

John 20:31, NRSV

HOLY
BIBLE

These are written so that you may ...
BELIEVE
... that through believing you may have life ...

St. Aidan

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

APRIL 16, 2023



Respect life. All life is sacred.



WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN

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

ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

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

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH GROWTH 2023

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN 6 AM TO 6 PM

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

when school children attend services during the week.

ST. AIDAN CONVENT BUILDING IS CLOSED

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

PARKING AT ST. AIDAN

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

BAPTISM

To arrange a baptism contact the rectory office. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child's date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. To hold a private baptism you must make arrangements with a priest or deacon to perform the baptism. Private baptisms are held on Saturday or Sunday when the church is available. First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the church on the second Sunday of the month after the 12 PM Mass. Parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the altar.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

CONFESSION

Confessions are available in the church, screen only, on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. You can also make an appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

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

MARRIAGE

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

SCAM LIKELY

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

PARISH EMAIL

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

PLANNED GIFTS FOR YOUR PARISH

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

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS

WEBSITE ST AidanParish.org

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FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, APRIL 17

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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

Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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

Fr. Ken 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Fr. Ken 7:30 AM

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Solomon 10:30 AM

Fr. Solomon 12:00 PM

Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

EASTER WEEK TWO

Lvg. Int. of Aiden Chirayil
Gloria Schilter (2nd Anniv. Rem.)
Michael Fortune

EASTER WEEK TWO

Mathilda Huber (B'day Rem.)
Eileen Forrest (2nd Anniv. Rem.)
Kim Gatto (1st Anniv. Rem.)

EASTER WEEK TWO

Helen Puwalski
Dominick Tringali
Dolores Owens (8th Anniv. Rem.)
Peter Owens, Sr. (10th Anniv. Rem.)

EASTER WEEK TWO

Thomas Chumar (33rd Anniv. Rem.)
Richard Hughes
Joseph Palazzolo

EASTER WEEK TWO

Des O'Connor
SCHOOL MASS
Salud Caguiat (Anniv. Rem.)
Ramon Vallarino

EASTER WEEK TWO

Deborah Lynch Sweetman (B'day)
Hope Caporale (5th Anniv. Rem.)
Jane F. Gross (1st Anniv. Rem.)
MaryLou Hickey
Daniel O'Neill
Michael Previdi (B'day)
Dorothy Droogan
Paul Rogan

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Daniel P. Murphy & Tri Murphy
(B'day Rem.)
William R. Hannan, Sr. (Anniv. Rem.)
Peter & Marie Tedesco
(79th Wedding Anniv. Rem.)
Daniel J. Lynch (3rd Anniv. Rem.)
Matthew Roshan (4th Anniv. Rem.)
Joe Sullivan (Anniv. Rem.)
Rose Repke (3rd Anniv. Rem.)
Michael Wengler
Gloria Villani (B'day Rem.)

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Rev. Salvatore B. Villani

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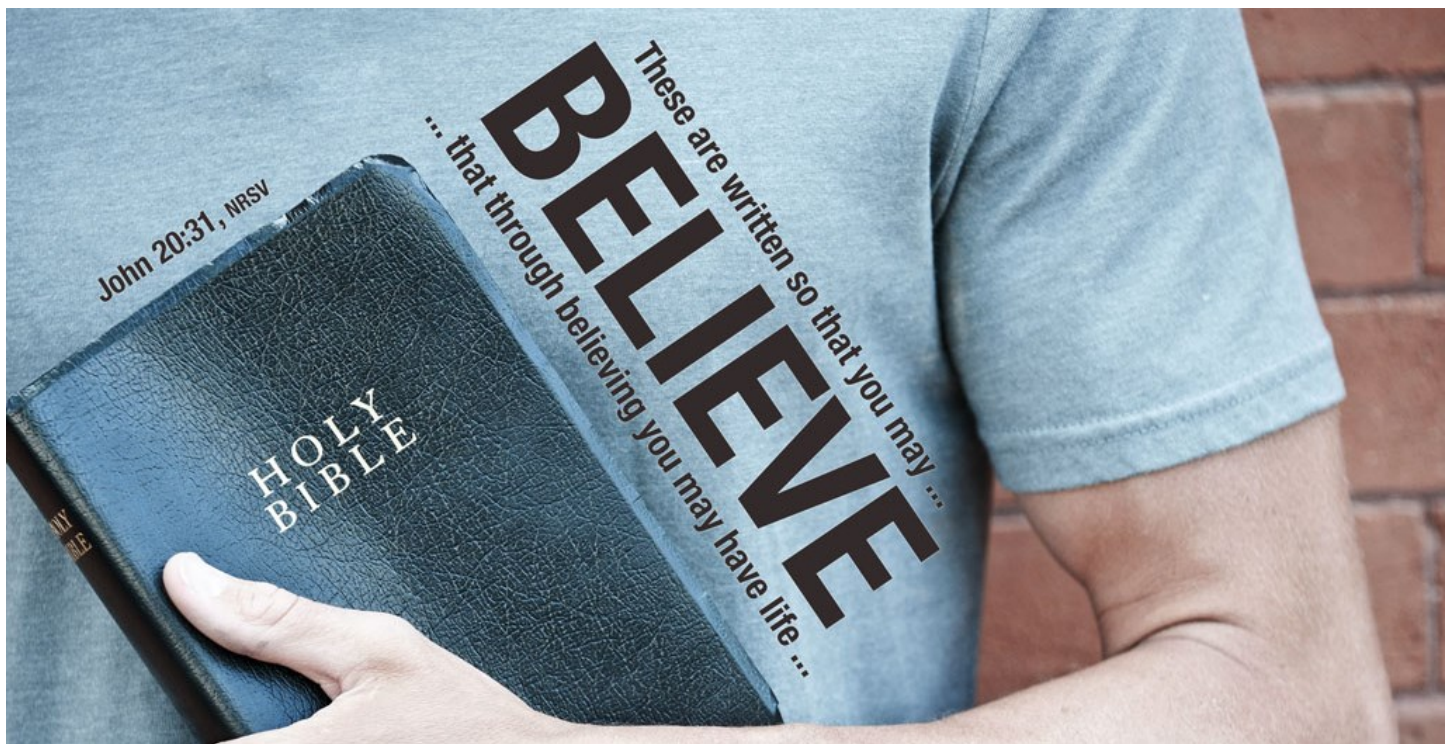
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What's Pastor Thinking

The disciple Thomas has been portrayed in a negative light as 'Thomas the Doubter.' But honestly who of us in this situation would not have had the same questions? After all a fair amount of critical thinking is healthy for our faith.

