



St. Aidan

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come,
let us walk
in the light
of the LORD!

Isaiah 2:5, NRSV

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 2024

Coordinate the Eucharistic Revival

THE CHURCH IS OPEN 6 AM TO 6 PM

Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org, Facebook and Vimeo. The faithful are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, or those with serious underlying health conditions. For the safety of all, the church doors will be closed when school children attend services during the week.

MEETINGS AT ST. AIDAN

Contact the Rectory for more information.

PARKING AT ST. AIDAN

The number of parking spaces is limited at St. Aidan. The parking lot at the rear of the Upper School and the one on Dover Street are available on weekends and when school is closed. The Lower School has an area that is designated a children's play area. People with disabilities may park in the three reserved parking spaces in front of the rectory on Willis Ave. This special area is needed for church access by people who use wheelchairs and specially-equipped vehicles. Thank you for being parking considerate.

BAPTISM

To arrange a baptism contact the rectory office. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child's date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. To hold a private baptism you must make arrangements with a priest or deacon to perform the baptism. Private baptisms are held on Saturday or Sunday when the church is available. First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the church on the second Sunday of the month after the 12 PM Mass. Parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the altar.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion unites us more closely to Jesus, and it is also a sign that we are living in communion with His Church, following the teachings that Jesus has handed down to us. If you know of someone homebound who would like to receive Communion from a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Rectory.

CONFESSION

Confessions are available in the church, screen only, on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. You can also make an appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged. Pre-Cana at St. Aidan consists of a ONE DAY SATURDAY COURSE. The moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin. Email: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org. Information on the Pre-Cana Course offered by the Diocese of Rockville Center can be found at www.drvc-faith.org or call 678-5800 ext. 223.

SCAM LIKELY

If you receive an email or text from Fr. Adrian or any other member of St. Aidan staff requesting gift cards or donations, delete it immediately and block the caller's number or email. It is not from St. Aidan Church or School.

PARISH EMAIL

To be added to email distributions of the Parish Bulletin please email Bonnie Parente at bparente@verizon.net.

PLANNED GIFTS FOR YOUR PARISH

Consider your Christian responsibility to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future. Call Barbara Kilarjian at the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 to find out how you can pass on your love to your family.

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS

WEBSITE ST AidanParish.org

VIMEO ST. AIDAN, WILLISTON PARK

FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 05

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

ST. AGATHA

Elizabeth Kempton
Elizabeth Kempton
Steven Marrone

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06

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

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

Charles H. Stanton
Herbert & Kristyn DeGiovine
Marianne Zahn (B'day Rem.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07

Fr. Francis 6:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 5

Joseph Poomkudy
Anne Previdi
Eleanor D'Alessio (B'day Rem.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08

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

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 5

Charles Barkaus (B'day Rem.)
Lvg. Int. for Peter Reali
Nora Brennan (B'day Rem.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 09

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM
Fr. Francis 9:00 AM

Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 5

Bruce E. Anderson (39th Anniv. Rem.)
Margaret & Randy Providuy
(5th Anniv. Rem.)
David Casey (30th Anniv. Rem.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

ST. SCHOLASTICA

Mary (Ronnie) Dart (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Joan McGuckin (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Stanley Kowalski (B'day Rem.)
Maria Zappala (B'day Rem.)
Lena Fosso (B'day Rem.)
Palma Weber (B'day Rem.)
Paul Duplatre
Angel L. Llanes (5th Anniv. Rem.)
Patricia Blennau

Fr. Jacob 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Fr. Jacob 7:30 AM
Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM
Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM

Fr. Solomon 12:00 PM

Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6

Bridget Murray
Honora Dutkowsky (12th Anniv. Rem.)
GRADE 4 ATTENDING
Parishioners of St. Aidan
Francis Caputo (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Craig Hauser
Lvg. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Legion of Mary
Eileen Fitzgerald
Joseph Romano
Howard Hilderbrand

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

Pastor
Rev. Fr. Adrian McHugh

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Rev. Fr. Solomon Odinukwe
Rev. Fr. Jacob Quansah Kyei

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

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

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

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Mr. Thomas Flynn

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Social Ministry, Director
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Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro



What's Pastor Thinking

The age of open public debate is over! News

organizations and public representatives in general seem only interested in convincing you that their opinion is right. Silencing those who disagree seems to be the way to face down your opponent. Taking grave offense at anyone who has a different opinion, is the norm. You offend me! Go away! Public debate is in crisis.

Attending Sunday Mass these weekends you will notice that the second reading is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. The church of Corinth, like society today, was made up of people who didn't just know that

they were always right, but also let everyone else know that they were always right! Difference of opinion was not encouraged. One of the issues they debated was eating meat sacrificed to idols. Not an issue that's on most of our front burners today, but one that was a BIG DEAL at the time.

Now Corinth was a thoroughly pagan city. This meant that the world view of the entire town was dominated by pagan assumptions. The visual appearance of the town was dominated by pagan symbolism. The normal mind set of the average Corinthian was dominated by pagan ideas, pagan hopes, and pagan motivations, and pagan practices.

