



SAINT  
AIDAN

Catholic Church & School

# HEAVEN ON EARTH

April 18, 2021

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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**

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN**

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. When children are present for school Mass the doors will be closed to maintain a safe and secure environment. Thank you for your understanding.

**DAILY MASS**

The Church is open at fifty percent capacity. Catholics are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org and on Facebook.

**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.

**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.

**MARRIAGE**

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged through the parish.

**ANOINTING**

The anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine.

**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.

**TO PLACE A NEWS ITEM IN THE BULLETIN  
EMAIL [LYNNP@STAIDANPARISH.ORG](mailto:LYNNP@STAIDANPARISH.ORG)**

**TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT ON THE  
COVER, CONTACT THE CHURCH BULLETIN  
631-249-4994. THE COST OF OUR BULLETIN IS  
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**JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS FROM THE CHURCH  
OF ST. AIDAN AT [STAIDANPARISH.ORG](http://STAIDANPARISH.ORG) AND ON  
FACEBOOK**



**MONDAY, APRIL 19**

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

**EASTER WEEK 3**

Angela & Frederick White  
Dolores Owens (6th Anniversary Rem.)  
Mary Neumann

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20**

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

**EASTER WEEK 3**

Rosemary Ruffenbach (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
John Patrick Mulrooney  
Patricia Murphy (Birthday Rem.)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21**

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

**EASTER WEEK 3**

Julia Comet  
Daniel J. Lynch (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Helen M. Kane (Birthday Rem.)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22**

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

**EASTER WEEK 3**

Elaine Steel  
Anna & Charles Oliver (Wedding Anniversary Rem.)  
Hope Caporale (3rd Anniversary Rem.)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 23**

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

**EASTER WEEK 3**

Savino (Sal) Chimienti (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
William Hannan (Anniversary Rem.)  
Marie & Peter Tadesco (77th Wedding Anniv. Rem.)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

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

**EASTER WEEK 3**

Fr. Adrian 7:30 PM

Edward William Blatz, Jr. (5th Anniversary Rem.)  
Savino (Sal) Chimienti (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Miriam Zaid  
Edward Wilenski (Birthday Rem.)  
Rose Repke (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Daniel P. Murphy (Birthday Rem.) & Patricia Murphy

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Parishioners of St. Aidan  
Anne W. Sandlund  
Angela Stiuso  
Matthew Roshan (2nd Anniversary Rem.)  
Joao Lobato, Sr. (Anniversary Rem.)  
Ivan Bubalo  
Gerald M. Sauvigne  
Bill Klvana (Birthday Rem.)

Fr. Solomon 5:00 PM

**THUS IT IS  
WRITTEN THAT  
THE CHRIST  
WOULD  
SUFFER  
AND RISE  
FROM THE  
DEAD ON THE  
THIRD DAY**

**AND THAT  
REPENTANCE,  
FOR THE  
FORGIVENESS  
OF SINS,  
WOULD BE  
PREACHED IN  
HIS NAME  
TO ALL THE  
NATIONS,  
BEGINNING  
FROM  
JERUSALEM**



## *What's Pastor Thinking*

Last week, we heard about Thomas, his doubts, his questions about the risen Jesus. That was John's account. This week we hear this story from a slightly different angle, from the writer of Luke. In his story, Jesus also suddenly appears among the disciples, but according to Luke, all of the disciples were fearful and unbelieving.

Makes me wonder why? I mean, here Jesus was standing right in front of them and they couldn't believe their eyes. They think he's a ghost. They're scared like little children.

But why? Didn't they hear the teachings of Jesus? Didn't they hear Jesus talk to them about how 'the Son of Man will be killed, but on the third day he will rise again?' So, why were they so surprised and unbelieving when Jesus appeared to them after the resurrection?

According to Luke, there was something missing: 'understanding.'

Luke reports: "Then He opened their minds to 'understand' the scriptures .."Ahhh!' 'Riiiiight!' 'Of course!' 'Why didn't I see that?' It took Jesus to unlock their minds, it took a special revelation by

God himself for the disciples to get it.

The fact that we believe and understand something of the mystery of God, is not rooted in any of our doing, it is rooted in God's grace alone. It is God who is doing the revealing of God's truths.

Have you ever wondered why two people can look at nature and one sees the signature of God in it and starts praising the Creator, and the other sees nothing but a bunch of molecules caught in the cycle of evolution and entropy?

Have you ever wondered why two people attend the same Mass and one meets the living God, receives strength and peace and joy for every-day living, and another gets nothing out of it? Fact is, that it takes an act of God, a special revelation to each one of us personally in order for us to see the light of God. Just like Jesus had to open the disciples' minds, God needs to open our minds, too, so we can understand.

'Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus!' Pray these words before Mass, before listening to the readings, before the homily and before we receive communion — 'Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus!' Ask the Lord to help you understand.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

JENNIE MATTEO  
JOHN GISTEDT  
VITO CUTRONE  
MADELINE FERRERA

**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  
Judy Kostovick  
Jack Groothuis  
Sharon Devis  
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  
Tony Sigonolsi  
Shirley Aguirre  
Daniel Kozak  
Vittoria Fellin  
Ambrose Donnelly  
Siobhan O'Keeffe  
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  
Rebecca Ross  
Michael Horowitz  
Robert Marino

Helen Burns  
Deanna Tadej  
Grace Marie Devaney  
& Family  
Joseph Nolan  
Dahlina Paul  
Edward Dirrane  
John Hayes  
Margaret Sullivan  
Linda & Michael Hayes  
Nina & Charles Proc Accini  
Maureen Salzano  
Joseph Peter LaBianca  
David Shaffsick  
Catherine & Fred Stolle  
Kimberly, Scott, Scott Jr. & Charlotte  
Strunk  
Charles Procaccini  
Rosalie Szoke,  
Judy Kostovich  
John Sweeney  
Karen Finn Roarty  
Hilda Escobar  
Kimberly Prichett  
Edward Panzella  
Kevin Dudich  
Corine Capozzi  
Hildar Escobar  
Vincent Cianciulli

**BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**

In Loving memory of  
JENNIE MATTEO  
Requested by  
Mary, Linda & Sean McPhillips

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Parish Goal \$140,000.00  
Pledges \$75,052  
Donors 255  
Payments \$54,965

**STEWARDSHIP**

EASTER SUNDAY. No Comparison  
due to COVID last year.  
4/04/21 \$83,153  
4/11/21 \$20,899  
HOLY LAND \$2,854

**ONLINE GIVING**

Go to [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org).  
Click DONATE.

**INCOME TAX****DONATION LETTER**

If you need an income tax statement  
for your 2020 Stewardship  
donations to the parish, please call  
the Rectory office at (516) 746-6585  
x1 or send the form below into the  
Rectory office (505 Willis Avenue,  
Williston Park, NY 11596)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:

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I donate online \_\_\_\_\_

## SITUATION AT THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

The bishops along the border of the United States and Northern Mexico have issued a joint statement on the situation at the border of the two countries.

Their joint statement follows:

- As U.S. and Mexican bishops along the border, we witness daily the dilemma that our migrant sisters and brothers face. For most, the decision to migrate is not motivated by an indifference toward their homeland or the pursuit of economic prosperity; it is a matter of life or death. The situation is all the more difficult for children.
- Challenges such as these require humanitarian solutions. Undoubtedly, nations have the right to maintain their borders. This is vital to their sovereignty and self-determination. At the same time, there is a shared responsibility of all nations to preserve human life and provide for safe, orderly, and humane immigration, including the right to asylum.
- For that reason, we renew our appeal to our governments, to political leaders, and civil society, that they work together to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants in accordance with their intrinsic dignity, as well as work with other countries in the region to eliminate conditions that compel their citizens to resort to dangerous and irregular migration, producing long-term solutions. “Unlike disagreement and conflict,” Pope Francis reminds us, “persistent and courageous dialogue does not make headlines, but quietly helps the world to live much better than we imagine.”
- Conscious of the importance of public health and safety, we encourage policies supported by sound scientific rationales. We maintain that family unity must be a vital component of any response. We ask that special attention be given to particularly vulnerable populations, such as children. We strongly urge that structures be put in place and reforms in our laws be made to both promote a welcoming culture for our sisters and brothers and respect the sovereignty and safety of our countries.
- We pledge our support to continue helping our respective governments’ efforts to protect and care for families, as well as individuals who feel

compelled to migrate. To accomplish this we commit to the ongoing work of Catholic organizations at the border and elsewhere, which are generously tended to by lay people, consecrated persons, and the clergy.

- One year ago, on the eve of Easter Sunday, Pope Francis, exclaimed: “How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death.” As we once again enter into Holy Week, in which we experience the power of love in Christ’s Death and Resurrection, we feel encouraged to keep going, helping migrants, conscious that while the way ahead is long and arduous, it is not impossible if we journey together.



## CATHOLIC AGENCIES STEP IN TO HELP MINORS AT THE BORDER

As the U.S. took in almost 19,000 migrant children, labeled “unaccompanied minors,” in March, faith-based organizations such as Catholic Charities throughout the U.S. have been doing their part to help. In Texas, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Antonio set up over 2,000 cots for their guests at the Freeman Coliseum to “welcome and care for unaccompanied migrant children,” the organization said. Staff as well as volunteers from local churches have assembled hygiene kits of toothpaste and soap to give to minors who have been allowed into the country at its southern border with Mexico and are waiting to be reunited with family or who will soon go live with sponsors. Such scenes are not foreign to agencies such as Catholic Charities and other Catholic organizations that have

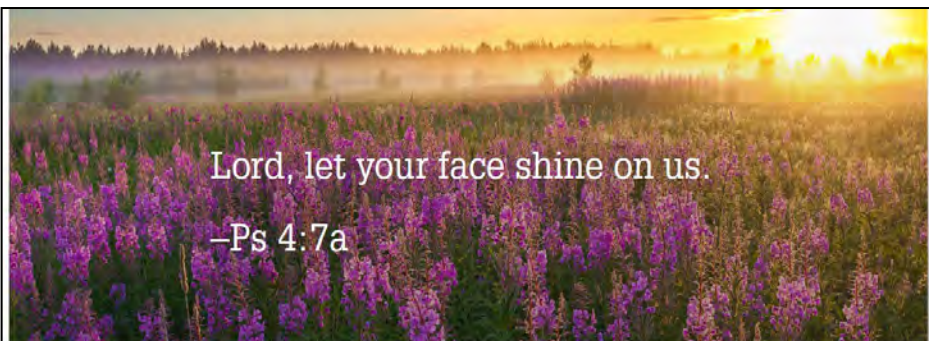
engaged staff and volunteers to help in the past. From advocacy, such as denouncing harmful policies in the halls of government, to providing basic food and care, Catholic organizations have long been sought out by administrations from both parties and actively participated in making sure migrants and their families have the best possible chance at staying together.

