

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

APRIL 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

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

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH GROWTH 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

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 STAIDANPARISH.ORG

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FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

| MONDAY, MAY 1 | | EASTER WEEK FOUR ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER |
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| Fr. Solomon | 6:30 AM | James F. McCann (2nd Anniv. Rem.) |
| Fr. Ken Bishop Andrzej | 9:00 AM 5:30 PM | Kevin Joseph Driscoll, Jr. (3rd Anniv. Rem.) Lvg. & Dcd. Mbrs. of Bores & |
| Bishop Tindizej | 3.30 1111 | Bruckner Families |
| TUESDAY, MAY 2 | | ST. ATHANASIUS |
| Fr. Ken | 6:30 AM | Andrew Zaid (B'day Rem.) |
| Fr. Ken Fr. Solomon | 9:00 AM 5:30 PM | Louise DiBiasi Maryann T. Cilia (B'day Rem.) |
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| WEDNESDAY, MA Fr. Solomon | 4 3 6:30 AM | STS. PHILIP & JAMES Lvg. Int. for Aiden Chirayil |
| Fr. Solomon | 9:00 AM | Rosamma Samuel |
| Fr. Ken | 5:30 PM | Jimmy Guida |
| THURSDAY, MAY | 4 | EASTER WEEK FOUR |
| Fr. Ken | 6:30 AM | Louise & Steven DiBiasi |
| Bishop Andrzej | 9:00 AM | Ralph DiBello (4th Anniv. Rem.) |
| Fr. Ken | 5:30 PM | Mary Hogan (B'day Rem.) |
| FRIDAY, MAY 5 | | EASTER WEEK FOUR |
| Fr. Adrian | 6:30 AM | Michael Trenza |
| Fr. Adrian | 9:00 AM | SCHOOL MASS |
| Fr. Solomon | 5:30 PM | Anna F. Oliver (B'day Rem.) Claudia Mallen |
| Fr. Solomon | 8:00 PM | HEALING MASS |
| SATURDAY, MAY | 6 | EASTER WEEK FOUR |
| Fr. Adrian | 9:00 AM | Michael & Marianna Marsillo |
| Fr. Ken | 5:00 PM | Terence J. Sullivan |
| | | Dcd. Mbrs. of Fiorillo & |
| | | Mahaffey Families Lvg. Int. of Bill & Maureen Casey |
| | | (50th Wed. Anniv.) |
| | | Angelo Socci (7th Anniv. Rem.) |
| | | Rich Schaefer |
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| | | Katherine Koellmer |
| | | Bill Swierupski |
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9 AM to 12 PM

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What's Pastor Thinking

Jesus tells us that he is the shepherd and we are the sheep, which all

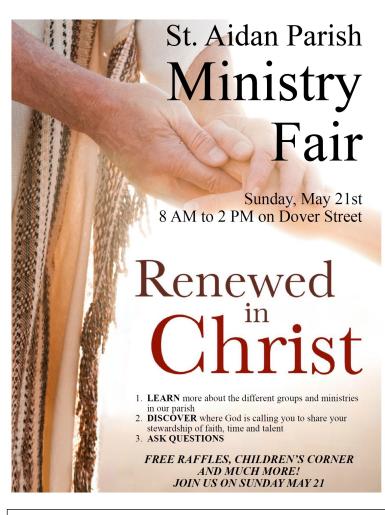
sounds good, until you get to know a little about sheep.

To begin with, sheep are considered one of God's dumber animals. Not very bright. And they smell. Another thing, if you chase a sheep he will start running and not stop. The sheep doesn't look back and doesn't know it is not being chased and will run until it dies. Very dumb. Sheep need protecting. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, 'I am the gate for the sheep.' Sounds pretty strange. We have to go back to the culture of the Ancient Near East to figure out what Jesus is talking about. In those days they built paddocks for sheep. They slept there at night. But the paddock had no gate, so the shepherd would sleep across the entrance. Any person or animal entering or leaving would have to go past the shepherd, so the sheep would be protected. And that's JESUS, THE PROTECTOR.

