# Saint Saint Sidan

Catholic Church & School

# Baptism Sunday

January 10, 2021

THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN 505 Willis Ave. Williston Park New York 11596-1727

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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.

### **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 church, screen only, on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. 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.

### 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.

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Fr. Ken



| MONDAY, JANUARY 11 |           | WEEK 1 ORDINARY TIME  |
|--------------------|-----------|---|
| Fr. Solomon        | 6:30 AM   | Gerald Podolski   |
| Fr. Ken            | 9:00 AM   | Marie Tedesco (Birthday Rem.)   |
| Bishop Andrzej     | 5:30 PM   | Marana Gavagan (3rd Anniversary Rem.)   |
| TUESDAY, JANI      | UARY 12   | WEEK 1 ORDINARY TIME  |
| Fr. Ken            | 6:30 AM   | Lv. Ints. of Peter & Lisa Reali   |
| Fr. Ken            | 9:00 AM   | James J. Robinson (Birthday Rem.)   |
| Fr. Michael        | 5:30 PM   | Jean O'Shea & Catherine Ginty   |
| WEDNESDAY, J       | ANUARY 13 | WEEK 1 ORDINARY TIME  |
|                    | 6:30 AM   | Angela & Frederick White  |
| Fr. Michael        | 9:00 AM   | Dorothy Sunshine  |
| Fr. Ken            | 5:30 PM   | Kuttyamma Abraham   |
| THURSDAY, JA       | NUARY 14  | WEEK 1 ORDINARY TIME  |
| Fr. Ken            | 6:30 AM   | Stacey Cullen   |
| Fr. Adrian         | 9:00 AM   | Helen Sullivan  |
| Fr. Adrian         | 5:30 PM   | Theresa Kim   |
| FRIDAY, JANUA      | RY 15     | WEEK 1 ORDINARY TIME  |
|                    | 6:30 AM   | Joyce, Need & Naughton Family   |
| Fr. Adrian         |           | Kathy Morgan (6th Anniversary Rem.)   |
| Fr. Michael        | 5:30 PM   | Cirino Zappala  |
| SATURDAY, JAI      | NUARY 16  | WEEK 1 ORDINARY TIME  |
| Fr. Ken            | 9:00 AM   | Vicky Mejia   |
| Fr. Adrian         | 5:00 PM   | Claire McNally (24th Anniversary Rem.) Alice Han (24th Anniversary Rem.) Martin Tocci Richard Masterson |
|                    |           | Genovefa Hodor  |
| Fr. Solomon        | 7:30 PM   | Mary Orazem   |
| SUNDAY, JANUA      | ARY 17    | SECOND SUNDAY   |
| ,                  |           | ORDINARY TIME   |
| Fr. Solomon        | 7:30 AM   | Genevieve Robinson (Anniversary Rem.)   |
| Fr. Adrian         | 9:00 AM   | Parishioners of St. Aidan   |
| Fr. Ken            | 10:30 PM  | Adam Deal (13th Anniversary Rem.)   |
| Fr. Adrian         | 12:00 PM  | Paul Piper  |
|                    |           | Lois Spressert  |
|                    |           | M , D   |

Marie Powers

Peter Paternostro (Anniversary Rem.)

5:00 PM





# What's Pastor Thinking

One of the most universal rites for any religion or club or fellowship

is the initiation rite. For the Christian church this initiation rite is Baptism. For many, if not all Christians, Baptism is an event that happens somewhere near the beginning of their discipleship and active church life.

What happens in baptism? First, we get our Christian name and our identity. Through baptism Jesus received his identity. The voice of God was heard from beyond the clouds: "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Just like Jesus received his identity as the beloved Son of God, we receive our identity as persons and as Christians. As Jesus' baptism defined his life, our baptism defines our lives. To those of us who were baptized as infants, our parents stepped forth in faith in our place and made a promise to raise us in the Christian traditions and beliefs. They are part of who we are and who we are becoming. These values define and shape our

lives. What we are called makes a difference. As we grow, if we are called "smart," it makes a difference; if we are called "stupid," it makes a difference. As in baptism we receive our Christian name, we also receive our identity of who we are in Christ.

