



Catholic Church & School

# NATIONAL DAY *of* PRAYER

O N E N A T I O N U N D E R G O D

Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

May 2, 2021

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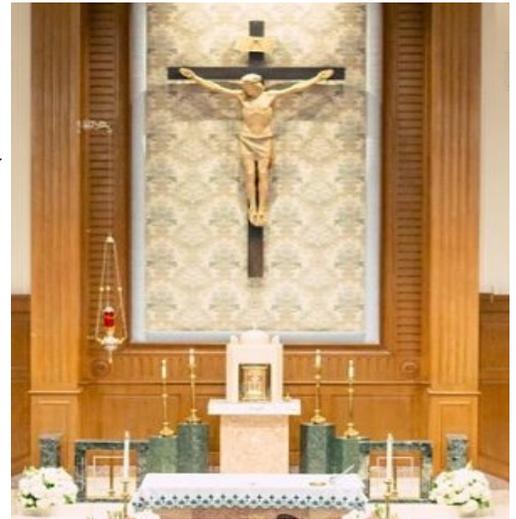
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**We invite  
everyone to walk  
with Jesus  
and experience  
His healing  
power and love**



**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.

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OF ST. AIDAN AT [ST AidanPARISH.ORG](http://ST AidanPARISH.ORG) AND ON  
FACEBOOK



**MONDAY, MAY 3**

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

**STS. PHILIP AND JAMES**

Tina Marie Griggs  
Edward Borst & Paul Kelly  
Christopher Plaza

**TUESDAY, MAY 4**

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

**EASTER WEEK 5**

Ralph DiBello (2nd Anniversary Rem.)  
Mary Hogan (Birthday Rem.)  
Timothy O'Sullivan (97th Birthday Rem.)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**

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

**EASTER WEEK 5**

Donald Huenger (Birthday Rem.)  
Aurelia Perry (10th Anniversary Rem.)  
Peter S. Amico

**THURSDAY, MAY 6**

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

**EASTER WEEK 5**

Terence J. Sullivan (Anniversary Rem.)  
Maryann Cilia (Birthday Rem.)  
John & Gregg Fiore

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

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

**EASTER WEEK 5**

Lv. Ints. of Rose Lee (Birthday)  
William Byron  
John & Gregg Fiore

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

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

**EASTER WEEK 5**

Sally Piltz  
Frank McKenna & Patricia Curry  
(30th Anniversary Rem.)  
Ana Bubalo  
Jorge Romero  
Richard Ryan  
Ann McKenna (10th Anniversary Rem.)  
Augustino DeBenedetto (6th Anniversary Rem.)  
John & Maria Smith

Fr. Ken

7:30 PM

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Esther Whalen (10th Anniversary Rem.)  
Mother's Day Novena  
Bettina Filardi  
Maureen Hogan  
Elizabeth O'Sullivan (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Joseph Simpson (Birthday Rem.)  
Gloria Rodrigues & Raymond Preston  
Augusto Rodrigues (Anniversary Rem.)  
Parishioners of St. Aidan

Fr. Adrian

5:00 PM

I AM THE  
TRUE VINE,  
AND MY  
FATHER IS  
THE VINE  
GROWER.  
  
HE TAKES  
AWAY  
EVERY  
BRANCH IN  
ME THAT  
DOES NOT  
BEAR  
FRUIT,  
  
AND EVERY  
ONE THAT  
DOES HE  
PRUNES SO  
THAT IT  
BEARS  
MORE  
FRUIT.

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## *What's Pastor Thinking*

Jesus talks about being fruitful, producing fruit. Somehow, this concept of producing fruit seems to rub us the wrong way. The demands on us to perform, to adapt, to "get more results" are wearing us down. One of the reasons we come to Church is because we experience Mass as a sanctuary from a country gone mad! We come to pray and find rest and inner peace from the stress and craziness. We view Church as a rock of peace and as an anchor in the midst of a changing world.

So when Jesus talks about fruit He doesn't mean performance. According to Henry Nouwen, Jesus makes a distinction between doing and being. Nouwen says: "Success comes from doing, and fruitfulness comes from being." Being in and with God, with others and with ourselves. So Jesus does not say: do more! He is saying: be more! Be all that you can be as you remain in me! Spend time with God, get to know God deeper. Experience God's inner peace once again, and His joy. Take a break from the world

and be with God, be with yourself too, get in touch with your true inner self and your calling and become centered in your inner spiritual life. When you remain in Jesus, fruit is a given. It will grow naturally out of your life of centeredness and peace and love, just as the grape grows naturally out of the vine. Bearing fruit is about being in God; being loved, being centered. Being in God.