Both political parties, in fact, have sought the help of the Catholic Church, mostly because of its vast network of humanitarian agencies.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic leaders say that task has become even more important since the agencies aren't just trying to reunite families but also trying to keep them safe from the highly contagious coronavirus, which has changed their protocols for assisting migrants. In San Antonio, incoming children have been received with the essentials, food and a place to sleep and shower, but also toys, soccer balls and stuffed animals, something to remind them that they're children, until they can find their families or someone else can care for them.

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 22	Earth Day
April 25	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
May 1	Foster Care Awareness Month Begins
May 9	Mother's Day
May 15	Armed Forces Day
May 16	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
May 16	Catholic Communications Campaign Collection
May 22	National Maritime Day
May 23	Pentecost
May 24	World Communication Day
May 31	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
May 31	Memorial Day



## April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more!

[uscbb.org/environment](https://uscbb.org/environment)  
[wearesaltandlight.org/cst101](https://wearesaltandlight.org/cst101)  
[catholicclimatecovenant.org](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org)

## 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep all our Second Grade children in your prayers as they prepare to receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday, April 24, 2021-11:30 AM and 2:00 PM

## CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP WITH BLD GROUP

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, May 7th from 1:00-3:00 PM

## 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.

Diocese of Rockville Centre  
*Healing after Abortion*



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

**Day of Prayer and Healing for Women—  
Saturday, May 15, 2021**

Register by: May 10, 2021

For more information and to register please visit  
[www.drvc.org/projectrachel](http://www.drvc.org/projectrachel)  
or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or  
[projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). All information will remain confidential.

COVID 19 Protocols will be observed



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*Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues*

# Liturgical Catechesis

**Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski**

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Vicar for Liturgy and Worship



*Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.*

*ONLINE via ZOOM*

April 27, 2021

Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform

May ~~2021~~

Liturgy and Personal Growth

NEW DATE: June 1, 2021

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, the final presentations will be available only through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register by calling Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org). If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you. Thank you for your interest.

## 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 and contact a priest or deacon to celebrate the sacrament. 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 May 9th at 1:00 PM in the church. Contact the rectory office.

## 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

Our Lady's shrine at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 25th.

## 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 ext. 406.

### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

"That Christians inspired by the Word of God May Serve the Poor & Suffering!" – Pope Francis.

FOOD PANTRY: Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the parish social ministry office or to our new food box which is located near the St. Vincent de Paul clothing box. Please do not leave anything in this food box which requires refrigeration or any frozen food items.

GRAPE JELLY, SYRUP AND ENSURE

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).

### MOMMAS HOUSE & BIRTHRIGHT APPEAL

Mommas House Drive will include Birthright April 18 in the Rotunda. 8:30-1:30

JCDA Food Drive at the church at the same time for Parish Outreach.

LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS FOR BIRTHRIGHT

DIAPERS SIZE NEWBORN AND SIZE 4

BABY BATH SOAP AND LOTION

INFANT PACIFIER

INFANT TOYS

ONESIES GIRLS NEWBORN AND 3-6 MONTHS

SLEEPERS BOYS NEWBORN TO 9 MONTHS

SOFT BLANKETS

OUTFITS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS 3 TO 12 MONTHS

NO..... baby wipes

### J.C.D.A. FOOD DRIVE

Food drive on April 18, 2021, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm in front of church. The following items are needed at this time: COOKIES, TISSUES, SPONGES, MAYONNAISE, KETCHUP, BREADCRUMBS, OIL, VINEGAR, RICE AND COFFEE

Thank you for helping us support the food pantry at St. Aidan's Church



### THE FRIENDS OF THE WILLISTON PARK LIBRARY

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND  
A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT  
DEMONSTRATION

PRESENTED BY SCOTT LUCAS

FROM OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

**DATE: SUNDAY, APR. 25TH TIME: 2:00 PM**

**PLACE: WILLISTON PK. VILLAGE HALL  
3RD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM**

**THERE WILL BE A SPRING PLANTING QUESTION  
AND ANSWER PERIOD ALSO. YOU MAY EVEN WIN  
ONE OF THE LOVELY ARRANGEMENTS!**

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE  
OBSERVED. PLEASE USE THE ELEVATOR AT REAR OF BLDG.**

*Williston Park Public Library*  
*presents*

### *"The Virtual Funny Poetry Show"* *with Darren Sardelli*



Funny Poet and Author Darren brings poetry to life with his dynamic personality, shocking twists, and clever wordplay.

