

OPENING THEIR  
treasures,  
THEY OFFERED  
him gifts,  
**gold** *and*  
**FRANKINCENSE**  
*and* **myrrh.**

MATTHEW 2:11, NIV

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL  
WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

St. Aidan

JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# 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

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](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.

## 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](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, JANUARY 9

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

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

Fr. Adrian 7:30 PM

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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

Fr. Ken 5:00 PM

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

James Stumpf  
James (Bob) McEnroe (3rd Anniv. Rem.)  
Yolanda Jacobson

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

Colin Dorney  
Petricia Vacaro  
Victor Ferriggi (9th Anniv. Rem.)

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

Marana Gavagan (5th Anniv. Rem.)  
Marie Tedesco (Birthday Rem.)  
Joseph, Madeline, & Susan Connors

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

Frank Keenan  
Madeline, Joseph, Susan Connors  
Pasko Grgas ( 2nd Anniv. Rem.)

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

William & Dolores Regan (Wed. Anniv.)  
Theresa Kim & Peter Chun (Anniv. Rem.)  
Gaetano DeCrescenzo

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

Helen Sullivan  
Joseph C. Windisch  
Sheila Sparling  
Catherine Collins  
Harry Murphy  
Nicola Della Valle  
P. J. Cunnane  
John Silva  
Rene Huergas  
Scott Collins

## ORDINARY TIME WEEK 2

Parishioners of St. Aidan  
Adam Deal (15th Anniv. Rem.)  
James E. Lynch (Birthday Rem.)  
McCarren, Tobl & Yerks Family  
Eleanor Dalessio  
Theresa Fiorentino  
Isidoro Spina (Birthday Rem.)  
Joseph Tockarszewsky (Birthday Rem.)  
Joseph Wengler  
Edith M. Higgins (Anniv. Rem.)  
Edward J. Feeley (Anniv. Rem.)

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9 AM to 12 PM

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Rev. Fr. Ken Grooms

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

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Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Barbara Graham

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# Epiphany

## OF THE LORD



### *What's Pastor Thinking*

A bright star appears in the heavens. For Jews who knew their Scripture, the star is a sign of the birth of a King, a descendant of the great King David.

Some others see the star. They are not Jews. They are Gentiles, outsiders. Although in the Christmas carol they are called 'kings of Orient,' they are really 'magi' - magicians, astrologers, star-gazers. They have been studying the heavens, and have been captivated by the bright star they have seen. They decided it is a sign of something of great significance, and so they follow it. King Herod the Great notices too. He doesn't notice the star, but he does notice the Magi, and he's curious about their intentions. He doesn't notice the star because he's a Jew in name only, not in faith or practice. He's a ruthless king, power hungry, striving to please the Romans at whose whim he governed, and he won't hesitate to do away with anyone who gets in his way. A wife, a brother-in-law, and three sons, all were executed by Herod because he perceived them to be threats to his rule. This child is a King, and Herod knows that there's not room for both of them just a few miles apart, and so he does what kings do: he puts all the power of his realm to work to destroy the threat, to hunt down Jesus and kill Him.

Although His life is threatened at an early age, this newborn King will grow up to be incredibly powerful! He will grow up to suffer terribly at the hands of those who think they are in power. And then the tables will turn, and Jesus will rise in triumph, and He will, indeed, be made known as ruler of the entire universe! And He will rule with mercy, and forgiveness, and love. What a King Jesus will be!

The Magi followed a star, and were led to Jesus. After the star was gone, they were warned in a dream that Herod had evil intentions. So the Magi went home, changed, transformed, renewed. They went home by another way.

By another way. That phrase has a double meaning. Yes, the Magi took a different route home, steering clear of Jerusalem, avoiding Herod, wanting to honor Jesus. They took a different route. They also took a different path. Their lives were changed. They no longer were on the outside looking in. No longer dependent on rare and mysterious stars to guide their lives. Now they could follow Jesus and know God's unending mercy and abundant love. They could follow Jesus, and their lives would have a purpose. The Magi found another way, another way to LIVE!

And will we? That's the challenge of this story.



## THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

### INCLUDE

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  
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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  
Veronica Roda  
Avelina B. Torres  
Theresa Borja  
Allison Briceno  
Lisa Sorgie  
Fran Pareti  
Colleen Cassidy  
Cecilia Lahey  
Eileen Grill

## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

FRANCIS GOMES  
PATRICIA BANCONI  
EDWARD L. RISING  
CARL D. ECKHOFF  
RICHARD HUGHES  
SARAH PIHL  
THEODORE MINOR

### ATTENDANCE

12/17 & 18	1,404
12/24 & 25	3,257
12/31 & 01/01	1,362

## STEWARDSHIP

12/25/22	\$97,965
01/01/23	\$24,823

### EXTRA ENVELOPE

HEATING EXPENSES

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Pledges \$106,824.65  
Donors 371  
Payments \$105,859.65

### ONLINE GIVING

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

## WEDDING BELLS

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

3:00 PM

Grace Lauren Paldino  
St. Aidan  
Thomas Vincent Sabatino  
St. Catherine of Sienna

JANUARY 15, 2023

3:00 PM

Catherine Analisa Forino  
St. Brigid's  
John Michael Small  
St. Aidan

MARCH 4, 2023

1:00 PM

Erin Michelle O'Neill  
Christopher George  
Carlin  
St. Aidan

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

IGNIS ANGELICUS



MOST HEAVENLY CHORUS  
SOLOISTS AND ORCHESTRA

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 8, 2023 AT 3PM

CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN

WILLISTON PARK, NEW YORK

ADMISSION: \$15

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



***Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI***  
1927 - 2022

*We mourn the death of  
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

“Human life stands under God's special protection, because each human being, however wretched or exalted he or she may be, however sick or suffering, however good-for-nothing or important, whether born or unborn, whether incurably ill or radiant with health -- each one bears God's breath in himself or herself, each one is God's image.”

- Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger,  
*“In the Beginning”*



DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**Office of Human Life,  
Family and Bioethics**

## CHALKING THE DOORS

### THE EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

On Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessing on the home and all who enter. The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols 20+C+M+B+23.

The 20 and 23 represent the current year. The + reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house.” Pray: “Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of



Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.” Chalk the door, door frame, with 20+C+M+B+20. Pray the Our Father. Make the Sign of the Cross.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### ANOINTING 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. January 22, February 26, March 26.

### FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass on the first Friday of the month. February 3, March 3.

### 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.

### THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Just a reminder - there is no meeting in January. The February meeting will be on February 6. New members are always welcome.



## 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.

## JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

January meetings and events

- 1/22 9:00 am meeting, Making Valentine's cards for Veterans
- 1/22 9:30 am - 1:00pm Finamore Parish center Military collection, uno cards, gum, tic tacs, fly sticky traps, sunflower seeds

## 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.

## 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

# St. Aidan's/Mineola Knights of Columbus Winter Blood Drive **HEROES WANTED**

WALK INS WELCOME



**PLEASE DONATE BLOOD**

The need for blood locally is constant. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. January is usually a very difficult month to collect blood donations. Holiday travel schedules and illnesses this year present tremendous challenges in maintaining an adequate supply of blood in our community.

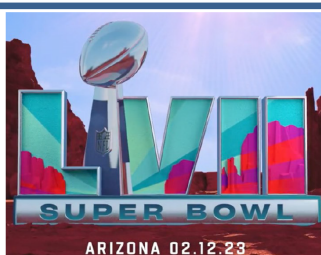
**Sunday, January 8, 2023  
8:00am-2:00pm ~ Msgr Kirwin Hall**

### Eligibility Criteria

- Bring **DONOR CARD** or ID w/ photo or signature
- Minimum weight 110lbs
- Age 16-75 (over 75 need Dr.'s note)
- No tattoos in past 12 months

For medical questions concerning blood donations call 1-800-688-0900

**New York Blood Center**



## Holy Name Society 10th Annual Super Bowl Raffle

### Here's How it Works:

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

### Eight "Super" Prizes

**1st Quarter: \$250  
2nd Quarter: \$400  
3rd Quarter: \$250  
Final: \$1,200  
Reverse Score: \$100  
(Each Quarter)**

### Holy Name 2021 Super Bowl Raffle (Please Write Clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Questions Call  
Fred Pacher 294.3104  
fpacher@optimum.net  
Tom Kelly 741-2874  
trkelly33@gmail.com



**Good Luck  
&**

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

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).