This Thursday, May 6th is a National Day of Prayer, a day in which many people of faith will turn to our God in prayer for our nation that was at one time 'UNDER GOD.' America was founded on Judeo-Christian values but we've strayed from that original vision of our founding fathers. What was once "freedom of religion" has now become "freedom from religion." We have succeeded in pushing God out of our families, schools, sporting events, public venues, workplaces and policies. We need to return to God. The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. We pray for our nation.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

SANDRA MCCAFFREY  
CHARLES J. PITERA  
RAYMOND KINAHAN  
AUGUSTO C. SALDANA

**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  
Michael Proccini, Jr.  
Yovone Forde  
Joan Fleck

**BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL**

TERENCE J. SULLIVAN  
Requested by Margaret Sullivan

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

May 6th at 3:00 PM  
ANTHONY INCARNATO  
& MARTINE MERCERON

**STEWARDSHIP**

No Comparison due to COVID.  
4/25/21      \$21,543

**EXTRA COLLECTION THIS WEEK**  
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
MOTHER'S DAY MASS  
REMEMBRANCE

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

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
Parish Goal \$140,000.00  
Pledges \$81,982  
Donors 289  
Payments \$61,748



We thank you,  
*heroic mothers,*  
for your  
invincible love!

*The Gospel of Life, 86*

**MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 9TH**

MAY 2, 2021



## May is the Month of Mary!

As the **Mother of God**, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

## Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.



### 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.



## HAPPY 108TH BIRTHDAY SR. FRANCIS

Sister Francis Piscatella, OP, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville for 90 years, turned 108 years old on April 20. She is loved by her fellow sisters and parishioners. After Sister Francis took her vows at the age of 18, other Dominican sisters were sent out to “the missions” to begin teaching. Sister Francis, however, was kept back due to a perceived disability — her arm had been amputated when she was a child. Although her teaching skills were proven to be exemplary, she had taught her fellow sisters at the Motherhouse Complex to help them earn their high school degrees. Sister Francis went on to teach at Fourteen Holy Martyrs in Bushwick, for eight years. “She is one of the greatest teachers that the Dominican Order has ever had,” said Sister Kammer, who was one of Sister Francis’s students at Dominican Commercial High School in Jamaica, and was sponsored by Sister Francis when joining the Order. The two currently live together. “Taking a math class with Sister Francis was like opening your head and pouring the knowledge in,” Sister Kammer said.

Sister Francis’s reputation went beyond the classroom at Dominican Commercial High School — where she taught for 17 years — and spread to surrounding schools in the area. Students who failed during the year were sent by their own school administration to Dominican Commercial for summer school, seeking out Sister Francis specifically — with the assurance that they could learn math and pass the class with her help.

Sister Francis went on to tutor and teach in other schools, including St. Michael’s in New York for three years, St. Bartholomew’s in Elmhurst for one year, and Molloy College in Rockville Centre for 52 years. She also served in the financial aid office at Molloy College during her career. Sister Francis retired from Molloy in the late 1990s when she was 84 years old. Though Sister Francis has kept a low profile during the pandemic, her prayer life remains fervent as she continues to attend and watch Mass and spends much of her time in prayer at St. Aidan.

## IMPORTANT DATES

May 6	National Day of Prayer
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

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, THURSDAY, MAY 6TH

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America’s leaders and its families. Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our Founding Fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, this day has become a national observance

placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation and in Washington, D.C. The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds. Mrs. Shirley Dobson, NDP chairman emeritus, reminded us: "We have lost many of our freedoms in America because we have been asleep. I feel if we do not become involved and support the annual National Day of Prayer, we could end up forfeiting this freedom, too."

### MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Next Sunday, May 9th, is Mother's Day. Remember your mother, living or deceased, by enrolling her in the Mother's Day Novena. Masses will be celebrated in honor of those listed for this Novena. The names of all will be placed in a memory box at the Blessed Mother's Altar for the month of May. The envelope with the name(s) can be returned to the rectory or the collection basket.

### 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate all the children who received First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep all those who are preparing to receive for the first time next Saturday, May 8th at 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

### THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This is an opportunity for parishioners to support the important work of their parish and regional schools as well as the mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness

## 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 School Board  
 All proceeds directly benefit the school

**Weekly Prizes:** 1 \$25 winner AND 4 \$20 winners  
**Monthly Prizes:** 1 \$50 winner AND 2 \$25 winners  
**Monthly Bonus Prizes:** 1 \$500 winner in March, June and December  
 1 \$100 winner in all other months

#### March 2021 Winners

##### \$20 Winners

Margaret Abad	Edward Hadjuk	Elizabeth Gaffney	Matthew Rogers
K. Morgan	Concetta Bombace	Thomas Malley	Maureen Corrigan
Carl Eckhoff	Susan Mattei	Peter & Andrew Brala	Patricia Paternostro
Liliana Golembiowski	Anne Messina	Margaret & Walter Gillespie	Jean & John Weber

##### \$25 Winners

Bernie Burns	Mary Ward	Virginia & Bob Shine
Kathy Wellenbrink	Carol Lovly	Michael and Joyce Rowley

*\$50 Winner:* Nancy Allard

*\$500 Winner:* Margaret LaMontagne

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. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Please check here if this is a *renewal* of an existing membership.

and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools. Support from non-school parishes, as well as half of the support from parish and regional school supporting parishes is provided to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation to support scholarships. The remaining half of the money collected in parishes with schools, and parishes that support regional schools, stays with the school. Thank you.

### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The corporate Mass of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 9am. This Mass will be

celebrated in memory of deceased Rosarians Maria Naclerio and Anne Lucenti. This Mass can be viewed online at [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org).