Did you know that Christian means "little Christ?" If we are committed Christians we are to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We are supposed to be little "Christs." We represent Christ in all we do and say. And that is a radical concept. And when you are wrestling with the problems of the world, remember your baptism, remember who you are in Christ. Remember your baptism when you face a loss or a crisis. You are called to be a faithful steward of what God gave you in the first place. When you experience broken dreams or broken relationships, remember your baptism. God is in control, surrender your future into God's hands once again. 'You are my Beloved.'

| Isabella Mueller          | Florence & Paul Simmons   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Eileen Fitzgerald         | Mary Mone   |
| Richard Arcario           | Jonathan Viola  |
| Janet Stemberger          | Christine O'Gara  |
| Jho Martin                | Juliana Kim   |
| Mercy Velasco             | Rosie Bischoff  |
| Anthony Bosco             | Kathleen Donato   |
| Tony Sigonolsi            | Rebecca Ross  |
| Shirley Aguirre           | Michael Horowitz  |
| Daniel Kozak              | Robert Marino   |
| Vittoria Fellin           | Helen Burns   |
| Peter Testani             | Deanna Tadej  |
| Ambrose Donnelly          | Grace Marie Devaney   |
| Siobhan O'Keeffe          | & Family  |
| Christine Adelman         | Joseph Nolan  |
| Alicia Zumbrunn           | Dahlina Paul  |
| Anthony Siconolfi         | <b>Edward Dirrane</b>   |
| Rob Clarkin               | John Hayes  |
| Geraldine Massey          | Paul Orlando  |
| Ann McGarry               | Margaret Sullivan   |
| Dominic Caccavale         | Arthur Pennisi  |
| Greg Sasso                | Linda & Michael Hayes   |
| <b>Baby Nolan Shelley</b> | Nina & Charles Proc Accini  |
|                           | Eileen Fitzgerald Richard Arcario Janet Stemberger Jho Martin Mercy Velasco Anthony Bosco Tony Sigonolsi Shirley Aguirre Daniel Kozak Vittoria Fellin Peter Testani Ambrose Donnelly Siobhan O'Keeffe Christine Adelman Alicia Zumbrunn Anthony Siconolfi Rob Clarkin Geraldine Massey Ann McGarry Dominic Caccavale Greg Sasso |

Noel Mcpartland

Dana Cavanaugh

Flavia Marino

Virginia Fallon Kathleen Donnelly

Frank Keenan

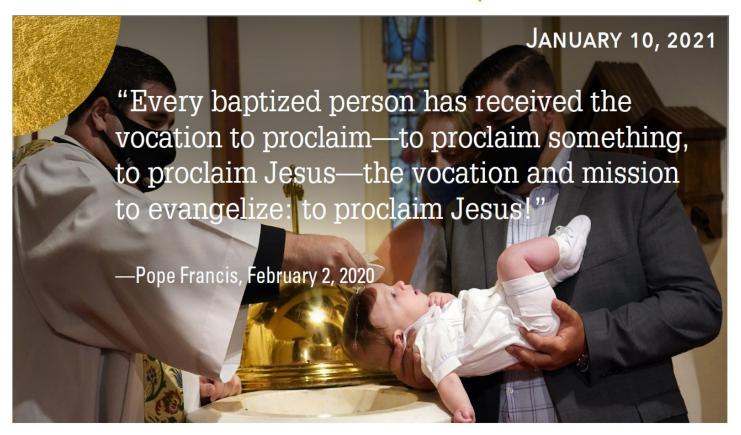
Maureen Salzano

Joseph Peter LaBianca

| <b>STEWARDS</b> | SHIP      | MARY MOT     | HER OF GOD           | BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL         |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 12/22/19        | \$25,601  | 01/1/20      | \$13,164             | In Loving Memory of           |
| 12/20/20        | \$23,301  | 01/1/21      | \$6,541              | OLIVIA GRACE RIFE             |
|                 | (-8.98%)  |              | (-50.31%)            | Requested by:                 |
|                 |           |              |                      | Thomas & Lori Madigan         |
| 12/29/19        | \$24,850  | SECOND CO    | OLLECTION            |                               |
| 12/27/20        | \$22,794  | Heating Exp  | oense                | CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS           |
|                 | (-8.27%)  |              |                      | Anyone who purchased a window |
|                 |           | ONLINE GI    | VING                 | memorial may take the picture |
| 1/5/20          | \$38,497  | Go to staida | inparish.org.        | frame home.                   |
| 1/3/21          | \$30,171  | Click DONA   | TE.                  |                               |
|                 | (-21.63%) |              |                      |                               |
|                 |           | CATHOLIC     | MINISTRIES           |                               |
| CHRISTMAS       | ;         | APPEAL       |                      |                               |
| 12/25/19        | \$142,742 | Parish Goal  | \$150,000.00         |                               |
| 12/25/20        | \$114,465 | Pledges \$11 | 11,845.15 Donors 454 |                               |
|                 | (-19.81%) | Payments \$  | 110,845.90           |                               |



# The Baptism of the Lord



## Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water" (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634).

Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 *Days for Life*, Thursday, January 21—Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at *9daysforlife.com*!

- TO PLACE A NEWS ITEM IN THE BULLETIN EMAIL LYNNP@STAIDANPARISH.ORG
- TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT ON THE COVER, CONTACT THE CHURCH BULLETIN 631-249-4994. THE COST OF OUR BULLETIN IS COVERED BY OUR SPONSORS.
- 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.

### **PARISH 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 Parish Social Ministry office. Coming soon, we will have a new food box where you can drop off your food donations. It will be located next to the St. Vincent de Paul clothing box.

Apple juice, mayonnaise, dishwashing liquid, detergent, sponges, chicken, frozen pizza and chopped meat 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).

### **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 February.

## St. Aidan's Church Blood Drive



Sunday, January 10, 2021 Williston Park Village Hall 494 Willis Ave., Williston Park 8:00am-2:00pm ~

- One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives
- You must be between the ages of 16-75 years old to donate blood (16 yr olds need parental consent & over 75 yrs need Dr.'s note)
- You must weigh at least 110 pounds to donate
- It is perfectly safe to donate blood every 56 days
- You will need DONOR CARD or ID w/ photo or signature
- Eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating

Remember, Blood is Life... Pass It On!



### **HOLY WATER**

If you need Holy Water for your home please bring a bottle of regular water to Mass and ask the priest to bless it as you leave church.

### **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.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Sunday, January 24th after the 12:00 PM Mass.

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday, January 15th from 1:00-3:00 PM

# CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH BLD GROUP

Every Friday from 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass on the first Friday of the month.

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Last Sunday, our parish welcomed Conor Rood, who is now a catechumen in the RCIA process. Please keep Conor in your prayers as he continues to prepare to become a Catholic through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

### **ARE YOU 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 516-746-6585.

### **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

# 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.

The deadline for the scholarship applications is February 27th, 2021.

### **RELIGION AND ROCK**

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Sunday's theme for January 1/10 Life's Struggles . 1/17 Unity . 1/24 Searching for a Meaning . 1/31 Spirituality



# Holy Name Society 9th Annual Super Bowl Raffle



Four "Super" Prizes

1st Quarter: \$250 2nd Quarter: \$500 3rd Quarter: \$250 Final: \$1,500

### Here's How it Works:

- Only 100 Boxes Will Be Sold
- Cost: \$50 Per Box
- Boxes Will be Picked Randomly
- You'll be Notified of Box Number by E-mail or Phone
- Drop off the Below Form to Either the Rectory or Fred Pacher at 174 Primrose Road, Williston Park
- Make Checks Payable to St Aidan's Holy Name Society
- Act Quickly, Boxes Sell Out!

| Holy Na   | me 2021   | Super | Bowl | Raffle |
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| (Please \ | Write Cle | arly) |      |        |

| Name:_  |  |
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| Phone:_ |  |
| Email:  |  |

Any Questions Call Fred Pacher 294.3104 fpacher@optimum.net

Tom Kelly 741-2874 trkelly33@gmail.com

Good Luck &

Thank You for Your Support of the Holy Name Society Mission!

Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES. Don't forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit www.cfntv.org! To receive this announcement electronically, please email aayroso@cfntv.org

### **ESTATE PLANNING**

When preparing your estate plan, please consider a

bequest to the parish of St. Aidan. You can make a contribution to support ongoing operations of the church, school or contribute to a particular project. Your legal counsel can help you refine the bequest language to suit your specific wishes for the Church of St. Aidan. Thank you.

### **BAPTISM**

If you wish to arrange a baptism, please contact the rectory at 516-746-6585. Once your request is received you will be invited to set the date. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child's date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic.

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. If you wish to hold a private baptism you must make arrangements with a priest to perform the baptism service. Private baptisms may be held on Saturday or Sunday when the church is available.

