

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
WILLISTON PARK, NEW YORK

St. Aidan

ADVENT

A Season of Expectation

DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Respect life. All life is sacred.



WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN

Our parish is a vibrant and active Catholic community located in Nassau County, Long Island, New York. We are a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre serving the communities of Williston Park, East Williston, Albertson, and parts of Mineola, Roslyn Heights, and Searingtown.

ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Items for publishing should be emailed to staidanbulletin@gmail.com.

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

To place an advertisement on the cover contact 'church bulletin,' the publishing company, 631-249-4994. The cost of our bulletin is covered by our sponsors who advertise on the cover.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of the Church of St Aidan, strengthened by the Eucharist and encouraged by the Word of God, welcome all, for we encourage that everyone is a child of God and no one should be excluded. Guided by the Holy Spirit through prayer, we strive as one to build the Body of Christ. We commit ourselves to nurturing lifelong faith formation, fostering lay leadership, promoting social justice, engaging our youth in every aspect of parish life, and offering care and compassionate service to all. We invite everyone to walk with Jesus and experience His healing power and love.

PARISH GROWTH 2022/23

1. Pastoral Care of Our Youth
2. Hospitality & Social Events
3. Formation & Education in Faith Matters
4. Spiritual Resources & Direction
5. Information about Groups & Activities

THE CHURCH IS OPEN 6 AM TO 6 PM

Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org, Facebook and Vimeo. The faithful are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, or those with serious underlying health conditions. For the safety of all, the church doors will be closed

when school children attend services during the week.

ST. AIDAN CONVENT BUILDING IS CLOSED

Repairs to the convent will take some time following a water leak. All meetings that were scheduled there had to be moved to other buildings. Contact the Rectory for more information.

PARKING AT ST. AIDAN

The number of parking spaces is limited at St. Aidan. The parking lot at the rear of the Upper School and the one on Dover Street are available on weekends and when school is closed. The Lower School has an area that is designated a children's play area. People with disabilities may park in the three reserved parking spaces in front of the rectory on Willis Ave. This special area is needed for church access by people who use wheelchairs and specially-equipped vehicles. Thank you for being parking considerate.

BAPTISM

To arrange a baptism contact the rectory office. 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. To hold a private baptism you must make arrangements with a priest or deacon to perform the baptism. Private baptisms are 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 PM Mass. Parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the altar.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion unites us more closely to Jesus, and it is also a sign that we are living in communion with His Church, following the teachings that Jesus has handed down to us. If you know of someone homebound who would like to receive Communion from a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Rectory.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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 an appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

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.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged. Pre-Cana at St. Aidan consists of a ONE DAY SATURDAY COURSE. The moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin (917) 952-6521. Email: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org. Information on the Pre-Cana Course offered by the Diocese of Rockville Center can be found at www.drvc-faith.org or call 678-5800 ext. 223.

SCAM LIKELY

If you receive an email or text from Fr. Adrian or any other member of St. Aidan staff requesting gift cards or donations, delete it immediately and block the caller's number or email. It is not from St. Aidan Church or School.

PARISH EMAIL

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

PLANNED GIFTS FOR YOUR PARISH

Consider your Christian responsibility to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future. Call Barbara Kilarjian at the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 to find out how you can pass on your love to your family.

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS

WEBSITE ST Aidan Parish.ORG
VIMEO ST. AIDAN, WILLISTON PARK
FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM

Fr. Ken 9:00 AM

Bishop Andrzej 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Fr. Ken 6:30 AM

Fr. Ken 9:00 AM

Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM

Fr. Ken 9:00 AM

Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Fr. Ken 6:30 AM

Fr. Ken 9:00 AM

Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM

Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM

Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Fr. Ken 9:00 AM

Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

Fr. Solomon 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Fr. Solomon 7:30 AM

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM

Fr. Ken 10:30 AM

Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM

Fr. Ken 5:00 PM

ADVENT WEEK 2

Joanne & Charles Kempton

(Wedding Anniv.)

Rae LaMagna

Mary Ryan & Ann Benn (Birthday Rem.)

ADVENT WEEK 2

Nathaniel Williams

Rosemary Holmes (Birthday Rem.)

Gabriel A. Santucci (5th Anniversary Rem.)

ST. AMBROSE

Ignatius Kelly (13th Anniversary Rem.)

Charles T. Oliver (Birthday Rem.)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL

Timothy Lynch (1st Anniversary Rem.)

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thersia Neroth (9th Anniversary Rem.)

SCHOOL ATTENDING

Cawley & O'Brien Families

Mary Elizabeth Ehrhardt

Eric Sa

Parishioners of St. Aidan

ADVENT WEEK 2

Dennis O'Reilly

Barbara Taylor (1st Anniversary Rem.)

Anthony Pitrelli

ADVENT WEEK 2

John Patrick Mulrooney

Antoinette D'Angelo (Birthday Rem.)

Decd. Members of Hand

& Tangorra Families

Loyce Janette Mol

Paul Vincent Fabiszewski

Ellen Barron

Dorothy Grover

Joseph A. Zambuto

Patricia Blennau

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parishioners of St. Aidan

Susan Mattei

Julius Dutkowsky (20th Anniversary Rem.)

Aldo Recine (Birthday Rem.)

Patrick Boyle (Birthday Rem.)

Richard W. Terry, Jr.

Eleanor Brassill

John E. Riordan Jr. & Sr.