Enter the Apostle Paul, and surprise, surprise, Paul doesn't silence those who have a different opinion. He does not force his point of view, instead he says 'knowledge puffs ... but love builds up.' In other words, there's something more important than being right. And that, of course, is relationship, community, honoring one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ. Helping one another as we struggle along. Seeing one another as sisters and brothers for whom Christ died.



Love builds up, especially when you love the unlovable. What St. Paul says is that relationships are to be treasured above all. So, when discussing the current political situation, and finding you disagree a bit, or a lot, with what is currently going on, we need to be reminded that what's important is dialogue. Keep talking. Maintain relationships. That's not to say that there isn't a time when Catholics will need to take stands that offend others. Of course we will. But we learn from St. Paul that there is a mature way to express your opinion. Not by silencing those we disagree with, but by maintaining a conversation. St. Paul and the church at Corinth shows us is that we need to get along with those we disagree with. For all the squabbling that the church at Corinth did, you get a feeling of how deeply committed they were to being together, of how deeply they were trying to hammer it all out. What St. Paul is reminding us, primarily, is to respect one another, honor one another, and love the unlovable. Just a thought for those of us who feel frustrated and angry with the current state of public debate in America.

BREAD AND WINE
In Loving Memory Of
STEVEN DANIEL CLANCY
Requested By
THE CLANCY FAMILY

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

Fearghal McHugh
Fran Lesser
Lisa Sorgi
Alex Grinacoff
Mason Guadagno
Colleen Cassidy
Dianne Karl
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
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Ryan Latronica
Matthew Huhn
John Sweeney
Frank Sbeglia
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Maurice Morriarity
Andre Isaac
Angela Sposito

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



FEBRUARY 14TH

MASSES

6:30 AM

9:00 AM

12:00 PM

5:30 PM

PRAYER SERVICE

3:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY

**WE PRAY FOR OUR
DECEASED**

MIGUEL RIVERA

FUNERAL MASSES

JOHN R. HARRIS

Friday, February 9
11 :15 AM

DOMINICK V. PRISCO
Saturday, February 24
11 :00 AM

JOSEPHINE MINOR
Saturday, June 1
11 :00 AM

STEWARDSHIP

01/29/23 \$24,932
01/28/24 \$25,787

ATTENDANCE

01/27/28/2024 - 1,653

EXTRA ENVELOPE

Snow Removal

ONLINE GIVING

staidanparish.org.
Click DONATE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400
Pledges \$124,792
Donors 355
Payments \$124,545

WEDDING BELLS

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

APRIL 5, 2024

3:30 PM

Anne Theresa Collins

St. Aidan

Matthew J. Gibbons

Sacred Heart

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

ALTAR SERVERS

2/03 ORDINARY TIME 5

5:00 D & L Tiernan
W Walker
7:30 J Whalen
Kolasny
Lane

2/04 ORDINARY TIME 5

7:30 G C & J Pizzardi
9:00 R DiMaio
N Fernando
L Herr
10:30 A. Dowdell,
T. Fortunato
S Alexander

12:00 L Abrusci
C Reti
C Campbell
5:00 R & M Walls
J Mahmood

2/10 ORDINARY TIME 5

5:00 M & O Gavagan
M Milone
7:30 L Lamontagne
L Moloney
W Walker

2/11 ORDINARY TIME 5

7:30 A Godwin
P Dorrian
A Dominguez
9:00 R & L Suero
A Swenson
10:30 J & A Boyd
M Vitale
12:00 M Uttaro
D & D Lie
5:00 D Werther
J Iannotti
I Grdvich



PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*Dearest St. Agnes, our courageous patron,
although you were only a child,
you believed that Jesus was always with you;
help us to remember that He is also with us,
and to remain true to His presence.*

*You refused to give up your faith;
help us to be proud of our faith,
to love it, to be strong in it,
and to give witness to it daily.*

*Patron saint of the youth,
watch over the young people of this parish
and those of the whole world;
keep them safe from harm,
be with them in their hour of need,
and pray for them always.*

St. Agnes, Pray for Us. Amen.

(Feast Day January 21st)

WELCOME CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Today we pray for all our Confirmation Candidates who are attending Mass with their parent and guardians. At Mass we hope you feel the love and support of the St. Aidan Community. We are very happy for you as you prepare for your Confirmation and we wish you well! We need the encouragement of others if we are to remain on our faith journey.

8TH GRADE ARE ATTENDING MASS ON:

SUNDAY 01/28/24 at 9 AM

Catholic Schools Week Mass

OR

SATURDAY 02/03/24 at 5 PM.

At this Mass we ask you to present three things:

- THE CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM
- THE FORM SIGNED BY YOUR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR
- A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE LIFE OF THE SAINT YOU HAVE CHOSEN

Place the three items in an envelope with your name on it and bring it to Mass on 1/28 or 2/03. Take time to become acquainted with your chosen saint throughout the Confirmation process. Ask your saint for guidance and protection every day. Consider the saints to be your lifelong friend!

Once again I thank you and your family for making a special effort to come along to these Masses. I appreciate that some family members are not frequent Mass attenders and may feel somewhat uncomfortable in coming along. To any person who feels this way I say this: You are welcome to our parish Mass. If you haven't been with us often, you are doubly welcome. And your presence will be a powerful statement of support to your family member who is making their Confirmation.

