

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

Renew a steadfast
spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10, NIV

St. Aidan

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL
WILLISTON PARK NEW YORK

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH GROWTH 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 Aidan Parish.ORG
VIMEO ST. AIDAN, WILLISTON PARK
FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM
3:30 PM
Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM
Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM
1-3 PM
Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM
Deacon Jerry 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

Fr. Adrian 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

Fr. Solomon 5:00 PM

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6

Frank Marchesini
Paul V. Kane, Jr.
Stephen Marrone

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 6

Rosa Reis
Leo Han (4th Anniv. Rem.)
Kevin Galway (10th Anniv. Rem.)

ASH WEDNESDAY

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

George Piltz (B'day Rem.)
Josephine Shuell
Marie Genna Curtin
PRAYER SERVICE
Edwin Gbenebitse (3rd Anniv. Rem.)

LENT

Parishioners of St. Aidan
Stephen Marrone
Sonja Kuglstaher (9th Anniv. Rem.)

LENT

George Bores (8th Anniv. Rem.)
Armand Villa (B'day Rem.)
ADORATION
Virginia Iervolino
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

LENT

Josephine Kammer (30th Anniv. Rem.)
Maureen Healy La-O (B'day Rem.)
William J. Mahoney (12th Anniv. Rem.)
Michael J. Hayes (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Christopher Windisch (Wed. Anniv. Rem.)
John Flynn
Marie Michel
Diane Gaskin
Wanda Mitchell King
Anne Previdi

LENT

Peter Kelly
Philip Calvin Amico
Bridget Murphy (B'day Rem.)
OCIA – SENDING FORTH TO ELECTION
Matthew Perlstein
Corinne J. Clark
John Wayne King
Gerald Losquardo
Eileen Fitzgerald
Parishioners of St. Aidan

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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. 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
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Assistant Principal
Mrs. Barbara Graham

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Thursday appointment.
Closed Friday
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Mr. Thomas Flynn

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Mr. Pat Perez

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Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro



What's Pastor Thinking

Both St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day this year. One calls us to give chocolates, and the other calls us to give them up!

One proclaims love with flowers, the other with palm ashes. For Catholics, Ash Wednesday has precedence and the Church does not issue dispensations at this time. And although Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, and one is not obliged to attend Mass, nor is one obliged to receive ashes—it is the doorway of the entire Lenten Season. It is a day of faith, repentance and renewal; a day of conversion, of turning away from sin and back to God. Who among us doesn't need to hear and heed that message?

At St. Aidan ashes will be distributed at the end of Mass on Ash Wednesday at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at a Prayer Service at 3:30 PM. The ashes come from a previous Palm Sunday. The palms are burned, the ashes collected and then crushed into a fine, sooty powder.

Everyone 14 years of age or older is called to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs.

The word 'Lent' comes from the Old English word 'lente,' meaning 'springtime.' The days are lengthening and nature is renewed. So the season of is a spiritual springtime, a time to be renewed through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

PRAYER. There are various types of prayer, of course:

personal and public, liturgical and devotional, parish retreats and days of recollection. Whenever we make time for God in prayer, we share our hopes and fears, our disappointments and dreams. And we listen to God, seeking to know his will more clearly so that we can do his will more faithfully every day. Silence is such an essential element of the spiritual life, for it quiets the heart, mind and soul, allowing God to break through the incessant clatter of our culture.

FASTING. Lent is also a time of sacrifice — of fasting and abstaining from meat when the church requires us to do so. Most of us "give up" other little things too — dessert, coffee, alcohol, technology — those simple attachments that prevent us from lifting our hearts and minds to heaven.

GOOD WORKS. Lent is also a time of good works, of almsgiving. Perhaps we give some extra money to charity, or visit someone who is ill, or welcome the stranger, a new family, into our neighborhood. Or maybe we seek reconciliation with a former friend or family member from whom we've been alienated for a long time. Our works of charity allow us to share our blessings with others and keep us attuned to the needs of our brothers and sisters, at home and around the world.

Our faith is nothing more than our longing for God, and his for us. Like any romance, our relationship with God has to be nurtured and nourished if it is to prosper and grow. That's what the observance of Lent, with its prayer, fasting and good works, helps us to do. Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day have a lot in common after all, for the goal of both is to renew our passion for the one we love.

