

# St. Aidan

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL  
WILMINGTON PARK NEW YORK

DECEMBER 11, 2022  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ANTICIPATING  
*Jesus*  
ARRIVAL



# 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](mailto:staidanbulletin@gmail.com).

## BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

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## 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](http://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.

## ANOIDING 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](mailto:Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org). Information on the Pre-Cana Course offered by the Diocese of Rockville Center can be found at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://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](mailto: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 12

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

Fr. Ken                7:30 PM

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

Fr. Adrian            1:00 PM  
Fr. Adrian            5:00 PM

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patricia Blennau  
Genevieve & James Robinson  
Diane Villa (Birthday Rem.)

## ST. LUCY

Marie Kennedy  
Baby Nathaniel Benjamin Calder  
Louise Oliveri

## ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Antoinette Biscardi  
William Reynolds (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Margaret M. Mooney & Alice Igel

## ADVENT WEEK 3

Ignatius Notaro (Birthday Rem.)  
Decd. Mbrs. of Oliver & Freeman Families  
Danny Steiniger (10th Anniversary Rem.)

## ADVENT WEEK 3

Patrick Boyle (Birthday Rem.)  
John, Anna & John Dwyer  
Miriam Davy (9th Anniversary)

## ADVENT WEEK 3

Dcn. Frank Love (6th Anniversary Rem.)  
Rita Kuriger (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Vita Vitale (1st Anniversary Rem.)  
Maria Gloria Araujo (1st Anniv. Rem.)  
Claire Cunningham (4th Anniversary Rem.)  
Anna McKeon (Birthday Rem.)  
Catherine Carolan (5th Anniversary Rem.)  
Teagon Lovly  
Margaret C. Reilly  
Kathy Morgan (Birthday Rem.)

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Barbara DeCamp  
Parishioners of St. Aidan  
Leo George Blatz  
Agnes Willoughby (10th Anniversary Rem.)  
Leo George Blatz  
Elizabeth McMahon  
Msgr. John Clark  
Joan McCarthy  
Eddy Obrero & Jovita  
Chris Durkin  
Carmine Primiani & Paula Alverio  
*AN OINTING OF THE SICK*  
Charles Tripi (Birthday Rem.)

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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*  
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Principal Mrs. Julie O'Connell  
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Business Manager  
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Social Ministry, Director  
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Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro

## PREPARING THE WAY: RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

*Do not fear.*

Is 41:10



*"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father"*

POPE FRANCIS

## CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday  
December 17  
12:30 – 1:30 PM  
4:00 – 5:00 PM

Friday  
December 23  
4:00 – 5:30 PM  
6:00 – 7:00 PM

Monday  
December 19  
4:00 – 5:30 PM  
6:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday  
December 24  
Christmas Eve  
12:30 – 1:30 PM



## *What's Pastor Thinking*

What are you expecting this Christmas?  
The perfect family gathering with no tension and everyone able to be present?  
The perfect Christmas gift? A refreshing, stress-free holiday?

Or, thinking beyond Christmas, what do you expect out of life? Good health and length of days? Safety and security? A good family, filled with love for one another and pride in each other? Satisfaction and purpose in living? And what do you expect from God? That's a big question, isn't it! We'd surely like God to bless us, wouldn't we? To keep us happy and healthy? To keep our families and friends safe? To make the world a peaceful place, putting an end to tension and violence in our communities, and war in our world? To bring judgment to those who deserve it, and, if we're honest about it, doesn't that mean those we don't like? And wouldn't we like it if God did all that with as little inconvenience as possible for us? That sounds a lot like the expectations of John the Baptist. Last week, we heard him roaring in the desert: 'Repent! Turn around! Be baptized for the forgiveness of sins! The Messiah is coming, and when he comes, there's going to be fire! There's going to be judgment! So clean up your act and get ready!'

This week, we meet John again. He's in prison. He's been arrested for telling the truth to King Herod about Herod's own sins. The powerful don't always like to hear the truth, you know!

Meanwhile, Jesus has been creating quite a stir, curing the sick, casting out demons, giving sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, making the lame walk, calming the sea, and even raising the dead. Jesus has been eating with sinners and tax-collectors, announcing God's favor for the poor, forgiving sins and teaching the truths of God.

