

HE WHO IS MIGHTIER
THAN I IS COMING,
THE STRAP OF WHOSE
SANDALS I AM NOT
WORTHY TO UNTIE.

# 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.

#### **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.

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WEBSITE STAIDANPARISH.ORG

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FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 ADVENT WEEK 2
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Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM Manuel Fuentes

Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM Julius Dutkowsky (21st Anniv. Rem.)

Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM Aldo Recine (B'day Rem.)

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM Parishioners of St. Aidan Fr. Jacob 9:00 AM Diane Villa (B'day Rem.) Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM Eleanor Brassill (B'day Rem.)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 ST. LUCY

Fr. Solomon
Fr. Solomon
Fr. Jacob

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM Antonio Lopes Fr. Jacob 9:00 AM Theresa Sambriski Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM Elizabeth O'Sullivan

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 ADVENT WEEK 2

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Parishioners of St. Aidan Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM John, Anna, & John Dwyer 1-3 PM ADORATION Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM Danny Steiniger

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 ADVENT WEEK 2

Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM Teresa Martone Fr. Jacob 5:00 PM Thomas Biesty Louise Oliveri (B'day Rem.)

Margaret C. Reilly (2nd Anniv. Rem.)

Maria Gloria Araujo (2nd Anniv. Rem.)

Gregg Fiore (B'day Rem.) &

John Fiore Italina Costa Nora Murphy

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fr. Adrian 7:30 AM GAUDETE SUNDAY
Deacon Frank Love (7th Anniv. Rem.)

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM OCIA RITE OF DISMISSAL
Parishioners of St. Aidan

Fr. Solomon 10:30 AM Joseph Prestia Fr. Jacob 12:00 PM Kathy Morgan

Dcd. Mbrs. of the Silit, Lengiewicz, &

Kozlowski Families

William Seitz

John Durante

3:00 PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Fr. Solomon 5:00PM Anna McKeon (B'day Rem.)

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9 AM to 12 PM 1 PM to 4 PM
Saturday & Sunday
9 AM to 12 PM

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Rev. Fr. Adrian McHugh

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Rev. Fr. Jacob Quansah Kyei

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

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ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8
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Mrs. Barbara Graham

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Social Ministry, Director ext. 410, 408

Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro





# What's Pastor Thinking

Isn't it striking how Mark begins his gospel? There's no angel Gabriel, no Mary and Joseph, no shepherds or

chorus of heavenly angels, as we have in Luke's Gospel. Mark gives us none of that. He simply declares, 'The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.' Mark makes it clear the good news has everything to do with Jesus.

The next thing we know, we're not at a manger, we're out in the wilderness listening to a prophet who is wearing strange clothes and eating the bizarre diet of the ancient prophet Elijah. That prophet in the wilderness proclaims that God is about to do something new. His name was John the Baptist. The people of God had waited a long time for God to do something to deliver them. We heard it last week: 'O Lord, why don't you rip open the heavens and come down and save us!' Their world was a mess politically, religiously, economically. It felt like a wilderness, a frightening, terrifying wilderness. A time, perhaps, like ours? For even in our sophisticated times there are obvious political, religious and economic divisions and anxieties. We could identify with the same kind of fear and uncertainty, the same chaos, as people experienced when John the Baptist

came on the scene, and when Mark wrote his gospel? It's a restlessness with a world that is not as it could be. It's a weariness, as we make the same old preparations for yet another Christmas, and we know in our soul that, once again, all our frantic scrambling to get ready, all our decorating, all our feasting with families and friends, and our annual visit to Church, will not fill that emptiness inside, and we'll be more than ready to put it all away again on the 26th of December.

John is the voice crying out in the wilderness, announcing that God is going to turn everything upside-down, especially our tired, old way of muddling through life. His message was bold and straightforward: 'Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent!' In the eyes of many Christmas is just another excuse to indulge ourselves. When we live as if we are our own gods and don't need to answer to anyone, there's a voice, shouting out in the wilderness, 'Repent!' Turn around! It reminds us to get on the right pathway, to return to God, to listen to God's voice and open ourselves up to doing God's will! Do you hear that voice? Do you hear that voice, crying in the wilderness of this nation and in the world?

#### WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

FRANK P. VOLPE MARCIANA VELASCO PATRICK DIZON BRIGID O'SULLIVAN

#### SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

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

#### THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

In Loving Memory of HUMBERTO, EDITH & ELVIRA **SARMIENTO** 

# THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY

FOR THEM INCLUDE 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 Joseph & 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 Ryan Latronica Bill Aprigliano Matthew Huhn

John Sweeney

Frank Sbeglia

William Dwyer

Stefanie Lowenthal

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

12/11/22 \$28,635 12/10/23 \$27,120

#### **ATTENDANCE**

12/09/10/2023—1,595

#### NO EXTRA ENVELOPE

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

staidanparish.org. Click DONATE.

#### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400 Pledges \$114,275 Donors 344 Payments \$111,622

Thank you for supporting St. Aidan. Please notify the 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 10, 2023** 3:00 PM MaryKate Cassidy St. Aidan Christopher Obregon

> **DECEMBER 15, 2023** 3:30 PM Caitlin Nora Moran St. Aidan Andrew Philip Kluger St. Saviour

St. Joseph

**DECEMBER 16, 2023** 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



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12/9	ADVENT 2	12:00	D & R Syers
5:00	M & O Gavagan		C Reti
	M Milone	5:00	H O'Sullivan
7:30	L & G Breglio		J Watkins
	A Galante		J DiMarzo
12/10	ADVENT 2	12/23	ADVENT 4
7:30	G C & J Pizzardi	5:00	L & S Cloghessy
9:00	J & A Boyd		J Simoes
	N Fernando	7:30	Cordoba
10:30	Y & B BouHarb		N Kolasny
	N Fortunato		C Lane
12:00	L Abrusci		
	D & D Kortkamp	12/24	ADVENT 4
5:00	R & M Walls	7:30	OPEN
	J Iannotti	9:00	N Fortunato
			A Swenson
12/16	ADVENT 3		L Moloney
5:00	L Lamontagne	10:30	J & A Boyd
	L Moloney	12:00	M Uttaro
	W Walker		A & M
7:30	W Friedrich		McCarthy
	C Cooke		
	J Whalen	12/24	CHRISTMAS
10/15	ADVENT O	4 00 C	EVE
12/17	ADVENT 3	4:00 C	Campbell
7:30	A Godwin		N Fortunato
	A Dominguez	4 00 17	L Herr
0.00	P Dorrian	4:00 K	J & A Boyd
9:00	R & L Suero	<b>F</b> 00	W Walker
10.20	A Swenson	5:30	D & R Syers,
10:30	A Dowdell	0.00	W Friedrich
	Carter	8:00	G C & J Pizzardi

M Vitale

12:00

M Uttaro

#### **BULLETIN PUBLISHING DATES**

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TWO BULLETINS for 12/17 and 12/24 will be published on Wednesday 12/13 The bulletin for 12/31 will be published on Wednesday 12/20 The bulletin for 1/07 will be published on Wednesday 1/03

	Christmas Flowers
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#### RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION DECEMBER **16TH AND 17TH.**

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 second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. December 15. January 5 & 19. February 2 & 16.

#### 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. December 24, January 28, February 25.

#### FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Join us every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass first Friday of the month. January 5, February 2, March 1.

#### 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 ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY the Catholic Church believes and teaches? Were you baptized We are a faith filled group who volunteer, share and pray, all 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.

#### 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 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 Iane Gelderman

in honor of the Blessed Mother. We welcome and encourage new members.

#### 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 January 6th.

#### 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.

#### MONDAY NOVENA

Please join us every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass for a Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Rosary to follow.

#### THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS & 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 Thursday, March 21, 2024 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,



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

## **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

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



February 13th, Tuesday, March 12th, Tuesday, April 9th, Tuesday, May 14th, Tuesday, June 11th

#### 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

#### 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: DIAPERS, SIZE 5, BABY WIPES, MAYONNAISE, BRILLO, SOUPS, COFFEE, SHAMPOO/ CONDITIONER, PAPER TOWELS, TOILET TISSUE, JARS OF SAUCE, EGGS, BARS OF SOAP, TOOTHPASTE AND CRACKERS. 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. 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 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, 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,



# 10:30 FAMILY MASS

A Sunday Mass at St. Aidan for families with children

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 He walked and told people about God. Receive a sandal key chain to remind you of today's Gospel story

2024 from 8:30am – 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat March 16, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm

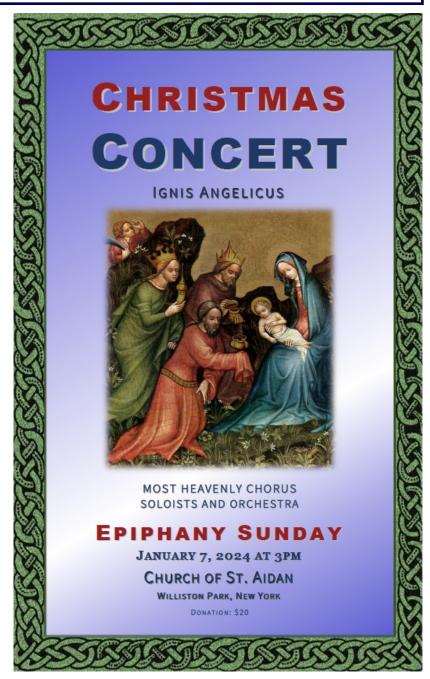
- Spring 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun June 2, 2024 at 12 Noon 1:15pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: June 8, 2024 from 8:30am 4:45pm. Closing Mass: Sat June 8, 2024 at 5:00pm 6:00pm
- Fall 2024 Classes. Opening Mass: Sun November 3, 2024 at 12 Noon – 1:15pm. Pre Cana Class: Sat: November 9, 2024 from 8:30am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

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. 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

#### **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 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

Foster Care Diminished Under Proposed HHS Rule Effectively Banishing Christians





#### **JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

Junior Catholic Daughters recently celebrated the Christmas season and the beginning of Advent with assisting Fr Adrian with lighting the first candle of the Advent Wreath this past Saturday, and then followed with a Christmas celebration including a delicious dinner, secret Santa and fun and games at our annual Christmas party. We are always seeking new members.

About 391,000 children in this country are being housed through the foster care system of temporary homes, as overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These children cannot remain in their current situations because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. In many parts of the country, it is largely Christian organizations who work within their communities to identify and support Christian families to open their homes to these children. A new rule proposed by HHS would effectively exclude many Christians from this charitable work. The new rule would consider the placement of a child to be safe and appropriate only if the foster parents and families are mandated to use the child's identified pronouns and chosen name as well as allowing the child to dress as their self-identified gender.

Attorneys General from several states object to the HHS rule because it would force Christians to comply with government compelled speech in spite of their conscientious beliefs about God's design for sexuality and would significantly reduce the available care for foster children in a similar situation the Supreme Court ruled in 2021 that the city of Philadelphia's refusal to allow a Catholic social services group to place children unless they would include placement in same sex homes was a denial of the free exercise of religion of the First Amendment.

Read more here: bit.ly/3T3AsEc bit.ly/3uE52dy

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Psalm 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

#### LITURGY COLUMN

The second group of Doctors of the Church are St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nazianzus, and St. Athanasius, who were roughly contemporaries, and then St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure who lived several centuries later. Starting with St. John Chrysostom, he was an Early Church Father who served as archbishop of Constantinople. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, and his ascetic sensibilities. The appellation Chrysostomos, from the Greek, is anglicized as Chrysostom and means "goldenmouthed" in recognition of his eloquence. He was among the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church, and is honored as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches, and some others. The Eastern Orthodox hold him in highest regard as one of the Three Holy Hierarchs, along with Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus. John was first appointed as a reader, the equivalent of today's lector, in the church of Antioch which exposed him to the scriptures, and then became a deacon in 381. At the time,

there were several serious divisions within the Church, with

three different major dioceses in conflict, and, as we have seen before, this involved the political powers as well as the religious ones. Ultimately, he was able to overcome the religious issues, but not the political ones. St. John very early established himself as a great preacher, and his homilies were well received. These made a lasting impression on the general population in Antioch, which was a major city and center of the Church in what is now southern Turkey. In fact, many pagans were converted to Christianity as a result of his homilies. His understanding of the Scriptures and ability to explain them simply, in contrast to the Alexandrian tendency towards complex allegorical interpretation, enabled him to preach in terms that were practical, relating the Bible's application to everyday life. He stressed charitable giving and was concerned with the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor. He spoke up against the abuse of wealth and personal property, all of which gained him great popular support and which ultimately enabled him to reconcile the differences between the three dioceses for the first time in seventy years. Later, in 398, John was called to Constantinople to be its archbishop, much against his will. There he again gained a large following among the people, but his teachings on the misuse of riches angered the wealthy and influential members of society. That caused him to be exiled in 403. While in exile, he continued to write and maintained his influence within parts of the Church. Despite the efforts of Pope Innocent I to re-instate him, he died in exile. His homilies contain a great deal of value even today, telling us not only of the Church long ago, but offer practical insights into our lives today. If you want to hear part of one of them, come to the Office of Readings on Good Friday morning next year and you will. It is part of the liturgy for that day. Saint Basil the Great was a bishop of Caesarea Mazaca in Cappadocia, modern-day Turkey. He was an influential theologian who supported the Nicene Creed and opposed the heresies of the early Christian church, fighting against both Arianism and the followers of Apollinaris of Laodicea. In addition to his work as a theologian, Basil was known for his care of the poor and underprivileged. Basil established guidelines for monastic life which focus on community life, liturgical prayer, and manual labor. He is considered a saint by both Eastern and Western Christianity. Basil attended the Council of Constantinople (360) ultimately opposing heretics who said that the Son was of like substance with the Father, rather than of the same substance, and so emerged as a strong supporter of the Nicene Creed. Basil along with Gregory Nazianzus spent the next few years continuing to combat the Arian heresy, which threatened to divide Cappadocia's Christians. His letters also show him encouraging his clergy not to be tempted by wealth or the comparatively easy life of a priest. He also criticized public officials who failed in their duty of administering justice. He preached every morning and evening to large congregations. In addition to all the above, he built a large complex just outside Caesarea, called the Basiliad which included a poorhouse, hospice, and hospital. Basil was given the title Doctor of the Church in the Western Church for his contributions to the debate caused by the Arian heresy regarding the nature of the Trinity, and especially the question of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Basil was responsible for defining the classic teaching of three Persons in one Nature. His single greatest contribution was his insistence on the divinity and consubstantiality of the Holy Spirit with the Father and the Son.

