

St. Aidan

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

JULY 23 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE

KINGDOM

OF HEAVEN

MATTHEW 13

Respect life. All life is sacred.



WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN

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

ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

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

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH GROWTH 2023

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN 6 AM TO 6 PM

Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org, Facebook and Vimeo. The faithful are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, or those

with serious underlying health conditions. For the safety of all, the church doors will be closed when school children attend services during the week.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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.

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, JULY 24

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

TUESDAY, JULY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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

THURSDAY, JULY 27

Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM

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

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM

Fr. Patrick 9:00 AM
Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Fr. Jacob 9:00 AM
Fr. Patrick 5:00 PM

Fr. Solomon 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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

Fr. Jacob 5:00PM

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 16

Arlene Babyak
Clarence Jaye
Michael Long (1st Anniv. Rem.)

ST. JAMES

Theodore J. Krukowski
Marie Bellew (10th Anniv. Rem.)
George Kurtz (87th B'day Rem.)

STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

John (Jack) Murphy (B'day Rem.)
Vittorio Belcastro (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Lvg. Int. for James Oh Young Ho (B'day)

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 16

Margaret, Michael
& Son Robert Pavlicin (Rem.)
Rev. Robert S. Smith (13th Anniv. Rem.)
Aldrich "Bill" Klvana (26th Anniv. Rem.)

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 16

Eugene Martone, Sr. (8th Anniv. Rem.) &
Teresa Martone (2nd Anniv. Rem.)
Francis Duffy (B'day Rem.)
Beverly Marie O'Keefe

STS. MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

Bernadette Koch (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Lisa Margaritis (B'day Rem.)
Daniel P. O'Sullivan
Rich Madison
Msgr. James M. McDonald
Therese Stanis-Drury

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 17

Parishioners of St. Aidan
Brigid & Josie McWeeney
Martin Hanssen
Margaret Tocharshewsky (Rem.)
DJ Pappas
Michael Wengler (B'day Rem.)
Peter Benedetto
Joanie Shannon
Dimitri Taylor Cruzoni

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday to Friday
9 AM to 12 PM 1 PM to 4 PM
Saturday & Sunday
9 AM to 12 PM

Pastor
Rev. Fr. Adrian McHugh

Associate Pastors
Rev. Fr. Solomon Odinukwe
Rev. Fr. Jacob Ernest Quanaash Kyei

Assisting Priest
Rev. Fr. Patrick Abem

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

St. Aidan School
ext. 202, 203 Grades Nursery-2
ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8
Principal Mrs. Julie O'Connell
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Barbara Graham

Faith Formation
Monday—Wednesday 2-7 PM
Thursday appointment.
Closed Friday
ext. 404, 405
Director ext. 406
Mrs. Elaine Smith,

Business Manager ext. 107
Mr. Thomas Flynn

Facilities Manager ext. 136
Mr. Pat Perez

Music Director ext. 130
Mr. Drago Bubalo
drago.bubalo@gmail.com

Social Ministry, Director
ext. 410, 408
Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro



What's Pastor Thinking

How do you know you are a Master Gardener?

There is a compost container on your kitchen counter. You would rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothing store. You prefer gardening to watching television. You plan vacation trips to arboretums and public parks. Dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride.

Here is another gardening question: When you look at life, do you see the weeds or the wheat? Clearly the servants in today's parable just saw the weeds. They wanted to pull them up immediately upon identifying them. The land owner, on the other hand, saw the wheat and insisted that the weeds be left alone until the time of harvest. Commentators have insisted that the reason for the land owner's decision to wait is that a common weed, dandelion, looks very much like wheat in its early stages of growth. It would be difficult for the servants to know the difference between the good wheat and the bad dandelion. So the wise response of any farmer of that day was to wait until the grain began to form and the distinction between the wheat and the weeds was more evident. At that point something could be done, and often that was easier at the time of harvest.

However, the parable raises another question that

both Christian and non-Christian alike, struggle with — the question of why God allows weeds in the first place? Why does God allow suffering in the world. Why does God allow cancer, war, homelessness, violence, heatwaves, tornadoes, hurricanes and flooding? Isn't God in control? God's own Son was crucified as a weed in an effort by the religious leaders to keep the wheat pure from desecration. God knows that the weeds and the wheat will struggle for the same soil and the same moisture. But God also knows that the wheat will survive to the harvest. And at harvest time and not before, God and only God will order the separating.