### **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.

### **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 [HISGLOBALOVE.ORG](http://HISGLOBALOVE.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?

### **DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND**

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting Tuesday January 17th 7:00PM, St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building). Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Angel at 631-574-0368 or Janet 516-579-4016

### **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

"That Christians inspired by the Word of God May Serve the Poor & Suffering!" – Pope Francis.  
Happy New Year! Wishing you and your families a year of peace, happiness and good health!!! Thank you once again for all you do to help make a difference in the lives of those in need!!

- **BLOOD DRIVE** – Our winter blood drive is taking place this Sunday, January 8th from 8:00-2:00 pm in Msgr. Kirwin Hall. Please consider giving the best gift of all to someone in need. Please consult flyer in 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 meetings will take place on January 9th & January 23th. There is no meeting on December 26th. If you have any questions, please call Parish Social Ministry 746-6585, ext. 410.
- **Food items needed:** COOKIES, DISHWASHING LIQUID, DIAPERS, SIZES 3-5, DETERGENT, BRILLO, TOOTHBRUSHES AND INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS. 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 March.

### **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](mailto:Reillyjamesjr@yahoo.com) or coach Best 516 769 8369 [Psbbest@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dianneli)



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

### HAVE YOU EVER STARTED EARLY THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU WILL DO FOR LENT?

If you want to have a powerful Lenten experience, you need a plan. Why not start with the Bethany Retreat? Each part of this retreat is simple and insightful so that you can have the best lent of your life. Sign up and take the journey with us. Mark your calendars for Feb.10th & 11th! Registration will begin on Jan, 8th. Hope to see you there.

### ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP MEETING

St. Aidan's Respect Life group will be meeting on Thurs, January 12th at 7pm in the John Paul II Youth Room. The meeting will feature information on the upcoming March for Life in Washington, DC as well as various events taking place in the Post Roe America. 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.drvc.life.org](http://www.drvc.life.org). The group is meeting with the purpose of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, educational opportunities, and raising funds for pro-life efforts and new mothers. Please contact Anne Marie if you are interested in joining. [elamjoe@aol.com](mailto:elamjoe@aol.com) 516-873-8320

### ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP AFTERNOON OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN.

Following 12 pm Mass on Sunday, March 5th, St. Aidan's Respect Life group will be having an Afternoon of Prayer for the Unborn. Our guest speaker on Sunday, beginning at 1:30 pm in Msgr. Kirwin Hall, will be Mr. Timothy Jaccard, President/Director and founder of AMT Children of Hope Foundation Baby Safe Haven. Mr. Jaccard's organization works hard with many different agencies and

# Bethany Retreat 2023

*Meeting Jesus in the Desert  
Our Oasis of Grace, Forgiveness & Renewal*

**Focus:** To prepare ourselves for a faith filled lenten journey and to have the best lent that we have ever had. St. Aidan's Bethany is open to both men & women. This is a time of spiritual refreshment, a place to come and be with other parishioners as Jesus did in Bethany with his friends. A place to prepare yourself for the Great Season of Easter!

**Where will it take place?** The place is Kirwin Hall, on Friday evening, after which you will return to your own homes. You will meet again on Saturday morning. We will end at the 5 PM Mass and then break bread together as we have our dinner.

Friday Evening, 02/10 at 7:30PM Saturday, 02/11/2023 at 8:30AM.

**Doors will open at & 7PM for refreshments. We will start promptly at 7:30.**

Friday Night Speaker is **Rev. Ed Sheridan**.

