



St. Aidan

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

MAY 14 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY

HAVE A HAPPY

Mother's Day

HONORING OUR MOTHERS

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.

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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.

MEETINGS AT ST. AIDAN

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.

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 ST AidanParish.org

VIMEO ST. AIDAN, WILLISTON PARK

FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, MAY 15

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

TUESDAY, MAY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18

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

Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 19

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

SATURDAY, MAY 20

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

Fr. Adrian 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 21

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

Fr. Ken 5:00 PM

EASTER WEEK SIX

Joseph Silvaggio (Anniv. Rem.)
Mother's Day Novena
Catherine Rehill (16th Anniv. Rem.)
John J. McGowan & Anne K. McGowan

EASTER WEEK SIX

Lorraine McCarren (11th Anniv. Rem.)
Mother's Day Novena
Daniel J. Lynch (B'day Rem.)

EASTER WEEK SIX

Ronald J. Pugliese
Mother's Day Novena
VIGIL MASS FOR THE ASCENSION
Christopher Plaza (B'day Rem.)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

George Simonson (1st Anniv. Rem.)
SCHOOL ATTENDING MASS
Mother's Day Novena
Ann DiBello (20th Anniv. Rem.)

EASTER WEEK SIX

Michael Trenza
Mother's Day Novena
Frank Flanagan (8th Anniv & B'day Rem.)

EASTER WEEK SIX

Mother's Day Novena
Daniel Ferrara (B'day Rem.)
Kevin Grady (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Catherine Habermann (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Kenneth C. Frank
Bella Rivera
William Hager
Lillian Giambastiani
Rose Quinnan
Josephine Pantano

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MINISTRY FAIR

John J. Horan (B'day)
Mother's Day Novena
Michael O'Toole (1st Anniv. Rem.)
CYO SWIM TEAM ATTENDING
Frank Damato (21st Anniv. Rem.)
Thomas Scarola-Villani
Fr. John Egan
Robert W. Smith
Emily J. Rodgers
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9 AM to 12 PM

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Rev. Fr. Ken Grooms

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Rev. Jerry Magaldi
Rev. Salvatore B. Villani

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What's Pastor Thinking

"Shhh..." We spent most of our younger life hearing that sound "Shhh..." in the classroom. "Shhh..." in the library. "Shhh..." on the playground or in the cafeteria — although that never made any sense to me! At home, how many times a day does a parent say, "Shhh..?" For some, its all too much! "Shush yourself Enough. I want the noise." Do you remember another kind of 'shhhh' moment that we looked forward to hearing when we were children. When going to sleep a parent would tuck a blanket around you, lean over and whisper "Shhh, I'm right here if you need me." They wouldn't shush because you were talking or were too loud, but because they wanted to make sure we heard the words of comfort offered to us. That's the kind of 'shush' moment Jesus has with his disciples in today's gospel. Today he is giving one of those final pep talks we see sprinkled throughout St. John's gospel. He tells them that He is going to be leaving them soon, but that God would send them someone in His place, the 'Counselor' or 'Comforter.' Those words of departure pierce the disciples' hearts as they realize that the One they had depended on, and

turned to for support, through so many difficult times, was not going to be with them for very much longer. What would they do? How would they carry on without Him? What would happen to them, to the movement?

Jesus knew what they were feeling. He knew their fears, their doubts, their concerns and their questions. 'Shhh! ... the Father will send another to comfort you and to remind you of all that I have taught you. Now shhhhhh. I will not leave you orphans, I leave you my peace, a special kind of peace the world knows nothing about. Now ssshhhhh, listen, wait."

