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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

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 STAIDANPARISH.ORG

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CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK **FACEBOOK**

MONDAY	Y. DECEMBER 04	ADVENT WEEK 1
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Fr. Adrian Giacomo Tavella (1st Anniv. Rem.) 6:30 AM Patrick Hogan (B'day Rem.) Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM

Bishop Andrzej 5:30 PM Hilda Hernandez

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05 ADVENT WEEK 1

Fr. Adrian Joanne & Charles Kempton (Anniv. Rem.) 6:30 AM

Richard Ledda Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM Donald Kiley

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06 ST. NICHOLAS

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM Jane Devora Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Ignatius Kelly Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM Gabriel Santucci

ST. AMBROSE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07

Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM Peter & Lisa Reali

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Dcd. Mbrs. of the Oliver &

Freeman Families

Fr. Adrian VIGIL MASS THE IMMACULATE 5:30 PM

CONCEPTION

Lvg. Int. for the Messana Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 08 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

6:30 AM Parishioners of St. Aidan Fr. Adrian Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM SCHOOL ATTENDING

Caitlin Hogg

Fr. Solomon Lvg. & Dcd. Mbrs of the 12:00 PM

St. Aidan Legion of Mary

Parishioners of St. Aidan Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 09 **ADVENT WEEK 1**

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Lisa Victoria Fr. Solomon 5:00 PM OCIA DISMISSAL

Chris Windisch (B'day Rem.) Daniel Duggan (B'day Rem.)

Lvg. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Cawley &

O'Brien Families Robert Truzzolino James P. Hughes

Louise & Steven DiBiasi

Lvg. Int. for Mathew Vathalloor & Family

Parishioners of St. Aidan 7:30 PM Fr. Jacob

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fr. Jacob Raymond James Modena (51st Anniv. Rem.) 7:30 AM

Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM Cecilia Lahey

Parishioners of St. Aidan Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM Nives Bubalo (Bday Rem.) Fr. Solomon 12:00 PM

> Hank Breuer Mark Risden Fran Rigler

MacArthur Samson, Sr.

Fr. Adrian 5:00PM Antoinette D'Angelo

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

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What's Pastor Thinking

Here we are, the first week of the month of December and our Church calendar tells us that this is the

beginning of the season of Advent. It is the time of waiting for Christmas. But why do we need to spend four weeks waiting for one day? Why start waiting now when Christmas decorations have been up in stores and carols have been playing for weeks now? Our two scripture readings today are addressed to people who were accustomed to waiting. The Isaiah passage most likely was written during or immediately after the time of the Babylonian exile. The people of Israel had been utterly defeated. So the people waited. They waited for God to act. The prophecy of Isaiah opens with a cry for help: 'Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,'

Jesus builds on this theme of hoping and expecting that God will act, that the heavens will indeed be torn open. In our gospel from Mark, he promises his followers that God will indeed intervene at some point to rescue God's people from tyranny and oppression. Someday, perhaps a day very soon, God will bring about an end suffering and turmoil with which the chosen ones have become so familiar.

Do the words of Isaiah and Jesus have to say to us today? While the prophecies of Isaiah and Jesus have been fulfilled to some extent, their final fulfillment is yet to come. The Kingdom of God has not yet been

established in all its fullness. The Prince of Peace does not yet reign on earth as in heaven. And that is what we are waiting for. Humans often become impatient with what we perceive to be the slowness with which God acts. God's actions often take far longer than we would like. But in every previous case, God has never failed to act. So, we should not despair. Like Isaiah and Jesus, we are to remain hopeful that God will yet act. We must continue to trust that the work begun in Christ will ultimately be fulfilled. We need to recognize that we are still in a time of Advent, not just in December, but all year long.

This Advent as we go about our preparations for Christmas, we will be waiting for many things. We wait in line and online to make our purchases. We wait to open gifts. We wait to see our family members. All that waiting reminds us this time Advent, that we are waiting for something much, much bigger than all that. Even as we prepare to celebrate the fact that the Messiah did come 2000 years ago, we recall that we also wait now for His return when the mission that He began will be completed. We are waiting for God to act, to come again. As us remember God's glorious acts of the past we seek to further the Kingdom of God in the present. And let us expectantly wait for the wonderful salvation that is yet to come in the future when God will indeed tear open the heavens and come down once again.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