Some people frown if you question your faith. Doubt is often portrayed as negative. But aren't doubts, when expressed sincerely, a way to reach out to God? Look at the disciple Thomas. His honest questions and doubts about the resurrection of Jesus led him to discover a deeper revelation of Jesus. It's from Thomas's mouth we hear for the first time a statement of the divinity of Jesus Christ: 'my Lord, and my God!' Sincerely expressed doubt can lead to a deeper-rooted faith.

God wants us to be honest with ourselves. God is like that father who wants to sit you down on his lap and explain some things to you; maybe you will not get answers to all your questions, but the story of Thomas gives us hope that by expressing our struggles and our doubts, we will likely gain a deeper revelation of God.

God certainly understands that we can be uncertain in our faith. Doubt is human, we all go through phases of doubt and uncertainty, when we question what we believe about God, or when we even question God, and God is big enough to deal with our questions. Doubt may even be a helpful and a necessary element in our faith. Even in our liturgy

we talk about the 'mystery of faith.' Mystery leaves room for wonderment, uncertainty and doubt about God and our faith.

When Thomas doubted that Jesus had risen, that the other disciples had seen him, he was not mocking anybody's faith. Thomas just had to see it for himself. He was craving his own God experience. There is nothing wrong with wanting to ask questions and get answers from God for ourselves for there comes a time when the classes of our childhood in Catholic School or Religious Education isn't going to be enough. You have to find your own faith. You have to have your own God experience. In fact, the only way to ever discover your own faith comes by way of doubting, by setting aside what you have been told about God by your parents and your faith community.

Hopefully, as you tackle the hardships of the questioning process, as you leave no rock unturned, as you wrestle with life's mysteries and sufferings, as you keep searching for answers until you find that vision, until you have that God experience. Then and only then, can you truly find yourself and your place in the universe.

So, embrace your doubts, don't let anybody hold you back on your faith journey. Don't worry, we all have them. You are not alone. We're all in this together. The story of Thomas shows us that our doubts and our questions have a rightful place in God's Church.



Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina and told her to share the good news about God's unfathomable mercy towards sinners. He told her to share the image and prayers in devotion to the Divine Mercy. There are many promises associated with devotion to Divine Mercy. Saint Aidan Parish will again be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with a special afternoon devotion. Join us Sunday afternoon, April 16 at 3:00 PM for Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet, Prayers from St. Faustina's Diary & Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. Receive the graces that will be showered upon us.

<p>STEWARDSHIP EASTER COLLECTION 04/17/22 \$67,111 04/09/23 \$75,915</p> <p><i>Thank you for supporting St. Aidan. Please notify the Rector's Office if you have changed your address</i></p> <p>NO EXTRA ENVELOPE</p> <p>ONLINE GIVING staidanparish.org. Click DONATE.</p> <p>CATHOLIC MINISTRIES Goal \$180,400 Pledges \$68,550 Donors 218 Payments \$49,010</p> <p>ATTENDANCE 04/08 & 09/23 2,875</p>	<p>WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED JOHN R. ASAM CATHERINE A. WALSH THEODORE J. KRUKOWSKI ARLENE BABYAK LILLIAN GIAMBASTIANI</p> <hr/> <p>THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE Victor Cunneen Jane Carfora Mary Arata Aurora Antunes Veronica Roda Theresa Borja Allison Briceno Lisa Sorgie Fran Pareti Colleen Cassidy Eileen Grill Jho Martin Lisa Lang Loker Gerard Davey Maureen Howard</p>	<p>Jim Howard Michaela Reilly Jean Lopardo Mark Totten AnnMarie Georgeou Louise Blackford Arianna DeOliveira Jinny Gallagher Bill Doyle Judy Kostovich Brian Closs Hafeezan Jabar Frank Connolly Paul Kane Nicole Blach Doreen Downes Rosa Barroca Cathy Fleming Catherine Mladinov John Sweeney Nat Infurma</p> <p><i>To add or remove a name from the list, please call the rectory office</i></p> <hr/>	<p>WEDDING BELLS <i>If a parishioner is getting married in another parish and would like their wedding listed here, please call the rectory office.</i></p> <p>APRIL 28, 2023 3:30 PM Brittany Deanne Epifane Our Lady of Grace Kevin Andres Recalde Immaculate Conception Church</p> <p>MAY 12, 2023 3:30 PM Christine Mary Calamia St. Aidan Alexander Patrick Bujacich Our Lady of Lourdes</p>	<p>JUNE 3, 2023 3:00 PM Kira Zuniga St. Agnes Michael Bitsko St. Aidan</p> <p>JUNE 4, 2023 3:00 PM Nicole Marie Viola St. Aidan William Connor Rettig Incarnation</p> <p>JUNE 11, 2023 3:00 PM Veronica Jean Baierwalter St. Aidan Mike Robert Sorgie Fr. Adrian</p> <p>JUNE 22, 2023 3:30 PM Megan Cristina Clancy St. Aidan Christopher Paul Strauss Corpus Christi</p>
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WHEN AND WHY DID THE CHURCH BEGIN CELEBRATING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?



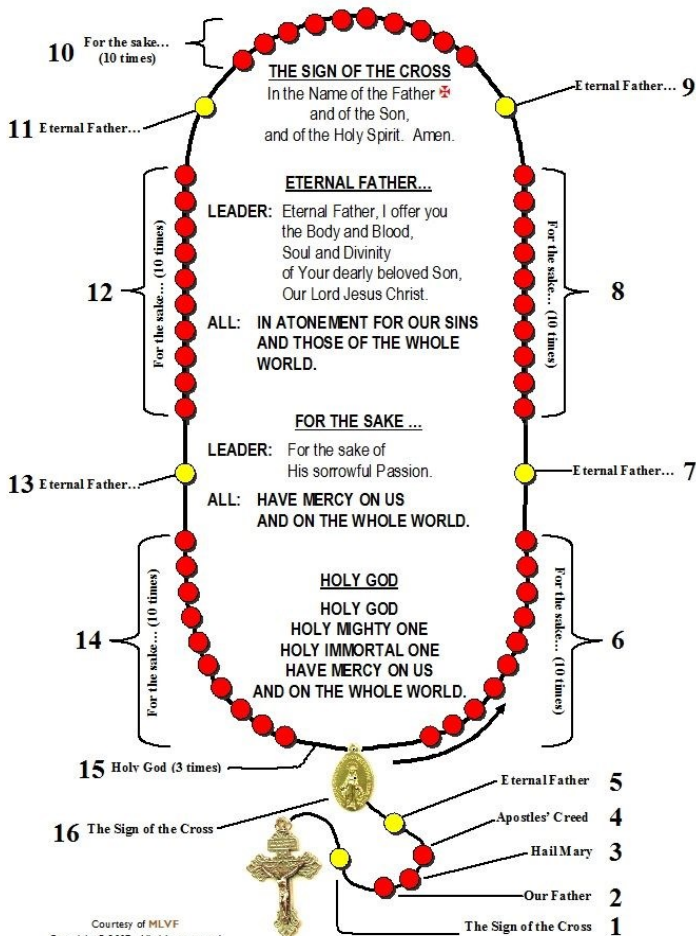
The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and

the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.”