The good news for us is that when Jesus' disciples ask him for an explanation and he tells them about the great, final harvest, he's not telling them that to frighten them into making sure they're wheat. It's an instruction to us on how to live now. What we're called to do is grow and bear fruit for the sower. As for who is wheat and who is a weed, our roots are so entangled that it's hard to tell where one starts and the other stops. God gives us the Church to teach us and help us to spread the word of his good news, giving us the solid foundation we need so that we can love the unlovable, help the unrepentant, and respect the disrespectful. GOD TRUSTS IN US, THAT WE WILL MAKE IT.

WE PRAY FOR OUR**DECEASED**

JOSEPH SDAO
ANNA JENNIE
D'AMBROSIO
RALPH NUZZOLESE

STEWARDSHIP

07/17/22 \$23,621
07/16/23 \$24,871

ATTENDANCE

07/15/16/202 1,255

**THOSE WHO ASKED US
TO PRAY FOR THEM****INCLUDE**

Jinny Gallagher
Bill Doyle
Judy Kostovick
Brian Closs
Hafeezan Jabar
Frank Connolly
Paul Kane
Nicole Blach
Doreen Downes
Rosa Barroca
John Sweeney
Diane Mitra
Jimmy Elliott
Baby Bradley Marino
Jelcic
P J Kennedy
Michael Kenny
Fearghal McHugh
Christopher Dand
Eddie McKay
Eileen Mary Ebert
Fran Lesser
Eddie Marzocchi
Lisa Sorgi
Alex Grinacoff
Claire Monteleone
Mason Guadagno
Anthony Casella
Colleen Cassidy
Dianne Karl

ONLINE GIVING

staidanparish.org.
Click DONATE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400
Pledges \$102,065
Donors 310
Payments \$87,302

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

WEDDING BELLS

AUGUST 25, 2023
3:30 PM

Adrienne Umali
St. Thomas Moore
Paul Michael Maniscalco
St. Anne's

AUGUST 26, 2023
3:00 PM

Jane Gannon
St. Aidan
Ryan Montgomery
1st Presbyterian Church

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

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR RETREAT



*You shall receive the power when the Holy Spirit
comes on you and then you shall be my witnesses*
Acts 1:8

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD) Charismatic Covenant
Community Long Island, N.Y. invites you to a**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR RETREAT

September 9-10, 2023

**Msgr. Kirwin Hall, Church of St. Aidan,
505 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY.**

**Come and experience God's love in a personal way
and how His presence will enrich your life.**

**Fill out the form below and drop off in the Rectory.
You may also contact the couple listed below.**

Registration is *free*.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip _____

Email: _____

Life in the Spirit Seminar Coordinators:

Mike and Ellen Mercado

Cell # (516) 282-4341/(516) 414-1465

**email: miguelfmercado@gmail.com/
olayellen@gmail.com**

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ST. AIDAN CHURCH & SCHOOL IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLAN?

Your parish means so much to you, from the friendships you've made to the faith enrichment you've received. As a faithful parishioner you have assisted in the Lord's work by helping to build our faith community. Your stewardship over the years is commendable and much appreciated. Kindly remember St. Aidan in your Will or Estate Plan?

SUMMER BULLETIN

Summer bulletins will contain fewer pages so please keep your notes brief. Items for publishing should be sent to staidanbulletin@gmail.com. The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

PLEASE SUPPORT

In a few weeks the Holy Father will be in Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. A group of 110 young people have been fundraising for over a year to participate in this Holy Pilgrimage. They are humbly asking for any donation you can give to get them to this meeting. It is a unique opportunity to receive a word of faith from our Holy Father Pope Francis and discover that our whole life is a pilgrimage in which God wants to act in our lives. Representatives and parishioners from this group are at the entrance of the church at Mass this weekend with donation boxes and a prayer book for your intentions, which they will present at all the holy sites including Fatima where the Virgin Mary appeared. Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless You.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Church of St. Aidan will hold First Holy Communion for children in our Faith Formation Process on Saturday, May 4, 11 & 18, 2024.

Children attending St. Aidan School will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmations at the Church of St. Aidan will be celebrated Friday, November 10, 2023. Bishop John Barres will preside.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. July 21. August 4, 18.

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. July 23, August 27.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Join us every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass first Friday of the month. August 4, September 1.

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.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

We will meet again in September, enjoy the summer!

ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Our group 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 Egan if you are interested in joining. elamjoe@aol.com 516-873-8320

LEGION OF MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY PRAESIDIUM

- In person meetings-Convent Ivory 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

COME & PRAY WITH US!

The Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group will resume again in September. We meet on Wednesdays at 7Pm in the CONVENT YELLOW ROOM. All are welcome to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet to Jesus through Mary. Call Gloria, 516-859-6593.

HGL INTERCESSORY PRAYER COMMUNITY

HGL Intercessory Prayer Community meets at 7pm on Monday in the convent yellow room. All are welcome to journey with us into a deeper relationship with Jesus, interceding for our Church, our clergy, our families and our nation. Learn more about us at HISGLOBALLOVE.org

THE HOLY ROSARY.

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

THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY PRAYER GROUP

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and consecration to Jesus and Mary. For more information, please contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755. Meetings will resume in September at 7:00 PM in the church on the last Thursday of the month.

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- **BEREAVEMENT GROUP FALL 2023. COPING WITH GRIEF: A DIFFICULT BUT IMPORTANT JOURNEY.** When a loved one dies, a period of grief usually follows. It is almost impossible for humans to experience loss without feeling some kind of grief. Grief can be painful, confusing and overwhelming. To share with others who are experiencing what you are experiencing can be supportive and healing. A Bereavement Group for people whose loved one has died (parent, spouse, sibling or friend) will be held in the Dorothy Day Room in the

Finamore Parish Center by a trained Bereavement Facilitator. **TUESDAYS: 9:45 AM: September 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th.** Please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at: 746-6585, ext. 410 to register. "The only feelings that do not heal are the ones you hide." Henri Nouwen

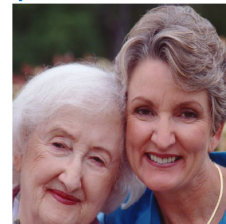
- **Food items needed: FRESH VEGETABLES, FRUIT, BREAD, BUTTER, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISHWASHING LIQUID, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, PAPER TOWELS, TOILET TISSUE, NAPKINS, APPLE JUICE, COOKIES, KETCHUP, OIL, AND JARS OF SAUCE.** Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the Parish Social

DID YOU KNOW?

Planned Gifts of IRAs are not the best assets for family members to inherit?

WHY?

Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.



On the other hand, IRAs are good assets to give to the Church or other charity when doing your estate planning since they will not pay a tax on retirement assets they inherit.

Making a planned gift of a retirement asset reduces the tax burden on a family. In addition, making a planned gift of an IRA is easy and affordable. All it takes is to update a beneficiary designation with a donor's bank or investment company.

For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org

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

June 2023 Winners

\$20 Winners

Carol Mahoney
Maddy & Doug Cegelski
Margaret Clark
Alice Murtha

Connor McGrath
Thomas Malley
Barbara Afonso
Erin & Chris Pollin

Pat Gunn
Rosemary & John Morley
Barbara Dankenbrink
Cathleen Bellew

Terry & William Pinkava
Carol Karen
Eileen O'Malley
Jackie & Frank McHugh

\$25 Winners: Margaret Saporita & Pat & Bill Lorusso

\$50 Winner: Michael & Joyce Rowley

\$500 Winner: Robert & Virginia Corkhill

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN NOW! \$30 Annual Membership runs September 2023 to June 2024

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.

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.
Thank you for your support of St. Aidan School!



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'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

- Fall 2023 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun November 5, 2023 at 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: November 11, 2023 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat November 11, 2023 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Winter 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun March 10, 2024 at 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: March 16, 2024 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat March 16, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Spring 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun June 2, 2024 at 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: June 8, 2024 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat June 8, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Fall 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun November 3, 2024 at 12 Noon – 1:00pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: November 9, 2024 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Closing Mass: Sat November 9, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm

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.

If you cannot make any of these dates you can attend a course facilitated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Contact the Diocese of Rockville Center at 678-5800 ext. 223 or go on-line to register at www.drvc-faith.org. Click on "Marriage. Scroll down to find Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS on line registration.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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://wwmenyli.org/>.

WIDOWS / WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP

No meetings in July or August. Meetings resume in September on 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

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Vito 516-516-503-5415 or Janet 516-579-4016

WILLISTON PARK LIBRARY

Author Appearance with Amy Fusselman— Tuesday—August 8— 6pm in the library. She will discuss her latest novel, The



Mean\$. Call the library (742-1820) or email willistonparkprograms@gmail.com to register. Copies will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL REUNION OF THE ST.