# SHARING OUR TREASURES

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
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ALONG WITH THE
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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.































# ADVENT CANDLES

If you would like to memorialize THE FOURTH candle on the parish Advent wreath please return your request to the Rectory office.



The donation is \$200. Make checks payable to: Church of St. Aidan. Any questions please call the rectory office at (516) 746-6585 x1.

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**ONGOING 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:** Thank you to all who volunteered to assist in the Faith Formation program. We have a great need for 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, 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

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.

#### **CONNECTING CHURCH AND HOME:**

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is purple. Violet or purple is the liturgical color for preparation and waiting. We are preparing for Christmas through prayer, penance, and service. Today's Gospel, (Mark 1:1-8), begins with Mark quoting the prophet Isaiah regarding a special messenger who would be sent ahead of the long awaited, promised Messiah. This herald was John the Baptist who roamed the Judean desert calling people to embrace a baptism of repentance and forgiveness. John clearly acknowledged that he was not the Messiah but the awaited Messiah would be coming after him. Mark's gospel challenges us right from the beginning to understand that we must be willing to change our ways to follow the way of Jesus. Through the message of John, the Baptist, we can reflect on discipleship as we prepare for Christmas.

With all the hustle and partying associated with the Christmas/ Holiday season, it is so easy to get lost in the hectic pace of over-the-top activity. Children can become easily

absorbed in Santa Claus and getting presents, forgetting or perhaps not knowing that the -true gift we receive is Jesus. Just as John the Baptist pointed to Jesus through his message and actions, we can do no less! While Santa Claus is a wonderful part of childhood, the children entrusted to us also need us to expose them to an understanding of giving especially at this time of the church year. Fortunately, we have many opportunities to help set a truly solid direction in celebrating Christmas. This gospel gives us a perfect opportunity to review the Sacrament of Baptism with children. If you can, bring your children to the church to see the Baptismal font. Discuss and review the symbols of Baptism: Water, Light, White garment, and Oil. The water is first blessed and then later used by the priest or deacon to baptize people. Remind children that sometimes, adults who have never been baptized decide to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Light is given to the newly baptized in the form of a candle that is lit from the Paschal candle used at the Easter Vigil. The Paschal Candle reminds us of the light of Christ that should be in our hearts. The white garment represents new life in Christ. White is the presence of all light and purity. The newly baptized is filled with the presence of Christ and called to follow Jeus throughout their lives. There are two oils used during Baptism. The first one is the Oil of Salvation, placed near the throat with prayers of strength right before Baptism and the second is then asking God (and often others)), Sacred Chrism. Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balm, which has a very rich and strong smell. In Jesus' time, such a luxury was ordinarily reserved for those who were wealthy. Chrism helps us remember that we are

special to God. If you have some pictures of your children's Baptisms, this is a really great time to take them out. Point out godparents and others who attended and explain that just as your family supported your children's Baptisms, so our parish family spiritually celebrates every time someone is baptized.