**Father Ed was in residence at St. Aidan while Director of Clergy Personnel for the Diocese. He is now pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Northport.**

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person, \$50.00 a couple  
(Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Saturday)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **\* E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**I Will** \_\_\_\_\_ **Will not** \_\_\_\_\_ **be having dinner with the group.**

If you are registering for friends, please list all names & phone numbers attending. Return to St. Aidan's Rectory. **There will be no reservations or payments at the door.** Please mark the envelope, "Bethany Retreat" **Any Questions, call 516-746-6585**



medias to educate the public that throwing away an unwanted infant is not an option. New York was the first state to enact a "Safe Haven" law which allows a birth mother to relinquish custody in a safe manner, and not be criminally liable for abandonment. The idea of giving up your unwanted baby instead of causing its death gives those in desperation another option. Everyone is invited to join us for a Rosary after a question-and-answer session. Donations of diapers as well as monetary donations will be accepted. For more information on this life-saving foundation, please view the following link: AMT Children of Hope Foundation - About Us.

### **ST. AIDAN'S FOCCUS & PRE-CANA PROGRAM**

St. Aidan's Foccus & Pre-Canan 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-Canan 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 Canan 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 Canan 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 Canan 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).

### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCanan program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on March 18-19, 2023. Visit [longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://longisland.engagedencounter.com) for information and registration.

### **I LOVE ROCK & ROLL**

Misty Mountain a Premier Led Zeppelin Tribute Band will be performing in concert at the Corpus Christi Council K of C Hall

(186 Jericho Tpke, Mineola) on Saturday, January 21st. Admission is \$ 45 and includes buffet dinner and show. Cash Bar. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm and Show at 8:00 pm. For tickets, call Pete Augello (516)746-8643.

### **BUS TRIP TO THE WIND CREEK BETHLEHEM (FORMERLY SANDS) CASINO BETHLEHEM, PA**

Hosted by Joseph Barry Columbiettes, Hicksville, NY. Join this fun trip! When: Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Cost: \$50 per person, which includes the driver's tip. Give back: \$35 slot play. Time: Please arrive at 8:30 a.m. Return approx. 8:30 p.m. Parking: 999 So. Oyster Bay Road (dead end). Reservations: call Barbara at (516) 935-5576. Please make checks payable to Joseph Barry Columbiettes. The first to pay is the first on the bus, etc.

### **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**

"Are you Praying?" A Cautionary Tale for America  
A pro-life volunteer, Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, was approached by police in Birmingham, England on Dec. 6, 2022 and asked, "Are you praying?" as she silently stood near a closed abortion clinic. She was subsequently arrested when she admitted she "might" be praying inside her head. She was charged with four counts of breaking a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), designed to stop antisocial behavior, because police received complaints from an onlooker who suspected she was praying even though she was not holding a sign or making any visible form of protest. She had been spotted near the clinic three other times and when asked about these occasions, she explained that she may have been praying but she also may have been thinking about other things. Nevertheless, she endured this ordeal even though her 'behavior' was quiet and peaceful.

"It's abhorrently wrong that I was searched, arrested, interrogated by police and charged simply for praying in the privacy of my own mind. Censorship zones purport to ban harassment, which is already illegal. Nobody should ever be subject to harassment. But what I did was the furthest thing from harmful - I was exercising my freedom of thought, my freedom of religion, inside the privacy of my own mind. Nobody should be criminalized for thinking and for praying, in a public space in the UK," Isabel told Alliance Defending Freedom UK.(1) George Washington University Law Professor, Jonathan Turley, wrote, "... free speech has been in free fall in the UK for years. It is a cautionary tale for those in the United States, which is facing arguably the largest anti-free speech movement in its history. ... It is easy for Americans to wave off such European prosecutions by pointing to our First Amendment. However, there is a growing movement in the U.S. to replicate such European laws." (2)



"The UK is an example of the slippery slope of speech criminalization that inevitably took them to 'thought crimes,' even criminal prayers. These cases should be a wake up for all who value free speech (and freedom of religion). If such prosecutions stands, free speech literally does not have a prayer in the Western world." (3)

"If the freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to slaughter." - George Washington (aleteia.org, 12/24/22(1); jonathanturley.org, 12/24/22(2)(3); gbnews.uk, 12/23/22; nypost.com, 12/22/22; birminghammail.co.uk, 12/20/22; cna.com, 12/21/22)