The monthly meeting will be held on Monday night, May 3rd at 7pm in the church. At this meeting we will have the induction of new members. Please consider joining the Rosary Society. It is a wonderful way to offer devotion to Mary while fostering friendship and good works. Bring a friend.

Pat Shea, director of Momma's House, a home for young Mothers and their babies, will speak at the May 3rd meeting. Donations of baby clothing, handmade items, baby care items, and gift cards will be collected. Cash and checks are always appreciated. If unable to attend, items can be dropped off at Rae Caramanica at 162 Cushing Ave. This meeting can be viewed online at [staidanparish.org](http://staidanparish.org).

## ROE V. WADE MOVIE

Archbishop Naumann, Chairman of Pro-life Activities for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has said: "I encourage you to see this film. With some of the artistic liberties of the movie industry, the film provides insight into the cultural circumstances that resulted in the Court decision that led to more than 62 million American children killed by abortion over the past 48 years." The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics, has a special webpage through which the movie can be ordered [www.DRVCLife.org/movie](http://www.DRVCLife.org/movie).

In a nutshell, the main reasons to see the movie: It is likely in the near future that Roe v. Wade will be challenged in the courts and/or there will be federal legislation proposed to codify the ruling, so this is a good opportunity to learn about this landmark decision and initiate conversation about it. It brings awareness to the strategy used to change the culture in 1970 which is similar to that being employed now to influence current day cultural issues (e.g. gender ideology). It depicts the conversion of Bernard Nathanson and offers an



**Special Event!**

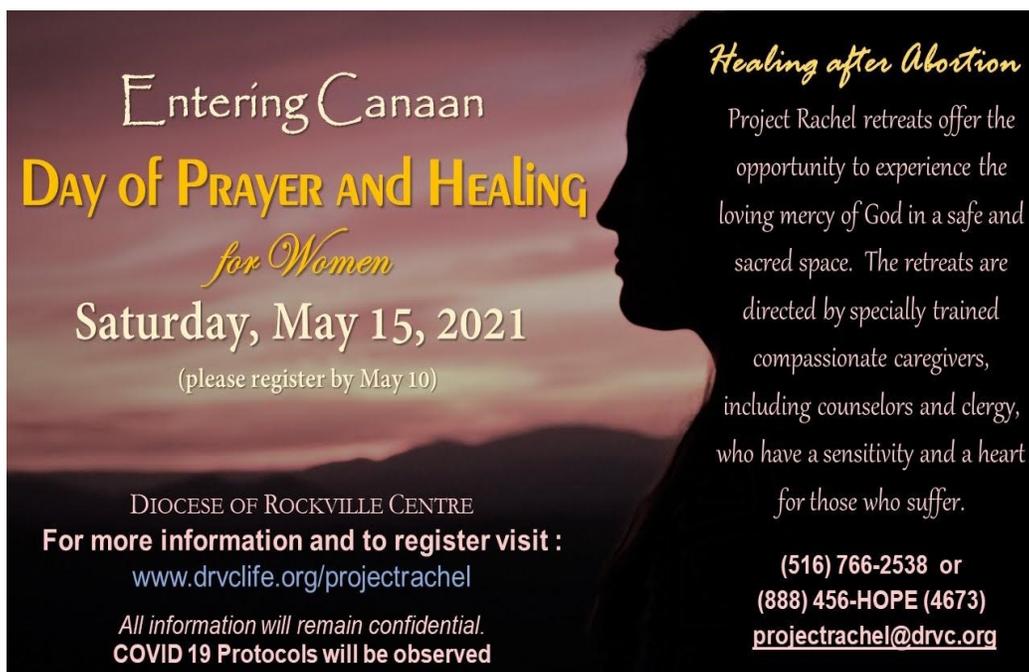
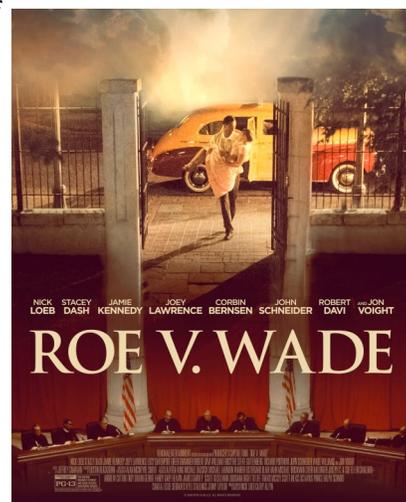
**NICK LOEB**  
AS DR. BERNARD N. NATHANSON

**Live Q&A with Nick Loeb (by Zoom)**  
producer, director, actor  
**Roe v. Wade Movie**  
**Thursday**  
**May 27, 2021**  
**7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.**

OFFICE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
Office of Human Life,  
Family and Bioethics

**Openings are limited.**  
**Reserve your spot now!**  
[www.drvcLife.org/nickloeb](http://www.drvcLife.org/nickloeb)

example of the power of redemption, particularly relevant during the Easter Season. In addition, on Thursday May 27, 2021 at 7:00p.m. we will be hosting a one-hour live Q&A session with the producer/director/actor, Nick Loeb, by Zoom which we hope will increase interest in seeing the movie, too.