So, John's disciples bring reports about all of this to John and it makes John wonder. Back when he had baptized Jesus, he had thought Jesus was the Messiah. But now he wasn't so sure. Jesus wasn't living up to his expectations. Where was the fire? Where was the judgment? John was expecting a Messiah who came with thunder and the fire of judgment. Instead, Jesus came and demonstrated mercy and forgiveness and a willingness to suffer for the sake of God's kingdom. What kind of Messiah was that? Well, Jesus was, and still is today, the Messiah God intended to send—giving life and showing mercy, rather than judging and destroying like a conquering King. Do you believe that? Catholics find the Sacrament of Reconciliation a helpful spiritual experience that confirms our belief in a merciful God. Pope Francis said: *"The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need."* God is at work, not to give us what we want and expect, but to give us what we really and truly need—His love. You should come away from confession with a sense of God's mercy, more than a sense of your own guilt. In the absence of mortal sin, you may choose to confess the behavior you are most sorry for, and the behavior you most want to change. But, please be sensitive to those waiting in line. There are times when only one priest is available to hear confessions, and the line may be long. Know you can always visit with a priest or spiritual director another time, to discuss important issues or questions in your spiritual or personal life. It is best to do this at a time when others are not waiting to see the priest for confession. Confession is available at various times this December at the Church of St. Aidan, and in our neighboring churches. May this sacrament always bring you to encounter a merciful and loving God.



**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

DAVID SCHEIDELER

MARY MONE

DIANE THERESE DELESSIO

GERALD DANA

**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

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

Kevin Mulligan

Dave Kirby

Mia Hernandez

John Sweeney

Aurora Oliviera

Amanda Alves

Pat Mulrooney

Gonzalo Poza

Victor Cunneen

Jane Carfora

Mary Arata

Aurora Antunes

*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

**FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT**

In Loving Memory of

STEPHEN A. TSCHERN

Donated by

ALBERT &amp; EMMA TSCHERN

**SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT**

In Loving Memory of

HUMBERTO &amp; EDITH

SARMIENTO

**THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT**

In Loving Memory of

ANGELA MURPHY

Donated by

TOM MURPHY &amp; FAMILY

**FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT**

In Loving Memory of

GABRIEL A. SANTUCCI

Donated by

HIS LOVING FAMILY

**STEWARDSHIP**

12/05/21 \$29,638

12/04/22 \$29,835

**EXTRA ENVELOPE**

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

**ATTENDANCE**

11/22/22 1,346

11/27/22 1,405

12/04/22 1,352

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES****APPEAL**

Goal \$140,000.00

Pledges \$101,766.65

Donors 364

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

Click DONATE.

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

**WEDDING BELLS**

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. Ferreira

Blessed Sacrament

JANUARY 15, 2023

@ 3:00 PM

Catherine Analisa Forino

St. Brigid's

John Michael Small

St. Aidan

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

@ 3:00 PM

Grace Lauren Paldino

St. Aidan

Thomas Vincent Sabatino

St. Catherine of Sienna



### 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](mailto:staidanbulletin@gmail.com). Due to Christmas holidays the publishing company request the following:

- 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.

### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS ADVENT?

Join Jane Gelderman and Sister JoAnn this Tuesday, December 13 at 10 am or 7 pm for an Advent Time of Prayer, Input and Conversation. Give yourself this “special gift” during this wonderful, but often busy Season. And invite someone with you! Both gatherings will take place in the St. John Paul Youth Room (come to the front door of the Finamore Center).

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Automobile magnets that allow you to show your belief in the true reason for the Christmas season are available for purchase in the Rectory Office. There are varied magnets at a cost of \$ 4 each or 3 for \$ 10 (mix & match).

### CHRISTMAS WAFERS

In Slavic countries there are many customs connected with the celebration of the Christ Child's birth. One such tradition is the breaking of Oplatek or Christmas wafer. The wafer, which looks much like unconsecrated communion bread, is traditionally broken at grace before the Christmas Eve meal. If you are interested in making the tradition part of your Christmas celebration, please purchase an Oplatek at the rectory office (\$2.00 donation).

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

The Religious Retirement Collection will take place in all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre this 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.

### ANOINTING 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 18th 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

## 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

### \$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.*

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516-796-4269 for more information. Are you being called to a new and deeper relationship with Our Lord in His Church?

### **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**



A festive time was had by all of the young ladies who recently attended the Junior Catholic Daughters Christmas Party this past Saturday. We had over 25 girls in attendance and we had Fr Ken as our special guest who stopped by to wish the girls a Merry Christmas!