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina’s visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus’ own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: “I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy.” Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy



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WHAT'S HAPPENING – NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

April 16	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 21	Holy Hour for Vocations
April 26	Planning Meeting for St. Aidan Ministry fair—7 PM
May 18	Ascension of the Lord
May 20	Diaconate Ordination St. Agnes Cathedral - 11 a.m.
May 21	St. Aidan Ministry Fair
May 21	Golden Wedding Mass, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue
May 28	Pentecost
May 29	Memorial Day
June 4	Golden Wedding Mass, Church of St. James, Seaford - 3 p.m.
June 10	Priesthood Ordination - St. Agnes Cathedral - 11 a.m.
June 11	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Oct. 20-22	NYS Eucharistic Congress, Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

ST. AIDAN MINISTRY FAIR MAY 21ST

- St. Aidan Parish will hold a Ministry Fair on Sunday, May 21st from 8 AM to 2 PM on Dover St. A Ministry Fair is a way to generate awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among parishioners, ultimately increasing parishioner involvement in parish groups, organizations and ministries.
- All groups, organizations and ministries in the parish are invited to participate in the Ministry Fair on May 21st. If the leader of your group, organization or ministry does not receive an email invitation this week, please contact the rectory.
- A planning meeting will be held in Kirwin Hall on Wednesday, April 26th at 7 PM. All participating groups, organizations and ministries are invited to send a representative to that meeting.
- A PARISH MINISTRY FAIR is a celebration of the work of the parish, a special event that recognizes the importance of all volunteer efforts. The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, organizations, and educational opportunities that are available within the parish community. Each organization, group and ministry is showcased through the use of a display at a table or booth.
- The Fair serves to educate parishioners about stewardship while also helping them grow in their relationship with the Lord. This festive event allows parishioners to ask questions, discern their many gifts and talents, and learn how they can share their gifts within a particular parish ministry.
- For those already involved in ministry, parishioners are afforded an opportunity to recommit their faith, time and talent in order to carry out the parish's mission statement and help build the Kingdom of God on earth. A Ministry Fair also encourages the practice of stewardship of time and talent by fostering a deeper realization about our Baptismal call to be followers and disciples of Jesus Christ.

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



St. Aidan Parish Ministry Fair

Sunday, May 21st
8 AM to 2 PM on Dover Street

Renewed in Christ

1. **LEARN** more about the different groups and ministries in our parish
2. **DISCOVER** where God is calling you to share your stewardship of faith, time and talent
3. **ASK QUESTIONS**

**FREE RAFFLES, CHILDREN'S CORNER
AND MUCH MORE!**
JOIN US ON SUNDAY MAY 21

St. Aidan Holy Name Society
Presents 21st Annual

SAVE-TH-DATE

A Night at the Races

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023



Food, Fun, Friends & Exciting Races

Msgr. Kirwin Hall Doors Open at 6:30 pm
First Race Starts at 7:30 pm
\$40 Admission gets you:

Exciting Races • Delicious Lite Fare
Beer/Wine • Door Prizes & More

For Tickets - Drop Name & Payment to the Rectory
(Checks payable to St. Aidan's Holy Name Society)
or Call: Fred Pacher- 516-294-3104, Kevin Keenan- 516-602-1218,
Tim Reynolds- 917-843-6958



Ladies and Gents — Don't Forget to Wear
your best Derby hat and Bowtie for a chance
to win a fabulous prize!



All Proceeds to Benefit St. Aidan School Scholarship Fund

faith or raised in another Christian faith? Whatever your situation, wherever you are in your faith journey, OCIA (formally RCIA) is here for YOU. OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a process by which adults can inquire about the Catholic Church. There is never any pressure put on any inquirer to become a Catholic. If an inquirer or seeker decides to move closer toward becoming a Catholic, he/she receives instruction in a small setting guided by a team of dedicated parishioners. The inquirer decides if he/she wants to move forward one step at a time. The whole parish family supports this process through prayer and witness. Those who choose to become Catholic are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you would like to learn more, please call 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass May 5, June 2.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. April 21, May 5, May 19.

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. April 23, May 28.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- **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 Monday, April 24th. If you have any questions, please call Parish Social Ministry 746-6585, ext. 410.

- Food items needed: BUTTER, BREAD, EGGS, FROZEN VEGETABLES, CHICKEN, CHOP MEAT, COOKIES, MAYONNAISE, CRANBERRY JUICE, APPLE JUICE, SNACKS, BARS OF SOAP, BRILLO, PAPER TOWELS, NAPKINS, DISHWASHING LIQUID AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT. 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.

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG

For the month of March the PB&J Gang made 105 wash-up kits which they donated to those in need and delivered 102 Kid to Kid Kits. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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.

ST. AIDAN PRAYED THE ROSARY

St. Aidan prayed the Rosary with those across the Country praying for our country, our Church and our families.

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.

ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP MEETING

St. Aidan's Respect Life group is headed by Anne Marie Egan and 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. 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 516-873-8320

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

We will be collecting new items for Momma's House on April 23rd from 9:30am to 12:30pm across the street from the church. There are many items needed for infants including; crib sheets, pack and play sheets, pull ups (2T, 3T, 4T), thermometers, nail clippers, hair brush, nasal aspirators, baby lotion for eczema, infant Tylenol, infant Motrin, and AAA batteries.

Please note the new dates

- 4/23 - Monthly meeting at the upper school cafeteria 9:00am & Momma's House Collection - Finamore Parish Center
- 5/21 - Monthly meeting & elections at the upper school. *May 21st, Plant & Bake Sale - more info to follow
- 6/12 - Annual Installation Mass -The Church of Saint Aidan, followed by light refreshments at Msgr. Kirwin Hall

St. Aidan Parish Welcomes New Catholics



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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, ST. IGNATIUS PARISH HICKSVILLE IS HOSTING MILITARY BRIDGE

When: SUNDAY, May 7, 2023. Where: Nassau County Senior Citizen Center, 103 Grumman Road W., Hicksville. Grumman Road is a continuation of Hazel Street in Hicksville. The center is handicapped accessible with lots of parking. Time: 1:00 pm. Walk-ins are welcome. There will be raffles and everyone goes home with a prize! Cost: \$10.00 per person Cake & coffee/ tea are included. Military Bridge is a fun, interactive card game that requires NO previous experience. Come alone or with friends and help Catholic Daughters support local charities and scholarships. For more information and reservations call Margaret at 516-633-2900 or email maggiebr77k@gmail.com. Join us for an afternoon of fun!

BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO, BETHLEHEM, PA HOSTED BY CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, HICKSVILLE, NY

When: Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Cost: \$50 per person, which includes the driver's tip. Give back: \$35 slot play. Time: Please arrive at 8:30 am. Return approx. 8:30 pm. Parking: # 999 So. Oyster Bay Road (dead end). Reservations: call Barbara at (516) 935-5576. Please make checks payable to "CDA". The first to pay is the first on the bus, etc.

THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY PRAYER GROUP

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the church 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.

ST. AIDAN'S PRE-CANA PROGRAM

St. Aidan's Foccus & Pre-Canas 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-Canas Class Fee is a total of \$125.00 payable to: Church of St. Aidan

- Spring 2023 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun June 4, 2023 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Canas 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 Canas Class: Sat: November 11, 2023 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat November 11, 2023 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Diocese of Rockville Centre: If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact the Diocese of Rockville Center at 678-5800 ext. 223 or go on-line to register at www.drvc-faith.org. On the left column click on "Marriage". Scroll down to find Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS on line registration.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Philippians 2:6-11- *"Christ, though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God. Rather he emptied himself...humbled himself."* At times we need to empty ourselves of sin and be humble with our spouse." God will reward our relationship as we express our love and communicate better with our spouse. Isaiah 50 says, "The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue." Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and learn the tools to enrich your relationship. You can find marriage encounter experiences online. Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or <https://www.menyli.org/>.

WIDOWS / WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP

Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM - 3 PM in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Ave. & Fifth Street, Garden City. Non-denominational ~ All are Welcome! REFRESHMENTS SERVED, \$3 PER MEETING. For additional information, feel free to call Diana (516) 481-9280

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Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting on Tuesday April 18th at 7:00PM, St. Frances

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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
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Maybe you don't know how to change
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marriages and fall in love again. Our
Next Weekend is April 21-23 at the
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SAME SEX ATTRACTION AND GENDER IDENTITY DISCORDANCE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The Office of Human Life, Family and
Bioethics website is a rich source of
authentically and faithfully Catholic
websites and educational resources
all rich in beauty to educate, form,
and transform all Catholics earnestly
seeking clarity on these topics, but in
particular, those who experience
same-sex attraction, gender identity
discordance, and a range of other
experiences. In addition, the websites
and resources will be helpful to those
with loved ones who have conveyed
these experiences to them. Most
especially, Clergy, Religious,
Educators, Lay Leaders, Health Care
workers, etc. will find these an
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*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



2023

He is Risen! Alleluia! I pray you and your loved ones know the peace of our Risen Lord in these weeks of Easter!

Last Easter, Pope Francis has said, "*The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One ... In his glorious body He bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope.*" During these difficult times and global unrest, peace and hope must be in the forefront of our being.

This year's Catholic Ministries Appeal theme – *Journeying Together in Communion, Participation and Mission*, answers our Holy Father's invitation to journey with one another and show love to those in need. Your commitment to the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to serve more than 600,000 people each year by supporting formation programs that prepare our priests, deacons and lay leaders; training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families; providing food and housing programs that serve our seniors, disadvantaged families, and people with special needs, those struggling with substance abuse; and promoting the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all of Long Island.

Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal and reaching out to those need. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by the Appeal.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

of classes for summer, go to www.dunwoodie.edu or email: sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A CATHOLIC GROUP IN 2023?

The Columbiettes, from Corpus Christi Council 2502, invite you to join our group. We are Catholic women 18 years and over. We meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola NY. RSVP to Ruth Ann at 516-317-6356 or Marge at 516-269-9178

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2023 SPRING SEASON REGISTRATION WILLISTON PARK PATRIOTS TEE BALL CHALLENGER PROGRAM

Open to all children ages 4 to 8 years old. The program will run for Six (6) weeks (May 7, May 21, June 4, June 11, June 18 and June 25). When: Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Where: Kelleher Field. Format: Rotating Stations (Throwing, Hitting, Fielding and Running the Bases). Cost: Free. Equipment: Bats and helmets will be available. All players should bring a glove. Please note this is not a drop off program, parent/guardian are required to stay. The WPLL Challenger program welcomes anyone – High School student and older – who would like to volunteer their time to help. If interested, please email steve.loewenthal@gmail.com or wpob@aol.com Register at wpll.wpsports.org

MOMMAS HOUSE

MOMMAS House is proud to present our fourth annual Book and Author Luncheon on Saturday April 29th from 12-3pm at The Muttontown Club in East Norwich, NY. This year's author is Janet Werner who will present her book "A Pear in an Apple Tree: A Journey with Multiple Sclerosis" Tickets are \$80.00 per person and include a delicious lunch, Raffle Prizes and a time to celebrate women who triumph, despite the obstacles. All proceeds will benefit young homeless mothers and their babies living at MOMMAS House. The residents of MOMMAS House have faced many obstacles but find hope and

opportunity at this home. Bring your Book Club. For more information, visit mommashouse.org, email: info@mommashouse.org or call 516-781-8637.

CHIEFS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Chiefs PAL Football has upgraded its website so that online registration for the Fall 2023 Season is available at www.mineolapal.org. The sign up is for flag (5 and 6 year olds) and for tackle (7's, 8's, 9's, 10's & 11's). The registration fee for tackle is \$250 and for flag is \$65. For those unable to register online, please email mcavallaro@arcxs.com or text or call 516-848-4248 so arrangements can be made to register.

CALHOUN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Please Join the Calhoun Alumni Association As We Induct the 2023 Alumni Hall of Fame Joseph A. Baker, Donovan Berthoud, Dr. Edward Chang, Linda DeMott & Richard DeMott, Sally Dworak-Fisher, Esq., Richard Kessel, Charles F. Langone, Marcia Laskin Gould, Harold "Billy" Murphy, Colonel John Anthony O'Grady, John Pinto, Jim Pooley & Megan Vasquez-Gordon. Friday, April 28, 7:00 pm, The Bayview, 395 Woodcleft Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520. Tickets/Table Requests. Table for Eight: \$1,000. Two Tickets: \$250 Individual Tickets: \$135. Questions? Contact us at Calhounalumni2@gmail.com

EVENTS AND RETREATS COMING UP AT THE NEWLY-RENOVATED THOMAS BERRY PLACE IN JAMAICA, QUEENS!

TBP (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House) offers a quiet oasis amidst the busy world around us. Our Retreat House has 50 newly renovated bedrooms, full-service kitchen, Board Room and conference rooms for up to 100 people, a Chapel for group and private meditation, beautiful gardens, grotto and seating and so much more!