**Entering Canaan**  
**Day of PRAYER AND HEALING**  
*for Women*  
**Saturday, May 15, 2021**  
(please register by May 10)

**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.

**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**  
**For more information and to register visit :**  
[www.drvcLife.org/projectrachel](http://www.drvcLife.org/projectrachel)  
All information will remain confidential.  
**COVID 19 Protocols will be observed**

**(516) 766-2538 or**  
**(888) 456-HOPE (4673)**  
[projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org)

## 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

## 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 May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our Lady's shrine at 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 23rd.

## 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.

## 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.

ITEMS NEEDED: BRILLO PADS, OIL, HOT DOGS/ HAMBURGERS, BOTTLES OF WATER AND SPONGES

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).

## 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.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL'S

# Showers of Kindness

IN HONOR OF  
MOTHER'S DAY

Please join our "Showers of Kindness" in honor of Mother's Day. A collection of new baby items to be donated to the families served by The Brentwood Health Center. This center is one of 42 Health Centers run by Sun River Health on Long Island, NYC, and the Hudson Valley

Beginning the week of April 19th St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, in partnership with Student Council, will kick off the "Showers of Kindness." Suggested items are on the list below. All items must be new and in original packaging. No formula please.



- Baby Hair Conditioner
- Baby Laundry Detergent
- Baby Lotion
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Body Wash for bath time
- Baby wipes
- Bath toys
- Bibs
- Bottles (no glass please)
- Bottle brushes
- Burp cloths
- Diaper Cream
- Diapers – all sizes
- Hats 3 – 6 months
- Hooded Towels,
- Bodysuits (3–6 months)
- Pacifiers
- Receiving blankets
- Socks (3–6 months)
- Teething toys
- Wash Cloths

Please don't forget the Moms: Fuzzy Socks (all sizes,) Lip Moisturizer, Hand lotion

SJB student donations should be dropped off at South Lobby Entrance in the morning.

For all other donations or for further information/questions please contact:  
**Office of Advancement**  
P: 631-587-8000 x176  
E: jones@sjbdhs.org



## JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF SAINT AIDAN

Thank you for the generosity shown for the Junior Catholic Daughters food drive and clothing drive for Birthright and Mommas house! The donations of food, diapers, baby clothes and generous monetary donations will go a long way towards helping those who are less fortunate. Thank you for supporting our organization. Junior Catholic Daughters of Saint Aidan

## 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.

### 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.

### 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

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9 REV. CORNELIUS DERY PRAY FOR OUR LADY'S INTERCESSION	10 REV. JOSEF KADUNGAMPARAMBI SEM. ROBERT KAZIUK	11 REV. MSGR. JOSEPH DEGROCCO SEM. LOUIS CONA	12 REV. THOMAS EDAMATTAM SEM. JOSEPH KRUG	13 REV. JOSEPH LOBO OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAY FOR US	14 REV. ADRIAN MCHUGH SEM. JOSÉ FERNÁNDEZ	15 VERY REV. DOM. DANIEL NASH, CAN REG SEM. KEVIN RUEDA
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23 REV. PAUL DOLAN PRAY FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR DIOCESE	24 REV. GEORGE KWAME OPPONG AFRIYIE PRAY FOR RETIRED PRIESTS	25 REV. SUK KUEN SONG SEM. STEVEN McCLERNON	26 REV. ALLAN SIKORSKI PRAY FOR PRIEST FAMILIES	27 REV. MSGR. JAMES VLAUN PRAY FOR VOCATIONS	28 REV. MSGR. CHRISTOPHER HELLER SEM. NICHOLAS WALDRON	29 REV. IRINEL RACOS PRAY FOR DEACONS
30 REV. MICHAEL RIEDER SEM. STEPHEN ROONEY	31 REV. FRANCIS SARPONG PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS BROTHERS					

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fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.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

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION ONLINE

Catholic Marriage Prep.com is the online solution for those looking for a solid sacramental preparation during and after Covid-19. We have been mentoring engaged couples online, one-on-one, for over 15 years, in English, Spanish and French. We can help you provide a deep sacramental and human marriage preparation to your couples. We all know the future of the Church is at stake if couples cannot receive the sacrament of Matrimony.

Easy Steps will help you get started with Catholic Marriage Prep.com. It is pretty simple.

Step 1) Couples contact us and register online. We connect them with an instructor couple to lead them on this journey.

Step 2) Parish priests will receive a certificate from the instructors when the couples complete the program. Email or call us for more information on how to get your parish set up to connect your parishioners with Catholic Marriage Prep.com.

## 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

## Awesome Message for all Gals-18 to 118

**SHUSH...I HAVE A SECRET FOR ALL GALS!**  
**Come to the General Meeting of the Rosary Altar Society and find out what it is. If you are single, married, divorced, in a relationship, or not in a relationship, the doors are open, we look forward to meeting you!**  
**St. Aidan Church Monday May 3, 7:30PM**

*Church of St. Aidan Rosary Altar Society*



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The Society has many different venues to offer, it allows one to be...

- dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and Her Son
- dedicated to the Rosary
- part of the Rosary Confraternity, reaping its Benefits, Indulgences and Promises
- involved in Parish Events, especially celebrations
- go on retreats
- care of Altar linens
- enriched by attending monthly programs
- a part of the Honor Guard at a Rosarian's funeral
- attend/serve parties
- have fun
- make lifelong friends



"Lifelong friends" and the power of prayer that is what this article is about. We want to share something good with you. **For those that have joined and stopped coming, we miss you. For those who never joined, we would like to meet you.** You can only be enriched by attending meetings. Our Rosary Altar Society is stronger and made richer by your presence. Today more than ever we need to pray!

**More information? Please call Beatrice Bullock, President 516-263-8067**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> our meeting will have

1. Induction of New Members
2. Rededication of Members
3. Pat Shea, Director of Momma's House

**Come be a part of something positive. What better way than to spend your time than to be with the Blessed Mother and sharing the values that we hold dear. We welcome gals, ages 18 to 108 and beyond...**

*There is no place like St. Aidan's!* mlg



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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 1, 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.

freshman, and entering college as a freshman. Awards are as follows:

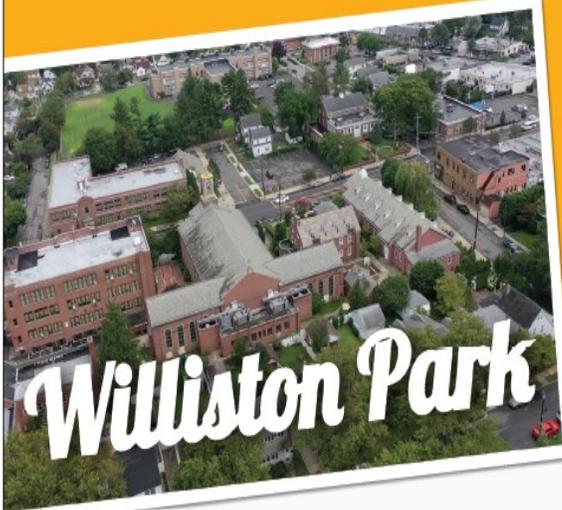
- Catholic Elementary School Grant - two \$250 awards – application deadline = May 21st
- CCD/Religious Education Program Grant - two \$ 125 awards - application deadline = May 21st
- Applications and full eligibility requirements are available on the Chapter Website ([www.nassauchapterkofc.org](http://www.nassauchapterkofc.org))

under the “Scholarship Applications” link.

**DO YOU HAVE A CARING HEART?**

Are you being called to serve others? If so, St. Francis Hospital and Heart Center is looking for you. The Nursing Department has open positions for compassionate care givers to become Nursing Assistants also known as Patient Care Associates (PCA). On the job training is provided. High School Diploma or equivalent is required. The role of the PCA involves providing, comfort, compassionate communication and emotional support to our patients in addition to direct patient care including; bathing, toileting, feeding, ambulating, turning and positioning. St. Francis Hospital and Heart Center located at 100 Port Washington Blvd in Roslyn is the only specialty Cardiac Center in NYS. We provide health care benefits for you and your family as well as paid time off. The hospital is conveniently located near public transportation. If you are interested in this position, please contact: Jaime Slone at 516-562-6893 or visit our website at <https://stfrancisheartcenter.chsli.org/> and click on careers.

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WHERE SUMMER VACATION IS OUR JOB!



**VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE!**

Join our Campus Directors for fun, informative virtual open houses, including information about Camper Programs, Schedule, Activities, Special Events and Theme Days, as well as Health & Wellness, Staffing, and how we continue to navigate COVID-19. Learn more at [campsrus.org/openhouse](http://campsrus.org/openhouse).

**ABOUT US**

Camps 'R' Us is celebrating its 28th anniversary in 2021. In Summer 2020, we opened camp successfully and had zero reported cases of COVID-19.

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**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>

**YOUTH GROUP 2021 SCHEDULE**

- May 2 - Meeting @ Luigi’s Pizzeria from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- May 9 – Mother’s Day (No Meeting)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



*Our 8th grade students are preparing for Graduation. They will attend nine different high schools next year. We are very proud of them!*



# 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 their own child), story and simple songs and finger plays. Please note, adults will be required to wear a mask.



September 2021 Session:  
Limited Space Available

Meets: Tuesdays  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
Or Thursdays  
9:00 AM-10:30 AM  
or 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

*Tuesday and Thursday activities are the same -  
Please only register for 1 day*

Begins: Tuesday, September 21 – December 14  
Thursday, September 16– December 16

Cost: \$160.00

Location: St. Aidan Convent 16 Pembroke Street

If interested, 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, call us at  
516-746-6585 ext 202  
or email [dvitale5547@staidanschool.org](mailto:dvitale5547@staidanschool.org).

## Just We Two Program September 2021 Registration Sheet

Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice  
Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00-10:30 AM  
Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
*(Tuesday and Thursday activities are the same)*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_



Person Attending Class with Child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 has been a blended program for the 2020-2021 school year, which included 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 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 are over for this school year. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help us continue to reach out to children who need our help or if you think your child would benefit from such a

program, please contact the Director at (516)746-6585 x406 or email [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org). We are in great need of more help.