Fr. Adrian

THE 2025 MASS BOOK OPENS ON MARCH 1, 2024

- Send in your three Mass requests by completing the form below and mailing or dropping this page to the Rectory Office, 505 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596. (Attn: 2025-Mass Request).
- Please include the \$20 stipend for each Mass request. Checks paid to St. Aidan Church.
- Weekday Masses are at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM.
- Saturdays Masses are at 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM & 7:30 PM.
- Sundays Masses are at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM
- If a Mass is unavailable we will contact you so an alternate date can be chosen.

MY FIRST MASS INTENTION IS FOR:

PRINT REQUESTED INFORMATION

LIVING _____ DECEASED _____ REMEMBRANCE _____
REQUESTED DAY _____ DATE _____ MASS TIME _____ AM/PM
MY NAME _____ MY PHONE _____
MY ADDRESS _____

DO NOT COMPLETE —FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

STIPEND \$ _____ RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____
MASS DAY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____ AM/PM



MY SECOND MASS INTENTION IS FOR:

PRINT REQUESTED INFORMATION

LIVING _____ DECEASED _____ REMEMBRANCE _____
REQUESTED DAY _____ DATE _____ MASS TIME _____ AM/PM
MY NAME _____ MY PHONE _____
MY ADDRESS _____

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MASS DAY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____ AM/PM



MY THIRD MASS INTENTION IS FOR:

PRINT REQUESTED INFORMATION

LIVING _____ DECEASED _____ REMEMBRANCE _____
REQUESTED DAY _____ DATE _____ MASS TIME _____ AM/PM
MY NAME _____ MY PHONE _____
MY ADDRESS _____

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MASS DAY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____ AM/PM





10:30 FAMILY MASS

A Sunday Mass at St. Aidan for families
with children

FEBRUARY 4 – The footprints prayer

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law. When people heard
about this every one came to him to be cured.

Jesus is with us in always.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This weekend and next weekend children will receive the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. We will greet you when you arrive in church for 11:00 AM or 1:30 PM.

Simply choose a seat, kneel and pray, do the examination of conscience, then we will guide your child into the confessional. After confession return to your seat and pray your penance. Your child will be presented with the act of contrition prayer. During class they will have learned everything about the sacrament but children can be a bit nervous on the day. Parents, please talk to them about this great sacrament and thank you for accompanying your family in their faith journey. This Guide to Confession for Children might help.

GUIDE TO CONFESSION FOR CHILDREN

Before going to confession, do an Examination of Conscience

Pray: Come Holy Spirit; help me to know my sins, confess them to the priest, and to be truly sorry for them. Amen
Think about the bad choices you made. Think about the 10 commandments and anytime you disobeyed them.

- Did I lie to my parents? My teachers? My friends?
- Did I take anything that didn't belong to me?
- Did I say mean things to my mom or dad?
- Did I do what my mom and dad told me to do?
- Did I do my chores?
- Did I fight with my brothers or sisters or friends?
- Did I call someone bad names?
- Did I hit someone when I got mad?
- Am I hard to get along with?
- Have I blamed other people for something I did?
- Did I get other people into trouble?
- Have I said "I'm sorry" after being mean to someone, or disobeying my parents?

- Have I cheated or been unfair in games?
- Did I cheat in school?

RECONCILIATION STEPS

1. The priest welcomes you and prays the Sign of the Cross with you. Then you say: "Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my first Confession and these are my sins..."
2. Confess your sins. The priest may talk to you to help you.
3. The priest gives you a penance. This can be prayers to say or good deeds to do. Remember your penance so you can do it.
4. Pray the Act of Contrition
5. The Priest absolves you "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
6. The priest will dismiss you by saying, "Go in peace." You can say "Thank you Father."

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

The reception of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday by the Catholic faithful is the beginning of the season of Lent. At St. Aidan ashes will be distributed at the end of Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at a Prayer Services at 3:30 PM.

COME AND SEE

You are invited to a book discussion on Our One Great Act of Fidelity, Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist, By Ronald Rolheiser. The meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM in the convent building on Pembroke St, Williston Park. The book is available on Amazon for about \$10.

Contact the rectory office. Jane Gelderman

ST. AIDAN'S BETHANY RETREAT: OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS, "THIS IS MY BODY." MARCH 9TH

Yes, Jesus is alive in the Blessed Sacrament, he is alive in the host that we receive every time we receive communion. Come to Bethany (a Retreat given by parishioners for parishioners.) Come and relax with your fellow parishioners as Jesus did in Bethany with his friends, while being opened up to new ideas about the Eucharist. Save the date, Friday evening March 8th and Saturday March 9th. Registration will begin in February .

THREE EVENINGS IN LENT —MARCH 11,12 & 13— ST. AIDAN PARISH RETREAT

Join us for three evenings of prayer and reflection on the Eucharist at St. Aidan on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th of March. Mass at 5:30 PM followed by adoration. At 7:00 we present a talk and music on the theme of the Eucharistic. More information to come.