God knows we need divine protection right now as we continue to be alarmed by numbers of family, friends and neighbors who are sick and dying. We need divine protection from descending into despair as social isolation and the cancellation of events and celebrations leave us isolated. We have to wonder, if there really is an unseen enemy out there that we can't control, that is out to get us? We turn for help to the most well-known verse in the Bible. Psalm 23 tells us. "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT." When Jesus tells us that he is the good shepherd we like to believe that means that Jesus is always going to surround us with good things that will make us comfortable in life. He's going to lead us to lie down in green pastures where there is plenty of food for us to eat and be happy. But then we choose to forget that's not the only place that life leads us. There are other valleys: the valley of sickness, the valley of loneliness, the valley of pain and suffering, the



valley of broken dreams or unfulfilled promises, the valley of unemployment and homelessness, the valley of the loss of a skill or talent, and the valley of the death of someone we love. Those are valleys we have no control over and yet the events of life seem to slide us into them whether we are willing to go or not. This is not the first virus or plague to enter the world but here too we meet the Good Shepherd who says, 'A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; but I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.' God knew about the coronavirus ten years ago and even one thousand years ago. God knew about our days before a single one of them came into being. Nothing has ever caught God by surprise. Let us make our prayer Psalm 23 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' and believe we are His sheep, the sheep of His pasture.



WHAT'S HAPPENING - NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

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| April 28 - 30 | School Play |
| April 29 | First Communion |
| April 30 | 9 AM Rosarian's May Crowning |
| | Communion Breakfast |
| May 1 | Golf Outing |
| May 5 | 9 AM School Mass |
| May 5 | 1 PM Adoration |
| May 5 | 8 PM Healing Mass |
| May 6 | First Communion |
| May 7 | 9 AM Senior Servers Farewell Mass |
| May 13 | First Communion |
| May 14 | Mother's Day |
| May 18 | Ascension of the Lord |
| | (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| May 20 | First Communion |
| May 20 | 11 AM 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 28 | 1 PM Anointing of the Sick |
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STEWARDSHIP

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ATTENDANCE

04/22/23/2023 1543

EXTRA ENVELOPES

Landscaping Expenses Catholic Elementary School

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400 Pledges \$81,050 Donors 241 Payments \$57,493

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

MICHAEL W. NOVER
CATHERINE 'KITTY'
HOFFMAN
MARY T. SCHRECK
GRAZIELLA RISERVATO
KEVIN FLYNN
BRIDGET MURRAY

FUNERAL MASS

ANTHONY R. COSTA MONDAY, MAY 1 @ 10:00AM

CONCETTA CACCAVIELLO SATURDAY, MAY 6 @ 9:45AM

THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE

Colleen Cassidy
Eileen Grill
Jho Martin
Lisa Lang Loker
Gerard Davey
Maureen 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 Diane Mitra Jimmy Elliott Baby Bradley Marino Jelcic

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WEDDING BELLS

MAY 12, 2023
3:30 PM
Christine Mary Calamia
St. Aidan
Alexander Patrick Bujacich
Our Lady of Lourdes

JUNE 3, 2023 3:00 PM Kira Zuniga St. Agnes Michael Bitsko St. Aidan

JUNE 4,2023 3:00 PM Nicole Marie Viola St. Aidan William Connor Rettig Incarnation

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

We wish to congratulate the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend! Our Catechism teaches that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. When we receive the Lord in the Eucharist, it is an act of thanksgiving to God. It recalls the Lord's Supper with his Apostles. The Eucharist is essential to the communal dimension of our faith. It is the nourishment that enables us to remain spiritually strong and healthy.

We give thanks for all the teachers, relatives, and friends of these children who have helped prepare them for First Holy Communion, and who assist them in their future growth in faith through their prayers and actions. We especially thank the parents who are the primary educators of the children in the ways of the faith. The following "PRAYER AT A CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION" is a prayer for those children preparing for their First Holy Communion and reflects our great appreciation of the Eucharist: Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament, Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

May 14 is Mother's Day. Wishing you all a Happy Mother's Day. Express your love for a special mother, grandmother, godmother, mother-in-law, an expectant mother, or any woman who has played a motherly role in your life. Let them know that they will be remembered in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses. You can remember any dear mother, living or deceased. Their names will be placed at Our Lady's Shrine for the month of May.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

"O Mary! We crown thee with blossoms today." Many are familiar with this 19th-century Marian hymn traditionally used during May crowning. While we can attend both school and parish May Crowning, why not also make a space for a May Altar in your home? Place there some flowers and a statue of Mary, honoring her as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Dedicate the entire month of May to honoring Mary.