It wasn't because the disciples were being rude or talking too loud that Jesus had to shush them. It was simply that they might really listen to the words of comfort and hope that He had to offer. Shhh! Jesus offers peace the world cannot offer! Shhh! Jesus offers meaning and eternal life! Trouble at home or maybe work or school? Problems with finances? Shhh! God will never leave us orphans. God will send His Spirit. Shhh! Whatever you might be facing now, or whatever you might face in the future, Shhh! God is offering hope and comfort.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING – NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

May 13	First Communion
May 14	Mother's Day
May 18	Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
May 19	Adoration 1-3 PM, St. Aidan
May 19	Holy Hour for Vocations – Seminary at 7:30 p.m.
May 20	First Communion
May 20	11 AM Diaconate Ordination St. Agnes Cathedral - 11 a.m.
May 21	St. Aidan Ministry Fair
Mat 21	CYO Swim Team attend 12:00 Mass
May 21	Golden Wedding Mass, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue
May 28	Pentecost
May 28	1 PM Anointing of the Sick
May 29	Memorial Day
June	Month of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Diocese of Rockville Centre
June 2	School Mass at 9:00 AM
June 2	Healing Mass at 8:00 PM
June 4	Pre- Cana Opening Mass 12:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP

05/08/22 \$26,541
05/07/23 \$29,174

ATTENDANCE

05/06/07/2023 1,398

EXTRA ENVELOPE
Ascension Thursday

ONLINE GIVING

staidanparish.org.
Click DONATE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400
Pledges \$86,505 Donors 262
Payments \$65,209

*Thank you for supporting St.
Aidan. Please notify the
Rector's Office if you have
changed your address*

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

ANN MIRITELLO
CONCETTA CACCAVIELLO
ASSUNTA (SUSAN)
TANGORRA
ANTHONY MERCURIO
NAT INFURNA
CLARYCE KOHL

FUNERAL MASS

THEODORE MINOR
SATURDAY, JUNE 3 @ 11:00

THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE

Eileen Grill
Jho Martin
Maureen Howard
Jim Howard
Michaela Reilly
Jean Lopardo
Mark Totten
AnnMarie Georgeou
Louise Blackford

Arianna DeOliveira

Jinny Gallagher

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Frank Connolly

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Doreen Downes

Rosa Barroca

Cathy Fleming

John Sweeney

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Jimmy Elliott

Baby Bradley Marino Jelcic

P J Kennedy

Michael Kenny

Kevin Mulligan

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

WEDDING BELLS

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

MAY 12, 2023
3:30 PM

Christine Mary Calamia
St. Aidan
Alexander Patrick Bujacich
Our Lady of Lourdes
Fr. Adrian

JUNE 3, 2023
3:00 PM

Kira Zuniga
St. Agnes
Michael Bitsko
St. Aidan
Deacon Jerry

God of Love,
listen to this prayer.

God of Holy People,
of Sarah, Ruth, and Rebekah;
God of holy Elizabeth,
mother of John,
of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,
bend down Your ear to this request
and bless the mother of our family.

Happy Mother's Day

Bless her with the strength
of Your spirit,
she who has taught her children
how to stand and walk.

Bless her with the melody of Your love,
she who has shared how to speak, how to sing
and how to pray to You.

Bless her with a place at Your eternal dinner table,
she who has fed and nurtured
the life that was formed within her
while still helpless
but embraced in her love.

Bless her today, now, in this lifetime,
with good things, with health.

Bless her with joy, love, laughter,
and pride in her child/children
and surround her with good friends.

May she who carried life in her womb
be carried one day to Your divine embrace:
there, for all eternity,
to rejoice with her family and friends.

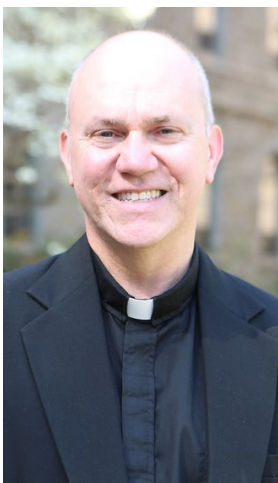
This blessing and all grace, we pray,
descend upon the mother of our family:
in the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. KEN WHO WAS APPOINTED PASTOR OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN WEST HAMPTON BEACH.