DOMIANO COTTONE VIRGINIA KINAHAN FREDERICK WING

FUNERAL MASS

Monday December 4 10:00 AM FRANK P. VOLPE

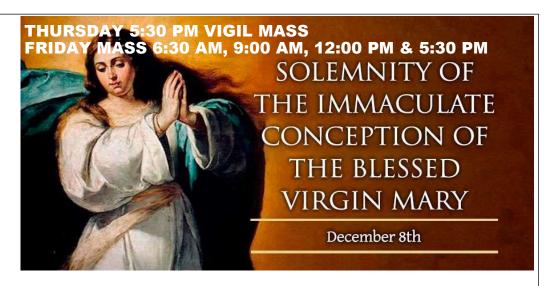
BREAD AND WINE

In Loving Memory of TOMMY KENNEY 1st. Anniversary Rem. Requested By THE DONOVAN FAMILY

THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE

Michael Kenny Fearghal McHugh Christopher Dand Eileen Mary Ebert Fran Lesser Lisa Sorgi Alex Grinacoff Mason Guadagno Colleen Cassidy Dianne Karl Cindy Albini Sr. Mary Ann Ambrose Jinny Gallagher Joshua Lowenthal Mafalda Leddy Ioseph & Diane LaBianca Colleen Edwards Rolanda John Jean Lopardo Gloria Maughn **Betty Gaffney Christine Hogg** Rosa Barroca **Doreen Downes** Tecky Johnides Irene McCann Paul Duplatre Sharon Leonard Rvan Latronica Bill Aprigliano Matthew Huhn John Sweeney To add or remove a name,

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In Loving Memory of ANGELA MURPHY Donated by TOM MURPHY & FAMILY

SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of GABRIEL A. SANTUCCI Donated by HIS LOVING FAMILY

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ATTENDANCE

11/25/26/2023—1,547

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Rectory Office if you have
changed your address

WEDDING BELLS

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

DECEMBER 3, 2023
3:00 PM
Kathleen Anne Tantillo
St. Aidan
Daniel Ryan McCormick
St. Aidan

DECEMBER 8, 2023
3:30 PM
Kristina Tarnok
St. Aidan
James Matthew Kelly
St. Aidan

3:00 PM

MaryKate Cassidy
St. Aidan

Christopher Obregon
St. Joseph

DECEMBER 15, 2023 3:30 PM Caitlin Nora Moran St. Aidan Andrew Philip Kluger St. Saviour 3:00 PM
Ashleigh Orr
St. Aidan
Isaac Dwight Bales
St. Philomena

JANUARY 13, 2024 3:00 PM Hailey Evelyn Dorn St. Mary Paul Paolo Samaritano St. Aidan

FEBRUARY 17, 2024 1:00 PM Janine Marie Miller St. Aidan Michael Joseph Dileo St. Rocco

MARCH 16, 2024 1:00 PM Erica Marie Margan St. Aidan Jordan David Gelburd

MARCH 16, 2024
3:00 PM
Erin Elizabeth Arsenault
St. Aidan
Trevor William Baldwin
Church of Nativity

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.drvc.org) (the "Diocese") filed its Amended Plan and Disclosure Statement today, offering a total of \$200 million in compensation as its best and final proposal for settling with survivors of abuse. This First Amended Plan is the best, most efficient and most effective means to immediately begin compensating all eligible survivors equitably while allowing the Diocese to emerge from bankruptcy and continue its charitable mission.

The Diocese filed this Plan, which includes a record setting settlement offer in the amount of \$200 million from the Diocese, parishes, and related parties to compensate survivors and bring this case to a fair and final resolution. The Diocese agrees with Bankruptcy Court Judge Martin Glenn, who is overseeing the case, that survivors have waited too long for compensation and that any alternative to a global settlement plan creates chaos that puts both survivor compensation and the futures of parishes at risk. Under the Plan, the \$200 million settlement fund includes a Diocese contribution of \$50 million and a contribution of \$150 million from parishes, co-insured parties, and other Catholic ministries. In addition, the Diocese and all affiliate parties are contributing the value of their substantial rights against third-party insurance companies as part of the Plan. The proposed payout represents the largest settlement offer ever made in a diocesan bankruptcy in the country, both on a total payout and per claimant basis.

The Plan offers an immediate minimum cash payment of \$100,000 to each claimant with a lawsuit against a non-debtor contributor. The Plan offers other claimants without qualifying lawsuits an immediate minimum cash payment of \$50,000. The balance of the remaining settlement funds would be paid to settlement trusts and allocated to creditors based on trust distribution protocols. Funds from insurance coverage proceeds will be added to these settlement trusts to fund additional substantial payouts to survivors.