First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the church on the second Sunday of the month after the 12 Noon Mass. Crying babies and noisy children are welcome. The next class is on

Sunday January 10th at 1:00 PM in the church. Please contact the rectory office.

### 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 receive a one-time link to complete

### SAINT AIDAN'S BOOSTER CLUB

### 24 chances to win every month \$30 Annual Membership runs Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2021

The Booster Club is administered by The Saint Aidan's School Board. All proceeds directly benefit the school.

1 \$25 winner AND 4 \$20 winners Weekly Prizes: **Monthly Prizes:** 1 \$50 winner AND 2 \$25 winners

Monthly Bonus Prizes: 1 \$500 winner in March, June and December

1 \$100 winner in all other months

### November 2020 Winners \$20 Winners Margo Bores Chris & Erin Pollin Barbara Dankenbrink Al & Therese Will Joseph & Anne Masters Lilian Ciesluk Nicholas Golembiowski Margaret Geary Theresa Sullivan Pat & Margaret Bifone Robert E. Borst Susan Mattei Betty Ann Pristupa Barbara Kennybrook Joanne Manopella Diane Dame \$25 Winners Robert & Virginia Corkhill Jane Lapin Kathy & Theresa Keane Diane Giovanniello Margaret Peppard Raymond Dorrian \$50 Winner: Barbara Thornton \$100 Winner: Kathy and Bill Gyves Winning checks will be mailed within the next 10 days. ..... RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN NOW! Membership will run from September 2020 through August 2021. Please visit our online registration site at https://staidanschool.org/st-aidan-booster-club or

fill out this form and return to the Rectory with cash or check made payable to Saint Aidan's Booster Club.

| Name  | Phone                |
|---|----------------------|
| Address_  | City, State, Zip     |
| E-mail address  |                      |
| I would like numbers at \$30 each.                    | <b>\$</b> enclosed   |
| ☐ Please check here if this is a <i>renewal</i> of an | existing membership. |

your registration, which is free. Please consider signing up today.

### LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth event on Sunday, January 17, 2021, from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E Meadow), a hospital that commits abortions. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL (631) 243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

### ABORTION LEADING GLOBAL CAUSE OF **DEATH IN 2020 WITH 42.7 MILLION KILLED**

globally in 2020, with a record 42.7 million unborn babies killed in the womb, according to data provided by Worldometer. As of December 31, 2020, there were 42.7 million abortions performed in the course of the year, Worldometer revealed, while 8.2 million people died from cancer, 5 million from smoking, and 1.7 million of HIV/AIDS. By comparison, worldwide deaths from the coronavirus in 2020 totaled 1.8 million, according to Johns Hopkins University. Worldometer — voted one of the best free reference websites by the American Library Association (ALA) keeps a running tally through the year of major world statistics, including population, births, deaths, automobiles produced, books published, and CO2 emissions.

It also registers the total number of abortions performed worldwide, based on the latest statistics on abortions published by the World Health Organization (WHO). Globally, there were more deaths from abortion in 2020 than all deaths from cancer, malaria, HIV/AIDS, smoking, alcohol, and traffic accidents combined, according to Worldometer statistics. The shocking number of deaths from abortion, in fact, has led certain observers to call abortion "the social justice cause of our time," since the sheer magnitude of the problem completely overshadows other human rights issues.

The year 2020 also saw abortion legalized in Argentina, one of the last bastions in the world to recognize and protect the right to life of unborn children. In their yearly Christmas message, the Argentinean bishops denounced the government of Alberto Fernández for its "feverish obsession" with extending abortion rights in the midst of a pandemic. Instead of attending to the real needs of the people of Argentina, the government adopted an "incomprehensible urgency" with establishing abortion in Argentina, the bishops declared, "as if it had something to do with the sufferings, fears, and concerns of most Argentineans." The abortion lobby also targeted Poland after a High Court ruling outlawed eugenic abortions performed on babies with Down syndrome and other disabilities. The pro-abortion Women's Strike movement organized demonstrations in major cities, with one group gathering in the center of Warsaw and then Abortion was once again the number-one cause of death marching toward the house of Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the head of Poland's ruling Law and Justice Party. In early October, Poland's Constitutional Tribunal struck down a provision permitting doctors to abort fetuses on the basis of congenital defects, ruling that the law violated the national Constitution, which guarantees the right to

> The 48th annual March for Life in the United States will take place in Washington, D.C., on January 29, 2021 with the theme "Together strong, life unites!"