Mary has many feast days celebrated throughout the year, three of them holy days of obligation:

- January 1, the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God;
- August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
- December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- May 28, the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. It falls on the Monday after Pentecost. The newest Marian feast day was created by Pope Francis and reminds us that Mary was there with the apostles in the upper room at

Pentecost, praying with them. She has always loved, supported and prayed for the Church from the very beginning.

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - APRIL 29/30

Half of the money collected in parishes with schools, and parishes that support regional schools, stays with the school, and the other half is sent to the Diocese and is given to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for scholarships.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. 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. May 28.

ARE YOU SEARCHING?

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

NEW YORK STATE CATHOLICS TO HOLD OCTOBER EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The eight Catholic dioceses of New York State are sponsoring an historic statewide Eucharistic Congress, which will be held at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, New York from October 20-22, 2023.

The Eucharistic Congress is taking place as part of a national effort of the Catholic Church to reinvigorate devotion to the Eucharist on a national level. This National Eucharistic Revival, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, aims to restore understanding and fidelity to the great mystery of Jesus really and truly present in the Eucharist and to encourage all Catholics to make the Eucharist the source and summit of their faith.

The bishops of New York State have launched an easy to use website, https://nyseucharisticcongress.org/, to provide comprehensive information about the Eucharistic Congress and allow people to register.

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Bishop of the Diocese of Albany and one of the chairs of the New York State Eucharistic Congress, said, "We look forward to welcoming upwards of 10,000 people to the Eucharistic Congress, who want to draw closer to Jesus and share in this historic three day event. Our Congress will feature Mass on Saturday celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, great speakers, opportunities for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and time to socialize. It will be a wonderful time to renew our faith in Jesus, and share that faith with others." The location of the Eucharistic Congress, the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, is the site of the 17th century martyrdoms of Jesuit missionaries Saints Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil and Jean Lalande and of the birth of the first native American saint, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Jogues is famous for his love for the Mass and Tekakwitha for her love for Eucharistic adoration.

The Shrine's Coliseum, built in 1931 in response to the canonization of martyred Jesuit missionaries, is the largest Church building in the United States, holding 10,000.

The Congress' website will be updated regularly to provide information on the complete schedule of events, the speakers who will captivate and inspire the crowd, religious services that will take place, and nearby places to stay. It will also allow individuals, families, groups and parishes to register as well as give them the opportunity to volunteer during this historic three-day event.

VISITATION OF RELICS OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY, FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE GROWTH OF CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA.

Following 4 Locations scheduled:

- May 1st St Joseph Church, Garden City 8:30 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm Mass & Veneration; 12:45 - 6:30 pm Visitation of Relic
- May 2nd St Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre 6:00 pm -Preached Vespers with the Relic
- May 3rd Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington – 3:00 pm – Midday Prayer, 3:00 – 6:30 pm Visitation of the Relic, 7:00 pm - Mass
- May 4th St Anthony of Padua Church, East Northport Noon - 6:30 pm Visitation & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament; 7:00 pm Mass with Bishop Barres, praying for the Intercession of Blesses McGivney for Vocations. Reception to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus

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





Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

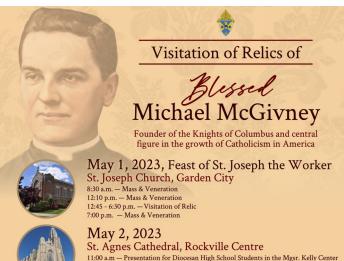
EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!



To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.





11:00 a.m. — Presentation for Diocesan High School Students in the Mgsr. Kelly Center 11:45 a.m. — Students venerate the Relic in the Cathedral 12:10 p.m. — Mass with Relic with students and parishioners of St. Agnes 6:00 p.m. — Preached vespers with the Relic

May 3, 2023

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. — Visitation of Relic 3:00 p.m. — Midday Prayer 7:00 p.m. — Mass



May 4, 2023

St. Anthony of Padua Church, East Northport Noon - 6:30 p.m. — Visitation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1:00 p.m. — Prayer Service for Trinity Regional School with Veneration of Relic 7:00 p.m. — Mass with Bishop Barres, praying for the Intercession of Blessed McGivney for Vocations. Reception to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus

For More Information: Contact the Rectory of Saint Anthony of Padua Church, East Northport Maricelle or Betsy: 631-261-1077 or info@saintanthonyofpadua.org

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 Mondays, May 8th and May 22nd. If you have any questions, please call Parish Social Ministry (516) 746-6585 and press prompt 4.