- Friday - Saturday, April 21 - 22, 2023: The Great Work: Meeting Thomas Berry Again for the First Time. Presented by Kevin Cawley, CFC, Ph D and Kathleen Deignan, CND, Ph D. Please join us on Earth Weekend in exploring the critical and sacred evolutionary challenge of our time: to continue our movement into an awakened capacity for intimacy, communion, compassion, and solidarity, with the living world. In light of Thomas Berry's ever deepening wisdom, let us gather to foster growth of the now-rising features of a new-felt humanity. Animators for this retreat weekend are Kevin Cawley,

CFC, Ph D and Kathleen Deignan, CND, Ph D, the founding conveners of the Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona University. The cost is \$175.00 per person. Registration is required by April 15th. To register, log on to our website at www.ThomasBerryPlace.org or call 929-357-6700 x205.

- Tuesday, May 2, 2023: May Day of Prayer – Tending the “Garden of our Soul” “It was a great delight for me to consider my soul as a garden and reflect that the Lord was taking His walk in it!” Teresa of Avila

Whether gardening is your passion like it is for me, or if you are simply more of a nature observer like my Mom, we know that some of the most peaceful and reflective moments can take place in the garden as you prepare the soil, plant the seeds, water, weed and watch with delight the fruit of your labor. We will explore the “garden of our soul” and how we tend to it. The day will run from 9:30 – 2:30 pm and consists of coffee, tea on arrival, a conference, a simple lunch, Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The cost is \$35 per person. Registration is required by April 25th. To register, log on to our website at www.ThomasBerryPlace.org or call 929-357-6700 x205.

- Thursday, July 20 - Thursday, July 27, 2023: Experiencing God: Our interior movements understood using St Ignatius' Rules for Discernment . This guided retreat will make use of Ignatian contemplation, imaginative prayer, and the

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78th Annual

Communion

Breakfast

Sunday

April 30, 2023

After 9am Mass

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senses to engage in conversation with God. Our days will consist of two talks and mass. There is ample time to pray. This retreat is practical, encouraging curiosity, connection and compassion with ourselves and with God! Presenter: Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ is a Jesuit priest. He is deeply interested in creating communities of healing, empowering young people, brain health, and finding God in all things. This retreat begins on Thursday July 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM and ends on Thursday July 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM. There will be 2 conferences a day and Liturgy. The cost is \$700.00 per person.

WILLISTON PARK LIBRARY

- **EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS.** Date: Thursday, April 27, 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 April 13, 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.
- **THE FRIENDS OF THE WILLISTON PARK LIBRARY CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA.** DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023. TIME 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M. PLACE: WILLISTON PARK VILLAGE HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM (3RD FLOOR). COST: \$15.00. TEA, SANDWICHES AND COOKIES WILL BE SERVED. THERE WILL BE RAFFLE BASKETS. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE CALL CAROLYN ECKHARDT AT 516 248-9215. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE TEACUP

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

The rosary will be said in the St. Francis Garden after the 5:30PM Mass on the third Wednesday of each month.

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The Decline - and Possible Fall - of Religious Freedom in America

"Historically, religion and its adherents have often been oppressed by government. By contrast, America has been singular in its dedication to preserving the freedom of its people to expect and experience religious freedom. That is now rapidly changing," wrote Kelly Shackelford, president of First Liberty law firm. (1) In the past year there have been a number of violent attacks on churches, church gatherings, statues of Jesus, Virgin Mary, saints and monuments. Churches, synagogues and other church services have been banned or severely restricted, while liquor stores & casinos are allowed to be open. "A nation truly committed to religious freedom would, in a time of national crisis, welcome the essentiality of religion's exercise - not ban it." (2)

Religious liberty court cases have increased at an alarming rate. From the Constitution's ratification until 1940, there were only 3 Supreme Court cases challenging religious freedom. But since then, more than 75 cases have come before the high Court. Religious freedom has been under increasing siege for eight decades now. (3) "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.

It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." John Adams, Founding Father and second president. Speaking at the Univ. of Notre Dame Law School on Oct. 11, 2019, A.G. William Barr said that attacks on religious liberty have contributed to a moral decline in this country. "Secularists and their allies have marshaled all the forces of mass communication, popular culture, the entertainment industry, and academia in an unrelenting assault on religion and traditional values." (4)

"The moral problems Barr mentioned in his speech - plus murder, mayhem, and other forms of anti-social behavior - will continue until we regain our moral footing," wrote Dr. Walter E. Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University. "I am all too afraid that a historian, writing a few hundred years from now, will note that the liberty America enjoyed was simply a historical curiosity. Then it all returned to mankind's normal state of affairs - arbitrary abuse and control by the powerful elite." (5)

(newsweek.com, 8/5/20(1)(2)(3); dailysignal.com, 10/23/19(4)(5); the guardian.com, 10/19/19; deseret.com, 12/29/04; frc.org, 12/2/10)

"It's the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people."

- Pope Francis

LITURGY

What else does the CCC have to say about the Our Father? As you might expect, quite a bit. Last week we saw it as the perfect prayer, from several points of view. But the CCC adds more. "2765 The traditional expression "the Lord's Prayer" ... means that the prayer to our Father is taught and given to us by the Lord Jesus. The prayer that comes to us from Jesus is truly unique: it is "of the Lord." On the one hand, in the words of this prayer the only Son gives us the words the Father gave him:....On the other, as Word incarnate, he knows in his human heart the needs of his human brothers and sisters and reveals them to us: he is the model of our prayer." Jesus is the only being Who knows both His Father and each of us intimately, so He is uniquely able to provide us with the perfect prayer. But He doesn't just give us words to parrot back. "2766 But Jesus does not give us a formula to repeat mechanically. As in every vocal prayer, it is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God to pray to their Father. Jesus not only gives us the words of our filial prayer; at the same time he gives us the Spirit by whom these words become in us "spirit and life." Even more, the proof and possibility of our filial prayer is that the Father "sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'".... The prayer to Our Father is inserted into the mysterious mission of the Son and of the Spirit."