> The stated purpose of the march is to end abortion by "uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square." The annual march commemorates the infamous January 22, 1973 Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade which, together with the 1992 Planned Parenthood v. Casey, invalidated 50 state laws and made abortion legal and available on demand throughout the United States.



### FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Every January since 1973, by participating in the annual JANUARY March for Life, we remember the fateful day that Roe vs. • Wade changed this country. To accommodate COVID-19 related restrictions this year, we will not be marching in • Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 29, 2021, but that does not mean we will be sidelined. As we continue to accommodate COVID-related restrictions and other associated uncertainties in the coming months, the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics has decided that, on a diocesan level, we will promote the March for Life 2021 as a virtual pilgrimage with local events, rather than a bus pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. on January 29, 2021. As we prepare to commemorate this day, we are seeking out those in our parish where, instead of sponsoring a bus, there may be interest in hosting alternative activities such as a few hours of Adoration, a parish commitment to pray. To assist us with planning and promoting events in our parish, please let us know if your group would like to

organize a prayer event for "March for Life." We ask the leader of your group to please contact the rectory to schedule a prayer event in the church. We are happy to coordinate with you.

### **PART TIME GREETER**

Thomas F Dalton Funeral Home is hiring Part Time Greeters for the Floral Park, New Hyde Park and Williston Park locations. Candidates must be reliable, courteous and professional in both manner and appearance. You must be able to communicate in a polite and sensitive manner. Some light lifting of chairs and flower pieces is required and maintenance of our funeral homes is expected. Standing for periods of time when services are taking place. Salary \$14.00/hour. Availability to work must be flexible as scheduling includes weekdays, weeknights and weekends, with some holidays. Must be willing to commit to a min of 8-12 hours/ week. Max hours per week is 24 hours. Please send your letter and resume to: wecare@carriageservices.com.

### **YOUTH GROUP 2021 SCHEDULE**

- January 10 Meeting @ Luigi's Pizzeria from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- January 17 No Meeting
- January 24 Meeting in the Saint Aidan School Gym and Smore's Cookout in the Parking Lot from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- January 31 Meeting in the Saint Aidan School Gym from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

### **FEBRUARY**

- February 7 No Meeting
- February 14 No Meeting
- February 17 Ash Wednesday
- February 21 Meeting @ Luigi's Pizzeria from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- February 28 Meeting in the Saint Aidan School Gym from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Thank you for your generous support of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2020 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal.

Pledges can be accepted until December 31, 2020 and payments can be made through January 31, 2021!

Self-Mailers are provided in the back of the church.

Join us as we join together as One Family in Mission!

### Thank You!

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| Parish:               |                              | Total Pledge: | \$    |  |
| Name:                 |                              | Down payment: | \$    |  |
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| City, State, Zip:     |                              |               |       |  |
| Email:                |                              |               |       |  |
| Phone:                | Signature:                   |               | Date: |  |

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



















Stroll through our 3rd Grade "Winter Streets" art work!

# ST. AIDAN'S "JUST WE TWO"

St. Aidan School will host a weekly "Just We Two" program for children between the ages of two and three years accompanied by his/her parent or caregiver.

The program will introduce your child to the idea of a school setting in a preschool classroom and allows bonding time for you and your child in a fun environment. There will be an age appropriate craft, free play, snack time (provided by parent for your own child), story and simple songs and finger plays. Please note, adults will be required to wear a mask. Limited space is available.

### January 2021 Session:

Tuesdays 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

OR

Thursdays 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday activities are the same - please only register for ONE day.

Begins: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - May 25, 2021 Thursday, January 21, 2021 - May 27, 2021

Cost: \$150.00

Location: St. Aidan Convent~ 16 Pembroke Street Williston Park

If you are interested, please mail completed form and payment to Saint Aidan School
525 Willis Avenue Williston Park, NY 11596 Attn: Just We Two.

If you have any questions, please call us at 516–746–6585 ext. 202

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### **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 on Thursday, January 14th at 4:30 or 5:45PM.

### Reminder for Grades 7 and 8:

Church Gathering homework project assignments were due on October 26th for grade 7 and November 2nd for 8th grade students. Please submit all overdue homework assignments as soon as possible. The first group of CONFIRMATION PACKET PROJECTS and MASS REFLECTIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 15th.