Steffen Cholas

Tom Sales

Seamus McWeeney

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9 AM to 12 PM & 1 PM to 4 PM
Saturday & Sunday
9 AM to 12 PM

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Adrian McHugh

Associate Pastors

Rev. Fr. Solomon Odinukwe
Rev. Fr. Ken Grooms

Deacons

Rev. Rudy Martin
Rev. Jerry Magaldi
Rev. Salvatore B. Villani

St. Aidan School

ext. 202, 203 Grades Nursery-2
ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8

Principal Mrs. Julie O'Connell

Assistant Principal

Mrs. Barbara Graham

Faith Formation

ext. 404, 405
Director ext. 406
Mrs. Elaine Smith,

Business Manager

ext. 107
Mr. Thomas Flynn

Parish Facilities Manager

ext. 136
Mr. Pat Perez

Music Director

ext. 130
Mr. Drago Bubalo
drago.bubalo@gmail.com

Social Ministry, Director

ext. 410, 408
Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro

Youth Ministry

ext. 403
Mr. Stephen Loewenthal



What's Pastor Thinking

Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of the world's most beautiful visions of a peaceful kingdom. A land where every square inch is a place of hope and peace. Isn't that the kind of world that we want, really? To live in a peaceful world where *'the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.'* Where bears and cows become friends. A place and time when violence and harm is not just outlawed, but completely banished from our communities and nation. Where steel bars, alarms and guns are not necessary. Where the only trafficking occurs with cars instead of with people and drugs. Where good exists and evil is forgotten.

But we don't live in that kind of a fairy-tale world. Isaiah's vision is not our reality! We lock our doors. We avoid the night. Ours is a world where billions of dollars are spent in wars. Where world peace is fragile, and hatred and division are tools used for political gain. Peace? Hope? Where's the Peaceable Kingdom. Where's the gentleness in our Kingdoms? Might as well write "fairy-tale" across Isaiah's vision. Except....

Listen again to what the prophet Isaiah promises

before the vision the peaceful kingdom. *On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.*

No name is given. But the job description tells it all. It's Jesus, to whom Isaiah points. The Peaceable Kingdom has already begun in Him. The God who will make all things new, who will truly bring us to a place where no one will hurt or destroy, has already given us His Son. And to have Jesus is to have God's Peaceable Kingdom in your life.

For when Jesus is allowed to reign in our personal kingdoms, things changes. You never see anyone filled with hatred, lies and division when they are controlled by Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. So although there's still a jungle out there, with problems that perplex and confuse us, the Good News is that we can be part of the solution—now. But it begins by inviting the Peaceful Leader, Jesus to have greater controlling interests in our lives. For as God expands his kingdom within us, so can we begin to enjoy and invite others to enjoy God's Peaceable Kingdom.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

JOSEPH J. FIORE
 TERENCE J. MOONEY
 THERESA LAMBERTSON
 DAVID SCHEIDELER

**THOSE WHO ASKED US
 TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE**

Joh Martin
 Gina Devaney
 Kaitlyn Devaney
 Ronald Smith JR.
 Karen Tymecki
 Jean Lopardo
 Joan E. Flynn
 Donna Brandefine
 Suchmyun Moon
 Rolanda John
 Nat Infurna
 Eileen Fitzgerald
 Owen Hickey
 Maureen Ostrowski
 Doreen Downes
 Sarah Dorso
 Cathy Corrigan
 Maria Pozo
 Makayla Marzocchi
 Nina Procassini
 Rosa Barroca
 Corey Govier
 Joseph Czeisel
 Bella Rivera
 Sebastian Bonventre
 Maria Zappala
 Connie Banks
 Nicholas Lucivero
 Thomas Renner
 Dan Treadwell
 Joel Melamed
 Maureen Barron
 Kevin Mulligan
 Dave Kirby
 Mia Hernandez
 John Sweeney
 Aurora Oliviera
 Amanda Alves
 Mary Mone
 Pat Mulrooney
 Gonzalo Poza
 Victor Cunneen
 Jane Carfora

*To add or remove a name, please
 call the rectory office*

Church of Saint Aidan

WILLISTON PARK, NEW YORK
CONFESSION

Wednesday, December 14
 1:00 - 2:00 PM
 Thursday, December 15
 1:00 - 2:00 PM
 Saturday, December 17
 12:30 - 1:30 PM
 4:00 - 5:00 PM
 Monday, December 19
 4:00 - 5:30 PM
 6:00 - 7:00 PM
 Tuesday, December 20
 1:00 - 2:00 PM
 Wednesday, December 21
 1:00 - 2:00 PM
 Friday, December 23
 4:00 - 5:30 PM
 6:00 - 7:00 PM
 Saturday, December 24
 Christmas Eve
 12:30 - 1:30 PM

ADORATION

Friday, December 16, January 6
 1:00 - 3:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 18
 3:00 PM Church

EPIPHANY CONCERT

Sunday, January 8
 3:00 PM Church

SCHEDULE OF MASSES**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, *Vigil*
 4:00 PM Church
 4:00 PM Msgr. Kirwin Hall
 5:30 PM Church
 8:00 PM Church
 Midnight Church

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day
 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
 12:00 NOON, 1:30 PM *No Evening Masses*

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Thursday, December 29
Vigil 5:30 PM
 Friday, December 30
 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve
Vigil 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
 Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day
 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 7 *Vigil*
 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM
 Sunday, January 8
 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,
 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIAL

In Loving Memory of
 GABRIEL A. SANTUCCI
 Requested By
 HIS LOVING FAMILY

STEWARDSHIP

11/22/22 \$26,319
 11/28/21 \$27,292
 11/27/22 \$25,958

WEDDING BELLS

DECEMBER 9, 2022
 @ 3:30 PM
 Victoria Anne Fazi
 Sacred Heart
 Nicholas Vincent Conway
 St. Aidan

FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of
 STEPHEN A. TSCHERN
 Donated by
 ALBERT & EMMA TSCHERN

ATTENDANCE

11/22/22 1,346
 11/27/22 1,405

**NO EXTRA COLLECTION
 TODAY**
SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of
 HUMBERTO & EDITH
 SARMIENTO

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
 APPEAL**

Goal \$140,000.00
 Pledges \$101,766.65
 Donors 364
 Payments \$98,359.65

THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of
 ANGELA MURPHY
 Donated by
 TOM MURPHY & FAMILY

ONLINE GIVING

Go to staidanparish.org.
 Click DONATE.

FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of
 GABRIEL A. SANTUCCI
 Donated by
 HIS LOVING FAMILY

*If a parishioner is getting
 married in another parish and
 would like their wedding listed
 here, please call the rectory
 office.*

DECEMBER 17, 2022
 @ 1:00 PM
 Nikki Anne Rosella
 Holy Name
 Daniel Louis Martinucci
 St. Aidan

DECEMBER 17, 2022
 @ 3:00 PM
 Kathryn Mary Philbin
 St. Aidan
 Daniel P. Ferreiara
 Blessed Sacrament

JANUARY 15, 2023
 @ 3:00 PM
 Catherine Analisa Forino
 St. Brigid's
 John Michael Small
 St. Aidan



Congratulations

BISHOP RICHARD G. HENNING

*Chosen by Pope Francis
as Coadjutor Bishop
of*



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE



Diocese of Rockville Centre
POWERED BY OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Bishop Henning was born in Rockville Centre, New York in 1964 to Richard and Maureen Henning, the first of five siblings. He grew up in Valley Stream receiving the sacraments of baptism, first Holy Communion, and confirmation at Holy Name of Mary Parish, where he also attended the parish grammar school. In the summers, Bishop Henning spent a good deal of time on a small island in the Great South Bay where his family has gone for generations. There, he developed a lifelong passion for the water, sailing, boating, and kayaking on the bay. Bishop Henning attended Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York and counts the Marianists as a major influence in his faith life and commitment to learning. He received a BA and MA in History from St. John's University, Queens New York and received his training for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington New York. He was ordained in 1992 and served for five years as an associate pastor at the Church of St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington. In that assignment, he did extensive pastoral work in the large parish school and ministered to the Spanish-speaking Catholics of that peninsula. In addition to fluency in English and Spanish, Bishop Henning speaks Italian and can read French, Greek and Hebrew. In 1997, Bishop McGann assigned then Father Henning to post-graduate studies in Sacred Scripture. He earned a Licentiate in Biblical Theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and a Doctorate in the same from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. After his studies, Bishop Henning joined the faculty of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, where he taught scripture for more than ten years. In 2012, as part of the partnership for seminary formation among the Dioceses of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn, and the Archdiocese of New York, then Rev. Msgr. Henning was appointed to lead the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception through its transition to the largest retreat house in the Northeast. The Ordinaries of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn and New York also charged him to establish and lead the Sacred Heart Institute for the ongoing formation of Catholic priests and deacons. Bishop Henning is also noted for his work with international priests serving in the U.S. Bishop Barres appointed Bishop Henning the interim Episcopal Vicar for the Central Vicariate of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in September of 2017. As of June 2021, Bishop Henning has served as

the Vicar for Clergy and the Vicar for Pastoral Planning. Bishop Henning has also been active in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, serving on the Doctrine Committee, the Subcommittee for the Church in Latin America, and as the Chair of the Subcommittee for the Translation of the Sacred Scriptures. He was recently appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

ST. AIDAN BULLETIN PUBLISHING DATES

Thank you to all those who add items to our weekly bulletin. The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Items for publishing should be emailed to staidanbulletin@gmail.com. Due to Christmas holidays the publishing company request the following:

- The bulletin for 12/11 will be published on Wednesday 12/07.
- Two bulletins 12/18 and 12/25 will be published on Wednesday 12/14.
- The bulletin for 01/01 will be published on Wednesday 12/21.
- The bulletin for 01/08 will be published on Wednesday 01/04.

A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Whenever two or more people gather, some sharing of germs is inevitable. When Catholics gather in Jesus' name to celebrate the Eucharist, our first concern is sharing our gratitude, our faith and our belief in Christ among us. However each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of illness. As a result of the pandemic we got used to washing and sanitizing our hands frequently. Take care where you cough and sneeze, and scrutinize your habits and procedures where the spread of infection seems most possible.

- **SHOULD YOU COME TO MASS?** The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days of Obligation is the ordinary expectation for Roman Catholics (Canon 1247). However, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you suspect you are ill, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.
- **HOLDING HANDS DURING THE LORD'S PRAYER:** No one is required to hold hands. It is very fitting to pray the "Our Father" with your palms lifted upward, or with your hands placed together in prayer.
- **THE SIGN OF PEACE:** Please don't be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture might be to strive for eye contact rather than physical contact. You could clasp your hands together and bow gently to those around you, and with a smile say "Peace be with you." Or simply offer a wave of your hand.
- **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:** If you are feeling ill, please receive Holy Communion in the hand, rather on the tongue.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

The Religious Retirement Collection will take place in all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the weekend of December 10th and 11th. Our continued goal is to provide financial assistance for the challenges that our religious face because of the rising cost

of healthcare. This collection helps to fund daily essentials like prescription medications and nursing care.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. However in December we will anoint the sick on December 17th at 1:00 PM as the 4th Sunday is Christmas Day. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church.
December 16. January 6, 20, February 3, 17.

THE HOLY ROSARY.

The Rosary is said immediately after the 6:30 and 9 o'clock Masses daily. Please join to honor Mary, our mother.

COME & PRAY WITH US!

The Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at 7Pm in the sacristy on St. Joseph's side. All are welcome to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet to Jesus through Mary. Use the entrance around the corner from the playground. Info: Call Gloria, 516-859-6593.

LEGION OF MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY PRAESIDIUM

- In person meetings-Upper School Youth Room every Wednesday throughout the year at 7pm or call Lisa at 516.857.7664 for details on getting connected via zoom. All are welcome. Can't make weekly meetings? Become an auxiliary member. Call Ellen at 516.567.9816 for details.
- Home Visitation Program of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Legion of Mary will bring the Pilgrim Statue to your home if you call Joe at 917.576.6589. Wouldn't you like to have her statue in your home?
- Do you know a home bound person who would appreciate a visit or call? Contact Eileen at 516.816.9504 to schedule a convenient time. Follow us online at staidanlom.com

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 to follow.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

JCDA Court 1577, St Aidan in Williston Park recently had a "new book and new stuffed animal" drive at the parish. It was the first time the girls held this event and it was a success. They had over 50 books and over 30 stuffed animals donated. Here are the 4 members (Rebecca, Hailey, Grace and Catherine) delivering the items to Cohen's Children's Hospital where they hope to bring some joy to the children who are there.