JOSEPH BARRY COLUMBIETTES 2024 SUPER BOWL POOL

Boxes are now available in our annual Super Bowl Pool. This year's game will take place on February 11, 2024 in Paradise, NV. Each box costs \$20. The winners of the 1st and 3rd quarter will each receive \$125; The Halftime winner will receive \$250; and the Final score winner will receive \$500. No knowledge of football is required. The assigned scores for each box are randomly picked before the game. The winners are determined based on the score of each team at the end of each quarter. Email JosephBarryColumbiettes@gmail.com for more information or to purchase a box. When emailing, please provide your name, your telephone number, your preferred email address and the box number(s) that you would like to select. Boxes are sold on a first come, first served basis based on receipt of payment. Prizes are based on the sale of all 100 boxes. Proceeds from this and other Columbiettes fundraisers go toward assisting charities including our local parishes, veterans' organizations, food pantries and other worthy causes in our community.

THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Corporate Mass of the Rosary Altar Society will be celebrated this Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024. This Mass will be in memory of deceased Rosarian, Lillian Welch and Marie Michel.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Monday, Feb 5, 2024 at 7pm in Msgr Kirwin Hall. Dennis Bligen will speak about Organ Donations. The doors will open at 6:45pm. All

women are encouraged to join us at this meeting and consider becoming a member of the Rosary Altar Society.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Please join the parish on the First Saturday devotion to the Blessed Mother. Prayers will begin at 8:45am followed by Mass and the recitation of the Rosary.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Thank you to all our parishioners, and special thank you to John from JVS Variety for your generosity for the donations to our active military collection to support our brave troops. Your support throughout the year is very much appreciated.



February events:

- 2/11 Meeting with Bagel Breakfast in Convent (9:00AM)
- 2/11 Momma's House & Birthright Collection (9:30AM-1:00PM in St. Francis Garden)
- 2/15 Ronald McDonald House baking event; contact Mrs Syers to volunteer.

For Momma's house they are in need of

- BABY GROOMING/HEALTH KITS (IE THERMOMETER, NASAL ASPIRATORS, NAIL CLIPPERS, BRUSH, MEDICINE DISPENSER, TOOTH BRUSH)
- BABY HEALTH SUPPLIES (I.E. GAS DROPS, INFANT TYLENOL, INFANT MOTRIN, SALINE SPRAY/DROPS, DIAPER RASH CREAM, ECZEMA CREAM, QTIPS)
- SIPPY CUPS
- BABY BOTTLES - ANTI-COLIC TO REDUCE GAS
- BABY LOTION - SKIN CARE PRODUCTS FOR SENSITIVE SKIN, ECZEMA - AVEENO, CERAVE, HONEST
- DIAPERS - WE ONLY NEED SIZE 1 AND 6 AND ANY SIZE OVERNIGHT DIAPERS
- PULL-UPS TRAINING PANTS SIZES 2T-3T AND 4T-5T

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Corpus Christi Council #2502. 186 Jericho Turnpike Mineola N.Y. We are Looking for a Few Good Catholic Men to Join Us. The Knights of Columbus' principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism serve as a basis of the Order's core values which are Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect

Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, who's our founder started this organization in 1882, at St. Mary's parish, New Haven, CT. He was a genuine pastor who, in the words of Pope Francis, was unafraid to share, "the smell of the sheep." He promoted families whose members were strong in their faith expressed through generous following the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In a decree read at the beatification Mass. All interested people looking to join our organization can contact us. Contact : Mike Curley, Chancellor, (917) 420-4934.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS POETRY AND ESSAY CONTEST 2024

Themes: "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky." Or "How does my love shine for others?" Essay: not to exceed 500 words. Poetry: not to exceed 8 lines. Division 1: 4th and 5th grades. Division 2: 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Name, address, telephone number, school and grade on BACK OF ENTRY ONLY. 1st place \$50. 2nd Place \$30. 3rd Place \$20. DUE DATE: February 1, 2024. Return entries to: Ann Marie Flynn, Court St. Aidan 1577, 9 Astor Pl., Williston Park, NY 11596. Phone: 516-873-6818.

INVITATION TO JOIN

The Sisters of Charity served in St. Aidan's parish for many years. Their charism of charity touches many of us. I am part of a group that meets monthly to pray, socialize and learn about the start of the Sisters of Charity as well as their history. We pray with each other as well as some of the Sisters. We meet on Sunday afternoons in the convent. If you feel that you too share that charism of charity where you live and work or have an interest in learning more, please call or send an email to Ann Masters amasters1966@gmail.com

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 and then on the last Thursday of the month. April 25, May 30.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT #1577

New members are always welcome! We meet at 7:30pm in Monsignor Kirwin Hall. Email cdastaidan.1577@gmail.com with any questions! Tuesday, 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

HGL THE FIRE OF HIS LOVE PRAYER COMMUNITY

HGL The Fire of His Love prayer community is a ministry of deepening our relationship with Jesus and through Him interceding for our Church, our families and the world. We meet at 7pm each Monday in the Convent yellow room. All are welcome. *For more information you can find it at Hisglobalove.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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. February 25. March 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. February 2. March 1. April 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.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation preparation classes will begin in February 2024 for adults 18+ who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and want to complete their Catholic initiation by receiving Confirmation. Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 19th. For further information, please call 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

ARE YOU SEARCHING?