Date: Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:30 am. To 11:30 am

Ages: 4 years old and up

Registration: willistonparkprograms@gmail.com

Include: Name of program, your name & phone number

Name and ages of all children attending

Zoom Link will be sent to upon registration

Fee: None

## DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE CHAPTER 11

Information regarding the deadlines for filing proofs of claim in the Diocese's chapter 11 case and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

## 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.

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

The rosary will be said in the St. Francis Garden after the 5:30PM Mass on the third Wednesday of each month for the year 2021. Dates for your diary: Wednesday April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15.



Parents play the primary role in educating their children about sexual abuse. Here are 5 tips for teaching safety to the little ones God has entrusted to you:

### 1: Keep it practical.

Teach your children the differences between safe touches and unsafe touches.

### 2: Tell your children that saying "no" is okay.

Empower your children to say "no" if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or touches them inappropriately.

### 3: Give your children a way to alert you.

Tell your children they can use an excuse or share a special "code-word" with you to alert you about an unsafe person or situation.

### 4: Tell your children to report an unsafe touch.

Let your children know they should tell you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe around any adult or peer. You can also identify other adults they can tell about unsafe touches.

### 5: Tell your children you trust them.

If your child makes a report to you, believe him or her. Tell them it is not their fault and that you love them. Immediately bring the allegation to the attention of public authorities.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/cyp-five-ways-bulletin-insert-and-foldable-card.pdf>



**LAURA CURRAN**  
NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## VACCINATION HOTLINE FOR SENIORS





**OPEN NOW**  
Nassau County is launching a designated hotline to answer senior's questions about the vaccine and help them book an appointment.

**Nassau County Senior Citizen Coronavirus Hotline**  
**516-227-9590**  
(Monday-Sunday 9:00am-4:45pm)

To preregister for a COVID-19 vaccination with the Nassau County Department of Health or for a list of vaccine locations, please visit:  
[www.nassaucountyny.gov/vaccine](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/vaccine)

## VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS

If you need to make an appointment for a vaccine and need help getting an appointment please call Becky Fleming at (516) 430-7446 or email [beckyvaxhelpny@gmail.com](mailto:beckyvaxhelpny@gmail.com)

## GREAT NEWS - WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE "VIRTUAL"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter / Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their

individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://www.menly.org/>.

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (in English) on

- Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24
- Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

### COULD YOU USE SOME EXTRA MONEY?

Each year the Nassau Chapter of the Knights of Columbus (K of C) awards educational funds. Applications for these funds for the 2021 – 2022 School Year are now available. Applications are open to K of C Members who have a child/grandchild in one of the following four categories - attending a Catholic Elementary School, attending a CCD/ Religious Education Program, entering a Catholic High School as a freshman, and entering college as a freshman. Awards are as follows:

- Catholic Elementary School Grant - two \$250 awards – application deadline = May 21st
- CCD/Religious Education Program Grant - two \$ 125 awards - application deadline = May 21st
- Catholic High School Scholarship – three awards, one \$ 1,000 renewable and two \$500 one-time scholarships – application deadline = April 16th
- Young Catholic Scholar Incentive Award - one \$ 2,000 award – application deadline = April 30th
- Applications and full eligibility requirements are available on the Chapter Website



## Junior Catholic Daughters of America-2021

### 33rd Annual Spring Plant Sale

#### Pots \$4.00

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## YOUTH GROUP 2021 SCHEDULE

- May 2 - Meeting @ Luigi's Pizzeria from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- May 9 – Mother's Day (No Meeting)
- May 16 – Meeting from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM location TBD
- May 23 – Pentecost Prayer Service from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM location TBD
- May 30 – No Meeting

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**FROM: Williston Park Fire Department CONTACT:**  
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## **WILLISTON PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE 'RECRUITNY' WEEKEND TO HELP INCREASE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

*Recruitment Open House to Be Hosted by Williston Park Fire Department on April 24 and 25 (Williston Park, N.Y.)* As part of the annual *RecruitNY* statewide initiative, **Williston Park Fire Department** will open its doors to area residents so they can learn about what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter in their community.

The past several years have been challenging for volunteer fire departments across New York State, as many are struggling with decreased membership and increased call volume. Like most volunteer fire departments, the **Williston Park Fire Department** needs to bolster its ranks so it can continue to provide the optimum and necessary level of protection for its residents.

As part of *Recruit NY*, on Saturday, April 24 between 2PM AND 4PM AND Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 2PM, the **Williston Park Fire Department** located at 454 Willis Ave Williston Park NY 11596 will join volunteer fire departments across the New York state at their respective firehouses for a unified recruitment drive. Not only will *RecruitNY* be an opportunity to highlight the rewards and responsibilities that come with being a volunteer firefighter, it will also raise public awareness about the need for volunteers.

Throughout the day, the **Williston Park Fire Department** will conduct tours of the station and firefighter apparatus, allow visitors to try on firefighter gear, and provide activities and fascinating informational opportunities throughout the firehouse for visitors. The fire department will discuss the requirements to be a volunteer as well as conduct demonstrations, answer questions, and let visitors know how to get involved in the fire departments.

Last year, more than 600 fire departments across the state held recruitment open houses. FASNY is planning for an even higher turnout this year.