MICHAEL ACADEMY

The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at 12 Noon on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Class of 1973 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1998. For further information and reservations please consult the website at: <https://www.saintmichaelacademy.com/index.php/Events/evview/> annual_reunion or by email at: smaaanyc@gmail.com or call: 516-437-6958. The cost is \$75 for the luncheon before August 31, 2023, \$85 thereafter. Cash bar. ALL SMA Alumnae from all years are always welcome to attend.

EMPIRE SAFETY COUNCIL DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

St. Anne's parish will be hosting the Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Class on Saturday 23 September 2023 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Save 10% on your collision liability rates for three (3) years and four (4) points on driving violations. 70% of accidents are due to TEXTING while driving, and 40% are due to DUI/DWI. Defensive Driving Class fee: \$45.00. Teenagers and new drivers may attend the class for a reduced fee of \$25.00 but will not receive an insurance certificate. There will be a lunch break. Free donuts and coffee will be provided by the Knights. Please make a check payable to the Knights of Columbus Council U11836 in the amount of forty-five dollars (\$ 45.00) or twenty-five (\$ 25.00.) You may reserve your spot by mailing payment to St. Anne's rectory, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 35 Dartmouth

Street, Garden City, New York 11530. If any additional information is needed contact: Donald DePol at 516-775-3097. The last day of registration is September 20th' 2023!

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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Supreme Court Opinion Supports Freedom of Speech while also Strengthening Freedom of Religion
Some providers of creative services, such as web sites, tee shirts, cakes and floral arrangements have followed their consciences in support of traditional marriage and declined to use their creative abilities to celebrate and thereby approve and endorse same sex unions. They have offered all other of their services to same sex couples, but for these unique, very personal, products and services they explain their beliefs and offer referrals to other vendors. Many lawsuits have been filed attempting to force these creative business owners to speak out in support of same sex unions through their unique designs. Such a case is the one where Christian website designer, Lori Smith, who owns the business, Creative-303. Lori wanted to expand her business while sustaining her deeply held beliefs on traditional marriage.

However, as in the case of Jack Philips, the baker who also declined his artistic expression in support of same sex unions, Lori faced the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act which would force her as well as the baker, to accept these projects.

After losing the 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis case in a lower court, Alliance Defending Freedom presented the case before the Supreme Court. The opinion of the Supreme Court, in favor of Creative-303, was that the Colorado law

deprived citizens of their right to free speech.

Read more here:


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"Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal." -John Bosco

"If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe but yourself." -St Augustine.

LITURGY COLUMN will return in a few weeks



MASS for VOCATIONS

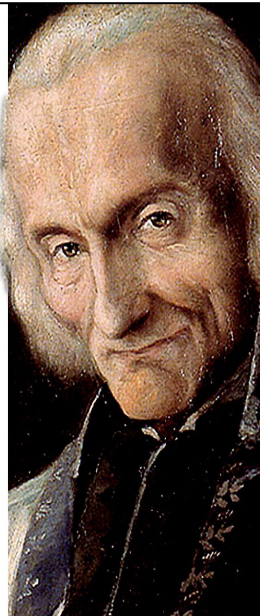
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with veneration of a first class relic

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Dear Friends,

Our Church is in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival to restore an understanding of and fidelity to the great mystery of Jesus really and truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Every time the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she is impelled toward mission: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." One way that the mission of Christ and his Church is accomplished in the world today is through the important works of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

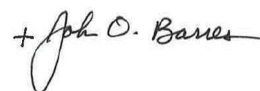
Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal assist thousands of individuals on Long Island each year. In helping young mothers receive the assistance they need through Catholic Charities, in aiding local families in receiving food, clothing, and support through parish outreach programs, in accompanying veterans, disabled, and elderly in receiving care and housing, and in supporting seminarians through their discernment and formation, your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to spread the light of Christ further than you can imagine.

Fr. Christopher Heller, who was ordained a priest last June, noted: "Every single day of my time in the seminary for five years, the Catholic Ministries Appeal had a part of my life; because without the generosity of people supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I would not have been in the seminary. So, I can say that the fact that I finally was ordained is all due to the work of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. I think that supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal is important because it is saying that you are on the side of the renewal that Christ is working in the Church on Long Island."