### **Attention Grade 4 Parents:**

There will be a Church Gathering for all registered 4th grade children on Tuesday, January 26th and Wednesday, January 27th in the church at either 4PM or 6:30PM. Please have your children attend the session on the day and at the time signed up for at registration because attendance will be taken. Please contact the Faith Formation Office regarding any concerns you may have. Children are expected to arrive on time. The session will last for one hour.

### **Attention Grade 3 Parents:**

There will be a Church Gathering for all registered 3rd grade children on Tuesday, January 12th and Wednesday, January 13th in the church at either 4PM or 6:30PM. Please have your child attend at the day and time that was selected at registration because attendance will be taken. Please call the Faith Formation Office with any questions and/or concerns you may have. Children are expected to arrive on time. The session will last for one hour.

**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.

# Grade 1 Church Gathering

# **Tour of the Church**













# Grade 1 Church Gathering

# **Tour of the Church**















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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The liturgical color is white. While the secular world shuts Christmas down on December 26th, the Church continues to celebrate this short but joyous season which ends today. Each week we have been focusing on a Word, Phrase, or Short the Holy Trinity. This gospel gives Sentence of the Week to help link the gospel to family life. This week's Short Sentence of the Week is BE A WITNESS FOR GOD. Place BE A WITNESS FOR GOD on the refrigerator as a reminder during the week.

During the Church's Christmas season, besides Jesus' birth, we have celebrated the Feasts of the Holy Family and the Epiphany (Three Kings Day). Both of these feasts focus on Jesus as a baby and a young child. In today's gospel (Mark 1:7-11), Jesus is a young man

about to step away from the sheltered life He knew while growing up. Jesus was on the doorstep of starting His public ministry. Obviously, this gospel opens the door to teaching and reflecting on the Sacrament of Baptism. The Baptism of John the Baptist that Jesus received was not the sacrament as we know it, but it was a call to people to solidify their decision to turn away from their sinful ways and commit themselves to following God. So why did Jesus submit to such a baptism? This is a question that older children often ask. Jesus was baptized to be a witness and model for us. Taking an even closer look at the today's gospel also shows us that Jesus' baptism by his cousin John marked the beginning of a new age. All three persons of the Holy Trinity arrived on the scene. As Jesus is baptized, the Father announces that Jesus is His "Beloved Son" and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove from heaven. One could say this is the first manifestation of Jesus in a type of "family portrait" in us an opportunity to consider the unity of the three persons of the Blessed Trinity as well as Baptism. The Blessed Trinity can be a little challenging for children (and adults!) After all, it is hard to understand the reality of the Divine Presence but using some graphics can help. St. Patrick used the shamrock, which is a three leaf clover. An equilateral triangle is another visual often used. In the sacrament of Baptism, besides Original Sin being removed, we

become children of God, the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Baptism also brings us into the Church, also known as the People of God. The Baptismal symbols are very rich in meaning and easy to understand. Children are familiar with the uses of water, the power of fire and light (via the candle), and most of the time the associations with the color white. These are all objects in everyday life. Once we are baptized, we each have the responsibility to be a witness to others by setting good example, praying for others, and acts of kindness.

This week, make a drawing of an equilateral triangle. The children can help checking to see that each side measures exactly the same. Place the words of the Sign of the Cross in each angle within the triangle: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Hang it up and refer to it during the week. Show children pictures of their Baptism. Talk about what happened, why you picked their particular godparents, and the importance of their Baptism. Ask them how they can be like Jesus and be an example to others. With younger children a favorite activity is to act out a Baptism using a doll. Finally, remind the children often this week to look for little ways to behave in a way that can help someone to want to follow Jesus.

Remember to have some fun with your children while we are all learning together!



Commentary on the Readings for The Baptism of the Lord
The readings for today are all connected with the Baptism of Jesus. So, as I have done on other occasions, I would like to comment on the meaning of this great event in the life of Christ, the God-Man, rather than commenting on each scripture passage: Isaiah 55:1-11 (21b); Isaiah 12:2-6, 1 John 5:1-9, and Mark 1:7-11).

The entire focus, or purpose of Christ's life, His coming to earth and living as Man and dying as if He were the lowest of criminals, was to reconcile humanity to God.

Certainly this could have been done in a less dramatic way, but it was God's way of showing mankind how much we are loved. Because God, being perfect in all respects, lives by the rules of divine perfection, this "reconciliation process" required dramatic means.