Food items needed: BREAD, FROZEN VEGETABLES, BUTTER, CHOP MEAT, APPLE JUICE, SNACKS, BARS OF SOAP, BRILLO, PAPER TOWELS, 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.

ST. AIDAN ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The corporate Mass at 9am April 30th will be offered for deceased Rosarian Lillian Giambastiani. Our next meeting is May 8th. This meeting will be our baby shower for Moma's House. At the May 8th meeting new members will be inducted. New members are always welcome.

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 HOLY ROSARY.

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

COME & PRAY WITH US!

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

ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP MEETING

St. Aidan's Respect Life group will be meeting on Thurs, May 18th at 7pm in the Scout Room The Scout Room is in the basement of the school. 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.drvclife.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

- 5/21 Monthly meeting & elections at Msgr. Kirwin Hall.
 May 21st, Plant & Bake Sale St. Francis Garden.
- 6/12 Annual Installation Mass -The Church of Saint Aidan, followed by light refreshments at Msgr. Kirwin Hall

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

- Spring 2023 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun June 4, 2023 12 Noon 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: June 10, 2023 8:30am 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat June 10, 2023 5:00pm 6:00pm
- Fall 2023 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun November 5, 2023 12
 Noon 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: November 11, 2023
 8:30am 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat November 11, 2023
 5:00pm 6:00pm

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

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

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 inperson 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:// wwmenyli.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

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 invaluable foundation for their ministries. Visit https://drvclife.org/ssa-gender-education/

TAKE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY COURSES THIS SUMMER AT ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY!

Dates: May 31 through July 14. Courses are: Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious. Offered in person or online - Zoom in from any location to join a class. Reasonably priced - Affordable tuition rates! 50% tuition discount for new students, alumni auditors, diocesan and parish employees. Taught by world-class faculty. To learn more about our schedule of classes for summer, go to www.dunwoodie.edu or email: sjs.academics @dunwoodie.edu

SAINT AIDAN'S BOOSTER CLUB

Weekly, Monthly and Bonus Prizes Chances to win every month!

The Booster Club is administered by The St. Aidan School Board All proceeds directly benefit the school

March 2023 Winners

S20 Winners Virginia Casey Patty Regan Rosemarie Quigg

Jane Davey

Rosemary & John Morley Rosemary Loughlin Susan Costabile Katie Worth Debbie Vitale Eileen P. Oliver Barbara Afonso Patrick A. Marotta Kerry McDonough Jim & Barbara Stumpf Margaret Morley Eileen Watts

\$25 Winners: Evelyn Entenmann, Carolyn Stalters

\$50 Winner: Helen Ogden

\$100 Winner: Kevin & Mary O'Keefe

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN NOW! \$30 Annual Membership runs September 2022 to June 2023

To purchase a membership, please visit our online registration site at https://staidanschool.org/st-aidan-booster-club. You may also register by completing this form and returning it to the Rectory (505 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596) with cash or check payable to St. Aidan, attention: Booster Club.

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 \square Please check here if this is a $\it renewal$ of an existing membership.

Any questions, please email <u>StAidanBooster@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your support of St. Aidan School!

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

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

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.

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!

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 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.