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

CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK (CFN)

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on Saturday, February 24th from 2 PM and continue through Monday, February 26th at 8:30 AM. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- Food items needed: FROZEN VEGETABLES, CHICKEN, CHOP MEAT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS, DISHWASHING LIQUID, SPONGES, INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS, SALTINE CRACKERS, GLUTEN-FREE ITEMS AND TOOTHBRUSHES. 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.
- 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 meetings for February will take place on Monday, February 12th and February 26th. 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 – 2:15pm. 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 – 2:15pm. 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 – 2:15pm. 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.

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.Engagedencounter.com for information and registration.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attention married couples & Priests. Want to fall in love again? Here's a chance to get away for the weekend and focus on your spouse to renew and refresh your relationship. To help your good marriage be great!!

- Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood?

-Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

-Every relationship is a journey. The grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

-This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply

Our next weekend experience will be - February 9-11, 2024 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, Long Island . Register at WWME.org or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson (516) 554-3835.

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. 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.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting on Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 7:00PM at 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 Linda 516 286 0494

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

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

February 2024 Singles Gathering on Saturday, Feb 3, 2024, 8:30PM at St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. Our February Gathering will feature an interesting presentation by noted speaker Tony Bellizzi.. Ages 40+; \$10.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

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

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

ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP

If you are in any way unfamiliar with the Respect Life/Pro Life message, or just want to show support, please stop by and join a meeting of The RESPECT LIFE GROUP. We will have our next meeting on Wednesday, February 7th, in the Piano Room of the Convent. 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.drvcclife.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..

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 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 .

BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO, BETHLEHEM, PA

Hosted by the Joseph Barry Columbiettes. When: Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Cost: \$55 per person, which includes the driver's tip. Give back: \$35 slot play. Time: Please arrive at 8:30 am. Return approx. 8:30 pm. Parking: # 999 So. Oyster Bay Road (dead end). Reservations: call Barbara at (516) 935-5576. Please make checks payable to "Columbiettes." The first to pay is the first on the bus, etc.

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

Thinking about 1st Amendment Religious Liberty after the Jan.16. USCCB's Annual Report on the State of Religious Liberty in the United States

In response to the United States Bishops' concerns about religious liberty in our Nation, Catholics can support their efforts and follow the God given charism to the laity of taking our faith into the public square by learning the facts and rights of our Constitutional freedoms of conscience and religion.

The 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is direct and definitive.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The concerns of the bishops and millions of Americans originate in a culture which now marginalizes faith and religion, shows growing contempt and intolerance for people of faith, tolerates unsolved crimes of vandalism on hundreds of churches and pregnancy centers and has not stood up as one people to condemn the FBI's investigation of Catholics attending the Traditional Latin Mass. Most Americans are unaware that this administration has proposed a Health and Human Services regulation which the bishops reported would force doctors to perform transgender surgeries and may also include a mandate to perform abortions.

An added concern reported since the bishops' report of Jan. 16, is that the House Judiciary Committee revealed documents in which FinCEN (the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Unit) asked financial institutions to track customer's transactions for the purchase of religious texts, including the Bible as well as guns, travel tickets, purchases at Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, etc. FinCEN said those purchases could be "extremist indicators."

Read here: <http://tinyurl.com/5dwccjn9> <http://tinyurl.com/4b3ku763> <http://tinyurl.com/3yfvcs8b>
“Nothing is more dreaded than the national government meddling with religion.” John Adams

LITURGY COLUMN

Next up on the list of Doctors of the Church is St. Anselm of Canterbury. He was an Italian Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. His feast day is April 21. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by a bull of Pope Clement XI in 1720. A papal bull is a type of public decree, issued by a Pope. The name comes from the leaden seal (bulla) which is traditionally used to authenticate it.

Like many of the Doctors of the Church, he was a secular scholar as well as a theologian, and he had major differences of opinion with civil leaders resulting in exiles. Why is this common? Very few people were formally schooled for much of western history. Many of those who were became leaders in either civil authority or the Church. So a background in both philosophy and theology in a major Church figure, especially one who would leave behind many documents delving deeply into both subjects, particularly in trying to unify them in their search for the ultimate truth, is a common thread and also a potential point of dispute with rulers.

Anselm's education was a benefit of being born into a wealthy family. He felt an early call to enter a monastery, but his father opposed this. He spent several years traveling through Italy and parts of France before encountering Lanfranc of Pavia who was the prior of the Benedictine abbey of Bec in Normandy. Soon after, Lanfranc sent Anselm to the archbishop of Rouen, who convinced him to enter Bec as a novice at the age of 27. There he wrote his first work on philosophy, and over the next decade, the Rule of Saint Benedict shaped his thoughts. 1063, the monks of Bec, despite some doubts due to his youth, elected Anselm prior new abbey of St Stephen at Caen which, under Anselm's direction, led to Bec becoming the foremost seat of learning in Europe. During his tenure as prior, he wrote many treatises, as well as a series of dialogues on the nature of truth, free will, and the fall of Satan. In 1092, Anselm composed the first draft of *De Fide Trinitatis*. This was a defense of the Trinitarian doctrine. He was also known for his good example and his loving, kindly method of discipline, particularly with the younger monks, and for his spirited defense of the abbey's independence from lay and archiepiscopal control,