- 12/3- Christmas Party, \$10.00 each member, bring a \$10.00 Secret Santa gift and a dessert if you like.
- 12/4- Meeting in upper school cafeteria, 9:00 am Christmas craft and Advent Wreath Candle Lighting. Please make holiday cards

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

\$50 LARGE POINSETTIA MEMORIAL

_____ OUR LADY'S SHRINE
_____ ST. JOSEPH'S SHRINE
_____ SACRED HEART SHRINE
_____ ST. THERESA STATUE
_____ ST. ANTHONY STATUE

\$100 WREATH MEMORIAL

_____ COLUMNS __Left __Right

\$100 WINDOW DECORATIONS

_____ WINDOW DECORATION WITH NAME

\$200 LARGE OUTDOOR WREATH MEMORIALS

_____ FINAMORE PARISH CENTER
_____ GYMNASIUM

\$250 MEMORIAL

_____ EVERGREEN ROPING

\$250 DEDICATION OF SANCTUARY ITEMS

_____ CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY BANNERS
_____ PENTECOST SANCTUARY BANNERS
_____ RE-UPHOLSTERED SANCTUARY CHAIR

\$300 WREATH MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY __Left __Right
OUTSIDE DOORS __Right __Center

\$500 OUTDOOR MEMORIALS

_____ CHURCH ENTRANCE *new lights on trees*

Please complete this form and return it to the Rectory office with payment. Please make checks payable to: Church of St. Aidan. For information call (516) 746-6585 x1.

NAME

PHONE

E-MAIL

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ CASH / CHECK #
INSCRIPTION FOR MEMORIAL

DONATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN. WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME ON DONATION?

and bring them to the meeting to be given to the local nursing homes.

An email will be sent out with more information for the upcoming events.

THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY PRAYER GROUP

Meetings will resume again on March 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the church. Then continues on the last Thursday of the month. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and consecration to Jesus and Mary. For more information, please contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass on the first Friday of the month. January 6,

HIS GLOBAL LOVE (HGL)

Community is a ministry of contemplative, communal intercessory prayer, a way of life to be lived every day growing into a deeper relationship with Jesus. We would like to invite others to join with us. You can learn more about us by visiting HISGLOBALLOVE.ORG or call Maureen at 516-248-5445 or Bill at 516-796-4269 for more information. Are you being called to a new and deeper relationship with Our Lord in His Church?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

It is never too early to start keeping those 2023 calendars up to date. Bethany Retreat 2023, Friday night & Saturday, Feb. 10th & 11th. Come & prepare for a faith filled Lenten Journey!

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

Singles Gathering & Social on Saturday, Dec 3, 2022, 8:30PM at St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. This gathering will feature a musical duo performing for the Holiday season. \$8.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Ages 40+ Info: (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP

The group, headed by Anne Marie Egan, operates under the Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics. This office enunciates and promotes the principle that human life, at all stages from conception to natural death, is a gift from God, worthy of respect and protection. This ministry encompasses prayer, education, advocacy, and care & services. More information about the office can be found at the Diocesan web site at www.drvcilife.org. Please contact Anne Marie if you are interested in joining. elamjoe@aol.com 516-873-8320

Have you ever thought about going to the March for Life in Washington DC in January? Do you know about the largest Pro-Life event right here on Long Island for the past 24 years? Join in, attend this rally. In only an hour of your time you can help save a Life, the greatest gift.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any adult (18+), who has not been confirmed and would like to complete his/her initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving

the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2023, is asked to contact the Faith Formation Director at (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org. Adult Confirmation is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, which this spring will be on May 28th. A class will begin on Tuesday nights in early 2023.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) formerly known as RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholics. Today, our parish rejoices as we welcome Henriette McDonald and Eric Small through the Rite of Acceptance. They have been participating in the Inquiry Phase of the OCIA/RCIA process while being introduced to the key elements of what the Catholic Church believes, teaches, and celebrates. They will now become Catechumens and move into a period called the Catechumenate, a time of more intense discernment, study, and preparation. You may see our catechumens "dismissed" from Mass on some upcoming Sundays at the completion of the Liturgy of the Word to reflect more on the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass. They will through prayer and study continue to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome them and keep Henriette and Eric in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys.

ARE YOU SEARCHING?

Are you searching for a faith to follow? Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches? Were you baptized as an infant but not raised in the faith or raised in another Christian faith? Whatever your situation, wherever you are in your faith journey, OCIA (formally RCIA) is here for YOU. OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a process by which adults can inquire about the Catholic Church. There is never any pressure put on any inquirer to become a Catholic. If an inquirer or seeker decides to move closer toward becoming a Catholic, he/she receives instruction in a small setting guided by a team of dedicated parishioners. The inquirer decides if he/she wants to move forward one step at a time. The whole parish family supports this process through prayer and witness. Those who choose to become Catholic are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you would like to learn more, please call 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Thank you everyone who provided food and gift cards to those in need for a wonderful thanksgiving celebration!

- Sharing Our Treasures – Our advent program began last weekend! Please consult the flyer in the bulletin for more information.
- DRIVING MINISTRY – We are in need of additional volunteers to drive our senior citizens to their doctor appointments. You need not commit to any particular day. Your name would be added to our list of drivers and when a request for

transportation is received we would call you a few days in advance to see if you are available. If you are not available we simply call the next person on the list and perhaps you will be able to drive another time. If interested please call Parish Social Ministry at 746-6585 X 410

- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:45 am in the Dorothy Day room in the Finamore Center to knit or crochet prayer shawls or lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving one of these blessed shawls, please contact our office. New members are always welcome. You need not know how to knit or crochet. We have talented parishioners who can teach you. The next meeting will take place on December 12th. There is no meeting on December 26th. If you have any questions, please call Parish Social Ministry 746-6585, ext. 410.
- **Food items needed:** CANS OF SOUP, OIL, VINEGAR, BRILLO, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISHWASHING LIQUID, COOKIES, INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACK AND TOOTHBRUSHES. Sharing Our Treasures – look for information in bulletin. 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 the food box which requires refrigeration or any frozen food items.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Social Ministry office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:00 pm.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

It's that time again. Keep the homeless warm this winter. Please donate a coat or jacket to a soup kitchen that feeds 185 million meals a year. There is a 'WINTER COAT DRIVE' box on Dover Street, beside the Social Ministry entrance and the Vincent de Paul Box. Please call Tecky at (516) 655-9755 for more information. Coats will be collected until January.