Then on Sunday December 4th we had our spiritual leader Noelle Allard lead the group on creating and crafting an Advent Wreath, which was enjoyed by all the girls in attendance.



### **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!

### **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](http://www.drvcilife.org). Please contact Anne Marie if you are interested in joining. [elamjoe@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **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 (formerly 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](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org).

### **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

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

- Sharing Our Treasures – Our advent program began last weekend! Please consult the notice 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:** LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISHWASHING LIQUID, DIAPERS SIZES 4 AND 5, BABY WIPES, COOKIES, OIL, TOOTHBRUSHES, DECAFFEINATED COFFEE AND MAYONNAISE. 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. email-dianneli@aol.com or text me @516-778-0006. We have had scholarship winners for the past 9 years!



**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.



**St. Aidan CYO**  
**Girls Volleyball 2023, grades 5-12**

- Registration is open 11/20-12/20 [staidanscyo.org/girls-volleyball](http://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](mailto:kathleenbenedetti74@gmail.com)



### 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](http://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](mailto:Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org).

### 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

### 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.

### FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM [WWW.CFFOR.ORG](http://WWW.CFFOR.ORG)

The December Dilemma 2022: Celebrating Religious Holidays in Public Schools

"Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what

we feel in our hearts at Christmas." - Pope John Paul XXIII  
December holidays are always a challenge and educators often receive confusing advice about how to treat religious holidays. The last decades of increased diversity in our schools have challenged public schools to deal creatively and sensitively with student populations representing many faiths and beliefs, secular and religious. Happily, research reveals that celebrating Christmas and other holidays in the classroom brings children and teachers closer together, builds community links, and improves pupils' learning. (1)  
A good way to deal with the December Dilemma is to begin the season with a focus on an often ignored holiday: Bill of Rights Day, December 15th. It was established to commemorate the adoption of the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution on December 15, 1791. Beginning the season with activities around the Bill of Rights offers an opportunity for students to reflect on the civic values of rights, responsibility, and respect that all Americans share as citizens, no matter their religious or secular beliefs.

Senior fellow at the Freedom Forum, Charles Haynes, recommends that before planning holiday activities in public schools, choral directors, teachers, and administrators should ask themselves three simple questions:

- "1. Do we have a clear educational purpose? Under the First Amendment, learning about religious holidays is an appropriate educational goal - devotionally celebrating is not.
2. Will any student or parent be made to feel like an outsider by the concert, lesson or activity? Most parents and students are fine with learning about religious traditions - as long as the approach is academic, not devotional.
3. Is our overall curriculum balanced and fair? December shouldn't be the only time sacred music is in the curriculum. Students should learn about religious music from



various world traditions at other times in the school year." (2)

Prepare, celebrate and evangelize the coming of our Savior

Let your December explode with joy as you anticipate the Birth of the Christ Child with a manger on your lawn, Christmas lights on your bushes, a glowing tree in your window, a magnet on your car, a lapel pin on your coat, a donation to the local soup kitchen, a gift under your church's Giving Tree

and an enthusiastic "Merry Christmas" greeting for all.

(ca3rsproject.org, 12/22(2) tes.com, 12/20/19(1);

continental press.com,11/10/20)

## LITURGY

There are two more sections in the CCC concerning the background and traditions of prayer, The Battle of Prayer and The prayer at the Hour of Jesus. The former sounds sort of counter-intuitive, but it is not what the title implies. We will cover it today. It deals with external, and some internal, things that may make it difficult to pray effectively. "2725 Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort.... 2726 In the battle of prayer, we must face in ourselves and around us erroneous notions of prayer.... 2727 We must also face the fact that certain attitudes deriving from the mentality of "this present world" can penetrate our lives if we are not vigilant....2728 Finally, our battle has to confront what we experience as failure in prayer: discouragement during periods of dryness... sadness... disappointment...and.... (a sense of) what good does it do to pray?" Notice that the first and third issues are more internal, and the middle one comes from outside. How should we deal with them? The CCC reminds us that prayer is inspired by the Holy Spirit. We do not have to go it alone. Last week we saw different methods of praying. We can start our prayer life simply, with the ritualistic words of common prayers, but then look more deeply – what are those words really saying? What are they saying to me? What does it mean when I pray those words? This requires that we devote some time to prayer. That is a bit of where the external world comes in. There are too many distractions, too many other things that demand our time, things that lead us away from God. You might start by setting aside just a few minutes each day. Try to make it a consistent time and place, so that it becomes associated with prayer and less subject to outside influences. There is a reason why many of us were taught to say our morning and nighttime prayers, as well as why the priest's breviary has specific times of day for specific prayers. For us, morning is a good time to prepare for all the day will throw at us, and evening is a good time to review our successes and failures during the day, think about them, and say thanks for the good and sorry for the not so good. Set