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are integral to the mission of the Church on Long Island. If you have not done so already, I ask you to consider making a gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. For convenience's sake, your contribution to the Catholic Ministries Appeal can now be made monthly over the course of the year. Please inquire with the Appeal Office if this is an option that you would prefer to take advantage of.

If you have already contributed to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal, please know how truly grateful I am. It is only through your generous support, that we are able to serve the entire People of God in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



REGISTRATION 2023-2024: Registration information is available at staidanparish.org/ff. Follow the registration prompts. Please read all the preliminary information before completing the actual registration form. Registration for all returning students will end on Friday, August 18th. Placements will be on a first come, first served basis and seating is very limited. Our webpage will post closed sections throughout the registration period as the information becomes available to us. Thank you.

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 by appointment only, and closed on Fridays.

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.

HELP US PASS ON THE FAITH IN 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. 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. 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 are provided, and the materials are easy to follow. Substitute catechists and hall monitors are also needed. NO previous

experience is needed. Materials and lesson plans are provided for all substitutes. Catechists are particularly needed on Mondays and Tuesdays for grades 1 and 5. 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. We are also asking all parishioners to help spread the word to any Catholic families in our parish who will have a 1st grade child in the fall. Thank you for your assistance!

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

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 PREPARATION REMINDERS FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES REGARDLESS

OF SCHOOLS ATTENDED: Please be sure that all outstanding work for each submission date is submitted as soon as possible. Submissions must be stapled together by the due dates and the student's name should be written on each page. All service reports should have service documentation verifications attached. Please keep copies of all submissions. Deposit the outstanding paperwork in the Drop Box located outside of the Rotunda Door.

Grade 8 FOR ALL: The Faith Formation Office should have the Confirmation Registration Forms and Sponsor Testimony Forms for all Confirmation 2023 candidates. Sponsor forms must be 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.

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. OCIA sessions will begin in early September.

SUPPORT 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 adult volunteers can sign up for whatever Sunday dates work best with their schedules. If you can help, please contact esmith@staidanparish.org.

CONNECTING CHURCH AND HOME: Family Mass is on summer break and will resume on Sunday, September 10th. Please continue to attend Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening during the summer. Take advantage of the children's worship materials available in the Children's Corner in the church lobby.

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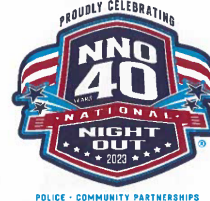


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Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he
is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear;
now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above
all things so wondrously reigning.
Sheltering you under his wings,
and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is
needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining.

Praise to the Lord, who will
prosper your work and defend
you. Surely his goodness and
mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.



The seed within good ground
Will flower and have life. **R:**

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in
Your Church gathered today.*

Longing for peace
our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us
Make us your living voice. **R:**

JESU, JOY OF OUR DESIRING

Jesu, joy of our desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;

PSALM 27



SEED SCATERED AND SOWN

Seed scatered and sown,
Wheat, gathered and grown,
Bread, broken and shared as one,
The Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
Wine, work of our hands,
One cup that is shared by all;
The Living Cup,
The Living Bread of God.

Is not the Bread we break,
A sharing in our Lord
Is not the cup we bless,
The blood of Christ outpoured. **R:**

The seed which falls on rock
Will wither and will die

drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.

MUSIC

FOR

SUNDAY

MASS

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder!
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R:**

**JULY 23 —SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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 WIS 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 86

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving. You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call

upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving. All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving. You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

READING 2 ROM 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

GOSPEL MT 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest

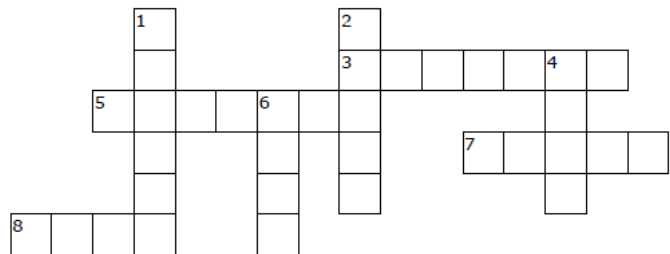
time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"" He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world. Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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The Parable of the Weeds

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PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS



ACROSS

- The time for gathering crops
- Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
- A plant that crowds out the good plants
- A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

- The place where God is
- A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
- A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
- To damage or destroy by fire

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