John the Baptist's other theme, forgiveness, should also be included. There are a few ways to help children understand how wonderful God's forgiveness is. The number one thing they should learn as young as possible is that they can access God's forgiveness in multiple ways, especially by asking for it. The importance of making good choices and avoiding bad choices can be developed in age-appropriate ways using everyday difficulties among first nuclear family members and then as children get older, those they encounter both in and out of the family. There are some activities that can help children to become more aware of their choices such as writing or drawing a wrong choice made and for forgiveness and discussing some scenarios where choice making is involved. Discuss what it means to be sorry for our wrong choices. To be truly sorry for the wrong done means that there is at least the intention to

# 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!





TRY not to repeat the action. When repeats happen as they often do, then a follower of Jesus should repeat the process above. With children who are old enough, plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. Help them to confidently approach God by receiving this sacrament, which we have been given to strengthen each of us in our journey to be faithful disciples or followers of Jesus.

God never gets tired of loving us and empowering us with whatever we need to choose Him by our words and actions. When we ponder it, God's love is overwhelming! It enables us to - anticipate the glory promised us and the hope that sustains us as we follow in Jesus' footsteps by doing our best to bring the Good News about Jesus to all who cross our path.

Take some time out during this Advent to do some family spiritual preparation. It is worth the time and effort as we learn to lead our children to Jesus! Happy Advent!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



TOGETHER IN LEARNING, TOGETHER IN CHRIST

# Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 School Year!

- Early Childhood Programs
- Full Day Nursery-8th Grade
- After-School Program
- State-of-the-Art Technology
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**Culture** – Our school cultivates a robustly Catholic Culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church.

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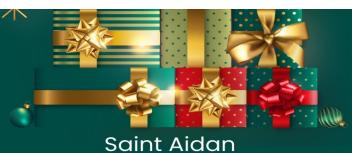
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Dec 9 & 10 outside of the church after the masses

Please support the fund for the Class 2024 Graduation Festitivies St. Aidan PACE is proud to partner with



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# PACE ONLINE AUCTION

PACE IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR ONLINE AUCTION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN JANUARY.

HIGHLY DESIRED ITEMS LIKE SPORTS OR CONCERT TICKETS, FAMILY EXPERIENCES, VACATION HOME DONATIONS, CAMPS, AND SERVICES WOULD HELP MAKE THIS AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS FOR ST. AIDAN SCHOOL & PARISH.

PLEASE CONTACT KATIE HERR AT STAIDANPACE@GMAIL.COM TO DISCUSS DONATIONS.





# Coach of the Willistons is proud to announce our Annual Coat Drive

We are accepting new and gently used coats for men, women and children.

All donations will be distributed locally.

Drop off will be in our office, located at 24 Hillside Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596

To learn more, please contact Rhonda May Crespo at. 516.581.0545

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One Family-Journeying togother in Communion Participation and Wissian



"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.

Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It's a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

How does the Catholic Ministries Appeal Care for God's People? It supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs, providing food and nutrition to more than 15,000 people.



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#### ON JORDAN'S BANK

n Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh. Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward. Without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Isalm 85



For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief, be near, Hear our prayer, O God. **R**:

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**:

#### **CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

onging 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.



#### LIKE A SHEPHERD

BOB DUFFORD

ike a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God. **R**:

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray, the lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them giving them rest. R:

#### THERE IS A LONGING

here is a longing in our hearts, O
Lord for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts
For love we only find in you, our God.

MUSIC FOR
SUNDAY
MASS

HANDEL:

"AND THE GLORY OF
THE LORD SHALL BE
REVEALED"
(FROM "MESSIAH")

Your word alone has pow'r to save us Make us your living voice.

#### PROCLAIM THE JOYFUL MESSAGE

roclaim the joyful message that our God is coming to earth.
Let the valleys be filled and the mountains made low, preparing for his holy birth.

He will come in the Spirit of wisdom To bring the world justice and right. The poor and the lowly will know him, for the Lord will be their light.

Soon God's creatures will all live together. The wolf will be guest of the lamb. The calf will walk next to the lion and be led by the Child's hand.

# **ADVENT**

#### Reading 1 IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

#### **Responsorial Psalm PS 85**

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

**DECEMBER 10TH—2ND SUNDAY OF** R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

> The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

#### Reading 2 2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

#### Gospel MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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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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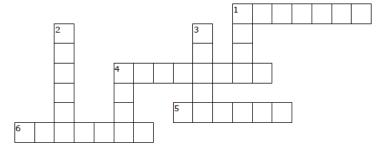
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#### JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. To make ready ahead of time
- 4. Not having any curves or bends
- A dry, barren region with only a few plants
- 6. To admit your sins to God

#### DOWN

- 1. A trail made for traveling on foot
- 2. The river where John baptized people
- 3. What people use for speaking
- 4. Actions that break God's law

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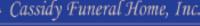
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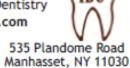
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