The Baptism of Jesus Christ was the first major theological event in the life of the adult Jesus. Up to this point in time of His life, He had "set aside His divinity" and lived as any ordinary human being in order to experience all the life-building joys and trials that it takes to grow from infancy to a mature adult. Now, with that part of His life completed, He is ready to take up His role in the Father's Plan of Salvation. This is where the evangelists Mark and

John begin their Gospels, the Baptism of the Lord.

John the Baptist, a relative of Jesus, had been preaching and baptizing a form of repentance that was not new to the Jews of that culture, but his was more energized with a sincerity and urgency that the others didn't have. John's baptism was a ritual form of personal repentance and acknowledgement of one's sins. So, you might ask, why did Jesus need to be baptized? The answer is more difficult to verbalize than one would think because Iesus was "without sin." Think of it this way: Even the greatest saints went to confession regularly and frequently to acknowledge their humanity which is naturally prone to sin. This does not mean that Jesus or the greatest of saints were sinners, but they admitted to themselves and to the world that they were human and, except for the abundance of God's grace working within them, they were capable of sinning.

The other theological reason for Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River by John was: For those who were subsequently baptized in the Name of Jesus after His death and Resurrection, what was once just a personal act of piety now becomes a commitment to God through Jesus Christ. Also, the Holy Spirit is released into the soul of the baptized thereby overcoming the consequences of original sin. There is so much more to this event than meets the eye. It seems so simple that we have difficulty in seeing its importance. However, God the Father put His "stamp of approval" on it with His confirming

statement, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." So, each time you dip your hand into the baptismal font in a church to bless yourself, remember, that act is a renewal of YOUR Baptism.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week!



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"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Matthew 5:14

What Are the Origins of America's Unique Freedom & Judeo-Christian Principles?

Almost 400 years ago, in 1630 aboard the Arbella, Gov. John Winthrop wrote a now famous sermon titled, "A Model of Christian Charity" to his fellow Puritans to prepare them for planting a new society in a perilous environment. These brave people, fleeing from religious persecution in Britain, would understand from the very beginning the standards and principles that they would live by to ensure the success of the colony. Winthrop preached the importance of Christian virtues of faith, charity and love as a foundation bedrock upon which to

build their new society. "When God gives a special commission, He looks to have it strictly observed in every article.... We are entered into covenant with Him for this work. We have hereupon besought Him of favor and blessing." (1)

The Puritan settlement was an experiment. If the colony failed, not only functionally but especially morally, Winthrop feared they would lose the grace of God. But, should they succeed, they would become a beautiful beacon of religious piety and freedom. He wrote:

"For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world."(2)

Does Freedom Matter? Too often Americans take freedom for granted but it is never guaranteed. The restrictions upon freedoms of individuals, groups, schools, businesses, and houses of worship during the current pandemic have highlighted how fragile freedom really is. Today, some retain their freedoms and others are denied. "While the pandemic poses many grave challenges, there is no world in which the Constitution tolerates color-coded executive edicts that reopen liquor stores and bike shops but shutter churches, synagogues and mosques," wrote Justice Neil Gorsuch. (3) Yet,

ignoring the Constitution and restricting freedom, especially religious freedom, has become commonplace in America.

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Happening Now: Honoring Religious Liberty Martyr, St. Thomas Becket

"Thomas Becket's death serves as a powerful and timeless reminder to every American that our freedom from religious persecution is not a mere luxury or accident of history, but rather an essential element of our liberty." "It is our priceless treasure and inheritance. And it is bought with the blood of martyrs. President Trump's "Proclamation on 850th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Thomas Becket."



This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which will mark the end of the liturgical Christmas Season and begin Ordinary Time. So next Sunday will be the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time and we will start to see green vestments a lot more often. Today is also the second of three traditional epiphanies, the third being the wedding feast at Cana. Why three

epiphanies? Here is how St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, who is called "Chrysologus", which means "golden-worded" because of his exceptional eloquence as a preacher, explained it in a homily about 1600 years ago. "In the mystery of our Lord's incarnation there were clear indications of his eternal Godhead. Yet the great events we celebrate today disclose and reveal in different ways the fact that God himself took a human body. Mortal man, enshrouded always in darkness, must not be left in ignorance, and so be deprived of what he can understand and retain only by grace.