The Unsecured Creditors' Committee's litigation alternatives are rife with uncertainty. Further litigation will delay compensation for all survivors, may result in unfair compensation for many survivors, and could ultimately

are rife with uncertainty. Further litigation will delay compensation for all survivors, may result in unfair compensation for many survivors, and could ultimately leave some survivors with no compensation at all. The alternative path favored by the Unsecured Creditors' Committee will needlessly runup litigation expenses and continue to erode assets of the Diocese, parishes and other co-insureds. Instead of continuing to fund lawyers' fees, this money is better spent compensating survivors. Under the Plan, survivors will have the opportunity to

choose immediate compensation for all survivors. A vote to

reject the Plan in sufficient numbers may lead to dismissal of the Chapter 11 case, and force survivors to move their claims back to State Court, where they will once again be in a first-come, first-served litigation dynamic in the trial-court system. This path will also delay any resolution for the overwhelming majority of claimants as approximately 60 percent of the cases involving the Diocese and its affiliates are stayed from proceeding in State Court by the insolvency of the Arrowood Indemnity

Company. The minority of survivors and their counsel with unstayed cases could race to the front of the line. Also filed with the court today is a Solicitation Procedures Motion outlining the calendar of activities under the Plan and the deadline for voting on the Plan. The Diocese is endorsing a streamlined calendar to ensure that the survivors can receive their settlement payments in the first quarter of 2024.

The Diocese has already made it clear that it is at the end of its resources. Contrary to assertions that additional funds are available to increase settlements, no independent Catholic organizations are being offered releases through the Diocese's proposed plan other than those that will participate in funding the settlement trusts. Continuing to prolong the case, or dismissing the case, will ensure that payments to survivors only go down from the current settlement offer contained in the Plan.

Survivors deserve a settlement now. The Diocese hopes that all parties, including survivors and their legal advisors, will vote in favor of the equitable and unprecedented offer in the Plan.

As the survivors and their attorneys weigh the Diocese's settlement offer, it is also important to remember the many families on Long Island that depend on the Diocese, parishes, and Catholic ministries to deliver compassionate health care, housing, education, food security, substance abuse, mental health and grief counseling, immigration services, religious and spiritual care. Survivors deserve compensation now, and the Diocese's charitable mission is more important than ever in these uncertain times. Both face a vulnerable and uncertain future if the Plan is rejected.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH.

Our continued goal is to provide financial assistance for the challenges that our religious face because of the rising cost of healthcare. This collection helps to fund daily essentials like prescription medications and nursing care. Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your

thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's family supports this process through prayer and witness. second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

RELICS OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE VISIT LONG ISLAND

All are invited to visit and venerate the relics of St. Jude the Apostle. The relics will visit seven parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre: 12/3 - Holy Name of Jesus Church, Woodbury; 12/4 – St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre. Visit www.drvc.org for details.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. December 15. January 5 & 19.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine. November 26, December 24.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Join us every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass first Friday of the month. December 1, January 5.

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.

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 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.

THE COME AND SEE SPIRITUAL GROUP

Invites you to a book discussion on Our One Great Act of Fidelity, Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist By Ronald Rolheiser. We will meet to discuss and reflect on a few chapters every other week, beginning after the Christmas

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT AIDAN 2023

CHILDREN'S **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Sunday, December 17 3:00 PM Church

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, January 7 3:00 PM Church

CONFESSION

Saturday, December 16 12:30 - 1:30 PM 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Monday, December 18 2:30 - 5:00 PM 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 23 12:30 - 1:30 PM 4:00 - 5:00 PM

MASS TIMES

Saturday, December 23 9:00 AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF **ADVENT** 5:00 PM 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 PM Church 4:00 PM Kirwin 5:30 PM Church 8:00 PM Church Church Midnight

Monday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12 NOON 1:30 PM No Evening Mass

holidays. What a wonderful way to prepare for the Eucharistic Revival that the Church is preparing for later in 2024. The meetings will be on Tuesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM in the convent building on Pembroke St, Williston Park. We will begin on January 16, 2024. In preparation, please read the Preface and Part One. The full schedule will be given out at the first meeting. The book is available on Amazon for about \$10. If you are planning on coming, or if you have any questions, please leave your name and contact information with the Rectory Office at 516 746-6585 Ext 1. Facilitated by MONDAY NOVENA Jane Gelderman

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

We are a faith filled group who volunteer, share and pray, all in honor of the Blessed Mother. We welcome and encourage new members. The Corporate Mass of the Rosary Altar Society on Dec. 3, 2023, will be celebrated in loving memory of Betty Biehl. Please join at 8:45 for the recitation of the Rosary in the vestibule of the Church.

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Monday, Dec. 4th at the Albertson VFW Hall. The party will start at 6:30pm.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Please plan to join the parish on First Saturday for devotion to the Blessed Mother. Prayers start at 8:45am followed by Mass and the recitation of the Rosary. Next First Saturday is Dec.2nd.

IUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

This Saturday, December 2, we will be having our annual JCDA Christmas mass and party. We will be meeting in the fover of the church at 4:30 PM for the 5 o'clock Mass. We will then head over to the convent for the Advent Wreath candle lighting followed by our Christmas party. We will be providing dinner, but we ask that the girls please bring a dessert to share. We will have a Secret Santa please bring a gift of a \$10 value wrapped. Wear your Christmas cheer. Any young lady in 6th grade through 12th that are interested in joining the Junior Catholic Daughters, you are welcome to come to our meetings. For more information please email jcdacourtstaidan 1577@gmail.com. Coming up 12/14 Ronald McDonald House 4pm to 6pm

PRAY AS THE BLESSED MOTHER ASKED IN FATIMA

In 1917 Mary appeared to the three children in Fatima six times! On her very first apparition she asked that the Rosary be said everyday for Peace and at that time it was also to convert Russia. At this time in 2023 her requests still stand. Mary is calling us to pray for Peace in this world, for Israel,

the Palestinian People and Russia and for all the world to return to God. So come and join the Mary Queen of Peace Prayer Group to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come once or every week or just drop in when you can. Wednesdays @ 7 PM in the Convent Yellow Room. We pray for our families, our priests, the church and for peace in the world. To Jesus through Mary. Everyone is welcome! For more info call Gloria, 516-859-6593.

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.

LEGION OF MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY PRAESIDIUM

Meetings in the 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

THE UNITED HEARTS OF IESUS & 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. The next gathering is November 30, December 28, January 25, at 7:00 PM in the church on the last Thursday of the month.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT #1577

New members are always welcome! We meet at 7:30pm in Monsignor Kirwin Hall. Please email cdastaidan.1577@ gmail.com with any questions! Tuesday, December 12th, Tuesday, January 9th, Tuesday, February 13th, Tuesday, March 12th, Tuesday, April 9th, Tuesday, May 14th, Tuesday, June 11th

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.drvclife.org. The group is meeting with the purpose of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, educational opportunities, and raising funds for pro-life efforts and new mothers. Please contact Anne Marie Egan if you are interested in joining. elamjoe@aol.com 516-873-8320.

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 HISGLOBALOVE.org.

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?

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- Food items needed: MAYONNAISE, KETCHUP, SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER, COOKIES, PAPER TOWELS, TOILET TISSUE, JARS OF SAUCE, BREAD, BUTTER, EGGS, APPLE SAUCE, BARS OF SOAP TOOTHPASTE AND CLOROX WIPES. 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.
- Sharing Our Treasures Our Advent Program of collecting toys, clothing, gift cards and household items for those in need began the weekend of November 25th & November 26th. Please return all Christmas gifts (UNWRAPPED) to the social ministry office or rectory by December 11th. Any questions, please feel free to contact Rosemarie Cavallaro at: 746-6585, ext. 410.
- PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:45 am in the Dorothy Day room of the



Our Advent Program
of collecting
Gift Cards, Toys, Clothing and
household items for those in need
has begun

We are helping many families, singles and senior citizens right here in our own parish.

In addition we will be sending gifts to St. John the Baptist, New Ground, the Veterans & the Pediatric Hospital Units

Please take a Christmas
Ornament which has a gift
request from our Christmas tree
which is located in the vestibule
of the Church.

PLEASE RETURN ALL GIFTS,
UNWRAPPED, ALONG WITH
THE ORNAMENT AND GIFT
CARDS TO THE PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFICE
OR THE RECTORY BY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH!

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE GIFTS or GIFT CARDS IN CHURCH. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

This is a wonderful opportunity to be Christ to others during the Advent Season.

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, December 11th and January 8th. Please use the side entrance to the upper school building located on Dover Street (the entrance is across the street from the Bishop's office. If you have any question please call Parish Social Ministry 746-6585, ext. 410.

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

WINTER COAT AND JACKET COLLECTION

Spread the warmth. It is that time again. We are collecting new and gently used coats for men, women, and children. Please donate a coat or a jacket to help the soup kitchen. There is a 'WINTER COAT DRIVE' box on Dover Street, beside the Social Ministry entrance, near the St. Vincent de Paul Box. If you have any questions, please call Tecky at (516) 655-9755. Coats and jackets will be collected until March.