**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.

**Confirmation Retreats:**

Confirmation candidates who were unable to attend any of the recent Confirmation retreats will be notified about the alternate retreat plan.

**Attention ALL Parents:** The Religious Education school year is officially over. Please be sure that your children have submitted 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 May 15th 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 Tuesday, May 11th @ 6:30PM.

**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.

**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 Fifth 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: WE ARE CONNECTED TO JESUS. Write the Short Sentence of the Week and

place it on the refrigerator as a reminder during the week. Today’s Gospel, (John 15: 1-8), is the story of the Vine and the Branches. Jesus uses this metaphor to explain to His disciples how because they follow Him, they are as connected to Him as branches are connected to the vine that supports and sustains them.

Farming is a very risky occupation and a very necessary one. People were very familiar with the process of productive farming. God the Father is the vine grower (farmer or gardener). Jesus is the vine that was grown from God’s most chosen rootstock. Those who follow Jesus are the branches. The branches have no possibility of bearing the intended fruit unless they are connected to the vine. The vine provides the hydration and nutrition necessary to grow the fruit. Vineyards in Jesus’ time were also often protected by walls and even people so that thieves and some animals didn’t enter and steal the precious fruit.

Jesus used this analogy or metaphor to explain how we must completely depend on Him for everything we need to be good disciples or followers. He also reminds us that there is an interconnection among the branches just as those who follow Him are connected to each other. The branches that do not bear fruit must be completely cut off. There are also times when branches need to be pruned so they can grow and produce better fruit. There are many messages in today’s gospel that can help children understand that WE ARE CONNECTED TO JESUS. If we are

connected to Jesus, we are automatically connected to each other. How we include and treat others is a topic that naturally flows from the image of the vine and branches. Good disciples are inclusive of others and respect others even if we don't agree with them. There is no room for bullying, which is a rising problem especially in schools. Children also need to understand that even though WE ARE CONNECTED TO JESUS, there are times that we must let God "prune" us so that we can be better followers of Jesus and spread Jesus' message of love and peace to others. Parents assist God in pruning their children by leading them to make good choices, teaching them how to live as true disciples of Jesus, following through on reasonable discipline, and setting wise limits. This week try singing a song with younger children by singing the song, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" or "Jesus is the Vine," which is sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell," Jesus is the vine (2x), We are the branches, and Jesus is the vine. (Child's name) is a branch (2x), Jesus is the vine, and (Child's name) is the branch. With older children, draw two kinds of fruit on construction paper. Ask the children, "What is one way that you can bear good fruit this week as a disciple of Jesus?" Instruct the children to write it on the cut out fruit and attach the fruit to a picture or larger drawing of a vine creating a poster. Younger children can participate by drawing their ideas. Parents can join too! At the end of the week, see how much progress

has been made and set some goals for a follow-up next week. As always, have fun making the gospel come alive in your families!



The Revelation to John is an answer in apocalyptic style and imagery to the needs of the early church in very trying times as it awaited the end-time expected in the near future, the proximate Parousia. The purpose of the book is to encourage the members to be steadfast in their faith in the face of persecution.

The book has two main parts, the first of which (chapters 2-3) contains moral warnings and advice without the symbolism that follows, in the form of individual letters addressed to the seven specific churches in Asia Minor. In the second part (chapters 4-22:5), visions, vivid descriptions, and cryptic narratives fill the text so much so that many differing interpretations have been offered over the years. But there is a general consensus that Revelation is not just a stand-alone spiritual allegory or prophecy dealing with the end times phrased in obscure language. Rather, it is concerned with a contemporary crisis of faith due to Roman persecutions, but contains timeless lessons that still apply today. So Christians are urged to hold fast to their faith and trust in God's ultimate victory over His enemies who are persecuting them in whatever form this may exist.

While the view at the time the book was written was that this would occur soon with the Second Coming of Christ, the message of Revelation retains its relevance for the future generations of Christians who, as Christ had warned, would suffer persecution. The victory of God over Satan and the Antichrist, as typified by the Roman persecutions, will be repeated over and over until God's final victory at the end of time.

All that said, however, the symbolic descriptions in Revelation should not be taken literally, nor is the symbolism meant to be viewed as realistic. Apocalyptic literature is meant to be dramatic, full of hidden meanings, not to be read literally. For example, it is hard to picture Jesus as described in Rev 5:6a, "Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders a Lamb that seemed to have been slain. He had seven horns and seven eyes." Clearly there is something symbolic here, not a literal image. It is the numbers and features that bear the meaning. The author is suggesting Christ's universal (seven) power (horns) and knowledge (eyes). And this is typical of apocalyptic writing. It uses things like colors, metals, garments and numbers with symbolic meanings. The number four signifies the world, six imperfection (hence 666 as the sign of the beast, or devil), seven totality or perfection, twelve the tribes of Israel or the apostles, and one thousand immeasurability or vastness. So with this understanding we see more in such passages as Rev 6: 1- 8 "Then I watched while the