times not only help us avoid distractions, but they also help us get past those periods of dryness, or frustration, when we might feel God is not listening. The CCC reminds us to not be discouraged. Many of our greatest saints faced similar periods. It is perseverance and faith that gets us through. And maintaining that regular pattern of prayer enables us to do just that.

The CCC takes a good look at one aspect of this which is probably something that most of us have experienced. Why doesn't God answer my prayers? Or why does He take so long, or maybe why is the answer "no"? To try to put this in a different perspective, here is what the CCC says. "2735 In the first place, we ought to be astonished by this fact: when we praise God or give him thanks for his benefits in general, we are not particularly concerned whether or not our prayer is acceptable to him. On the other hand, we demand to see the results of our petitions. What is the image of God that motivates our prayer: an instrument to be used? or the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? 2736.... Are we asking God for "what is good for us"? Our Father knows what we need before we ask him....2737 "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.".... If we enter into the desire of his Spirit, we shall be heard. Do not be troubled if you do not immediately receive from God what you ask him; for he desires to do something even greater for you, while you cling to him in prayer." There is a lot in this. We tend to ask for what we want, and we tend to want it soon. And what we ask may be "good" for us, or someone we love. Help me get an A on this test. Please cure my wife and relieve her of the cancer from which she is suffering. And make it snappy. In themselves, these are good things, but they may not be what we most need. So study for the test, don't just expect God to take it for you. And remember that we will all die someday. We just don't know when or how. And while it is still hard to watch someone we love suffer, listen to one of the greatest prophets as he reminds us, Is 55: 8a "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways..." It is often hard, but prayer requires faith and trust in God. There is a line in one of the prayers in the Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal that sums this up perfectly: "...we your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray." The CCC goes on to remind us of the words of St Paul, Eph 6: 18a "With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit." So don't give up. Pray regularly. Like St Paul, keep the faith, persevere. Trust in God to listen and answer your prayers with what you truly need to obtain eternal life, not just what is good for today.

# Faith FORMATION

**On-going Communication:** Please visit our webpages at [staidanparish.org/ff](http://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) 746-6585 x406 or [esmith@staidanparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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. Reminder: The Mass Reflections and Projects from the Grades 7 and 8 Confirmation packets are due on January 19th. Please be sure that everything

that is due on January 19th is stapled and that your child's name is on each sheet. Partial submissions will NOT be accepted. Thank you for your assistance

**Grade 2 Parents:** There are still parents who have not received the information packet distributed at the Reconciliation Parent Meeting held a few weeks ago. Included in the packet is the information for the voluntary First Communion Photo Collage. The last day the pictures can be submitted is February 1st. No late pictures can be added to the collage so please submit the proper sized pictures as soon as possible if you want your child to be included.

**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](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org). Congratulations to Henriette Ammann and Eric Small, who are now Catechumens preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 8th.

**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](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org). Adult Confirmation is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, which this spring will be on May 28th.

**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](mailto:esmith@staidanparish.org).

**Family Mass:** Connecting Church and Home! Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is rose or pink to remind us that we are around the halfway point of Advent and Christmas is coming very soon. (Rose or pink is only worn on two Sundays during the Church Year: halfway through advent and halfway through Lent!) All three readings focus on waiting for Jesus, the Messiah, the One promised by God. John the Baptist expected a Messiah that matched the images he learned in the Hebrew scriptures, which emphasized that a King would come to save them. Jesus did not fit into the image of the Hebrew

