Christ, so should they imitate him. He warns them not to be led astray by enemies of the cross of Christ, but remember that their citizenship is in heaven. Finally, he offers assurances to them: 4:9 "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." And 4: 19 "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

And if I may add a personal thought, when I was growing up, I was taught that at the name of Jesus every head should bow. Perhaps not as dramatic as Paul's poem requiring that every knee bend, but one I still observe, and would urge you to consider.

Saint Josaphat

FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 12

An early ecumenist, Josaphat was born in Ukraine. Not happy with a mercantile apprenticeship in Lithuania, he spent his spare time learning church Slavonic to enhance his liturgical and prayer life. In 1604 he entered a monastery in Vilnius, where he began promoting Orthodox union with Rome and reform of Ruthenian monasteries. This movement eventually became the Basilians of St. Josaphat. As an abbot, bishop and archbishop in Eastern Europe, he constantly called for unity with Rome, a position that became increasingly controversial. In 1623, after preaching openly in Vitebsk (Belorussia), he was attacked by a mob, shot and thrown in a river. This patron of Ukraine is the first Eastern-rite saint whose cause was processed by Rome.

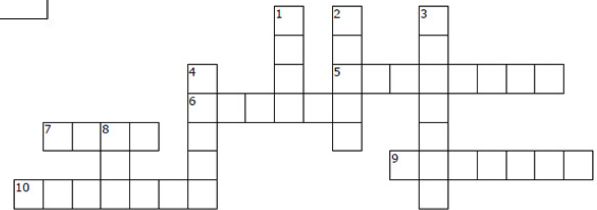


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The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids Matthew 25:1-13



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