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

- Winter 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun March 10,
 2024 at 12 Noon 1:15pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: March
 16, 2024 from 8:30am 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat
 March 16, 2024 at 5:00pm 6:00pm
- Spring 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun June 2, 2024 at 12 Noon – 1:15pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: June 8, 2024 from 8:30am – 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat June 8, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- Fall 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun November 3, 2024 at 12 Noon 1:15pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: November 9, 2024 from 8:30am 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat November 9, 2024 at 5:00pm 6:00pm

To Register call St Aidan Parish Rectory Office (516) 746-6585. The St. Aidan Moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin: 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 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

First Sunday of Advent: We are the clay and you are the potter. Be watchful! Be alert! Issiah 64:2-7: "Oh Lord, you are our Father: We are the clay and you are the potter: we are all work of your hands." Let God mold you and make you, so you can give glory to Him and you can follow His will. Love your spouse always. From scripture: "What God has joined together (man & wife), let no one divide." Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of inperson and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or https://wwmenyli.org/.

WIDOWS / WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP

Meetings are held on the 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. New Member Orientation Meeting on Tuesday November 21st 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

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Visit longisland. Engaged encounter.com for information and registration.

BECAUSE NO MARRIAGE IS BEYOND HOPE...

A marriage-saving program here in the New York/Metropolitan Area.

- · Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- · Do you feel hurt and angry?
- · Does talking make it worse?
- · Thought of leaving or divorce?
- · Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help. Our Next Weekend is January 19-21, 2024 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org. Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A CATHOLIC GROUP

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 at 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, NY. RSVP to Ruth Ann at 516-317-6356

THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF WILLISTON PARK CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Village Hall, 494 Willis Avenue on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. St. Aidan's Christmas Choir directed by Reagan Stone! Christmas Carols sung by Scouts and neighbors! Santa arrives by fire truck! Hot chocolate and candy canes will be served!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPERATION SANTA

For Sunday, 12/24 Santas and drivers needed! 1-2 hours of your time starting at 5:30 p.m. Please Contact Village Hall 746-2193

WINTER CONCERT AT THE GAZEBO

December 17th at 4:30pm. Memories of happy events are so important to families, they are part of the threads that make Williston Park "A Great Place to Visit, a Better Place to Live." Our Winter Concert at the Gazebo, our own version of Hallmark, has become a Christmas Tradition! On December 17th at 4:30 pm we'll sing along to music provided by our favorite DJ Steve Griffin. Hot Chocolate will be served along with delicious hot dogs and cookies. This event is being organized by our Beautification Committee and Senior Advisory Committee. Santa may even stop by to say hello!

THE WILLISTON PARK SENIORS

The Williston Park Seniors have openings for a trip to Woodloch Pines

10:30 FAMILY MASS DECEMBER THEMES

12/3.

First week of Advent Prepare and count down to Christmas. Receive an advent calendar to help you get ready for Jesus' birthday

12/10

Prepare the way of the Lord. St. John the Baptist told us about Jesus's coming and that we should follow Him. Jesus wore sandals as walked and told people about God. Receive a sandal key chain to remind you of today's Gospel story

12/17

St John tells us to prepare the path for Jesus and we should follow Jesus on the path. Put your name on a footprint and tape it to the path of Jesus

12/24. Christmas Eve

12/31.

Feast of the Holy family. What gift will you give to them? Saying prayers, doing acts of kindness? Put a gift into the crèche for the Holy Family



CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, December 17, 2023
3:00 PM-Church

on Monday . April 29th to Friday May 3, 2024. If interested please contact Rae Caramanica at 516 946-3744 .

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are you the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great grandson or granddaughter of a Veteran who served in the Military or is presently serving? American Legion Auxiliary Unit 144 has scholarship applications available.

Applications can be picked up at the Williston Park Library or please contact Dianne Karl. For the website to download the applications. Email dianneli @optimum.net or call 516-778-0006. Please call if you have any questions. Note: Our unit has had scholarship winners for the past 10 years.

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WWW.CFFOR.ORG

The Joy of Christmas Draws Us Closer to Our Infant King and Our Fellow Man

"Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas." - Pope John Paul XXIII

Each year in the USA there are organizations, individuals and government officials who would ban or restrict the celebration of Christmas. Already this year an administrator in a Wisconsin city has informed employees that decorations this December should avoid red and green colors and religious themes because she sees that as unwelcoming and not inclusive.

Meanwhile, churches, town squares, parks and other public forum areas are being readied for the celebration of Christmas and the marking of other faiths' celebrations as well. Since the principles of religious freedom prevent the cultural majority from using the power of the state to impose their beliefs on others, both religious and nonreligious alike, the government cannot become so powerful that it can tell people what to think and how to act. (1) This is especially important to know during the Christmas/Hanukkah holiday.