"All are welcome to join us during *Recruit NY*," said Chief Robert Schnall Chief of Department "This is an excellent opportunity for people to meet their local volunteer firefighters and learn a bit more about the fire service. Volunteer firefighters are everyday heroes who dedicate their spare time to helping people in their times of need. We are always looking for new members, and it is our hope that after seeing the incredible camaraderie of the firehouse up close, more people will be interested in becoming a part of our very special family."

Over the years, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) has worked exceptionally hard to build and deploy a multi-tiered plan for helping New York state's 1,700-plus volunteer fire departments recruit thousands of new volunteer firefighters across the state by utilizing federal SAFER grant funds for programs including the "Fire in You" advertising campaign, FASNY HELP college tuition reimbursement program and recruitment training classes.

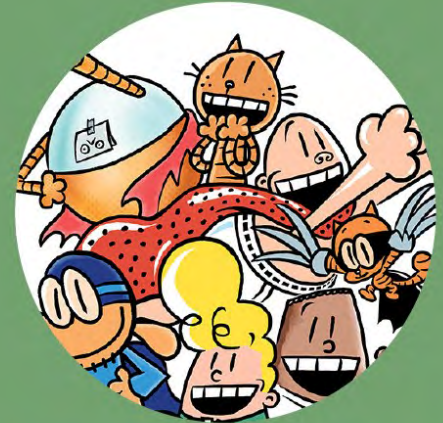
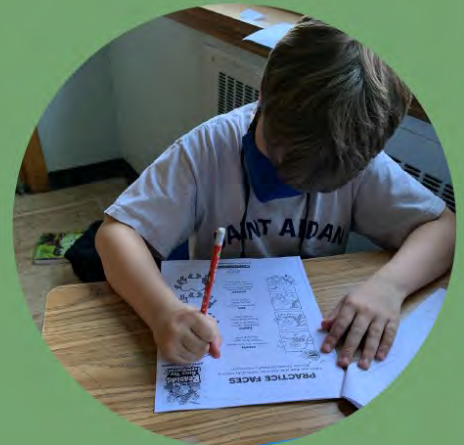
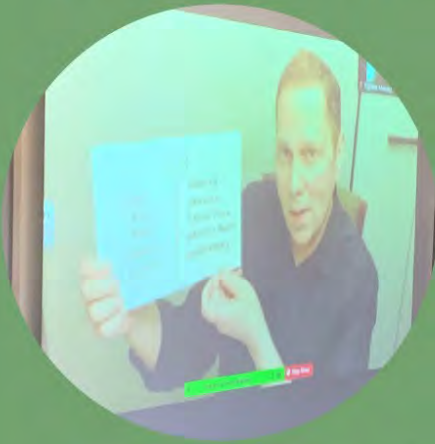
Established in 2011, *RecruitNY* is a joint undertaking of FASNY, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYSAFC), Association of Fire Districts of New York State, Volunteer Fire Police Association of the State of New York, and County Fire Coordinators Association of the State of New York.

For area residents looking for more information, visit [fireinyou.org](http://fireinyou.org) or contact Williston Park Fire Department via a non-emergency phone number at (516) 742-8535 -, website at [Fire Department | Williston Park, NY](http://Fire Department | Williston Park, NY) ([villageofwillistonpark.org](http://villageofwillistonpark.org)) or social media profile [Williston Park Fire Department - Home | Facebook](#)

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# Faith FORMATION

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

**Office Hours:** The Faith Formation Office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 1:30PM to 6:30PM. Please call ahead whenever possible. Thursdays and Fridays are by appointment only.

**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 and complete Religious Education classes every school year from grade 1 through grade 8. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

**Multisensory Religious Education:** Classes will resume on Thursday, April 15th at 4:30PM or 5:45PM for Schedule B and AB students.

**Reminders for Grades 7 and 8:** The first group of CONFIRMATION PACKET PROJECTS and MASS REFLECTIONS WERE DUE ON JANUARY 15th. . THE SECOND HALF OF THE PACKET PROJECTS AND MASS REFLECTIONS WERE DUE ON APRIL 15TH..Please submit all overdue assignments as soon as possible. Please note: The Spirit Night Reflection project in the packet is cancelled for both grades 7 and 8. Faith Formation 7th and 8th grade students should be reviewing for the Grade 7 and Grade 8 Final Exams scheduled to be sent beginning tomorrow, April 19th.

**Confirmation Retreats:** Confirmation candidates who were unable to attend the recent Confirmation retreat will be notified about the alternate retreat plan.

## Grade 2 Church Gathering

## Preparation for First Holy Communion



The Lesson



The Practice



Joy! Joy! Joy!



**Attention ALL Parents:** The Religious Education school year is almost over. Please be sure that your children are submitting all online assessments and re-tests in order to move forward to the next grade level in the fall.

**First Communion Practice:** Children scheduled for First Communion on April 24th, must attend the designated rehearsal for their date and time with at least one parent. Children scheduled for the 11:30AM Mass should come on Wednesday, April 21 @ 6:30PM. Children scheduled for the 2PM Mass should come on April 21st @ 7:45PM.

**Grade 4 Parents:** Support packs are still available in the Faith Formation Office during regular office hours for 4th grade children who did not attend the Grade 4 Church Gathering. The topic addressed is very important so please be sure to review the materials with your children.