ST AIDAN'S SABL BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS LOOKING FOR REFEREES

Please be a Senior in high school, college, or older with the knowledge of basketball. Games are played Monday -Friday 6 -930 pm. Compensation for each game. Please contact coach Reilly 516-355-8800 or Reillyjamesjr@yahoo.com or coach Best 516 769 8369 Psbbest@hotmail.com

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are you the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter great grandson, great granddaughter of a Veteran who served in the Military or is presently serving? American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144 has scholarship applications available. Applications can be picked up at the Williston Park Library or contact Dianne Karl for the website to download applications.



Our Advent Program of collecting Gift Cards, Toys, Clothing & Household Items for those in need.

We are helping many families, singles and senior citizens right here in our own parish.
In addition we will be sending gifts to
St. John the Baptist, New Ground,
the Veterans & the Pediatric Hospital Units

Please take a Christmas Ornament which has a gift request from our Christmas tree which is located in the vestibule of the Church.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL GIFTS, UNWRAPPED,
ALONG WITH THE ORNAMENT AND GIFT
CARDS TO THE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
OFFICE OR THE RECTORY BY DECEMBER
12TH! PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE GIFTS or
GIFT CARDS IN CHURCH.**

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

This is a wonderful opportunity to be Christ to others during the Advent Season.



**CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday,
December 18, 2022
3:00 PM-Church**

Calling children of all ages. Come be part of the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome to participate in our Annual Christmas Pageant. Parts are available for all roles. We need Kings, Shepherds, Angels, Animals, Mary, Joseph, a Narrator and more!

Sign-up will be held on Tuesday, November 29th from 4:00-5:00 PM in the St. Francis Room.
Rehearsals will be held in the church on December 1st, 8th and 15th from 4:00-5:00 PM. Contact Reagan Stone at Reagan.Stone@icloud.com

email- dianneli @aol.com or text me @516-778-0006. We have had scholarship winners for the past 9 years!

ST. AIDAN'S FOCCUS & PRE-CANA PROGRAM

St. Aidan's Foccus & Pre-Cana program consists of a FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory and a ONE DAY parish program that is held on Saturday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study. The FOCCUS and Pre-Cana Class Fee is a total of \$125.00 payable to: Church of St. Aidan

- **WINTER 2023 CLASSES.** Opening Mass: Sun March 5, 2023 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: March 11, 2022 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat March 11, 2022 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- **SPRING 2023 CLASSES.** Opening Mass: Sun June 4, 2023 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: June 10, 2023 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat June 10, 2023 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- **FALL 2023 CLASSES.** Opening Mass: Sun November 5, 2023 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: November 11, 2023 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat November 11, 2023 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- **DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE:** If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact the Diocese of Rockville Center at 678-5800 ext. 223 or go on-line to register at www.drvc-faith.org. On the left column click on "Marriage;". Scroll down to find Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS on line registration.

To Register at St. Aidan Courses, call St Aidan Parish Rectory Office (516) 746-6585. The St. Aidan Moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin: Cell (917) 952-6521 Email: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org.

THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF WILLISTON PARK CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Village Hall, 494 Willis Avenue, Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Carols sung by Scouts and neighbors Santa arrives by fire truck! Hot chocolate and candy canes will be served!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPERATION SANTA

For Monday 12/24 Santas and drivers needed! 1-2 hours of your time starting at 5:30 p.m. Please Contact Village Hall 746-2193

THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC

The Sisters of St. Dominic welcome you to Study, Pray, Celebrate and Serve as we prepare to live into the full meaning of Christmas STUDY: Wed. November 16th from 7:30 to 8:30 pm: Study the history of the Liturgy of the Hours with Dominican Sister Elaine Jahrsdoerfer.

PRAY: Wednesdays at 8:30 pm (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21): Via zoom, pray the Liturgy of the Hours known as Compline.

CELEBRATE: Sunday, December 11th at 3 pm: Come to Lessons and Carols at our Motherhouse, Queen of the Rosary Chapel, 555 Albany Ave., Amityville. Bring a bell.

SERVE: Bring a supermarket gift card to Lessons and Carols to be distributed to those in need or mail cards to the Associates' Office at 555 Albany Ave., Amityville.

To Register, email: belsole1@fordham.edu

The Sisters of St. Dominic | 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701 | (631) 842-6000 advancement@amityop.org

TAKE A CHANCE - YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

The New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus conducts an annual Charitable & Benevolent (C & B) Raffle to help provide some of the funds that they donate to various charities such as St Mary's Children's Hospital, New York Special Olympics, and Catholic Education. The raffle also provides some of the funds donated by local K of C Councils in their communities. Members of Corpus Christi Council #2502 will be selling raffle tickets after the morning Masses on Sunday, November 27th. Raffle tickets are \$ 4 each with a book of three tickets for \$ 10. The drawing will take place Saturday, December 3rd. Prizes total \$ 50,000 with a Grand Prize of \$ 25,000. A selection of Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and lawn signs will also be available for purchase.

WILLISTON PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS. Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PLACE: ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL. \$30.00 PER PERSON (Any Age). (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL). (PAYABLE AT THE CIRCULATION DESK NO LATER THAN January 2, 2023). Upon completion of this course, you receive: 10% Auto Insurance Discount (each year for three years), Up To a 4-Point Reduction Off Your Driving Record . All Ages & All NYS Drivers are Welcome! Mandatory Registration required! Class is limited to 25 participants. Social distance seating. Masks are optional. Call Williston Park Library at 516-742-1820 to Register.