We thank Fr. Ken for his service as associate pastor at St. Aidan and wish him a happy transition into his new ministry. Fr. Ken will leave at the end of June. While we are sad to see him go, keep in mind that a priest is ordained to serve the needs of the entire Diocese, and not just one parish. If you've benefited from Fr. Ken's ministry, thank him and thank God. A Farewell Mass will be held on Sunday, June 25th at 12:00 PM.



Light refreshments to follow in Kirwin Hall.

As soon as Bishop Barres appoints a new associate priest, we will let you know. Fr. Solomon and Fr. Adrian will continue to minister at St. Aidan, with Deacons Rudy and Jerry. We are also happy to welcome Fr. Patrick Abem back to St. Aidan in July. He will assist us during the Summer. Fr. Patrick teaches at St. Joseph Seminary in Nigeria.

Our priests and deacons appreciate your support and encouragement. Of course no one is perfect, but if you wait for a perfect priest, the pulpit in your church will be empty for a long, long time. Continue to pray for vocations and for the future of the church on Long Island.

MINISTRY FAIR SUNDAY, MAY 21ST FROM 8 AM TO 2 PM ON DOVER STREET

A 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. Our theme is 'Renewed in Christ' as we are all afforded an opportunity to recommit our faith, time, and talent to help build the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Fair will run from 8 AM to 2 PM on Dover Street, beside the Upper School. Before Mass starts parishioners will receive 5 free raffle tickets. You can put one or more tickets in any box at the tables on Dover Street to win a prize. Looking forward to seeing you at the fair.

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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Wishing you all a Happy Mother's Day. Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-in-law, expectant mothers, and those women who have played a motherly role in our lives are remembered in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses. A list was included in your envelope package and Mother's Day cards are available in church. The names you sent us will be placed at Our Lady's Shrine for the month of May.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Mary has many feast days celebrated throughout the year. 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.

THE COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN WILL BE TAKEN UP THE WEEKEND OF MAY 27-28

This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. May 19, June 25.

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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI, WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS YEAR ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023.

To mark the beginning of the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival (June 2023-July 2024), every parish in the country is invited to plan a Eucharistic procession. The time of the procession at St. Aidan will be after the 10:30 AM Mass. A Eucharistic Procession, just like Eucharistic Adoration, is an extension of the worship of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The supreme act of adoration and the source and summit of the Christian life is the celebration of the Mass, and that celebration is prolonged and intensified through Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass. In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized as we go forth into the world. Not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago as they walked with Jesus, proclaiming the Good News to the world. A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host. For those who participate in the procession, it is an opportunity not only to proclaim their faith but also to grow in their faith. The procession is, finally, an invitation to Jesus

himself to be a part of our daily lives, to be immersed in the world in which we live.

TOMORROW'S HOPE FOUNDATION GALA

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation will host its 18th Annual Stars for Students Gala on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m. at RXR Plaza in Uniondale. Proceeds from the event will help provide tuition assistance to students in need attending Long Island's Catholic elementary schools. The Stars for Students Gala is the Foundation's signature event in celebration of Catholic elementary education on Long Island and its champions. This year, Tomorrow's Hope is honoring Michael Maturo, President of RXR, Crisler Quick, President & Founder of The Finance Department and the Honorable Peter Quick, Mayor of Mill Neck for their steadfast support of the Tomorrow's Hope mission. Please consider supporting the Tomorrow's Hope Gala by purchasing a sponsorship or ticket to attend the event by visiting the website at www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org. Today's Children are Tomorrow's Hope!

NEW YORK STATE CATHOLICS TO HOLD OCTOBER EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!



This weekend, **May 13th & 14th**, St. Aidan's Parish is hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- ✓ Free pregnancy test kits
- ✓ Free sonogram
- ✓ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ✓ Medical care referrals
- ✓ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- ✓ Male advocates available to speak with fathers

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.

(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON JUNE 17TH AND 18TH

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give
the gift of life to her preborn baby!*

family supports this process through prayer and witness. Those who choose to become Catholic are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you would like to learn more, please call 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Happy Mother's Day!

- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:45 am in the Dorothy Day room in the Finamore Center to knit or crochet prayer shawls or lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving one of these blessed shawls, please contact our office. New members are always welcome. You need not know how to knit or crochet. We have talented parishioners who can teach you. The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 22nd. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Social Ministry office at: (516) 746-6585 and press prompt 4.
- Food items needed: PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY (GRAPE), SENSODYNE TOOTHPASTE, BABY WIPES, DISHWASHING LIQUID, DETERGENT, SPONGES, MAYONNAISE, BREADCRUMBS, OIL, TOOTHBRUSHES, NAPKINS, TOOTHBRUSHES, SOS PADS AND INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS. Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the Parish Social Ministry office or to our new food box which is located near the St. Vincent de Paul clothing box. Please do not leave anything in the food box which requires refrigeration or any frozen food items.

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

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG

For the month of April, the PB&J Gang made 91 wash-up kits which they donated to those in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

We were very pleased to induct 12 new members at our last meeting. New members are always welcome.

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.

NEW PRAYER COMMUNITY FORMING

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 7PM IN THE CONVENT YELLOW ROOM. COME, JOIN WITH OTHERS AS WE SHARE OUR FAITH JOURNEY GROWING DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF JESUS AND INTERCEDING FOR OTHERS. (FOR INFORMATION YOU CAN CALL MAUREEN 516-248-5445).

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.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

- 5/21 - 9:00am Monthly meeting & elections at the lower school, Msgr. Kirwin Hall. Plant and Bake Sale outside church from 930am to 12:30pm
- 6/13 Tuesday Annual Installation Mass -The Church of Saint Aidan, followed by light refreshments at Msgr. Kirwin Hall

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.

MAY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Young Adults are invited to the Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington. Father Sean Magaldi, vocations director and

director of campus ministry for the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be the guest preacher. This evening includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, live music, opportunities for confession, dodgeball and food. For more information contact Marie Mortimer at mmortimer@drvc.org.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION ON JUNE 10, 2023

All are welcome to attend the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. in St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place in Rockville Centre. Bishop Barres

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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HANGING BASKETS \$22.EACH		QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE	
GERANIUMS	RED		\$	
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will ordain Deacon Steven McClernon to the priesthood of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and Deacons Subin Wilson and Michael Nam into the Identite Missionaries. The ordination will also air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN) at 11:00 a.m. It will be replayed later that evening at 8 p.m. CFN can be viewed on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. CFN is also available on select cable and satellite systems and through live stream on cfntv.org. You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

ST. AIDAN'S PRE-CANA PROGRAM

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

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

Diocese of Rockville Centre: If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact the Diocese of Rockville Center at 678-5800 ext. 223 or go on-line to register at www.drvc-faith.org. 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

Happy Mother's Day! Treat your wife to a special get together, just the two of you. 1 Peter 3:15-

18: Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. John 14: 15: Jesus said to his disciples, If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will learn new skills to enrich and enhance your loving relationship. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences listed below.

- June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA
- 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/>.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting on Tuesday May 16th at 7:00PM, St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building). Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Vito 516-516-503-5415 or Janet 516-579-4016

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

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!

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



Happy Mother's Day! As we join together to celebrate the wonderful Moms in our lives, let's also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of Moms who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.



Please consider supporting the work of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

For more information visit www.drvc.org/CMA
or call 516-678-5800- ext. 296 **Thank You!**

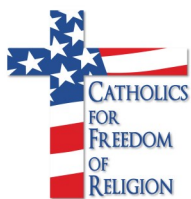
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Botanic Garden Auxiliary are pleased to present the Annual Spring Plant Sale at Clark Botanic Garden on Friday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will feature annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, hanging 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.