**Grade 2 Parents:** Parents whose children did not attend the Church Gathering in March need to pick-up the support packs and First Communion Banner kits provided. They contain very important parent and child instructional information about First Communion. Please contact the Faith Formation Office before coming to set up a time for your children to attend a short make-up session.

**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.



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 Third Sunday of Easter. The liturgical color is white. Each week we have been focusing on a Word, Phrase, or Short Sentence of the Week to link the Sunday Gospel to Family Life. This week's Short Sentence of the Week is: SPREAD THE PEACE OF JESUS! Place the Short Sentence of the Week on the refrigerator as a reminder during the week.

Today's Gospel, (Luke 24:35-48), brings us to another one of Jesus' appearances after His Resurrection. Jesus' disciples were consistently afraid during these appearances, after all, they were still struggling with trying to understand that Jesus truly had risen. Jesus appeared to them while they were still telling the story of His previous appearance where they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. As always, Jesus greeted them with the word, Peace. Trying to satisfy their human fear that they were seeing a ghost, Jesus proves that He was absolutely not a ghost by showing them the wounds in His flesh and by asking for food, which He ate right in front of them. Jesus then begins to teach referring to the Scriptures. The disciples were overjoyed and amazed.

It is easy to understand the struggles facing the disciples since the Resurrection. What they were experiencing, even though Jesus predicted His rising from the dead, was simply beyond their comprehension. Who among us would not have reacted the same way? Jesus was very consistent in His teaching and in how He dealt with His chosen followers. He always wished them Peace. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Christ's gift of his peace is the source of all earthly peace." (CCC2305) Jesus emphasized the importance of eating together, which is what we do at every Mass when we share the Eucharist. Lastly, Jesus taught how to spread His peace through forgiveness. Jesus' three-fold message forms us to be active disciples spreading His message to all we meet.

Children learn what they live. As they observe (and they are watching us), children naturally use their parents and others who regularly interact with them as role models, templates of values, standards, and behaviors.

SPREADING THE PEACE OF JESUS is a 24/7 awesome responsibility. Practice bringing the peace of Jesus into the everyday conflicts that are a routine part of normal family life. When adult conflicts occur, be sure the children are not within ear's distance. Try to prioritize family dinner meals as much as the family's schedule can permit. Family dinners should mean that everyone is expected to attend, even tweens and teens who would rather be with their friends. Pray together before eating and always connect the Eucharist to the meal. Encourage your older children often to be proud of their Catholic Faith and to openly identify themselves as followers of Jesus without hesitation. (Children who attend public schools have the right to express their religious beliefs). Continue to practice forgiveness and assist children in learning how to forgive themselves and others. Help younger children understand the Resurrection story by reading the Easter story from a Children's Bible or storybook. (Be prepared for the possibility of getting some very interesting questions!) Finally, even in these restrictive times, practice hospitality in whatever safe ways you can. The best way for children to be loving, active, forgiving followers of Jesus is Practice, Practice, Practice. In a relatively short period of time, you will see how transforming and alive SPREADING THE PEACE OF JESUS really is!

## SUNDAY READINGS

April 18, 2021 The Third Sunday of Easter. The Readings for today continue to reflect on the events of the Resurrection. The theme is "knowing" and "believing." To "know" Jesus Christ

is more than knowing about Him in the historical sense. As used in these readings for today, to know Him is to experience Him in a profound way as the two disciples did on the road to Emmaus in the story that immediately precedes today's gospel or last week's gospel? However, we do not need to have an apparition to know Jesus in a personal way. All that is necessary is to sincerely want to know Him, and He will take care of the rest. Let's see how this works in today's readings. The First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (3:13-19). In this passage, Peter is telling the crowd on the first Pentecost that it was their sin and ignorance that crucified Jesus. These were probably some of the same people that shouted "Crucify Him" a few weeks earlier, but he goes on to say even now, God will forgive them if they "repent and be converted." We cannot claim ignorance of such an important point of our faith and salvation. This is the central event of our faith. We must do what we can to better understand its meaning and purpose. The Responsorial Psalm (4:2-9) is a prayer that might be said by the souls in Purgatory or by someone who is reflecting on his own life near its end. We might do well to see what this wise penitent has to say, for he speaks as one who has known the Lord. The Second Reading is from the First letter of John (1 John 2:1-5a). Here, John the Evangelist is advising us to avoid sin; but because of our human weakness, if we do sin, we have Jesus Christ who is waiting to return us to the Father. However, we must "know" Him in order to partake of the benefits He offers through His death and resurrection. John tells us how we might do that. So listen up! We all need this advice. The Gospel Reading is from John (24:35-48). Place yourself in this scene. It is a few nights after the Resurrection and Jesus appears in the upper room where the apostles celebrated the Passover meal, and are now huddled there out of fear.

Two of their members come rushing in from the country with a wild story about Jesus walking with them and stopping for the night with them and how they came to know it was Jesus in "the breaking of the bread." Jesus then admonishes them for not understanding or believing; but He is patient and opens their minds to understand. We have the advantage of 2000 years of history and countless interpretations of the scriptures to tell us what all this means; but still there are many who do not understand how the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ affects them. So, during this holy season, we might ask ourselves "what can I do to better understand the sacrifice and suffering that Christ endured on my behalf?" We could begin by re-reading the four gospel accounts in private while asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten our heart and mind to their meaning. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!