Following the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, the abbey was given extensive lands across the Channel, and William I installed Lanfranc as archbishop of Canterbury. While visiting the Church lands and Lanfranc, Anselm made a good impression on William I and this made him the favorite to succeed Lanfranc. Instead, upon the archbishop's death in 1089, King William II refused to appoint any successor and appropriated the Church's lands and revenues for himself. After an illness, William II repented and following a long series of discussions, under duress, he returned the Church's lands and Anselm was appointed in 1093. This, however, did not solve the problem. William reneged and seized the properties. Anselm was exiled. He went to Rome where he continued to write, notably in defense of the use of unleavened bread for the Eucharist and again in support of the doctrine of the trinity. After William II died in 1100, he was succeeded by Henry I who invited Anselm to return in return for his support as king, which was critical to his reign when his brother returned from a crusade. With Anselm's support, the English nobles accepted Henry's right. In 1102, Anselm convened a church council at London, establishing the Gregorian Reform within England, prohibiting marriage, concubinage, and drunkenness to all those in holy orders, and condemning sodomy and simony. He also obtained a resolution against the British slave trade. Despite his support for Henry, the dispute concerning the right of the king to invest the archbishop of Canterbury led to a second exile. This was resolved in 1105 when the Pope threatened to excommunicate the king, and Anselm returned the following year.

In summary, Anselm, who predates Aquinas and Bonaventure, is known as the father of Scholasticism, which dominated the Middle Ages. Modern scholars credit him as the originator of the philosophical argument for the existence of God based on the idea of an absolutely perfect being, the fact of the idea being in itself a demonstration of existence, and the satisfaction theory based on the feudal concept of requiring recompense according to the status of a person against whom an offense has been committed, especially as regard to the infinite God being the offended party and humanity the offender, all of which was further developed by the later Doctors. Hence, Anselm is also a Doctor of the Church.



St. Aidan's Rosary Altar Society
St. Patrick's Day Dance

**Irish Coffee
Bar**

**March 2nd, 2024
7 PM - 11 PM
Kirwin Hall**

**Raffles &
Door Prizes**

Live Irish Music by Kitty Kelly & Catskill Fever

Dancing



Beer, Wine, Baileys



Sandwiches

Homemade Irish Soda Bread



Coffee & Dessert

**\$50 per person
Don't Miss the Fun -- Reserve Early!**

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Name _____ Phone _____

Email (Please Print Clearly) _____

Seat me with up to 10 at a table - Please Print Names on Back

Chances (Winner Drawn at Dance)

1st Prize: \$400 2nd Prize \$250 3rd Prize: \$150
\$50 Early Bird Drawing at February Meeting
\$2 each 3 for \$5 13 for \$20 18 for \$25

Chances Quantity: _____ Total Chances Amount: \$ _____

Ticket Quantity: _____ Total Ticket Amount: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to St. Aidan's Rosary Altar Society

Questions/Payment

Mail Check and Reservation to:

Helene Pacher
174 Primrose Rd
Williston Park 11596

Questions:

516.417.7229

hpacher@optimum.net



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 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) 746-6585 x406 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 rest of the 2023-2024 school year.

GRADE 4 MASS: On Sunday, February 11th, all grade 4 students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30AM Family Mass. The special topic will be "All About Lent." Please make every effort to join us!

GRADE 8: All Grade 8 Confirmation 2024 candidates who did not attend the 9AM Mass last Sunday are asked to attend Mass

with their parents on Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 5PM. Candidates will present their Confirmation Registration Form, validated Confirmation Sponsor Form, and a Brief report on the Saint they have chosen. Forms and directions have been sent via the family email provided at registration. **GRADE 8 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME THIS WEEK.**

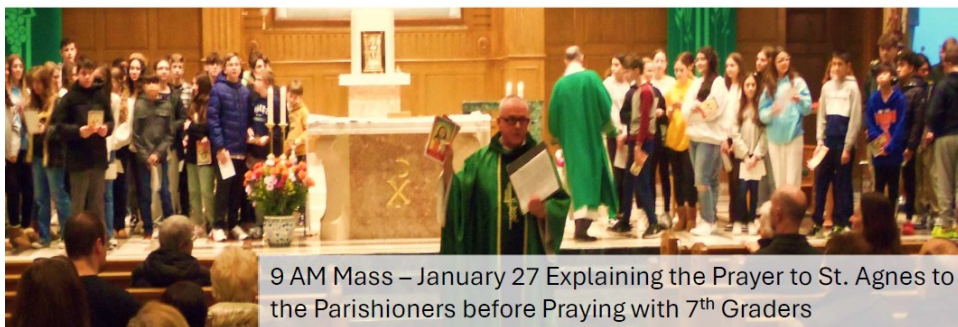
OCIA: If you or someone you know has ever been curious about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; our parish is here for you! Whether you grew up in a different religion or not raised in any religion, there is a great way to get your curiosity satisfied and your questions answered. Please call (516) 746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Spread the word! An Adult Confirmation class will begin in February 2024 for any Adult Catholics (18+), who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion but 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