In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. He therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding.

Today the Magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky. Today the Magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars.

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

So the Gentiles, who were the last, become the first: the faith of the Magi is the first fruits of the belief of the Gentiles.

Today Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. John himself testifies that this is why he has come: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Today a servant lays his hand on the Lord, a man lays his hand on God, John lays his hand on Christ, not to forgive but to receive forgiveness.

Today, as the psalmist prophesied:
The voice of the Lord is heard above the waters. What does the voice say? This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.
Today the Holy Spirit boyers over

Today the Holy Spirit hovers over the waters in the likeness of a dove. A dove announced to Noah that the flood had disappeared from the earth; so now a dove is to reveal that the world's shipwreck is at an end forever. The sign is no longer an olive-shoot of the old stock: instead, the Spirit pours out on Christ's head the full richness of a new anointing by the Father, to fulfil what the psalmist had prophesied: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows. which point to our Lord as the Savior of all mankind. First, He is introduced to the Gentiles as the Savior of all the world, then He is revealed to the Jewish people as to reconcile mankind with God, and finally, in His first miracle, His power is revealed directly to His disciples who will ultimately fulfit

Today Christ works the first of his signs from heaven by turning water into wine. But water has still to be changed into the sacrament of his blood, so that Christ may offer spiritual drink from the chalice of his body, to fulfil the psalmist's prophecy: How excellent is my chalice, warming my spirit."

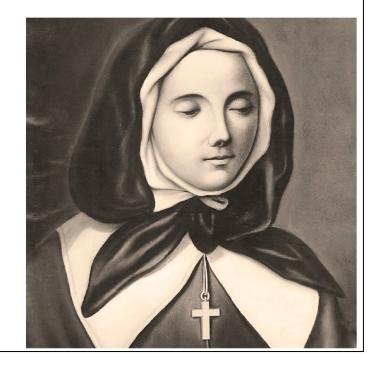
To sum it up, in each of these epiphanies, God's power is revealed to different audiences in the person of Jesus Christ, whose actions are accompanied by miraculous signs,

which point to our Lord as the introduced to the Gentiles as the Savior of all the world, then He is revealed to the Jewish people as the Son of God whose mission is to reconcile mankind with God, and finally, in His first miracle, His power is revealed directly to His disciples who will ultimately fulfil His command to carry His word to the ends of the earth. His last epiphany also serves as an introduction to greater things to come. With the Baptism and Cana, Jesus begins His ministry. At the end, rather than changing ordinary water into choice wine, He will change ordinary wine into His own precious blood which He will shed on Calvary to complete our reconciliation with God, and to share with us forever at the Eucharist.

# Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

DATES: 1620-1700 FEAST DAY: JANUARY 12

rowing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada. when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.



### SONGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

### On Jordan's Bank

"WINCHESTER NEW"

HENRY MONK

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh. Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

### Responsorial Psalm ISAIAH 12

R. We shall draw water joyfully from the wellspring of salvation.

### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

From the cloud the Fathers voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **Baptized** in Water

"BUNESSAN"

MICHAEL SAWARD

Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and forgiven thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King, born of one Father, we are his children joyfully now God's praise we sing.



### **Beautiful Savior**

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Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

### What Child Is This

"GREENSLEEVES"

WILLIAM DIX

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

### Chorus:

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

### All the Ends of the Earth

"Break into song"

BOB DUFFORD

All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.

For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord, the wonders God has done in every age.

All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea, has come with justice for the world. Heaven and earth shall rejoice in your might;

every heart, every nation call you Lord.

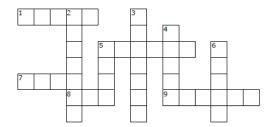


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| LOCUSTS  | WATER   | RIVER   | BAPTIZED |
| SPIRIT   | CONFESS | HONEY   | JOHN     |



### JESUS' BAPTISM





### **ACROSS**

- What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
- 5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
- The Spirit came down from heaven like a \_\_\_\_\_.
- To break one of God's commandments.
- 9. To turn away from sin.

- To admit that you have done wrong.
- To pardon for sins.
- 4. The liquid used to baptize someone.
- Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
- A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

| FORGIVE | JORDAN | JOHN | DOVE  | REPENT |
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| CONFESS | WATER  | SIN  | VOICE | HONEY  |

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PICK OF THE WEEK

**January 10, 2021** 

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