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Catholic Hospital System Told to Extinguish Their Sanctuary Candle or Lose Their Ability to Help the Poor Through Medicaid, Medicare or CHIP
St. Francis, non-profit Health System in Oklahoma is the 12th largest hospital in the

country and serves over 400,000 patients each year and has provided over 650 million in free health services over the last five years. For 63 years a sanctuary candle has burned without a problem in the chapel at Saint Francis Hospital Yale Campus where vital healthcare is provided for the elderly, poor and disabled in Oklahoma. The fire marshal and government never complained about the candle until now. The hospital's attorneys from the Beckett Fund point out that the candle is far from medical equipment and shielded by glass holders and a brass top.

Health and Human Services has mandated the extinguishing of the candle even though the hospital has applied four times for an exemption. Now they are working with the Becket Fund attorneys to protect the hospital system's right to maintain the living flame in accordance with their 1st Amendment right to religious expression and in keeping with Cannon Law which states that when the Eucharist is present, a lamp must shine continuously. If the hospital is forced to extinguish the candle, they will have to remove the Eucharist from the chapel.

Read more at bit.ly/3LYRdwk; bit.ly/3HHEDiR

Psalm 30:2 "O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me."

LITURGY

The next petition in the Our Father has led me to think deeply about what it entails, even before I read what the CCC has to say, beginning with this: "'AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US" 2838 This petition is astonishing. If it consisted only of the first phrase, "And forgive us our trespasses," it might have been included, implicitly, in the first three petitions of the Lord's Prayer, since Christ's sacrifice is "that sins may be forgiven." But, according to the second phrase, our petition will not be heard unless we have first met a strict requirement." Remember how Jesus told St. Peter he had to forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times, which meant every time. Don't count, just forgive. My thought, and my prayer, is not that God forgive me as I forgive, but that He help me to forgive as He forgives. After all, as we saw in the first petition, we sort of asked Him to help us be holy as He is holy, while we still recognize that we cannot, by ourselves, reach this goal. So we depend on His constant forgiveness. And the CCC reminds us of this, "2839 With bold confidence, we began praying to our Father. In begging him that his name be hallowed, we were in fact asking him that we ourselves might be always made more holy. But though we are clothed with the baptismal garment, we do not cease to sin... Now, in this new petition, we return to him like the prodigal son and...(o)ur petition begins with a "confession" of our wretchedness and his mercy. Our hope is firm because, in his Son, "we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." But it goes on to both warn and encourage us. "2840 Now - and this is daunting - this outpouring of mercy cannot penetrate our hearts as long as we have not forgiven those who have trespassed against us. Love, like the Body of Christ, is indivisible; we cannot love the God we cannot see if we do not love the brother or sister we do see. In refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our

hearts are opened to his grace. 2841 This petition is so important that it is the only one to which the Lord returns and which he develops explicitly in the Sermon on the Mount. This crucial requirement of the covenant mystery is impossible for man. But "with God all things are possible." The CCC cites several other examples of how important this is for Jesus, most notably, "2842 ... "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, ...(t)hen the unity of forgiveness becomes possible and we find ourselves "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave" us." The CCC cites many other examples of forgiveness and more arguments for what we are to do, but the bottom line is that we must try to be more forgiving and trust in God both for His help in doing that and in His constant forgiveness of our faults. The CCC then sums up the importance of forgiveness in a single sentence. "2844 ...Forgiveness is the fundamental condition of the reconciliation of the children of God with their Father and of men with one another."

The next petition, "and lead us not into temptation", sounds a bit odd if we take it literally as it is translated into English. God would certainly never lead us into temptation. But as the CCC explains, "2846 ... It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used by a single English word: the Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation...We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin. We are engaged in the battle "between flesh and spirit"; this petition implores the Spirit of discernment and strength. 2847 The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation." And we must trust in God as we exercise this discernment. "2848 God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it." So our prayer is really more like an understanding that we will be tempted, but the Holy Spirit will enable us to discern what is going on, and God will never allow us to be tempted beyond the strength He gives us. But just like muscular strength is built up by resistance training, so is our spiritual strength built up by the same sort of training.



Mass of Ordination²⁰²³ to the Permanent Diaconate

Bishop Barres will ordain six men to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Agnes Cathedral, airing live on Catholic Faith Network (replay at 8:00 p.m.). All are welcome to attend.