5 PM Mass – January 21 Praying to St. Agnes with 7th Graders

Grade 7 – Confirmation Mass Conversation with your Sponsor Jan 21 and Jan 27, 2024



9 AM Mass – January 27 Explaining the Prayer to St. Agnes to the Parishioners before Praying with 7th Graders

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time. The liturgical color is green. Today's Gospel, (Mark 1:29-39) continues to speak about the healing ministry of Jesus. Last week, Jesus drove a demon out from a man in the synagogue using His verbal authority. This week, Jesus enters the home of Peter with his brother Andrew along with James and John. Two weeks ago, we heard about how Jesus called these first followers. Peter's mother-in-law is sick with fever. Today, we probably wouldn't be too concerned about this but in Jesus' time, fevers were serious. Jesus simply touched her hand and she was immediately healed. No words were said this time. Just Jesus' touch brought healing to her body. The story continues telling us that this woman who had been so sick got up and began to wait on Jesus and the other disciples. Clearly, her healing was very real. Later people flocked to bring to Jesus those who needed physical healing as well as those who needed to be freed from demons. It must have been an overwhelming sight! Jesus had to go from person to person and all who came to Him were healed. Early the next day, Jesus goes off to pray, seeking that special time to connect with God. Then what Jesus wanted to do next is very significant. He wanted to go to another part of Galilee to continue to heal and to preach His message of love and forgiveness. It is hard for most of us to even imagine what a scene took place at Peter's house. Jesus' reputation spread quickly. Already we can see how healing and Jesus'

presence brings people to ministry. It isn't simply about any one of us having our needs for healing met but it is about the wholeness that comes from experiencing the power of God in our individual lives. Jesus told His disciples that He came to preach. Following Him brings us to wholeness (healing). Ministering, a synonym for serving in Jesus' time, calls us to serve one another. We can see how we as the People of God are connected.

Children come into the world totally dependent on their parents in their nuclear families. Slowly and developmentally, they can learn about how Jesus heals us. They can figure out that sometimes, we don't get along well with others, sometimes people can be mean to us, sometimes we can feel lonely or sad, and sometimes they are sick; however, they can experience all the time that Jesus wants to heal whatever is broken in any given moment in their lives. If we keep repeating this message to them and help them reach out or connect with God through prayer, they will understand as they grow that God delights in sharing Himself with us. With God's help, we can be good followers of Jesus. By our prayers, words, and actions, we can bring Jesus' message to the world. For children, the world begins at home! In his encyclical, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis said, "Belief in Jesus cannot be separated from living the Christian life: living in community, serving others, and forgiveness.) This is what Jesus, our model, wants of each of us and all of us!

This week, with older school-age children have a discussion about people who perform some special actions in the parish or community. Perhaps they could meet someone who serves as a Minister of the Eucharist, a Lector, an Usher in church, or maybe someone who reaches out to those who are sick like a hospital volunteer. You may know people who work to help the poor or reach out to people who are homebound. Of course, speaking to a priest is ideal. Just a brief encounter

leaves lasting impressions on children. They will draw on these experiences later in life. During a family prayer time imagine what it would be like to be touched by Jesus and ask children to think of what they would have asked Jesus to heal. They can then ask for this healing. The best time for this activity is bedtime prayer! For younger school-age children, have them trace their hands and write or draw on each finger something they could do to help others at home, at church, at school or in the neighborhood. Display these "Helping Hands" during the week and refer to them with the children. It's fun to see how many of the activities on the fingers were accomplished. This activity may be more successful over multiple weeks rather than one week. For younger children, write the word H-E-L-P and then teach them the following: H stands for healing. Jesus heals us just as He did in the Gospel stories. E stands for encouragement. Jesus helps us by encouraging us to go to Him for all our needs, especially when we feel sad. L stands for Love. Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to die on the cross for our sins. P stands for preaching. Jesus' words teach us how to live and how to love. What a great way to think about the word HELP!

Let us welcome Jesus' healing presence in our lives, pass it on to our children, and CELEBRATE being Catholic families!

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!

LAST CALL FOR KID-TO KID is Feb. 4th in the church lobby box or Feb. 8th in the Rotunda box. Please help us help Kids in need. Thank you!

TODAY: WELCOME BOY SCOUTS!

Coming Soon:

Feb. 11th: Grade Level Mass for all Grade 4 children.



We welcome your ideas and suggestions.
Please email us at:
Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL

On Sunday, January 28, 2024 we began Catholic Schools Week with our Saint Aidan School Open House. We welcomed current families, prospective families, graduates, parishioners and friends. We are blessed to be "Together in Learning, Together in Christ" at Saint Aidan School.



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
Extracurricular Programs
Enrichment Programs
Middle School Sports



All registration information can be
found on our website at
<https://staidanschool.org/registration>



What You Can Expect at Our School:

Culture – Our school cultivates a robustly Catholic Culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church.

Supportive Community – Our school provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every student and promotes human flourishing in a familial atmosphere.