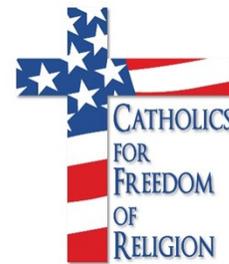
Lamb broke open the first of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures cry out in a voice like thunder, "Come forward." I looked, and there was a white horse, and its rider had a bow. He was given a crown, and he rode forth victorious to further his victories. When he broke open the second seal, I heard the second living creature cry out, "Come forward." Another horse came out, a red one. Its rider was given power to take peace away from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another. And he was given a huge sword. When he broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature cry out, "Come forward." I looked, and there was a black horse, and its rider held a scale in his hand. I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures. It said, "A ration of wheat costs a day's pay, and three rations of barley cost a day's pay. But do not damage the olive oil or the wine." When he broke open the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature cry out, "Come forward." I looked, and there was a pale green horse. Its rider was named Death, and Hades accompanied him. They were given authority over a quarter of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and plague, and by means of the beasts of the earth." Look and see how the colors of the horses go hand in hand with the role of the riders.

To add to this, Revelation cannot be fully appreciated without understanding the historical background. It is resistance literature responding to the

persecution of the early church by the Roman authorities. Knowing this, we realize that the harlot Babylon in chapter 17 symbolizes pagan Rome, the city on seven hills. Rev 17:9a "Here is a clue for one who has wisdom. The seven heads represent seven hills upon which the woman sits." It would not have been safe to state this directly, but the readers would know.

So seen in this light, as written, the book is both warning and encouragement to Christians of the first century to stand firm in the faith and to avoid compromise with paganism, despite the threat persecution, even of martyrdom. God will deliver as He promised. Indeed, even with the focus on the end times for the final victory, that victory is certain: Rev 12: 10 -12 "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed. For the accuser of our brothers is cast out, who accuses them before our God day and night. They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; love for life did not deter them from death. Therefore, rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them. But woe to you, earth and sea, for the Devil has come down to you in great fury, for he knows he has but a short time." But despite the author's, and his readers', conception of the time frame in which this would occur, the underlying truth is there for us and for all time. Just remember that God's time differs from our sense of time!

In summary, the author reminds the reader, including us, that despite all signs to the contrary in the form of temporal sufferings, the promise is trustworthy and true because it is from God. Hence these words still are true today. It still strikes a chord, not only for true believers, but even in song in literature we hear and see the horsemen of the apocalypse and pale riders on the storm. And just a quick word of advice. This was a very brief look at Revelation. It is probably the most difficult book to read and understand in the whole Bible. Don't start with it. Read many of the others, and, perhaps, a history of the early Church under the Roman Empire before delving into it.



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"You will never do anything in the world without courage.

It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor." - Aristotle

Some With Courage Are Defending Religious Freedom...Continued

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of former Georgia college student, Chile Uzuegbunam, who was prevented from expressing religious views in a free-speech zone on campus. In an 8-1 decision, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote that the student "experienced a complete violation of his constitutional rights when respondents enforced their speech policies against him."(1) The

student wanted to speak with interested students about his faith but was silenced by a security officer until he obtained a special permit for a "designated speech area." "When Uzuegbunam reserved a zone and again tried to share his faith, officials ordered him to stop because someone complained," said his Alliance Defending Freedom(ADF) attorney. (2)

"Groups representing diverse ideological viewpoints (atheist, Jewish, Catholic & Muslim) supported our client because the threat to our constitutionally protected freedoms doesn't stop with free speech rights or a college campus," said Kristen Waggoner, ADF attorney.(3)

Hundreds of Canadian Christians gathered at the GraceLife Church in Edmonton, Alberta on Sunday, April 11, to protest and tear down a chain link fence that government officials erected to prevent worshipping. Alberta Health

Services(AHS) had closed the building and access roads were closed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. AHS said the church would remain closed until they "can demonstrate the ability to comply with Alberta's chief medical officer of health restrictions."(4) In February, Pastor James Coates was charged with breaching COVID health guidelines that limited services to 15% of capacity and not enforcing masks and distancing regulations. He spent 35 days in custody and paid a fine.

The worshippers peacefully gathered to sing hymns and listen to Bible readings outside, but the crowd grew, and some started to remove the fence. Riot police dispersed the crowd. "I'm very disappointed to see this kind of draconian and aggressive enforcement of health orders ... It shows a very aggressive government that is not answering questions about its policies, but wants to push its weight around and

try to make an example of GraceLife Church," said a JCCF attorney.(5)

The Indiana legislature sent a bill to Gov. Eric Holcomb that would classify religious services as essential during declared disaster emergencies and would prevent the government imposing any restrictions on religious services. "Religious organizations provide essential services that are necessary for the health and welfare of the public during a disaster emergency," the bill reads.(6)

"I hope its another 500 years before we ever have another disaster ... like what our state and nation have experienced this last year," said State Sen. Eric Koch. "But should that arise, this (bill) should protect that very enshrined right in our Constitution."(7)

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## Saint Rose Venerini

DATES: 1656-1728 | FEAST DAY: MAY 7

**B**orn in Viterbo, Italy, Rose entered a convent after her fiance died, but soon returned home to care for her widowed mother. She chose to be a teacher rather than a contemplative, and opened a free school for girls in 1685. In 1692, the bishop of an Italian diocese asked her to train teachers and administer the schools there. She and St. Lucy Filippini became friends, and Rose began setting up schools around Italy. Despite opposition, including arson and assaults on some of her teachers, the order she founded was officially recognized as a congregation, the Venerini Sisters, after her death.

## Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

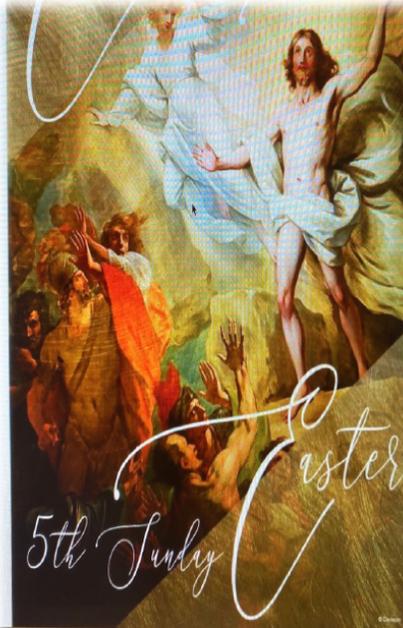
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HENRY FRANCIS LYTE (1834)

**P**RAISE, my soul, the King of heaven:  
to his feet your tribute bring!  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flow



## Psalm

Ps. 22:26-30

**I** WILL praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people. **R.**

## Alleluia, Alleluia!

**R**EMAIN in me as I remain in you,  
says the Lord. Whoever remains  
in me will bear much fruit. **R.**

## No Greater Love

SONG OF JOY

MICHAEL JONGAS, (B. 1951)

**T**here is no greater love says the Lord  
than to lay down one's life for a friend.  
There is no greater love, no greater love,  
than to lay down one's life for a friend.

As a Father has loved me  
so I have loved you Live on in my love.  
You will live in my love  
if you keep my commands. **R.**

You are my friends if you do what I command.  
Even as I have kept my Father's. **R.**

## I Come with Joy

I COME WITH JOY

BRIAN A. WREN (B. 1970)

**I** COME with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here.

## Taste and See

JAMES E. MOORE (B. 1951)

**T**ASTE and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.  
I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord  
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

## Sing with all the Saints of Glory

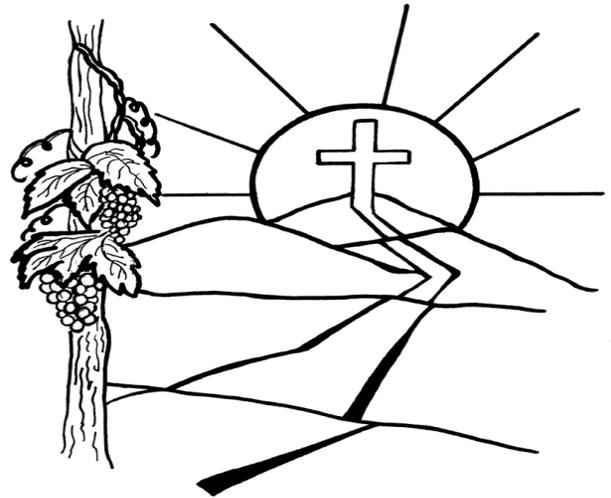
SONG OF JOY

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**S**ING with all the saints in glory,  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking  
Soon the storms of time shall cease  
In God's likeness we awaken  
Knowing everlasting peace

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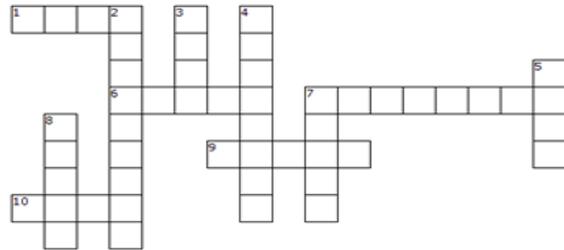


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ACROSS

- 1. Something that is spoken
- 6. Not dirty
- 7. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 9. To toss something through the air
- 10. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

DOWN

- 2. Those who follow Jesus
- 3. Burning flame
- 4. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- 5. The opposite of false
- 7. Praise or honor
- 8. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten

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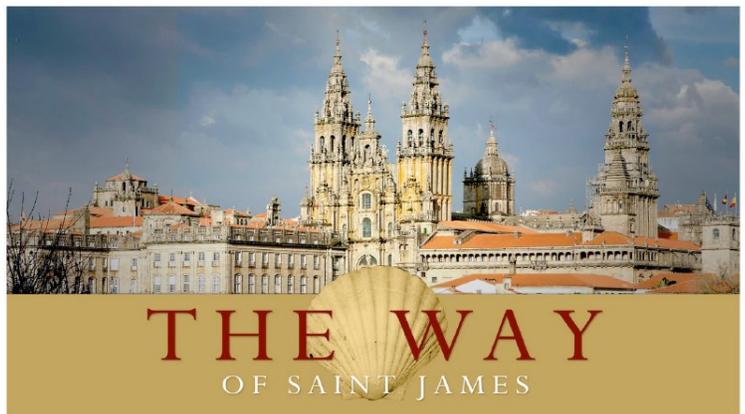
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