NEW TOY COLLECTION

The Faith Mission, a nondenominational not-for-profit food pantry serving families in Mineola, is collecting new toys for Christmas distribution in their space at 132 Jefferson Avenue, Mineola. If you can and would like to donate a toy you can drop it off on Thursdays from 8am to 11am until Dec. 22. For more information you can call Janet at (516) 742-0291.

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.

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Deceptively Named "Respect for Marriage Act" Denies Religious Freedoms and Causes Deep Concern Among Bishops "Conscience is the most sacred of all property." —James Madison, 1792

"It is deeply concerning that the U.S. Senate has voted to proceed toward passage of the "Respect for Marriage Act," said Cardinal Timothy Dolan, USCCB Chairman for Religious Liberty. "The Catholic Church will always uphold the unique meaning of marriage as a lifelong, exclusive union of one man and one woman. ... we are joined by millions of ...reasonable and sincere Americans - both religious and secular - who share this time-honored understanding of the truth and beauty of marriage." ... "but the provisions of the Act that relate to religious liberty are insufficient." (1)

The Respect for Marriage Act is a bill that seeks to reinforce the already legalized same-sex marriage rights. In 2015 the Supreme Court ruled in Obergefell vs Hodges, that the 14th Amendment requires states to recognize and license same-sex marriages. However, after the Dobbs decision which ruled that federal abortion rights are unconstitutional and the issue of abortion must be decided within each state, many supporters of same-sex marriage want to reinforce the 2015 decision in case the court ever overrules the Obergefell decision.

Unfortunately, religious freedom "protections" in this new version of the "Respect for Marriage Act" are entirely inadequate and also threaten the institution of marriage in multiple ways. (2)

It further embeds a false definition of marriage in the American legal fabric.

It jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of nonprofits that exercise their belief that marriage is a union of one man and one woman. It endangers faith-based social-service organizations by threatening litigation and liability risk if they follow their views on marriage when working with the government.

It could make religious freedom and free speech cases harder to win.

It opens the door to federal recognition of polygamous relationships.

"Obergefell created countless religious liberty conflicts, but this Act offers only limited protections. Those protections fail to resolve the main problem with the Act: in any context in which conflicts between religious beliefs and same-sex marriage arise, the Act will be used as evidence that religious believers must surrender to the state's interest in recognizing same-sex civil marriages. Wedding cake bakers, faith-based adoption and foster care providers, religious employers seeking to maintain their faith identity, faith-based housing agencies - are all at greater risk of discrimination under this legislation," said Cardinal Dolan in his statement. (3)

"It is the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people." - Pope Francis
(usccb.org, 11/17/22(1)(3); adflegal.org, 11/3/22(2); thewashingtonstand.com, 11/17/22; ncregister.com, 10/7/22; deseret.com, 11/21/22; congress.gov, 7/17/22; the week.com, 11/18/22; law.com, 11/4/22).

LITURGY

As we saw last week, the CCC describes Mary as the perfect example of prayer and the perfect mediatrix through whom we can pray. The CCC also covers three specific prayers in detail. The first is the Creed, which it analyzes in great depth in Part One, because it establishes the basic tenets of our faith. In this final section of the CCC, Part Four, as we have seen, deals with all aspects of prayer. And it is here that it looks at the two best known prayers, the Our Father and the Hail Mary, but in between them, it wraps up the discussion of prayer in general in three relatively brief articles. Since they follow logically after what we have been looking at, we will review their highlights and then return to the Hail Mary and later the Our Father.

ARTICLE 3 GUIDES FOR PRAYER describes how prayer unites us with the saints. Something that we don't hear much about today is

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St. Aidan CYO

Girls Volleyball 2023, grades 5-12

- Registration is open 11/20-12/20
staidanscyo.org/girls-volleyball
- \$190/per player
- Season runs from early March to late April
- Playoffs and championship games in May

Contact Kathy for more information
kathleenbenedetti74@gmail.com



the description of the three divisions of the Church, the Church Triumphant, the saints in heaven, the Church Militant, we who are fighting to get there, and the Church Penitent, those in Purgatory, for whom we can pray. Prayer unites all three. It is how we can enlist the assistance of the Church Triumphant both to aid us in our struggle and to hasten the release of those in Purgatory. In order for us to learn to pray, The CCC tells us that our prayer lives must begin at home. "2685 The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the "domestic church" where God's children learn to pray", which is a critical message for us. It is only later that "2686 Ordained ministers are also responsible for the formation in prayer of their brothers and sisters in Christ.... they are ordained to lead the People of God to the living waters of prayer...." It goes on to add catechesis, and prayer groups as beneficial to our prayer life, as well as some good places to pray, but it all should begin at home. After these guidelines, the CCC takes us to CHAPTER THREE THE LIFE OF PRAYER ARTICLE 1 EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER. Here it focusses on the three types of prayer which can be best summarized by excerpts from the In Brief section. "2721 The Christian tradition comprises three major expressions of the life of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. They have in common the recollection of the heart.

2722 Vocal prayer, founded on the union of body and soul in human nature, associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart, following Christ's example of praying to his Father and teaching the Our Father to his disciples. 2723 Meditation is a prayerful quest engaging thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. Its goal is to make our own in faith the subject considered, by confronting it with the reality of our own life. 2724 Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery." We are most familiar with vocal prayer, whether alone, or with a group, formal, as at Mass, or informal. But meditation and contemplative prayer offer deep, personal ways of praying. While they may appear similar, they are different. "2705 Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking. The required attentiveness is difficult to sustain....2708 Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ." The CCC recommends using the scriptures as a good place to start. There are many ways of doing this, but one particularly good method is lectio divina in which we read the scripture and try to place ourselves in the

passage, and that can be done several times for any reading, since we can look at it from the perspective of any of the people in the text. Contemplative prayer is also private, but deeper and more complex. Per the CCC, "2709 What is contemplative prayer? St. Teresa answers: "Contemplative prayer [oracion mental] in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us. "Contemplative prayer seeks him "whom my soul loves." St Teresa of Avila was a mystic who is a doctor of the church. She was able to develop a very deep relationship with God which she describes in her writings, which are as deep as is her relationship with God. To add a little more, "2713 Contemplative prayer is the simplest expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gift, a grace; it... 2714...is also the pre-eminently intense time of prayer. In it the Father strengthens our inner being with power through his Spirit ".... 2715 Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me."