Academic Excellence – Our school offers academic excellence, which will foster in your child individual growth and development according to time-tested, faith-based models of teaching and learning.



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St. Aidan PACE

Help us recycle athletic sneakers and raise money for St. Aidan School.

Donation bins are located in the usher's closet in the back vestibule of church, on the stage in the St. Aidan Gym, and in the lobby of each school building.

Collection Ends
February 11

Only PAIRS of athletic sneakers can be accepted at this time.

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SCHOOL

ANNUAL MSGR. JAMES MCDONALD MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY
MAY 6, 2024

WHEATLEY HILLS GOLF CLUB
EAST WILLISTON, NY

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP
DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Event to feature Brunch, On Course
Lunch, Golf, Drinks & Dinner

Any questions please contact
staidangolf@yahoo.com or
Aliete Milone at 917.407.2985 or
Danielle Nefouse at 516.841.7878

St. Aidan PACE Pizza Kit Night

Tuesday
February
13th

\$22 per kit*
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*** Schedule ***

9:30 am Registration
10:00 am Presentation I
10:45 am Break
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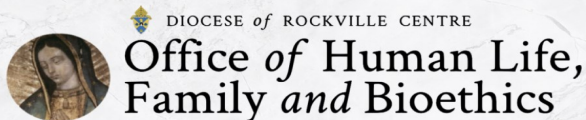
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Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

JAN STRUTHER (B. 1931)

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Psalm

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord who
heals the brokenhearted. **R.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Eye Has Not Seen

1 CORINTHIANS 9-16

MARTY HAUGEN (B. 1950)

REFRAIN:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come,
give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word. (Refrain)

There is a Longing

1 PETER 5:7

ANNE QUIGLEY

REFRAIN: There 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.

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, o God.
(Refrain)



2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear
our prayer.

In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our
prayer, o God. (Refrain)

3. For healing, for wholeness, for new life,
hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death, be near, hear our
prayer, o God. (Refrain)

Shelter me o God

"ANAWUM"

BOB HURD

Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of
your wings. You alone are my hope.

When my foes surround me, set me high
above their reach. Hear me when I call your
name.

Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of
your wings. You alone are my hope.

As a mother gathers her young beneath her
care, Gather me into your arms.

Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of
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Out of Darkness

"THE WORD YOU GIVE"

C. WALKER

Out of darkness, God has called us,
Claimed by Christ as God's own people,
Holy nation, royal priesthood,
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1. Let us take the words you give
Strong and faithful words to live
Words within our hearts are sewn
Words to bind us as your own (Refrain)

2. Let us take the cross you give
Broken body Christ we live
Christ arisen from the tomb
Christ who calls us as your own (Refrain)



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Reading 1 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Reading 2 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases,

and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

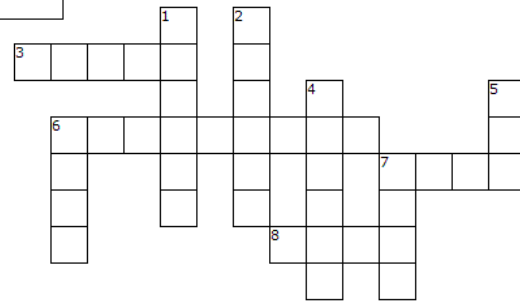
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God 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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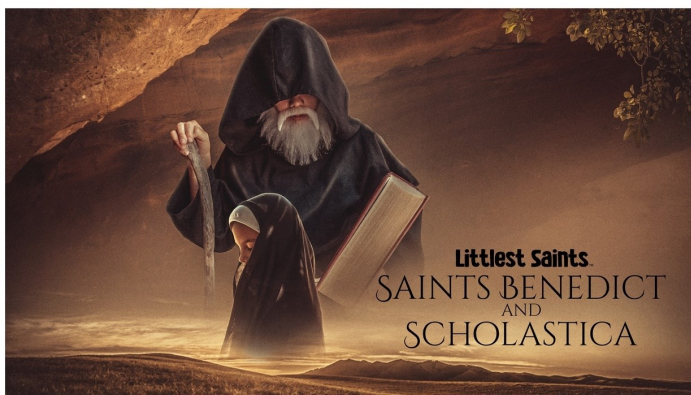
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3. A condition when the body temperature is higher than normal
6. A place of meeting for worship in the Jewish faith
7. The body part used for holding things
8. To cure from sickness or disease

DOWN

1. To deliver a sermon
2. Evil spirits
4. The time of day when the sun disappears below the horizon
5. A piece of furniture for sleeping
6. To be ill or have a disease
7. To give assistance; to aid

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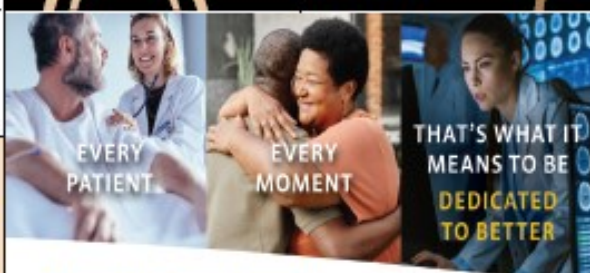
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