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

*Paul Cavanagh, Michael Hoonhout, Cary Klivan
Douglas Moran, Michael O'Brien, James Totino*



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL

Happy Mother's Day

*To all the special Moms,
Grandmothers, Godmothers,
Aunts and friends who help
make SAS so special...*

Thank you!



TOGETHER IN LEARNING, TOGETHER IN CHRIST

PACE Dine to Donate
with
Spghettini of Mineola

When: Wednesday, May 24th
Time: 4-9pm
Dine in or take-out!



The Vetrano Family has generously offered to partner with and donate 15% of sales to PACE!

Spghettini Pizza Trattoria
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516.750.8044
<https://spghettinipizza.com>

SAINT AIDAN'S BOOSTER CLUB

Chances to win every month!

\$30 Annual Membership runs September 2022 – June 2023

Drawings every week including \$20 prizes *and* every month including \$50 and \$25 prizes.
Special drawings including \$500 winners in December and June *and* \$100 winners every other month.

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

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN NOW!

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

I would like _____ numbers at \$30 each. \$ _____ enclosed

☐ Please check here if this is a *renewal* of an existing membership.

Any questions, please email StAidanBooster@gmail.com.

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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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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON APRIL 29TH, MAY 6TH, AND MAY 13TH.

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)746-6585x406 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 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.

First Communion Rehearsal: Children scheduled to receive First Holy Communion on May 20th will practice on Monday, May 15th. 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.

**THIS THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND MASS ON THURSDAY OR WEDNESDAY EVENING.
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM FAITH FORMATION!**

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. The liturgical color is white. In today's Gospel, (John 14:15-21), Jesus gives His parting instructions to His disciples. He tells them if they are His followers, they must keep the commandments. Keeping His commandments is the way His disciples will show their love for Him. Jesus also promises to ask the father to send the Holy Spirit to help His followers. He was anticipating how directionless and lost His followers would be when He would no longer be physically present to them. The promise of the Holy Spirit would both empower and sustain His struggling followers as they were charged with the mission to spread Jesus' message to others.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tell us, "Although Jesus no longer lives among us in physical form, the Holy Spirit continues his work in the world. The Spirit awakens faith and enables communion with Christ. (CCC,

683). He grants his many and varied gifts to all. (CCC, 2003), making possible spiritual freedom (CCC, 1742) by allowing and enabling prayer. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures were written (CCC, 304) and God is revealed in myriad ways (CCC, 244, 687) primarily but not exclusively through the Church." This coming Thursday, (May 18) is Ascension Thursday, the day the church celebrates when Jesus returned to Heaven. Historically in the church, the 10-day period between the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit was considered as a mini-Lent. It was a time of deep prayer and preparation so the early Christians could become more open to the Holy Spirit in their lives. All the Scripture readings between now and then point us in the direction of the Holy Spirit. Although teaching children about the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, can be challenging, they do understand some common images used to help them absorb the Spirit's power. Common examples would be wind, which although we can't see wind as such, we see its effects. The other most common image is fire. Fire is all consuming and very powerful. We need fire to survive the cold and to sustain other basic needs. Fire can completely consume the environment. These examples in nature can help children learn about how powerful the Holy Spirit is. This week, with younger children, explain that the word Spirit really means breath. We can see our breath on a cold day. Talk about how breathing is necessary for us to live. The presence of God in our lives is necessary for us. We can't hold breath in our hands, but we know it exists and is very important. Then use a little pinwheel to create wind. Again, we can't pick up wind, but we can see its effects. The Holy Spirit moves within us to help us make good choices and to do good. With school age children, place some sugar in the water and ask children to separate the sugar from the water. Food coloring can also be used the same way. Children will see

that once the plain water is mixed with something, the original ingredients can not be removed. Through Baptism, we become part of God's family. All three Persons of the Blessed Trinity live in us. Our job is to follow God's rules and to ask Him to help us act like His children. Ask older children to think of those in their lives who demonstrate one or more of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is a particularly good conversation to have with those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Make a list of people the children and even adult family members recognize as demonstrating a particular Gift of the Holy Spirit. Decide on one person and send a note to that person telling him/her which Gift of the Holy Spirit you see in his/her actions. Decide to learn by this good example.