"The U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal appeals courts have recognized that government entities may recognize Christmas as a holiday and may maintain Christmas displays that include both religious and secular symbols." (1)

"Publicly sponsored Nativity scenes on public property are constitutional, especially when the display includes other secular symbols of the holiday. In fact, removing only the religious symbols of the holiday display would demonstrate hostility toward religion, which the First Amendment forbids," said Liberty Counsel. (2)

For many years residents and visitors to New York City have been inspired by a life-size nativity scene in Central Park, on

a piece of public property in front of the Plaza Hotel on 5th Ave. The Catholic League has erected this display for decades. Their president, Bill Donohue, has taught us that a public forum, a place that is open to all ideas, concerts, artistic exhibitions, etc., cannot stop them from erecting the creche.

(learningforjustice.org; religiousfreedominstitute.org, 11/1/19; heritage.org (1);

usccb.org, libertycounsel.org, 4/1/21(2)

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." - Pope Francis

LITURGY COLUMN

Welcome to Advent! Advent is the beginning of our liturgical year. The word stems from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming; arrival", a translation of the Greek word parousia from the original New Testament texts which were written in Greek, and which referred to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the world. So Advent is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at His Second Coming. But there is also a third perspective: the coming of Christ into our hearts. And here at St. Aidan's, this has the added coming of the kick-off of our participation in the Church-wide celebration of the Eucharistic Revival with the help of all our parish organizations. Over the next four weeks, we will prepare for Christmas, but over the next few months, we will participate in the Eucharistic Revival, becoming more aware of the Real Presence of Christ in His gift of the Eucharist, and that will help us prepare for His Second Coming, even if we are not here to witness it. It's a great opportunity for all of us to welcome Christ spiritually and physically into our lives. Waiting is not something we accept easily in our lives. We tend to be impatient, wanting things, at least those to which we look forward with happy anticipation, to get here in a hurry. Just ask any young child how they are waiting for Christmas, or recall how we felt as we were growing up. That is how the early Christians looked forward too the Second Coming of Christ. They expected Him in a hurry. This was called the Proximate Parousia, the "soon to be here Second Coming". It led to a great deal of misunderstanding which St, Paul had to address in several of his epistles as he, too, struggled with the concept that Jesus would not return soon. Eventually, the Church adapted and learned how to wait. And so we see that the Church, which is now over two thousand years old, has long since adopted a long-term view of things. Patience is a virtue! Change comes gradually, too

slowly for some, although too quickly for others. Holy Mother Church does not operate on a human time scale. Her concern is eternal, so things take time. Which brings us back to the Doctors of the Church. Recall that the first four were not declared Doctors until the year 1298. It would be another 270 years before more men were identified as Doctors of the Church. And, as with the first four, they were all men and there was a group of them. There were five plus one of them. Why five plus one? Well, because five were named in 1568, and one more in 1588. Then there would be over a century before there were more. Four of these six were saints from the formative years of the Church, as were the earlier Doctors, dating back to the late fourth to early fifth centuries. The other two were active in the late twelfth to early thirteenth centuries. The four older Doctors had long-since been recognized by the Eastern Church as Doctors, but not by the Roman Church. In 1568, they would be added to the roster of Doctors by the Roman Catholic Church. Certainly, their contributions were known before then, but I suspect that the time frame had just then become perfect for their recognition. The early part of the sixteenth

century had seen the Protestant Reformation, and the Church's response, through the Council of Trent, 1545 to 1563, went back to its roots in justifying its teachings, and these four Eastern saints and their writings and homilies would have been part of that, as well as the contributions of the two later men. Their names are St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nazianzus, and St. Athanasius, the first four, and then St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure as the later pair.

We will look at all of them beginning next week, but for now, I invite all of you to wait and prepare for Christmas with an Advent wreath and prayers at home as well as in Church, and to participate in the programs offered as part of the Eucharistic Revival.





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December 2023



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The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father,						REV. JOSEPH LOBO PRAY FOR DISCERNERS FAMILIES	2 REV. ROLANDO TICLLASUCA PRAY FOR HOLY MARRIAGES
full of grace and truth. John 3:16	REV.CLETUS NWAOGWUGWU PRAY FOR RETIRED PRIESTS	4 MSGR.THOMAS. COOGAN SEM. ROBERT PARADISO	5 REV. CHARLES MANGANO PRAY FOR DISCERNERS	6 REV. ROBERT SCHECKENBACK PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES	7 REV. EVANS FWAMBA, CP PRAY FOR THE INTERCESSION OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY	8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION REV. NAM SU KIM DCN. DENNIS GANNON	9 REV.ERIC KASONGO PRAY FOR OUR LADY'S INTERCESSION
	REV.THOMAS FUSCO PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN FAMILIES	REV. COLLINS YEBOAH SEM. NICHOLAS WALDRON	REV. PETER DESANCTIS PRAY FOR VOCATIONS	REV. MICHAEL EDATHIL PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS BROTHERS	14 REV. THOMAS HAGGERTY SEM. KEVIN RUEDA	15 REV.MICHAEL BISSEX PRAY FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS	16 REV. KRZYSZTOF DRYBKA PRAY FOR DEACONS
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	MSGR.ROBERT CLERKIN						



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: Thank you to all who volunteered to assist in the Faith Formation program. We are always in need of substitute

catechists throughout the program.. Lesson plans and materials are provided for substitute catechists. Please contact the office for more information at x405. We need your help.