CLARK GARDEN HOST ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

North Hempstead, NY - North Hempstead Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena and the Town Board along with the Clark Botanic Garden Auxiliary are pleased to present the Annual Spring Plant Sale at Clark Botanic Garden on Friday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will feature annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, hanging baskets, tree, native plants, and vegetables for purchase. The plant sale raises money for the Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc. Collections at the garden include native spring wildflowers, conifers, roses, perennials, daylilies, wetland plants, rock garden plants, herbs, butterfly plants, medicinal plants, and more than a dozen collections of plant families. The Plant Sale will also feature: Twice Loved Jewelry & Accessories Art Exhibit, Clark Coffee Café featuring refreshments from Serendipitea & Mongo Coffee and treats (including gluten-free) from local bakers, Garden Gift Shop, Taste NY Booth, Raffles. Celebrating its tenth anniversary, Taste NY will have a booth at the plant sale featuring products made in New York State. Local and homegrown items will be on display and available for purchase. Founded in 1969, Clark Botanic Garden is a 12-acre living museum and educational facility dedicated to understanding and appreciating the world's plant life through horticulture, education and research. It is located at 193 I. U. Willets Road in Albertson. Admission to the plant sale is free and only cash or checks will be accepted when purchasing plants. All proceeds will benefit the Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc. The plant sale is rain or shine. For more information, please call 311 or (516) 869-6311.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

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

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WWW.CFFOR.ORG

God or Your Job? Supreme Court Deliberating Case of Christian Postal Worker with Major implications for religious-liberty rights in the U.S. By: Peter Pinedo/ CNA

"In 2019, Gerald Groff resigned from his position with the U.S. Postal Service after years of allegedly being harassed, targeted and disciplined for declining to work Sundays so that he could abide by the Third Commandment, to "keep holy the Sabbath day." Groff

then sued USPS for violating his religious rights. After his claims were denied by both a Pennsylvania district court and the 3rd Circuit Court, the Supreme Court of the United States agreed to take up his appeal on April 18, 2023.

Groff is an evangelical Christian missionary and a former Pennsylvania mailman. In a Tuesday interview with First Liberty Institute, Groff explained that he has a deeply held religious conviction that the Sabbath is "not just about going to church, it's about obeying the Lord and putting the entire day aside to honor and glorify him."

According to Groff, he was repeatedly harassed and intimidated by his bosses because of his request to not work on Sundays. After facing escalating disciplinary action and the sense that he was on the brink of termination, Groff resigned from his position with the postal service in 2019 rather than waiting to be fired. Groff sued USPS in the federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, saying his right to practice his religion had been violated."

The Supreme Court's opinion is expected around the end of June.

Third Commandment: Catechism of the Catholic Church

"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God;" First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;"

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Now that we know why we say "our Father", we can look at the rest of the prayer. It contains seven petitions which follow immediately after we recognize that Our Father is in heaven, the place where we long to meet Him someday. The first three relate to God, the last four are for us. Here is how the CCC begins to explain the first three. "2804 The first series of petitions carries us toward him, for his own sake: thy name, thy kingdom, thy will! It is characteristic of love to think first of the one whom we love. In none of the three petitions do we mention ourselves; the burning desire, even anguish, of the beloved Son for his Father's glory seizes us: "hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done...." These three supplications were already answered in the saving sacrifice of Christ, but they are henceforth directed in hope toward their final fulfillment, for God is not yet all in all."

But exactly what do they mean? The first petition is "hallowed be Thy name". Hallowed means sanctified, consecrated, highly venerated, made holy, and we are not asking that God make His name sanctified, nor do we expect that we will do so. By His very nature, His name already is holy. But as the CCC explains, Jesus made this optative, which means that it is "2808... a petition, a desire, and an expectation in which God and man are involved.... which draws us into his plan of loving kindness for the fullness of time, "according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ," that we might "be holy and blameless before him in love." God created us in His image, thus, to be holy, but because of sin, we fall short. It is in recognizing His holiness, hallowing His name, that we can be restored to holiness. "2808... God was to manifest his holiness by revealing and giving his name, in order to restore man to the image of his Creator." But just as "our Father" is a change from the Old Testament, so is this concept. "2810 In the promise to Abraham and the oath that accompanied it, God commits himself but without disclosing his name. He begins to reveal it to Moses and makes it



One Family-Journeying togother in Communion Participation and Mission



"Welcoming people with disabilities and responding to their needs is a duty of the civil and ecclesial communities,"

-Pope Francis

The goal of the Parish Social Ministry is to connect and bring people together in communion in order to build community. At Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, there are approximately 15 ministries that are a part of the PSM; youngsters to seniors minister to build a community of faith, hope and love.

Christopher is a Leader in the OLQM Special needs Respite Program for many years.