We are all comfortable with vocal prayer. The next step is meditative prayer. I highly recommend it. Contemplative prayer is a much more complex proposition, and I would suggest seeking the assistance of a spiritual advisor before heading off that way. And we do have spiritual directors here in the parish, if you wish to do so.

Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD) **Direct transfers from IRAs to Charities – a tax benefit for you**



This unique opportunity allows taxpayers to make charitable contributions through a direct IRA transfer.

If you would like to make a gift using your Ira and if:

1. You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify)
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

Tax Saving Advantages:

- 1.** QCDs are not included in your adjusted gross income.
- 2.** QCDs deliver a tax benefit while "regular" charitable donations might not since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act almost doubled the standard deductions amounts.
- 3.** QCDs taken from your traditional IRA counts as a distribution for the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules. Therefore, you can donate all or part of your RMD that you would otherwise be forced to receive and pay taxes on.

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Charity. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Bill has a \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to his parish. Upon hearing of the **Charitable IRA Rollover** opportunity, he directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2022 directly to the Parish as the family's 2022 gift. He gets to exclude the IRA distribution given to charity from income.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

Faith FORMATION

On-going Communication: Please visit our webpages at staidanparish.org/ff for updates throughout the school year.

Office Hours: The office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2PM to 7PM. Thursdays and Fridays are by appointment only.

Transferring Families: Parents should call the Faith Formation Office at (516) 746-6585 x405 as soon as possible. Baptismal certificates are required for all transferring students. Transfer students grade 2 and up must also submit a Letter of Transfer from the previous Religious Education program attended.

2022-2023 Religious Education School

Year: PLEASE HELP! We still need a catechist for Wednesday at 7PM for Grade 7. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x405 if you can help. No previous teaching experience is necessary. Training, mentoring, and user-friendly guide materials are provided. Substitute catechists are needed at 4PM and 5:30 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays, 5:30PM on Wednesdays, and 7PM on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Multisensory Religious Education: If you would like more information about how you can volunteer to help, please contact the Director at (516)746-6585x406 or esmith@staidanparish.org.

Service Opportunity: The Multisensory program is looking for a few dedicated high school teens or local college students to make a commitment to assist in the program during the school year. No experience is necessary. If you want to learn more, please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org for more information. Teens must be available on Thursday afternoons. This is a great opportunity for any teen who may be considering a career in Nursing, Teaching, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational, Speech, or Physical Therapies. Service documentation, college recommendation letters, and scholarship letters are provided.

Grade 7 and 8: Students attending Religious Education classes and other schools were given

a program homework assignment along with their Confirmation packets. This homework assignment was due on October 20th. Please be sure that your child submits his/her assignment. Assignments can be placed in the Drop Box, submitted to the child's catechist, or brought directly to the Faith Formation Office. Thank you.

RCIA/OCIA: If you or someone you know has ever been curious about what the Catholic religion believes and teaches, our parish is here for you! Whether you grew up in a different religion or not raised in any religion, there is a great way to get your curiosity satisfied and your questions answered. Please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org. Today at the 12PM Mass, our parish formally welcomes Henriette McDonald and Eric Small, who are in the process of preparing to become Catholic. Please pray for them as they continue on their faith journey.

Adult Confirmation: Any adult 18 or older, who has not been confirmed and would like to complete his/her initiation in the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2023 is asked to contact the Faith Formation Director at esmith@staidanparish.org. Adult Confirmation is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, which this spring will be on May 28th. A class will begin on Tuesday nights in early 2023.

Please Help Family Mass! Family Mass is looking for more adults to assist in supervising the young people who volunteer each week. It takes very little time and/or training. Supervising volunteers can sign up for whatever Sunday dates work best with their schedules. Please consider helping our young Confirmation candidates to continue to assist at Family Mass. They need us to support them. Anyone 18 or older may volunteer. If you can help, please contact esmith@staidanparish.org.

Family Mass: Happy New Church Year!

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is purple, the color of penance and preparation. Advent is filled with customs that can help families, especially children, to focus on what Christmas is all about: JESUS. With all the busyness, buying, decorating, baking, and partying, JESUS can appear to be lost in the shuffle of life. It's a time for us to carve out some intentional moments to enjoy the wonder and excitement while focusing on the ONE this season is all about.

Advent is certainly a time when we more easily get the attention of children. Moving their focus from completely looking forward to those gifts they are sure they will be receiving and centering them on why those gifts should be given in the first place is a challenge but well worth the effort.

Today, we light the second candle on the Advent Wreath, the candle of peace. The purple candle of peace along with the candle of hope from last week provide a brighter glow to the Advent Wreath as we get closer to Christmas. Christmas should give us hope that God Himself thought each one of us was so precious that He sent us Jesus for the purpose of opening for each of us eternal life. We can have peace even in the face of challenges because we know that we have the hope of being with God forever in Heaven. We can live each day with expectant faith, knowing that God is with us every step of the way. It is so important to keep helping children focus on JESUS and not to simply become blinded by all the festivities. JESUS is our hope and peace now and always. John the Baptist is the main character in today's gospel calling us to "Wake Up" and prepare for Jesus. Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent especially as a family is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas spiritually. Children should not be forced to receive the sacrament, but when they see the most influential adults in their lives receive this sacrament, they become more comfortable themselves. Little ones in the family may not understand what is happening but they will watch and learn. (They are always watching us!)

Celebrate as a family the hope and peace we have in JESUS. Happy Advent!

St. Aidan's Family Mass

Join us for Family Mass every Sunday at 10:30.

Let us prepare for Christmas by lighting the second candle on the Advent wreath, the candle of peace.

All are welcome!
Invite a friend!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions.
Please email us at:
Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL

The students, faculty and staff had a wonderful month preparing for and learning about Thanksgiving.

We are thankful!!!