We are getting closer to the end of the Church's Easter season, but these remaining days are extremely important for all of us to observe, especially children. Be sure to bring your children to Mass on Ascension Thursday this week as it is a Holy day of Obligation, but don't consider going to Mass just an "obligation." Rather consider it a great opportunity to celebrate this next "milestone" in the Easter journey. Making connections for children is how they put together the great treasure they have been given as Catholics. Have a Blessed Mother's Day!

St. Aidan's Family Mass

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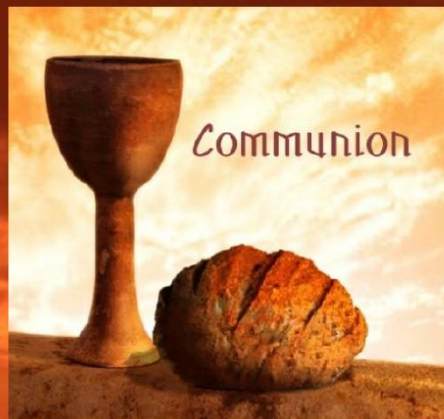
May 21st Come visit the Formation Table at the Ministry Fair after Mass!

May 28th May Crowning. Come at 10:15 to participate!



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All creatures of our God
and King lift up your voice
and with us sing, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with
golden beam, Thou silver
moon with softer gleam!

Refrain: *O praise Him! (2x)*
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind
that art so strong.
Ye clouds that sail in
Heaven along, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon,
in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening,
find a voice! **R:**



PSALM 66



BE JOYFUL MARY

Be joyful, Mary, heav'nly queen,
Gaude, Maria:
Your Son who died was living seen,
Alleluia, laetare, O Maria.

The Son you bore by heaven's grace,
Gaude, Maria:
Did all our guilt and sin efface,
Alleluia, laetare, O Maria!

The Lord has risen from the dead,
Gaude, Maria;
He rose with might as he had said,
Alleluia, laetare, O Maria!

EAT THIS BREAD

Eat this bread, drink this Cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup.
Trust in Me and you will not thirst.

I am the Bread of Life, the true Bread
sent from the Father. **R:**

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but
this is the Bread come down from heaven. **R:**

Eat My flesh and drink My blood
and I will raise you up on the last day. **R:**

PEACE I GIVE TO YOU

GIA LARRY VISSER (B. 1951)
Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give to you;
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give to you;
Not as the world gives do I give to you.

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices; who from
our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through
all our life be near us with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in
his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.



SIXTH 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 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise. Say to

God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

READING 2 1 PT 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

GOSPEL JN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it

neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

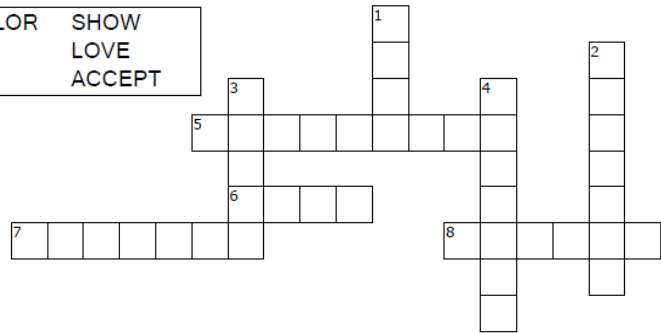
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God 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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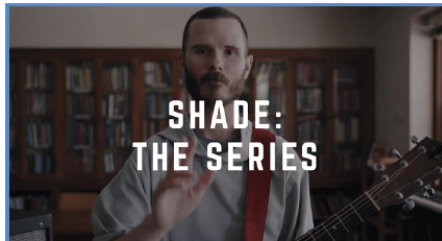
5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the _____.

DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

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