scriptures. He was not wealthy or considered powerful. Jesus points us to the way of compassion, caring, and service. We are filled with joy as we wait patiently for Jesus. Younger children can be encouraged to look for signs around them. Signs give us directions and needed information. Have younger children look at signs and talk about what they mean. Then ask them to look specifically for signs that Jesus is coming. Point out how the appearance of the church changes during this time as we prepare for Christmas. Primary school children should think about some of the great things Jesus like how He was a good friend, cured people, provided food for them, and welcomed even people that were not treated very well. Jesus brought His joyful Light wherever He went. Ask the children how they can bring some joyful light into the lives of others. Spreading joy is a great act of service and the hallmark of a follower of Jesus, also called being a Missionary disciple. Have the children make cards and write notes/letters to people who need some Advent Joy. Link this with lighting the third candle on the Advent wreath: the candle of joy. Point out how much brighter the advent wreath is now that three candles are glowing. Older children can practice their skills looking up passages in the Bible. Here are a few places where they will find something wonderful that Jesus did. The blind see. (Mark 8:22-26) The lame walk. (Mark 2:1-12) Lepers are cleansed. (Mark 1:40-45) The deaf hear. (Mark 7:31-37) The dead are raised. (Luke 7:11-17) The poor will hear the Good News about God. (Matthew 5:1-12) For parents, take a few minutes away from the added stress of holiday preparations to praise and thank God for the greatest gift He could give: JESUS. For the whole family, (at least those who are old enough) plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

**CALENDAR CHANGE: THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH THROUGH MONDAY, JANUARY 2. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD.**

## St. Aidan's Family Mass

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

Let us prepare for Christmas by lighting the third candle on the Advent wreath, the candle of joy.



All are welcome! Invite a friend!

We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please email us at: [Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org](mailto:Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org).





# St. Aidan School STREAM Lab

Please help us support the development of our new state-of-the-art STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) Lab

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Diamond Sponsor: \$10,000+*

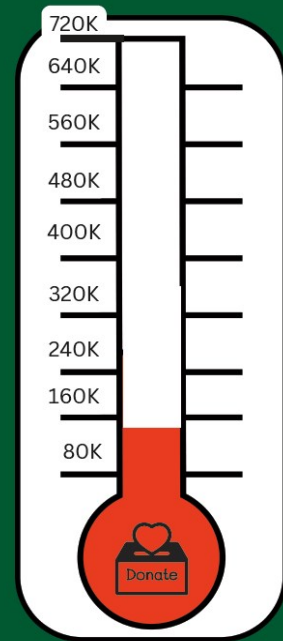
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**NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!**

The individuals and companies who meet these donation thresholds will be permanently highlighted in the new STREAM Lab on a recognition plaque.



*Together in Learning, Together in Christ*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



Our students are preparing for the coming of Jesus with weekly Advent Prayer Services.

Thank you to our music teacher, Ms. Reagan Stone, for preparing these weekly prayer services for us.



TOGETHER IN LEARNING, TOGETHER IN CHRIST



# 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](mailto: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.  
Mail to: Saint Aidan School  
Attn: "Just We Two"  
525 Willis Avenue Williston Park, NY 11596  
Thank you.



# ST. AIDAN PACE

Community  
Fundraising  
Opportunities

How can you help  
support St. Aidan  
Parish and School?



**BOX TOPS FOR  
EDUCATION**

<https://staidanschool.org/box-tops-for-education>



**AMAZON SMILE**



<https://staidanschool.org/amazon-smile>





[SASPACE.ShutterflyStorefront.com](https://staidanschool.org/SASPACE.ShutterflyStorefront.com)

Orders placed through this specific Shutterfly link  
raise money for St. Aidan's.  
Please consider using this link for all your  
Christmas card and gift orders!




**PACE MONTHLY  
RAFFLE**

**\$100 Worth of New York  
State Scratch Off Tickets**

**\$20 per raffle ticket**

<https://staidanschool.org/pace-monthly-raffle>





# PACE ONLINE AUCTION

PACE is currently looking for donations to be included in our online auction that will take place during Catholic Schools Week in January.

Highly desired items like sports or concert tickets, family experiences, vacation home donations, camps, and services would help make this auction a huge success for St. Aidan School & Parish.

Please contact Katie Herr at  
StAidanPACE@gmail.com  
to discuss donations.

## Coat Drive

Thank you for helping

to keep others warm ♥



Coach of the Willistons is proud to announce our Annual Coat Drive

We are accepting new and gently used coats for men, women and children.

All donations will be distributed locally.

Drop off will be in our office, located at  
24 Hillside Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596

To learn more, please contact Rhonda May Crespo at.