**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
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 Rosa Barroca
 Doreen Downes
 Tecky Johnides
 Irene McCann
 Sharon Leonard
 Ryan Latronica
 Matthew Huhn
 John Sweeney
 Frank Sbeglia
 Bryan O'Malley
 Maria Cortez
 Michael Kenny
 Thomas Murphy
 Kay Perro
 Claire Monteleone
 Maurice Morriarity
 Andre Isaac
 Angela Sposito
 Mary Maloney
 Alex Peplowski

*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

VINCENT KEMPTON
 MIGUEL RIVERA
 MARIO P. BELFIORE
 JOHN R. HARRIS
 ELIZABETH A. VELLA
 NORMA ZAPPA

FUNERAL MASS

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

STEWARDSHIP

02/05/23 \$32,883
 02/04/24 \$30,016

ATTENDANCE

02/03/04/2024—1,661

EXTRA ENVELOPE

Capital Improvement

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*

ALTAR SERVERS

2/10 ORDINARY TIME 6

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

2/11 ORDINARY TIME 6

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

2/17 LENT 1

5:00 L & S Cloghessy
 J Simoes
 7:30 L & G Breglio
 A Galante

2/18 ORDINARY TIME 5

7:30 G C & J Pizzardi
 9:00 S & A Jennings
 S Alexander
 10:30 A Dowdell
 Y & J Bouharb
 12:00 D & R Syers
 J Wenzel
 5:00 M McCarthy
 A McCarthy
 Blenderman

ST. AIDAN'S BETHANY RETREAT

MARCH 8TH & 9TH "THIS IS MY BODY."

Focus: To learn more about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist while opening our eyes to this Great Gift that Jesus has given to us. Friday Evening, 03/08 at 7:30PM & Saturday, 03/09 at 8:30AM. St. Aidan's Bethany is open to both men & women. This is a time of spiritual refreshment, a place to come and be with other parishioners as Jesus did in Bethany with his friends. A place to prepare yourself for Easter, pray together, hear others as they witness to their faith, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and much more. Where will it take place? The place is the Convent on Pembroke Street. We start on Friday evening, after which you will return to your own homes. You will meet again on Saturday morning and end at the 5 PM Mass after which will break bread together as we have our dinner in Kirwin Hall. Doors will open at & 7PM for refreshments. We will start promptly at 7:30. The Friday Night Speaker is Brother Lawrence Syriac SM has been a Teacher and Social Studies Chairman at Chaminade for many years. He is now retired and speaks frequently at the Molly Institute of Life Long Learning. Cost: \$30.00 per person, \$50.00 a couple (Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Saturday)



Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Amount Enclosed _____ I Will ____ Will Not ____ have dinner with the group.

If you are registering for friends, please list all names & phone numbers attending. Return to St. Aidan's Rectory. There will be no reservations or payments at the door. Please mark the envelope, "Bethany Retreat" Any Questions, call 516-746-6585



ST. AIDAN PARISH RETREAT
THREE EVENINGS IN LENT
MARCH 11, 12 & 13
'BREAK BREAD TOGETHER'

Parishioners and Friends of St. Aidan's Parish please join us for a Lenten Retreat, three evenings of prayer and reflection on the Eucharist at St. Aidan on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th of March. Theme: THERE IS ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN THE TABLE OF PLENTY. This retreat is sponsored by the BLD Rockville Centre Prayer Group that meets every Friday evening at St. Aidan.

For the retreat days, Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM, followed by Adoration until 6:45 PM. At 7:00 we have a presentation on these topics:

DAY 1. THE CALL	I DID NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS BUT THE SINNERS." MATTHEW 9:13
DAY 2. PRAYER	COME WITH ME BY YOURSELVES TO A QUIET PLACE AND GET SOME REST." MK 6:31-32
DAY 3. MISSION	DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS AMONG ALL PEOPLES." 1 CHRON 16:24



10:30 FAMILY MASS

A Sunday Mass at St. Aidan for families
with children

Feb 11- Fourth Grade are attending mass today.

The healing touch of Jesus.

Jesus reaches out to us at Mass offering forgiveness,
healing and love.

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday

FR. FRANCIS & FR. SOLOMON

Welcome home Fr. Solomon. We do hope you had a great vacation with your family. Many thanks to Fr. Francis who has returned to Ghana. We are very grateful for your assistance since Christmas.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to those who are receiving 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 Service. 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?

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."