## LITURGY

As we saw last week, we humans have been praying for a long time, but how and why we pray has evolved as we learned more about our world and about God. While this is not unique to Catholic prayer, this week we will focus on just that, beginning with a definition of prayer that paraphrases what the CCC says. Prayer is an act of the virtue of religion which consists in asking proper gifts or graces from God. In a more general sense, it is the application of the mind to Divine things, not merely to acquire a knowledge of them but to make use of such knowledge as a means of union with God. Keep this last sentence in mind. It is very important to how our Catholic understanding of prayer developed. Prayer presupposes faith in God and hope in his goodness. By both, God, to Whom one prays, moves the individual to prayer. But all of this is generic. It would apply to prayer as we saw last week. What does Catholic thought add to this?

The Church has prayed since it began. We saw how Jesus prayed. His followers, the apostles, regarded prayer as an essential part of their lives, too. The first thing we see in Acts after Pentecost and the brief description of the communal life of the early church is this. Acts 3: 1 "Now Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer." So they prayed daily as a matter of course. Later we see how important prayer was to the apostles, as it led to the appointment of the first deacons. Acts 6: 3-4 "Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." So prayer was critical to the Church from the start. Indeed, St. Paul wrote 1 Thess 5: 17-18 "Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." Early Christian prayers were really Jewish prayers, especially the psalms, which are still prayed by both Christians and Jews. They are timeless. But just as our understanding of God evolved over time, so did our understanding of prayer. St Isaac of Nineveh (7th century) offered this, which begins to give some hint of the deeper meaning of prayer: "It (prayer) is the mind detached from earthly things and the whole heart pointed to that in which it hopes." This begins to get at that sentence noted earlier and

leads to the mysticism that will come later. St. Thomas Aquinas (13th century) added another dimension to Christian prayer. He wrote that we reach truth in two ways. In the first way, we receive truth from outside ourselves, and to access such truths directly from God, prayer is our means. Tracing back to our roots, he cites the words of Wisdom 7:7: "I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came upon me." When St. Thomas the apostle asked Jesus where He was going, Jesus answered him by saying, Jn 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the earlier Doctors of the Church, told us how to find that truth in prayer. Later, one of the first great mystical thinkers of the Church, St. Catherine of Siena (14th century), who, along with St. Teresa of Avila: (16 century) were the first women recognized as Doctors of the Church, had many insights into prayer. Among them, "Holy Spirit, come into my heart, and in your power draw it to you." Here, in a single sentence, she captures the essence of prayer in a nutshell. It is all about union with God, a heart-to-heart relationship with Jesus, Who desires to be united with us. She also adds a cautionary thought for us, "There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers." As human beings, we have a couple of unfortunate tendencies: one is to want things that are bad for us, and the other is to convince ourselves that what we want is actually good for us. Consequently, when we get what "we want," we often find ourselves unpleasantly surprised. God, however, always knows and wants what is best for us, and He is always able to give us what will help us, rather than harm us. God has one thing in mind: our salvation. St. Catherine suggests we would do well to trust Him. All of these thoughts came before the Reformation, but that event brought about more wisdom from the Holy Spirit. Listen to St. Theresa of Avila (16 century). "Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." As St. John told us, God is love. St. Theresa tells us that prayer through love unites us with the very essence of God. Both St. Catherine of Siena and St. Theresa of Avila experienced extremely deep relationships with God. Their writings reflect this relationship and require close attention to begin to appreciate what they tell us. They are mystical theologians. No, not magicians. From the Catholic Encyclopedia, "Mysticism is either a religious tendency and desire of the human soul towards an intimate union with the Divinity, or a system growing out of such a tendency and desire. (It) considers as the end of philosophy the direct union of the human soul with the Divinity through contemplation and love, and attempts to determine the processes and the means of realizing this end. It adds that there are specific Catholic qualities which must be considered, but suffice it to say that if you wish to dig more deeply into their writings, take a look if you dare, but I would advise finding someone well versed in theology to assist you. Next week we will see some more recent thoughts on this subject.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



Our Christmas Band Concert was a perfect way to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Our advanced and intermediate band students sounded wonderful. We would like to thank Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Aliano, from Paul Effman Music, for their work with our band program this year.