Recall how the prayer came to be. The apostles asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. And remember further how in His last discourse with them (see John, chapters 14 through 17), He promised that He would send the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, to guide them in the future. That is what the CCC is referring to here. They asked for a prayer, and they got it, but while it is short, it has a very deep meaning of which we should be aware as we pray Jesus' words. The CCC goes into this in detail, so rather than just say the words, we can meditate on them, and get much more from them. In fact, if we truly do this, we may realize that we are getting answers to the prayer almost as we pray. This begins right away, with the first words of the prayer. What does it mean when we call God "our Father"? To pick a few things from the CCC, "2777 ... From the burning bush Moses heard a voice saying to him, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are

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2023

**Prayer for Priests
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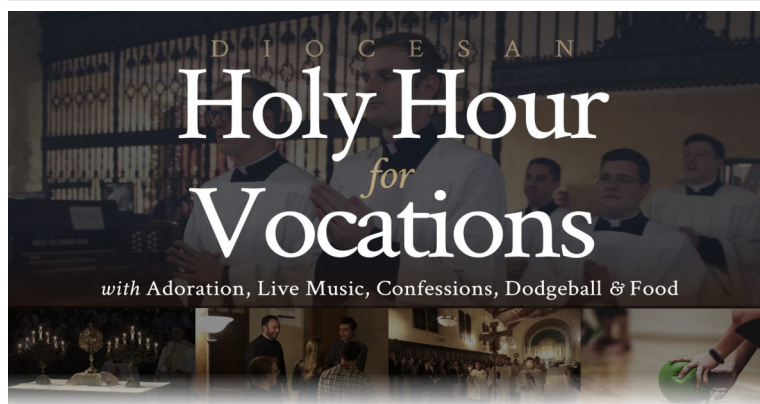
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Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury	6 - 10 pm	St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore	3 - 5 pm
Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream	2 - 4 pm	St. Christopher, Baldwin	6 - 10 pm
Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson:	7 - 9 pm	St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh	12 - 2 pm
St. Charles Chapel		St. Isidore, Riverhead	6 - 8 pm
Maria Regina, Seaford:	4 - 8 pm	St. Joachim, Cedarhurst	3 - 5 pm
Maria Regina Chapel		St. John the Evangelist,	3 - 7 pm
Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport	6 - 9 pm	Center Moriches	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,	6 - 10 pm	St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach	6 - 9 pm
Lindenhurst		St. Peter of Alcantara,	6 - 9 pm
Our Lady of Poland, Southampton	3 - 5 pm	Port Washington	
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St. Agnes Cathedral, RVC:	6 - 10 pm	St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays	6 - 8:30 pm
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**Friday, April 21
at 7:30 P.M.**

AT THE SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN HUNTINGTON



with Guest Preacher

Fr. Christopher Heller

Fr. Heller is originally from Syosset, and moved to Bay Shore in high school. He graduated from Chaminade High School in 2013 and then went to The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology. During his time at Chaminade and CUA, he started to hear God's gentle call to parish priesthood as he grew in his faith. After graduating from college, he began the adventure of following that call and entered the seminary. In 2022, Fr. Heller was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre and currently serves as Associate Pastor at the Church of St. Dominic in Oyster Bay.



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standing is holy ground." Only Jesus could cross that threshold of the divine holiness, for "when he had made purification for sins," he brought us into the Father's presence: "Here am I, and the children God has given me....2779... When Moses himself asked God who he was, he heard another name. The Father's name has been revealed to us in the Son, for the name "Son" implies the new name "Father." 2780 We can invoke God as "Father" because he is revealed to us by his Son become man and because his Spirit makes him known to us. The personal relation of the Son to the Father is something that man cannot conceive of nor the angelic powers even dimly see: and yet, the Spirit of the Son grants a participation in that very relation to us who believe that Jesus is the Christ and that we are born of God.... We give him thanks for having revealed his name to us, for the gift of believing in it, and for the indwelling of his Presence in us. 2782 We can adore the Father because he has caused us to be reborn to his life by adopting us as his children in his only Son: by Baptism, he incorporates us into the Body of his Christ....

God, indeed, who has predestined us to adoption as his sons, has conformed us to the glorious Body of Christ....2783 Thus the Lord's Prayer reveals us to ourselves at the same time that it reveals the Father to us."

That is a lot to process in just those two words of the prayer. Jesus reveals a whole new picture of God, vastly different from that of the Old Testament. Not only that, but He tells us that we are not just God's chosen people, rather, we are His children, His sons and daughters. So we have a very different picture of who we are, and how this is a direct result of this relationship with God. And this is a very personal relationship. Jesus referred to His Father as "Abba", which as we saw some time ago, means something close to "daddy". This is a loving Father, but one to Whom we owe full filial fidelity. "2784 ... We must remember... and know that when we call God "our Father" we ought to behave as sons of God." Hold that thought until next week when the CCC will take us deeper into just what "Our Father" means.

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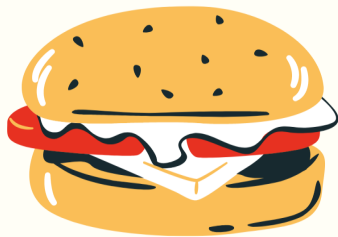
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You may also register by completing this form and returning it to the Rectory (505 Willis Ave,
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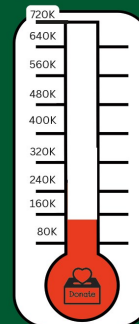
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On-going Communication: Please visit our webpages at staidanparish.org/ff for updates throughout the school year.

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

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

Looking Ahead 2023-2024: Please consider volunteering as a catechist for the 2023-2024 school year so that every child will have a seat in our fully in-person Religious Education program. This year, our enrollment was much higher than expected and staffing so many classes was a huge challenge. Every class offered must have at least one catechist. If you are concerned about the commitment by yourself, please think about teaching a class with a friend. Co-teaching works well because each co-teacher covers for the other and the children come to know both catechists. Co-teaching can be a very rewarding experience for all involved and would help us provide classes for more children. Our catechists include high school and college students, parents, grandparents, family friends of some of the students, and many dedicated parishioners who love being Catholic and want to share their faith with children. Please call the Faith Formation Office at x405 for additional information. Training and mentoring is provided and the materials are easy to follow. Substitute catechists are also needed. NO previous experience is needed. Materials and lesson plans are provided for all substitutes. Thank you for your consideration.

2023-2024 School Year Grade 1: Anyone who has a child entering grade 1 in September 2023 should call the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x405 to give us your contact information so you will receive registration information when it becomes available later in the spring. We are also asking all parishioners to help spread the word to any Catholic families in our area who will have a 1st grade child in the fall. Thank you for your assistance!

Multisensory Religious Education: The Multisensory Program serves children, who would benefit from a smaller class setting due to a wide variety of challenges. This program meets on Thursdays. If you or someone you know has a child who may benefit from this type of program, please contact the Director at (516) 746-6585 x406 or esmith@staidanparish.org. The Multisensory Program requires a substantial amount of staffing. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact the Director at x406.

Service Opportunity: The Multisensory program is always looking for a few dedicated high school teens or local college students to make a commitment to assist in the program during the school year. No experience is necessary. If you want to learn more, please call (516) 746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org for more information. Teens must be available on Thursday afternoons. This is a great opportunity for any teen who may be considering a career in Nursing, Teaching, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational, Speech, or Physical Therapies. Service documentation, college recommendation letters, and scholarship letters are provided. Please consider joining us for the 2023-2024 school year.