MULTISENSORY RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION: The Multisensory Program serves children who would benefit from a smaller class setting. 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. We are always looking for more adult catechists and volunteers.

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,

ONGOING COMMUNICATION: Please visit 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 yea

> THIS COMING FRIDAY, THE CHURCH **CELEBRATES THE SOLEMNITY OF THE** IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. IT IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION MEANING THAT CATHOLICS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND MASS. THE IMMACULATE **CONCEPTION IS ALSO THE PATRONESS** OF THE UNITED STATES.

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@sstaidanparish.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Spread the word! An adult Confirmation class will begin in January 2024 for any Adult Catholics (18+), who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adult Confirmation will be celebrated in May. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

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.

GRADE 3: There will be a grade level Mass today for all Grade 3 children and their families at the 10:30AM Family Mass. December 3rd is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical (church) year. The Mass theme is: Happy Church New Year Year!

CONNECTING CHURCH AND HOME:

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical (church) year. The liturgical color is purple. Violet or purple is the church's color for prayer, preparation, and penance. The very word Advent comes from two Latin words: ad which is the preposition meaning to or toward and venire, which means to come. Advent is the season that prepares us by setting our focus on Christmas. The Sunday Gospels this liturgical year focus on the Gospel of St. Mark. Mark's gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four gospels in the Bible. Today's Gospel, (Mark 13:33-37) is very clear. We must be prepared and ready for the coming of Christ. During Advent while we prepare to celebrate the First Coming of Christ on Christmas, the Church begins this special time with this gospel calling us to be watchful and waiting because Christ is coming again at the end of time. As we celebrated last week on Christ the King, when Christ comes again, He will come as the King of Heaven and Earth. He will come as the judge of all. Those who are alert and watchful will enter into the fullness of the glory with God for eternity. Those who are not watchful will not enter God's Kingdom. We don't know when the Second Coming of Christ will be but we do know with certainty that it will be. Our lives are bound by time in this life, but our destiny is eternity with God. The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults says, "Each of us has a call from God that we receive at our Baptism. Because

we are anointed priest, prophet, and king,

we are called to lead lives of holiness and prophetic witness and resolve to bring about the world's sanctification." (USCCA, 138) How do we do this? Love is what brings about this development in each person, especially when we work for justice and peace.

This gospel can invoke a sense of fear in children especially young children; however, with some very basic guidance, any fear children may initially have can easily be replaced by simple things that can happen within the family. Children understand the idea of getting ready for something. They see us prepare meals, plan family events, and commit ourselves to various activities. They need the trusted adults in their lives to make connections for them through ageappropriate conversations, consistent acts of service, and of course prayer. There are many Advent customs and activities that can help get the point of readiness or watchfulness across to children, whose general awareness of time is usually very different from the adult world. The Advent wreath is one custom that can show children the movement towards Christmas by following the journey of the four Sundays of Advent. There are several ways to make a family Advent wreath. The internet has many templates. Traditionally, the wreath is a circle of greens with 4 or 5 candles. (In 5 candle wreaths, the 5th candle is the Christ candle lit at Christmas.) Another Advent custom that is better for older children and younger teens is the Jesse Tree. This activity traces the lineage of Jesus through ornaments that represent Jesus' ancestors. If you have a grade 6 child in Religious Education, this custom is especially meaningful since the grade 6 book focuses on the Old Testament. Many stores sell Advent calendars. Instead of secular versions or food-based calendars. get an Advent Calendar with a religious theme. Each day, one "door" is open until we get to Christmas. Younger children can be taught this song sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques." Always watching, ever faithful, all for you, all for you. You won't find us sleeping, You won't find us sleeping. Amen. Amen. As a family, talk

about the following: How would our family prepare if we knew that Jesus was coming to visit our home? Lead children to discuss what specific preparations would take place. What questions would they want to ask Jesus? What would Jesus say to us? What can our family do to be ready for Jesus? You can make-up additional questions. This type of activity can spark some unique ideas!

The Advent season is so very short. We need to resolve that our families must keep the focus on Christ and not just on shopping, gift-giving, and baking. These things are fun and certainly good if we don't let them drown out that Christmas is first about getting ready for Jesus!