TOGETHER IN LEARNING, TOGETHER IN CHRIST

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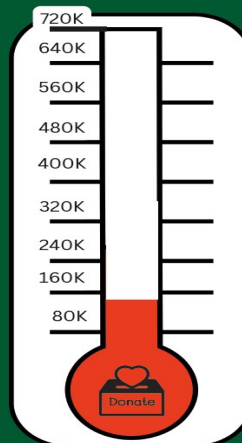
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Saint Aidan School "Just We Two"

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.

January 2023 Session: Limited Space Available

Class Meets:

Tuesdays: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM 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, January 17, 2023 - May 23, 2023

Thursday, January 12, 2023 - May 25, 2023

Cost: \$175.00

Location:

St. Aidan School (Lower School)

525 Willis Avenue

If you are interested, please mail completed form and payment to Saint Aidan School 525 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596 Attn: "Just We Two" If you have any questions, please call us at 516-746-6585 ext. 202 or email: dvitale5547@staidanschool.org.

Saint Aidan School January 2023: Registration Form Just We Two (Cost: \$175)

- This session is closed out

Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice:

Tuesday ☒ 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Thursday ____ 9:00 AM-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: _____

If you would like to register for the Just We Two program please return completed form with check payable to St. Aidan School.
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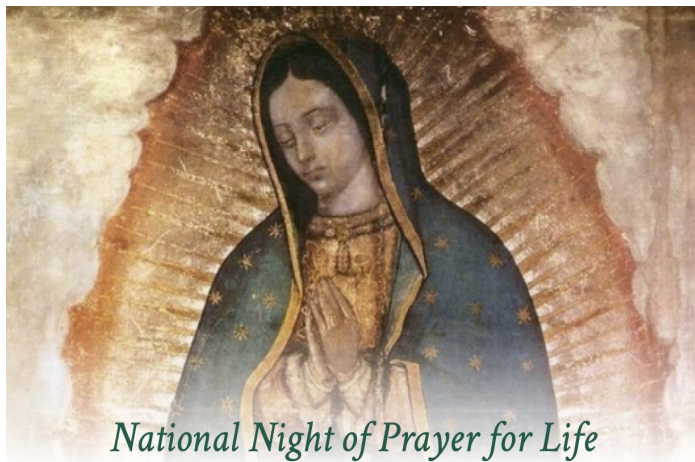


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Please contact Katie Herr at
StAidanPACE@gmail.com
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National Night of Prayer for Life

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Thursday December 8th

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM

WE ASK EACH PARISH TO JOIN IN PRAYING ON THIS HOLY OCCASION.

We understand that not every parish is equipped to host prayer during those late hours thus you may modify your prayer schedule to be united in prayer at a time that works best for your parish that evening. Please consider having a Holy Hour for life that evening.

Hour of Unity 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM EST

We will be united in prayer with churches across the country.

Brief History

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th), our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and of the Americas, first appeared to Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the Lord's mercy and restore life, liberty, faith, and peace.

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7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11

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7:00PM, Thursday, January 19

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Marriage Life Apostolate Coordinators:

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FRENCH ADVENT CAROL

People look east the time is near
Of the crowning of the year
Make your house fair
as you are able
Trim the hearth
and set the table
People look east
and sing today
Love The guest is on the way

Furrows be glad though
earth is bare
One more seed
is planted there
Give up your strength
the seed to nourish
That in course the
flower may flourish
People look east
and sing today
Love the rose is on the way



El Greco: "St. John the Baptist"

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J. S. BACH

Jesu, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne. Make us
Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed. **R:**

LIKE A SHEPHERD

BOB DUFFORD

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and
gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them
carefully close to his heart,
leading them home

Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way
of the Lord. Go to the mountain top, lift your
voice; Jerusalem, here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them, for others have
led them astray, the lost I will rescue and heal
their wounds and pasture them giving them rest

Psalm 72



R. Jus-tice shall flour-ish in his time and full-ness of peace for ev-er.

ON JORDAN'S BANK

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

Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

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

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HANDEL:

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DAN SHUTTE

Awake from your slumber
arise from your sleep A new day is dawning for
all those who weep The people in darkness
have seen a great light The Lord of our longing
has conquered the night.

R: Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord our light and our love
Has turned the night into day

We're sons of the morning we are daughters of
day. The one who has loved us has brightened
our way age to age the same. The lord of all
kindness Has called us to be A light for his
people to set their hearts free. **R:**

READING 1 IS 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 72

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has

no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

READING 2 ROM 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

GOSPEL MT 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of

vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

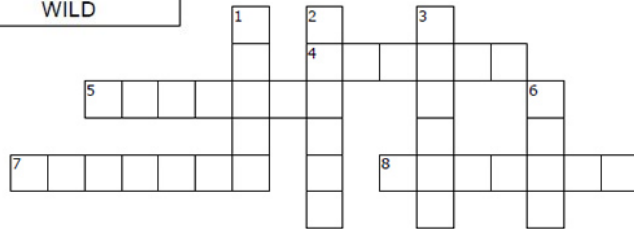
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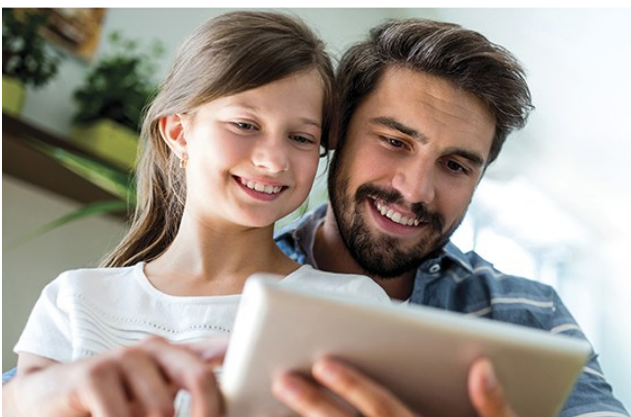
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4. To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
5. What John did to people in the Jordan River
7. To get ready for something that is going to happen
8. One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future

DOWN

1. The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
2. To deliver a sermon
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