Grade 7 and 8 Confirmation Reminders FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES REGARDLESS OF SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

The next group of Confirmation assignments from the Confirmation packet is due on April 20th. Please be sure that for grade 7 and 8 students, Projects 3 and 4 plus Mass Reflections 4, 5, and 6 are submitted by April 20th. All submissions should be complete and stapled together by

the date due. Please do not submit partial submissions as they will need to be returned. This will assist the Formation Office in collecting and processing each Confirmation candidate's preparation work. As of April 20th, the only Confirmation packet work left to submit should be the Grade 8 Service Hours that are due in June. Kindly attach service documentation to all Service Hour reports. Thank you for your assistance.

Grade 8 FOR ALL: Confirmation Registration Forms and Sponsor Testimony forms were due stapled together on Feb. 16th. For those whose forms are still outstanding, please be sure the sponsor forms are signed and stamped with the parish seal of the sponsor's home parish. Sponsor Forms cannot be accepted without the home parish seal.

Confirmation Retreats For All: All Confirmation 2023 candidates in St. Aidan's School, Kellenberg, and Religious Education must attend an approved Confirmation retreat. There are two retreat days scheduled: April 16th and April 23rd. Each Confirmation Retreat will begin with the 9AM Mass which is part of the retreat. Those registered for the 16th should check-in by 8:45 AM in the Church lobby. Each Confirmation candidate must pre-register for one of the dates and remain for the entire retreat. Each retreat will end at 12:30PM. Please register for your preferred session by sending an email to carmsstrong@staidanparish.org.

Grade 2 Parents: Any First Communion parent who missed the Parent Meeting is asked to pick up a First Communion Parent Pack and a Communion Banner Kit in the Faith Formation Office during regular office hours.

First Communion Rehearsal: Children scheduled to receive First Holy Communion on April 29th will practice on Monday, April 24th. The children must attend the designated practice for each session. Those assigned to the 11:30AM Mass should attend the 6:30PM practice and the 2PM children will need to practice at 7:30PM. Each child must be accompanied by one

parent. The rehearsals will take place in the CHURCH and will last about one hour. This will be the only practice so please make every effort to be on time.

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.

GRADE 7 AND 8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR FINAL EXAM THIS WEEK.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR WILL END ON APRIL 20TH.

FAMILY MASS: 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.

St. Aidan's Family Mass

**JESUS IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**

Please join us each week at the 10:30AM Mass. Take advantage of the selection of children's worship materials.

CELEBRATE THE EASTER SEASON WITH US!

All are welcome! Invite a friend!



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



Family Mass: Connecting Church and Home! Today, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The liturgical color is white. Today's Gospel, (John 20:19-31), is the story of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to His disciples gathered together but Thomas was not present at the time. The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives an excellent explanation regarding the meaning of this gospel. "The Risen Christ dispels the fears of the disciples, who have been in hiding since the time of his death because they were afraid of the religious authorities. (CCC, 1808). Jesus shows his wounds not only to prove his identity but also to show his power over death. (CCC, 635). He bestows his peace and the Holy Spirit on them and sends them out to proclaim his Gospel and offer the world forgiveness of sin. All who believe in Jesus, whether they have seen him or not, are equally blessed and sent. (CCC, 2014)." We shouldn't be too hard on poor Thomas because the Resurrection was so hard for Jesus' followers to absorb. It was like trying to see crystal clear through an opaque veil, however, Jesus returned to help Thomas believe. Thomas' proclamation of faith, the famous "My Lord and my God!", is probably the finest, most well-known statement of belief in the Bible. Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, a relatively new feast in the church. It was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II at the canonization of a Polish nun, St. Sr. Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina received a divine message commanding her to share God's mercy with all people. She received the Divine Mercy image of Jesus radiating His mercy to all. The Divine Mercy chaplet, a set of repetitive prayers that focus on Jesus' mercy can be prayed using rosary beads. The prayers are extensions of Prayers common to prayers offered in the Easter Rite of the Church and so they were at least partially known to the people she encountered. Her goal was to have everyone she encountered filled with joy just for being in her presence. She saw herself and her direct mandate from God as being a simple messenger of mercy and reflection of God's goodness to all people.

Children can usually understand doubting Thomas' situation. Faith especially when we do not see is challenging. St. Faustina learned the importance of placing our faith and complete trust in Jesus' love. Mercy is love in action. It isn't enough to simply talk about bringing God's love to others. Jesus calls us to step up. First, we need to grow into an understanding of experiencing mercy and then practicing mercy in our everyday lives. For children it also means encountering mercy first in their nuclear families. Granting each other in the family the mercy Jesus shares with us is often hard, but this unconditional love begins at home so the more we use those challenging moments, the more children learn what they live. This is the peace that Jesus gives us and the peace He extended to those frightened disciples in fear. This is what makes us Bold for Christ.

This week, with younger children, sing this song to the tune of "The farmer in the Dell." My Lord and My God. (2x) Thomas, he cried aloud, My Lord and My God. Trace younger children's hands and talk about how Jesus wants us to share His mercy, forgiveness, and love with others. Write or draw some simple ways this can be done. For older children, talk about St. Teresa's of Avila's prayer, Christ Has No Body on earth but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he works to do good. Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Point out when the exchange of Peace offered at Mass. Practice with younger children how to make eye contact and say the words to others around them at Mass. Also, point out when we pray the Lord, Have Mercy at the beginning of some Masses. The Sundays of the Easter season are rich in images and ideas. Other than Ordinary Time, it is the longest liturgical season in the Church Year lasting for 50 days. Try to keep the momentum of the Easter season alive in your homes. The chocolate bunnies and decorated eggs may dwindle over the 50 days, but Jesus's message of true joy, peace, mercy, and glory should keep the Alleluias shouting from our lips and resounding within us.



CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

A Marian Morning of Prayer and Reflection

Monday, May 1, 2023
9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



Reflection: Bro. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M.
All Chaminade parents, CAPA, alumni, and friends are welcome.

- Welcome - Keynote - Adoration
- Mass - Rosary

Continental breakfast will be available.

A suggested "free will" of \$20 may
be contributed at the door. Checks can be made
payable to Chaminade Development Fund.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Please register by
Monday, April 24, 2023

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

at
Saint Ignatius Loyola
Church

Hosted by
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of the Americas
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In 1931, Our Lord, Jesus Christ appeared to Polish nun Sister Faustina Kowalska. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His chest in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: *Jesus, I trust in You.* I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: *'Jesus, I trust in You.'*"

Saint Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II, who declared the Sunday after Easter to be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday."