Happy Church New Year! Happy Advent!

St. Aidan's Family Mass

Children's Worship Materials are in the "Children's Corner" in the Church Lobby. All are welcome! Invite a friend!



<u>Today</u>: Dec. 3rd Grade 3:
Happy Church New Year: First Sunday of Advent.





The Advent season begins today!

The Advent season begins today! Take time to reflect on how you will use the next four weeks to prepare your heart for Christmas.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

It's time to bring out and bless the Advent wreath! The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Use this prayer to bless your family wreath:

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says: Our help is in the name of the Lord. Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth. Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says: Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



5th Grade Art Class had some Disco Fun!



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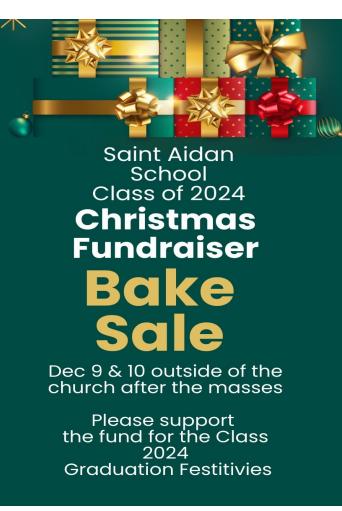
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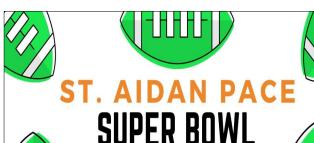
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"Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God's mercy," -Pope Francis

Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.

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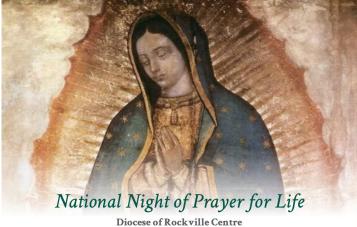
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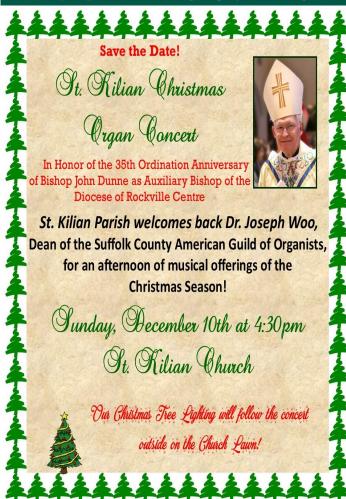
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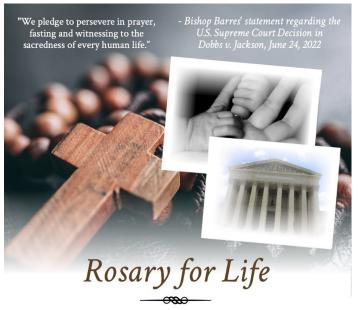
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Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go. **R**:

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *R*:



O brighter than the rising morn when He, victorious, rose and left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.

SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King! (2x) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King (2x) Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

PEOPLE LOOK EAST

P eople look east the time is near Of the crowning of the year Make your house fair as you are able Trim the hearth and set the table

Isalm 80



JESU JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING

J esu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright; drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned, striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

THE KING SHALL COME

he King Shall Come When Morning Dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child to bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky MUSIC FOR
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People look east and sing today Love The guest is on the way!

Furrows be glad though earth is bare One more seed is planted there Give up your strength the seed to nourish That in course the flower may flourish. *R*:

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

ome, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our pray'r attend: Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success: Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

DECEMBER 3RD—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our

father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm PS 80

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II 1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

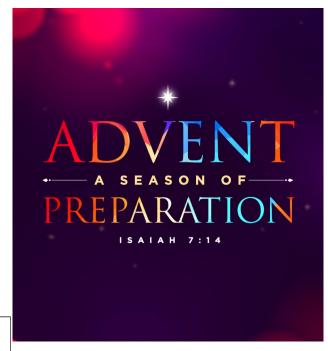
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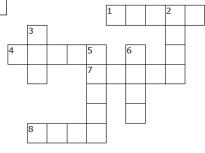
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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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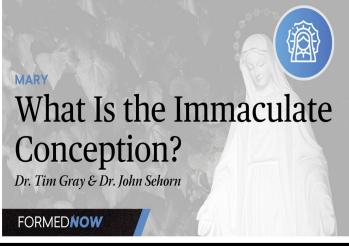
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- 1. The time of day when it is dark
- 4. To keep an eye on; to guard
- 7. The person who has something such as property
- 8. A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

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- 2. A period of sixty minutes
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