## TOGETHER IN LEARNING, TOGETHER IN CHRIST





**Saint Aidan  
Catholic School**  
WILLISTON PARK, NY

📍 510/525 Willis Ave ▪ Williston Park, NY 11596

**Join us for our Open House!**

**Sunday • January 29, 2023**

**9:00 AM Mass**

**10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Open House**

Saint Aidan School Open House is a chance to see the entire school in action. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, staff, students and speak to other members of the Saint Aidan School Family. It is a wonderful time to see it all!

*"St. Aidan School is such a special place that has helped shape our family! It has been a blessing to watch our children grow academically, socially and spiritually year after year. We are confident St. Aidan's is providing the best foundation for their success in high school and beyond."*

*-The Grady Family*

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- For 72 years, Saint Aidan School has offered academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning.
- Saint Aidan School offers extracurricular activities such as volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, after-school enrichment classes, choir, band, drama, and more!
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# SAINT AIDAN SCHOOL

## Registration is Now Open for the 2023-2024 School Year!

All registration information can be found on our website at <https://staidanschool.org/registration>

- Early Childhood Programs
- Full Day Nursery-8th Grade
- After-School Program
- State-of-the-Art Technology
- Extracurricular Programs
- Enrichment Programs
- Middle School Sports



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## PACE JANUARY RAFFLE

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

**\$20 per raffle ticket**

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



The winner will be selected during the January PACE Meeting.

## Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

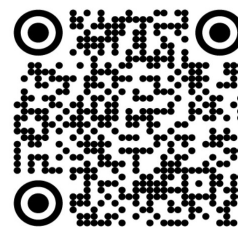
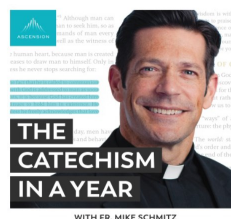
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<https://staidanschool.org/pace-lego-affle>

Winner selected during  
the January PACE  
Meeting.

# 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](mailto:StAidanPACE@gmail.com)  
to discuss donations.

# 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.

**PLEASE HELP:** Substitute catechists are needed at 4PM and 5:30 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays, and 5:30PM on Wednesdays. There is an urgent need for a grade 1 leave replacement from the end of January until mid-February on Tuesdays at 4pm and 5:30pm. If you can help with either of these classes, please contact the Faith Formation Office at x405. No previous experience is needed. Materials and lesson plans are provided. Please consider sharing your time and talents with our children. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information at x405.

**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](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 Reminders:** 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.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Spirit Night is scheduled for all Grade 8 Confirmation candidates on Monday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 15th at 7PM in the Church. This evening covers Project #3 in the Confirmation packets. Every child must be accompanied by a parent. If a parent cannot attend, another adult should accompany the child. Religious Education students should attend on the same night that they attend class. St. Aidan School Students should attend on the designated night for their class: 8-1 on Monday and 8-2 on Wednesday.

**Grade 2 Parents:** The last day that pictures can be submitted for the First Communion Photo Collage is February 1st. No late pictures can be added to the collage once it is completed, so please submit the proper sized pictures according to the directions previously provided as soon as possible if you want your child to be included.

**First Reconciliation:** First Reconciliation is scheduled for students attending Religious Education classes on Saturday, January 21 at 1:30PM and Saturday, January 28th at 11AM and 1:30PM. Please bring your child on their assigned day and time.

**First Communion Parent Meeting:** There will be a meeting for all First Communion Religious Education parents on Wednesday, February 1st at 7PM in the Church. Please make every effort to attend. Detailed information regarding First Communion for Religious Education students will be provided during the meeting.

**RCIA/OCIA:** If you or someone you know has ever been curious about what the Catholic Church 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). Please pray for our catechumens who are 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 Epiphany of the Lord also known as Three Kings Day or The Coming of the Three Wise Men. Or Magi. The liturgical color is white. Today's Gospel, (Matthew 2: 1-12) tells the story of the Wise Men following the star in the east and arriving in Jerusalem to find the newborn king of the Jews. Herod tries to trick them into checking back with him after the Wise Men find the child. The Wise Men find the Holy Family and offered royal gifts. They didn't reveal any information to Herod and returned home using another way. Today we celebrate that Jesus came for all people. Talk about the Wise Men's gifts to Jesus.