Second and Third John are the two shortest books in the Bible. Which is the shortest depends upon the translation you use. For example, in the New International Version, 2 John is the shortest book with 302 words but in the King James Version (Authorized Version) 3 John is the shorter with 295 words. If you count verses, Second John is always the shortest. While both books have only one chapter, 2 John has 13 verses, and 3 John has 14. And along with 1 John, 1 and 2 Peter, James, and Jude, they are the seven Catholic, or pastoral, letters and were among the last books to be included in the canon. Scholars tend to agree that they were written by the same author who refers

to himself as the Presbyter, which refers to his position in the church, not to a specific person, but the lack of a name implies that he was well known to his audience and was trusted to speak with authority. Like most of the Johannine documents, these letters were likely written from Ephesus about the end of the first century or early in the second.

While the addressees are different, 2 John being addressed to "the chosen Lady" and "to her children" while 3 John is written to "the beloved Gaius", their informal style gives us an insight into the flexible and personal nature of authority in the early church and how they deal with similar issues, problems within the church. Both talk about avoiding any teaching that strays from what was passed down to them and stress the need for love and truth in living a Christian life. For example, the author warns about the false teachings of the antichrist who did not accept the teachings about the incarnation and death of Jesus, the Christ: 2 Jn 7 "Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh; such is the deceitful one and the antichrist." And therefore, 2 Jn 10b "do not receive him in your house or even greet him." Similarly, in the next letter, he says, 3 Jn 9-10a "I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to dominate, does not acknowledge us. Therefore, if I come, I will draw attention to what he is doing, spreading evil nonsense about us." So, yes, there was dissension in the early church, and the leaders had to warn against both generic and specific false teachers. And he, the Presbyter, personally deals with these people as needed.

But for those who are faithful, his advice remains the same as we have seen before, adhere to the primary commandment of mutual love and to the truth that comes from Jesus: 2 Jn 5-6a,

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One Family in Mission  
Creating Pathways to Faith

Dear Friends:

He is Risen! Alleluia!

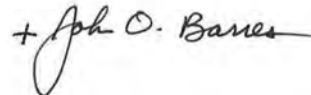
Last year, during the Easter Vigil, Pope Francis commented on the beauty of Christian almsgiving when he said, *"How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"* In the early stages of the pandemic and lockdown, these words meant so much to a hurting world and yet, they still mean so much today. When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are offering encouragement and helping bear the burdens of our struggling brothers and sisters across Long Island. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is that message of life that you are offering to so many people.

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Thank you for your gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, and for *creating pathways of faith* across Long Island. Know that you and your family are in my heart and in my prayers as we celebrate the Easter Season.

Sincerely in Christ,



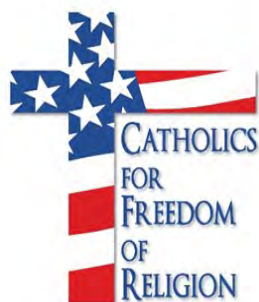
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

"I ask you, not as though I were writing a new commandment but the one we have had from the beginning: let us love one another. For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments." There is similar advice, as well as encouragement, in 3 Jn: 5-6, 8 "Beloved, you are faithful in all you do for the brothers, especially for strangers; they have testified to your love before the church. Please help them in a way worthy of God to continue their journey....Therefore, we ought to support such persons, so that we may be co-workers in the truth." And as before in this letter in singling out Diotrephes as being untrustworthy, the author

names names in recommending someone who is to be trusted: 3 Jn 11-12 "Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does what is good is of God; whoever does what is evil has never seen God. Demetrius receives a good report from all, even from the truth itself. We give our testimonial as well, and you know our testimony is true." So as Gaius has welcomed other true disciples on the word of the Presbyter, he should also accept Demetrius. This is the authority of the author, and the trust it engenders. These letters are short, possibly limited by what could be written on a single

piece of papyrus, but they give us a glimpse into the problems of the early church, and reveal how little we know about specific details concerning the early development in the church, that there were differing opinions about some dogmatic teachings, and how they were to live their faith, and how the personal attention given to them by early church leaders, as well as the trust in those true teachers who insisted on following the words of Jesus, helped preserve the new church and, as we now understand, with the direction and support of the Holy Spirit, could speak for Him both to the early Christians and to us. For that is what it means to have these letters included in the canon.

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"A nation that turns away from prayer will ultimately find itself in desperate need of it."  
Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, author

of The Harbinger

Canceling Worship Persists in Europe & Canada (A Harbinger for Further Restrictions in America?)

As the world continues to confront coronavirus, many leaders have paused the reopening of their countries, announcing new constraints on travel, gatherings, churches, synagogues, and mosques.

Ireland: "This Cabinet will go down in history as the most anti-Christian Government of all time ... to think people will be persecuted for going to Mass or having public worship," said a minister of the Irish Parliament. "140 people or more were in this room today voting on legislation. There's churches in this

country bigger than this and yet you allow only 10 people in!," said another minister.(1)

Scotland: A group of 27 church leaders argued the Scottish government acted beyond their emergency powers. Judge Lord Braid said the Scottish regulations disproportionately interfered with the freedom of religion. "I have not decided that all churches must immediately open... All I have decided is that the regulations ... went further than they were lawfully able to do." (2) Rev. Dr. William Philip said that the Scottish Ministers, "approach to banning and criminalizing gathered church worship was clearly an over-reach..." (3)

France was still under curfew in March and entered its third national lockdown on April 3, the day before Easter.