"It's a very fun way for people with special needs to socialize and meet new people by participating in various activities, games and special breakfasts with prayer and guest speakers. There is a Special Needs mass and I lector. The program has helped me build more confidence socially and to step outside of my comfort zone and to interact with more people with special needs. My family is blessed to have me a part of the program," shared Christopher.



To make a donation, you can also visit https://www.drvc.org/CMA/ or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank You!

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known clearly before the eyes of the whole people when he saves them from the Egyptians..." But calling Himself "I AM" as He told Moses is more a statement of His eternal nature and omnipotence than a name by which to address Him. It is only later that "in Jesus the name of the Holy God is revealed and given to us... (in) the heart of his priestly prayer: "Holy Father...for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth." Because he "sanctifies" his own name, Jesus reveals to us the name of the Father" and so we can address Him as "our Father". The CCC adds another layer to this by reminding us that we are counselled by Jesus to be holy as He (the Father) is holy, and that "2814... When we say "hallowed be thy name," we ask that it should be hallowed in us, who are in him; but also in others whom God's grace still awaits, that we may obey the precept that obliges us to pray for everyone, even our enemies. That is why we do not say expressly "hallowed be thy name 'in us," for we ask that it be so in

Which brings us to "Thy kingdom come". "2859 By the second petition, the Church looks first to Christ's return and the final coming of the Reign of God. It also prays for the growth of the Kingdom of God in the "today" of our own lives." Specifically, the CCC says "2816 The Kingdom of God lies ahead of us...it is proclaimed throughout the whole Gospel, and it...has been coming since the Last Supper and, in the Eucharist, it is in our midst. The kingdom will come in glory when Christ hands it over to his Father..." And while it is this final coming for which we hope, we

also are asking our Father to ensure that we further the kingdom in the world today and nurture its growth until that final coming. And how are we to do this? We pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven", asking our Father to unite our will to that of his Son, so as to fulfill his plan of salvation in the life of the world. "2823 "He has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ...to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will." Recall Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, "Not My will, but Thine be done." That is what we are asking for here. "2825... We ask our Father to unite our will to his Son's, in order to fulfill his will, his plan of salvation for the life of the world." And just like "Thy kingdom come" this is a universal request. "For he did not say "thy will be done in me or in us," but "on earth," the whole earth, so that error may be banished from it, truth take root in it, all vice be destroyed on it, virtue flourish on it, and earth no longer differ from heaven...2826 By prayer we can discern "what is the will of God"...Jesus teaches us that one enters the kingdom of heaven not by speaking words, but by doing "the will of my Father in heaven." 2827 "If any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him." So let us remember what the first three petitions tell us: that we should strive to be holy as God is holy so that His kingdom will grow to its eternal wonder as we try to ensure that by doing His will.





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TO BE ADDED TO THE MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR EMAIL, PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO VOCATIONS@DRVC.ORG

Junior Catholic Daughters 35th Annual Plant Sale 2023

All orders must be received by Sunday May 14.
Orders will be ready by May 21.
Please mail orders and checks, made out to JCDA to
Doreen Uttaro 28 Franklin Street, Williston Park NY 11596

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL







Thank you to everyone who came out on Saturday, April 22 to support the Sant Aidan Class of 2023 at their Car Wash Fundraiser! Special thanks to our hardworking 8th graders and their parents for organizing. It was a successful day!











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Family owned and operated, Camps 'R' Us is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023. Learn more at the links below, and join us at our upcoming open house.

Camps 'R' Us Williston Park Open House - Sunday, May 28 2023 | 12 PM











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SUMMERFEST Programs are for Girls entering Grades 5-8 and TMLA's Class of 2027 (unless otherwise noted) Questions? Email Mrs. Ellen Ferguson at eferguson@tmla.org



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 coteacher 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)746-6585x406 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 ANY GRADE 7 OR 8 RELIGIOUS 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 was 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 and stapled together. 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 accurately. 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 from the sponsor's home parish. Sponsor Forms cannot be accepted without the home parish seal and authorized signature.

EDUCATION STUDENTS WHO MISSED THE FINAL EXAM SHOULD CALL THE **FAITH FORMATION OFFICE AT X405 TO** SCHEDULE A FINAL EXAM. FINAL EXAMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MAY 24TH.

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 May 6th will practice on Monday, May st. 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.