April 16, 2023

2:30—4:30 pm

With Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Auxiliary Bishop,
Diocese of Rockville Centre



Confessions
(2:30—3:00 pm)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
(prayed using rosary beads)

Divine Mercy Service & Reflection
followed by Veneration
of the Divine Mercy Image

Prayer guides will be provided. All are welcome.

Saint Ignatius Loyola Church 129 Broadway, Hicksville, NY (516) 931-0056 stignatius@hicksville.org

Spring 2023 Liturgical Catechesis

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
THE MASS - STEP BY STEP
LITURGY EXPLAINED

Join

BISHOP ANDRZEJ

this Spring at these in-person presentations.
All are welcome! Registration is REQUIRED.

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mass Introductory Rites Explained
St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Liturgy of the Word Explained
St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Liturgy of the Eucharist Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mass Concluding Rites Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick

All sessions begin at 7:30 pm and take place in the Church.

St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Road
Brookville, NY 11545

Curé of Ars
2323 Merrick Avenue
Merrick, NY 11566



Advance registration is required. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name,
parish, email address and phone number.
Send your email to: westernvicariate@drvc.org or
call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Please do not contact the parish directly.



The Village of Williston Park Beautification Committee

Invites you to

Celebrate Earth Day

"Little Make a Difference Day"

Saturday, April 22, 2023

9:00 a.m.

**Meet in Village Hall Parking Lot
(Rear of 494 Willis Avenue)**

We will provide garbage bags and gloves. Please bring your rakes and shovels.

Groups will be assigned public areas within the Village and
we only ask for an hour or two of your time to help clean up and beautify
Williston Park for the Spring.

All school groups, Girls Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts
(accompanied by chaperone)
and all residents are invited to join us.

Please call 746-2193 or email Village Hall
(boardsecretary@villageofwillistonpark.org)
for questions, information or to register your group.

Thank you!



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Sunday, APRIL 23, 2023
Doors open at 1:30 p.m. – Games begin at 2:00 p.m.

\$12.00 per person
Includes Coffee, Tea and Snacks

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April 21-23, 2023

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To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:

516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org

Legion of Mary
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14th Annual Women's Retreat "BEHOLD THY SON"

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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THROUGHOUT
RETREAT

Periods of Silence throughout
retreat



Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

SACRAMENT OF
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Calling ALL women! Come ponder "Motherhood" in your heart after the example of Mary. We invite you to come pray with Mary especially for children and for priests. Come and receive strength to become the "perfect women" we are called to be!

"Thus the 'perfect woman' (Prov 31:10) becomes an irreplaceable support and source of spiritual strength for other people, who perceive the great energies of her spirit. These 'perfect women' are loved much by their families, and sometimes by whole nations." Mulleris Dignitatem (The Dignity of Women - St. John Paul II)

Friday, 12 May 2023 – Saturday, 13 May 2023

Held at the beautiful Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY
Check in Friday between 1 – 6 p.m. Ends Saturday 9 p.m.

Cost: \$175 per person

Includes dinner Friday, 3 meals Saturday, private room w/ shower

No registrations can be accepted after April 28th

Please send form below with check payable to St. Patrick Parish to:

St. Patrick R.C. Church, 280 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787 Attn: Legion of Mary

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

PARISH _____ Special dietary needs? _____ Approx. arrival time _____

For additional information contact Lana Maggio at 631-374-1116 or Corinne Addiss 631-804-7222 or keepntuch@aol.com

The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2023 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of St. James, Seaford

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Register online at drcv-faith.org

Registration must be received by Friday, April 28, 2022

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drcv.org



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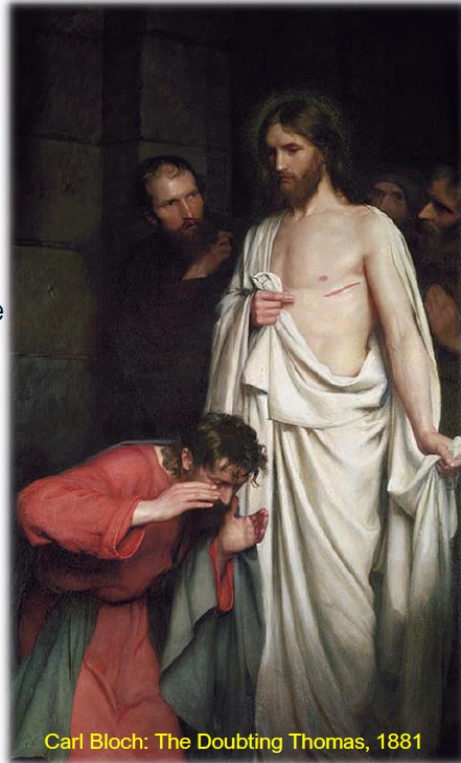
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Application Couple



SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS OF GLORY!

SING with all the Saints of
Glory in glory, sing the
resurrection song! Death and
sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking
soon the storms of time shall cease
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised,
Christ prepares it; there on
high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it.
Christ has passed th' eternal gates.



Carl Bloch: The Doubting Thomas, 1881

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day!*

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live forever (2X)

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

I KNOW that my Redeemer lives!
What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead
He lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave
He lives eternally to save.

PSALM 118



R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev-er - last - ing.

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS J. TISSERAND

ALELUIA, ALLELUIA!

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heav'n the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. **R:**
2. That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. **R:**
3. When Thomas, first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. **R:**
4. On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise,
In laud, and jubilee and praise. **R:**

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FOR

SUNDAY

MASS

He lives in majesty above;
He lives to guide his Church in love.

LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE

Alleluia Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise,
And the choirs of heaven chant it
In the temple of the skies;
Let the mountains skip with gladness,
And the joyful valleys ring
With hosannas in the highest
To our Savior and our King!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Like the sun from out the wave,
He has risen up in triumph
From the darkness of the grave.
He's the splendor of the nations,
He's the lamp of endless day;
He's the very Lord of glory
Who is risen up today!

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 1 ACTS 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 118

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

READING 2 1 PT 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL JN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the

nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name

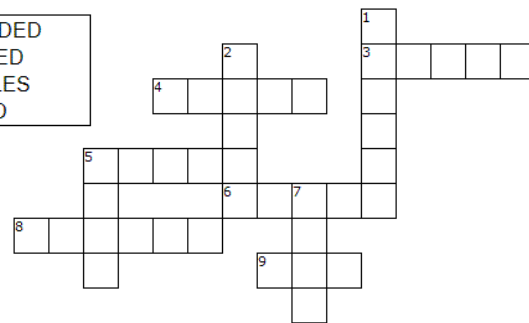
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God 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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DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

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