Germany is also still on lockdown with some relaxation promised at 7-day intervals for shops and service providers but no word yet of relaxation for churches.

Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship issued guidelines for Holy Week, calling for return to "normal experience of Christian life through the

physical presence of the faithful at Mass." (4)

Canada: GraceLife Church was "physically closed" by Alberta Health Services when authorities surrounded it with a chain link fence and blocked the entrance to the parking lot with police vehicles. The pastor, James Coates, resumed preaching on March 28, after being jailed for 35 days in February and fined \$1500, charged with violating health orders when he exercised his civil liberties by holding in-person services with the appropriate caution. "Now they've chained the doors of the church, enclosing it in chain link fence," said the pastor's wife. "This is all under the guise of a health order ... I pray for all the pastors and Christians that still think this is about a virus and health order. Clearly our Charter and criminal code mean nothing as long as the government can come up with a good enough story to disregard it. God have mercy on our nation." (5)

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## Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

DATES: 1577-1622  
FEAST DAY: APRIL 24

**B**orn in Sigmaringen (Germany), Mark Roy studied philosophy and law at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After tutoring young aristocrats and traveling Europe with them, he began practicing law in Alsace, where he quickly became "the poor person's lawyer." But, disillusioned over other lawyers' behavior, he gave up the law to follow a vocation in religious life. As an ordained Capuchin named Fidelis, he was renowned for his holiness, preaching and leadership. He was superior at several houses before being invited to eastern Switzerland to call Protestants back to Catholicism. This mission, complicated by the politics of the time and hatred of the Catholic Habsburgs, became increasingly dangerous and led to his murder by opponents. He was canonized in 1746.



## This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

GOERGE WODDWARD (1984)

This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the crucified,  
hath sprung to life  
this morrow.

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trumpets east to west  
shall wake the  
dead in number.  
[Refrain]

Death's flood hath lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing  
soul deliver. [Refrain].

**Psalm** Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

**R.** Lord, let your face shine on us.. **R.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn  
while you speak to us. R.*

## Go Make of All Disciples

ELLACOMBE

LEON ADKINS MCKINLEY (1955)

Go and make of all disciples  
Go Make Of All Disciples  
We Hear The Call Oh Lord  
That Comes From Thee Our Father  
In Thy Eternal Word.

Inspire Our Ways Of Learning  
Through Earnest Fervent Prayer  
And Let Our Daily Living  
Reveal Thee Everywhere.

Go Make Of All Disciples  
We Welcome Thy Command  
Lo I Am With You Always  
We Take Thy Guiding Hand.



## MUSIC FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Eat This Bread

EAT THIS BREAD

JACQUES BERTHIER (1923-1994)

Refrain: Eat this bread  
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup.  
Come to Me and never be hungry.  
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup.  
Trust in Me and you wkl not thirst.

1. I am the Bread of Life,  
the true Bread sent from the Father.  
[Refrain]

2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the Bread come down from heaven.

3. Eat My flesh and drink My blood  
and I will raise you up on the last day. [Refrain]

4. Anyone who eats this Bread will live forever.  
[Refrain]

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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JOHN HATTON (1793)

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
what joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everliving Head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky,  
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

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Regina caeli laetare, alleluia:  
Quia quem meruisti portare,  
Alleluia: Resurrexit, sicut dixit,  
Alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

JOHN WALSH (1708)

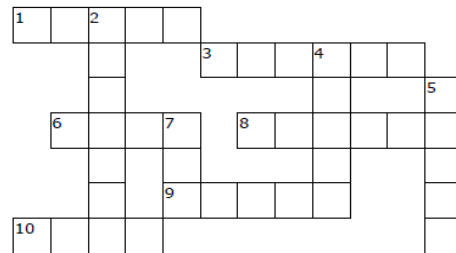
Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once the cross,  
suffer to redeem our loss.

Hymns of praise then let us sing  
unto Christ our heav'nly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save.

J Y K K N R S G I F R I S E F  
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Q J P F B E L R Z O P H G R I  
X H F U S N M W P F S E M Q G  
O U O U X W H A J R C T A D H  
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Y E F B D H X T D O W A D D E  
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A N L E O T H D N S S I Z N D  
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T H T F K W T T J M G B E B U  
O A U E Y D H D H A N D S S V  
N I L X A O R U U A E V O N L  
Y O L B A R F S P Q R L C I F



FRIGHTENED	BONES	FEET	WITNESSES	NATIONS
SUFFER	HANDS	DEAD	PREACH	RISE
JESUS	PEACE	DOUBTS	GHOST	FLESH



#### ACROSS

1. What the skeleton is made of
3. To feel pain
6. To return from death
8. To deliver a sermon
9. to handle or feel something with your fingers
10. An animal that lives in the water

#### DOWN

2. Countries; territories where groups of people live
4. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
5. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
7. To take in food through the mouth

EAT	TOUCH	PREACH	NATIONS	BONES
FISH	FLESH	RISE	SUFFER	GHOST

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