516.581.0545

## St. Aidan's Basketball Clinic

### Boys and Girls - Grade 2

Registration Fee - \$110.00 Per Player

December 8, 2022 – January 1, 2023

[www.staidanpsycho.org](http://www.staidanpsycho.org)

**No Registrations will be accepted after  
January 1, 2023**

Sessions to be held on 7 Saturday's

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

and March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sessions Times Will Be Determined After  
Registration Closes.**

### 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.

VOCATIONS

# HOLY HOURS

*Friday*  
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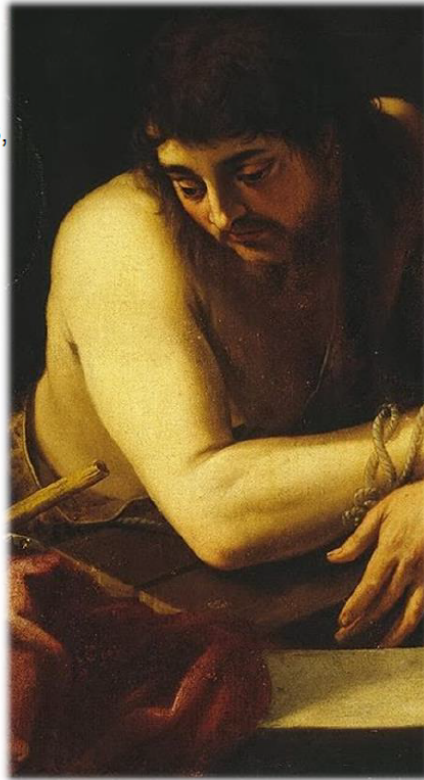


## COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

**C**OME, thou long  
expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art.  
Dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.



Juan Fernandez Navarette: St. John the Baptist in Prison

## Psalm 146



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ come \_\_\_\_\_ and save \_\_\_\_\_ us.

## O COME O COME EMMANUEL

**O** COME, O Come Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

**R: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!  
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

O come O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily.  
To us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go. **R:**

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height.  
In ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. **R:**

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**"AND THE GLORY OF**

**GOD SHALL BE**

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## THE CRY OF THE POOR

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**T**HE Lord hears the cry of the poor.  
Blessed be the Lord!

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
with praise ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord,  
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R:**

Let the lowly hear and be glad:  
the Lord listens to their pleas.  
and to hearts broken God is near,  
who will hear the cry of the poor. **R:**

## SOON AND VERY SOON

**S**OON and very soon we are  
goin' to see the King! **(2x)**  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there  
we are goin' to see the King **(2x)**  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

No more dying there,  
we are goin' to see the King **(2x)**  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

## ON JORDAN'S BANK

**O**N 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.

**READING 1 IS 35:1-6A, 10**

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 146**

R. Lord, come and save us. or: R. Alleluia. The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Lord, come and save us.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Lord, come and save us.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

R. Lord, come and save us.

**READING 2 JAS 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**GOSPEL MT 11:2-11**

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I

am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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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.



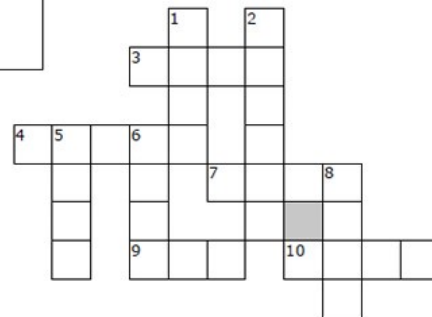
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**The blind will see  
and the deaf will  
hear.**

**The lame will  
leap and dance  
and those  
who cannot  
speak will  
leap for joy.**



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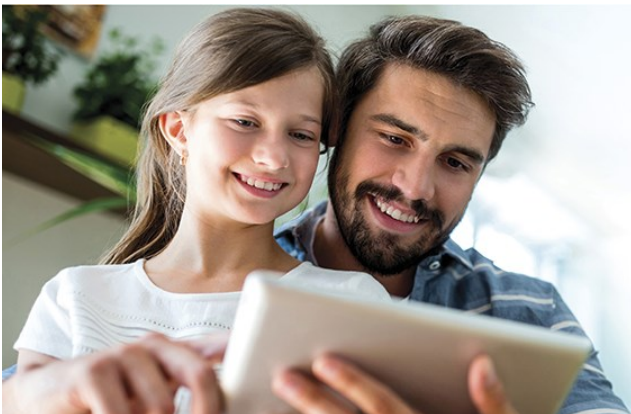
#### ACROSS

3. To receive sound using your ears
4. Unable to see
7. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
9. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
10. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

#### DOWN

1. Not living
2. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
5. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
6. Information or reports about recent events
8. Unable to hear

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