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.

Family Mass: Connecting Church and Home! Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The liturgical color is white. Today's Gospel, (John 10:1-10), is the famous story of the Good Shepherd. Jesus uses the image of a good shepherd to describe His devotion and faithfulness to His people. The sheep represent those who follow Him. In Jesus' time, shepherding was a common occupation, which was not viewed as a career of higher stature. Because sheep tend to stray off often to be preyed upon by other animals, a good shepherd had to be alert and willing to put himself at risk to protect his flock. Each

sheep was known, and each sheep was important. Jesus used this beautiful metaphor to show how important cherished each "sheep" is to the "Good Shepherd." The second part of this gospel is when Jesus describes Himself as the Gate. A gate is used to hold in some and keep others out. Those who would harm the sheep can not get past Jesus. His love is so immense for each sheep (aka us), that He willingly would lay down His life foe even one sheep. Therefore, Jesus was speaking of the sacrifice He would eventually make for our salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "Jesus has been given the care of God's people, and he gives his life for them. Those who have been baptized into Christ have received the forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus continues to lead and guard his flock, the Church, from all that would harm it or lead it astray. They (the sheep) must listen only to his voice and not allow themselves to be corrupted by the ways of the world." (CCC, 754, 764). Children are introduced to this gospel story very early in religion classes. They enjoy hearing all about the sheep and how kind and loving the Good Shepherd is. The Good Shepherd story is also often used in the preparation of young children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation because it so easily depicts how caring God is for us. There are also many resources online such

as coloring sheets, puzzles, and many trade books about the Good Shepherd story. Every major edition of the Children's Bible includes it as a featured story.

This week, recall with younger children that Jesus the Good Shepherd calls each of us by name because He knows each of us personally. We can and should answer Him. Discuss with children different ways to answer the call of the Good Shepherd in prayer, in sacraments, in choosing to listen to the Word of God, in loving actions, and in works of service. Practice having children and even older family members respond to this question, "Jesus calls your name. How will you answer?" Teach younger

children to sing this traditional spiritual. Sounds like Jesus. Somebody's callin' my name (3x) Oh my Lord, Oh my Lord, what shall I do. What shall I do? Make Good Shepherd bookmarks using cardstock or construction paper. Print off a few images of the Good Shepherd and have each child select one image. Glue on to the paper, color it if needed, and use it to mark special pages in a Children's Bible or favorite storybook. With older children, use today's psalm, Psalm 23 which begins with the words, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." Talk about how this psalm can give comfort to those who pray it. The images are very graphic and beautiful. Create an intercessory prayer by having children describe sometimes when they feel they are lacking what they need. Some examples of starters would be, When I am...

Take advantage of today's gospel and whatever ways you use it this week, keep the Good Shepherd image alive in your households through the remaining weeks of the church's Easter season. It is a great way to continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus alive in our minds and hearts are we journey through these 50 special days. Jesus is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

(possible responses could be tired, sick,

scared, lonely, bored, etc. Then respond

with "The Lord is my shepherd, there is

nothing I shall want."

St. Aidan's Family Mass

JESUS IS ALIVE! ALLELUIA!

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Coming Events: May 14th Take Mom to Mass on Mother's Day!







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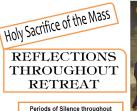




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GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Ou satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat One give to us, O Saving Lord The Bread of Life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep They know and heed his voice, So when you call your family Lord, They follow and rejoice, **R**:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

HE Lord is my Shepherd
I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil. For you are with me. You will comfort me.

PSALM 23



THE KING OF LOVE

HE King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Forever.

IMMACULATE MARY

MMACULATE Mary, your praises we sing; You reign now in splendor with Jesus, our King.

Ave, Ave, Ave, María! Ave, Ave, Ave, María!

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim: on earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name. **R**:

We pray for the Church our true mother on earth and beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth. **R**:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 2:14A, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 23

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

READING 2 1 PT 2:20B-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL JN 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he

walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

NICENE CREED

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

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

ACROSS

- Someone not known or not familiar
- 4. A person who takes care of sheep
- The sound made when people speak or sing
- The word or words by which a person or thing is known

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DOWN

- An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
- 3. Someone who steals
- 4. A farm animal with thick curly wool
- A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept

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