Frankincense represents our prayers going up to Heaven. Gold was used for money. Children understand that money gets us what we need and sometimes what we want. Myrrh is an oil used for anointing and was used in perfume and as medicine, especially in Jesus' time. Ask children to reflect on what gifts do they have to offer Jesus? Emphasize that importance of hospitality because Jesus wants us to welcome others. Being hospitable brings people together and tears down the walls of separation that can happen. Older children are acutely aware of how the world seems to be divided in all kinds of ways. Encourage inclusiveness. Finally, bless the doorway of your home. Use a marker to write the following: 20 + C + M + B + 23. The numbers stand for the year while the letters are the first letters of the names of the Wise Men: Casper, Melchoir, and Balthassar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus maisonem benedicat" which means "May Christ bless the house." Say a prayer as you hang the sign and leave it up to welcome all who come to your door in 2023.

## St. Aidan's Family Mass

Today we celebrate  
Three Kings Day! Take  
advantage of the  
selection of children's  
worship materials  
available in the church  
lobby.

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).





# The Epiphany of the Lord



THIS WEEK, WE ASK YOU TO OFFER UP PRAYERS FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT THE U.S. BORDER.

## A Prayer for Immigrant Children

A Prayer for Immigrant Children

Loving Father,  
in your infinite compassion,  
we seek your divine protection for refugee children  
who are often alone and afraid.  
Provide solace to those who have been witnesses  
to violence and destruction,  
who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they  
cherish due to war or persecution.  
Comfort them in their sorrow,  
and bring help in their time of need.  
Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord.  
Reunite them with their families and loved ones.  
Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land  
to a place of peace and safety.  
Amen



“Epiphany: this word indicates the manifestation of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading (cf. Eph 3:6), makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language and people is welcomed and loved by him. It is symbolized by the light, which penetrates and illumines all things.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2019)

## National Migration Week

During the first full week in January, the U.S. bishops recognize National Migration Week. To help answer any questions you may have about Catholic teaching and migration, please visit [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).





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January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Retrouvaille\* can help.

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To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:  
[516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org)

\*Pronunciation: Retro Vi (French for "Rediscovery")



**Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) Charismatic  
Covenant Community of Long Island, N.Y.**  
invites you to a **Marriage Encounter  
Weekend #24** on March 25-26, 2023 at  
Msgr. Kirwin Hall at the Church of St. Aidan's  
505 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY.

Come join us as you experience God's love in your marriage and how His presence will enrich your lives as a couple. Please fill out the form below and drop off in the Rectory. You may also contact the couples listed here. Registration is *free*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Life Apostolate Coordinators:

Mike and Ellen Mercado Cell # (516) 282-4341/(516) 414-1465

email address: [miguelrmercado@gmail.com](mailto:miguelrmercado@gmail.com)/[olayellen@gmail.com](mailto:olayellen@gmail.com)

Marriage Encounter #23 Class Shepherds: Rene and Cherry Bacani

Cell # (516) 659-1594

## Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

**COME to ANY ONE of THESE MEETINGS PREPARED  
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**EVENINGS** are being offered conveniently at  
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**7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10**

*St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street*

**7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11**

*Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue*

**7:00PM, Thursday, January 19**

*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

with an **EARLY WEEKEND** option to be held at

**1:00PM, Sunday, January 15**

*St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Ave.*

RSVP by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>,

to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179

OR by email to

[diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

**We thank you and  
look forward to being with you.**



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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.

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Customer sales and service focused position for a compassionate individual to assist customers to make informed decisions regarding their individual burial and interment needs.

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- Bilingual English/Spanish a plus

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## ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL BREAKING NEWS

December 2022

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Vol 1 Issue 1

### MISSED THE EXAM? NOT TO WORRY!



### HOW TO APPLY TO ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

During the month of November thousands of 8th grade students sat for the TACHS exam. Though this is the primary step in applying to Catholic high schools students who are interested in Saint Dominic High School can still be considered for admissions even if you did not take the exam. The process is very simple.

- Visit the St. Dominic Website ([hs.stdoms.org](http://hs.stdoms.org))
- Under the Admissions Tab click "Joining The Bayhawk Family"
- Go to the section about missing the TACHS exam
- Click on the application, fill it out, and submit.

Be sure to send us copies of your report cards from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Once all the materials are received we will begin the admissions review.

**Please contact our Admissions Office at 516-922-4888, ext. 5315 for any assistance or questions.**

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## THE FIRST NOEL

"NOEL"

THE ENGLISH CAROL

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.



### Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. **R:**



## PSALM

PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

**R:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### **R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

*We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage. **R:***

## WE THREE KINGS

" "KINGS OF ORIENT"

JOHN H. HOPKINS

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

### Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. **R:**

Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high. **R:**

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **R:**



## SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

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Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
in your birth at Bethlehem;

### Refrain:

Anthems be to you adressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in your Godhead manifest,  
you revealed your pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine; **R:**

Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill; **R:**

## WHAT CHILD IS THIS

"GREENSLEEVES"

WILLIAM DIX

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

### Chorus:

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

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. [**Chorus**]

## HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel. **R:**



## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## READING I IS 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 72

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.  
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

## READING II EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

## GOSPEL MT 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the

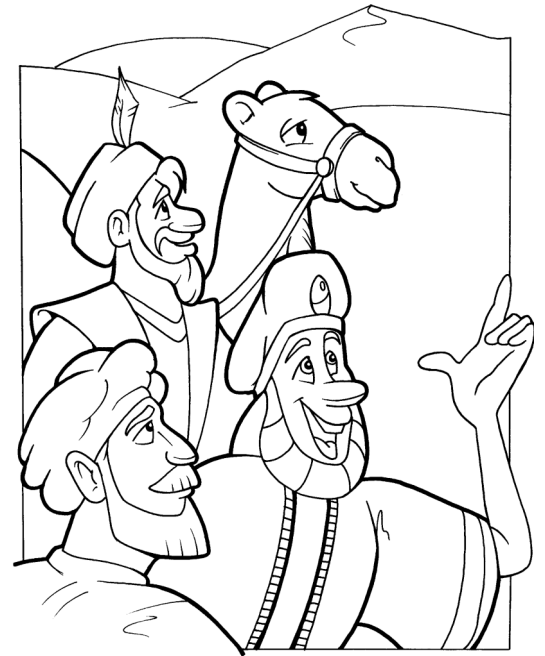
magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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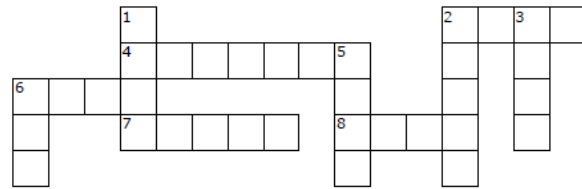
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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.



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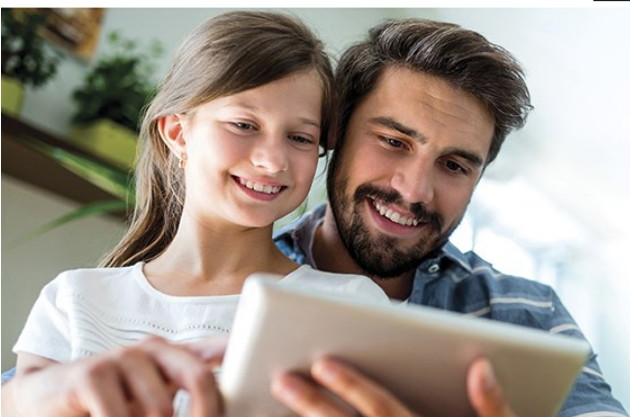
#### ACROSS

- The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
- A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
- To come into existence by birth
- Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
- A twinkling point of light in the night sky

#### DOWN

- A male ruler of a country
- A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
- A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
- The direction which is opposite to west
- To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

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