OCIA 2024: RITE OF SENDING FORTH TO ELECTION

Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, our parish catechumens: Skylar Stone, Arian Munoz, and Rebekah Persaud will take the next step on their journey to Baptism. They will be presented to Bishop Barres through the Rite of Election at St. Agnes Cathedral. The

Rite of Election is only celebrated by those who have never been baptized. During the Election ritual, each catechumen goes up to the altar to sign the diocesan Book of the Elect showing that he/she is formally requesting to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Our parish will show its support for them as they continue their journey toward Baptism by celebrating the Rite of Sending Forth at the 12 PM Mass. The Period of Election/Enlightenment is the third step of the OCIA process. From now until the Easter Vigil, Skylar, Arian, and Rebekah will be referred to as the Elect. Throughout Lent, they will be celebrating some preparatory "rites" as they continue toward Baptism. Please continue to keep all the OCIA participants as well as the OCIA Team in your prayers.

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

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

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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

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.

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, May30.

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 Hisgloballove.org.

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- Food items needed: LAUNDRY DETERGENT, PAPER TOWELS, BRILLO, GRAPE JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER, APPLE JUICE, APPLE SAUCE, SPONGES AND KETCHUP. 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.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY GANG

For the months of January, the PB&J Gang made 62 wash-up kits which they donated to those in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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

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. Our group operates under the Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics. This office enunciates and promotes the principle that human life, at all stages from conception to natural death, is a gift from God, worthy of respect and protection. This ministry encompasses prayer, education, advocacy, and care & services. More information about the office can be found at the Diocesan web site at www.drvcilife.org. The group is meeting with the purpose of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, educational opportunities, and raising funds for pro-life efforts and new mothers. Please contact Anne Marie Egan if you are interested in joining. elamjoe@aol.com 516-873-8320.

CREATING DIALOGUE ON ABORTION TO REACH HEARTS AND MINDS

Sometimes pro-lifers find themselves wrestling to find the right words to respond when a friend, coworker, family member or stranger brings up the sensitive topic of abortion. The LI Coalition for Life invites you to this interactive workshop to learn how to have a constructive conversation on abortion. Presented by Steve Wagner, Executive Director of Justice For All, who has been engaging abortion-choice advocates and training pro-lifers for more than 20 years. SATURDAY MARCH 9th, 2024, Sons of Italy Hall, 2075 Deer Park Ave., Deer Park.

- Part I: 9:00AM - Noon (Check-in 8:45AM);
 - Pizza lunch Noon - 12:45PM (no charge for participants);
 - Part II: 1:00PM - 3:00PM (Check-in 12:45PM).
- Attend either one or both sessions (different content).

No admission fee. Freewill donation at the event (\$10 or any amount) to support the LICL. Registration preferred (for food & materials planning) - contact:

Justice For All LICL link: www.jfaweb.org/2024/03-09-ny; or LICL: www.prolifeLI.org or info@prolifeLI.org or 631-243-1435 (speak clearly). The preborn babies need your voice!

RECONNECT TO YOUR FAITH!

Thomas Berry Place (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates) invites you to join us over the coming months to "Reconnect to your Faith!" Join us for our Days and Evenings of Prayer, Men's Lenten Retreat, Dinners with Passion, Holy Week Retreat and more! For information, give us a call at 929-357-6700 or log on to our website, www.ThomasBerryPlace.org – and be sure to sign up to receive our e-newsletter! We hope you'll join us!

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

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 "Joseph Barry 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.

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.

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WWW.CFFOR.ORG

Traditional Latin Mass is Celebrated in the U.S. Capitol One Year after the Leak of the FBI Memo Linking Traditional Catholics to Domestic Terrorists
On Jan. 23, 2024 the Traditional Latin Mass was celebrated inside the Capitol of the United States in response to an invitation from House Speaker Mike Johnson, House Judiciary Committee Chairman, Jim Jordan, and Congressman Dan Meuser to coincide with the one year anniversary of the leaking of the contested memo from multiple FBI offices claiming that extremists and terrorist groups were connected with traditional Catholic communities.

The Arlington Latin Mass society coordinated the event and reported that invitations to the Mass were limited in deference to Traditionis Custodis. About 60 people were in attendance including some Congressional staffers, but no members of Congress were present as they were out of town on recess.

After the controversial memo was made public, the FBI stated the memo would be withdrawn as it did not meet FBI standards. However, a Jan. 31, 2024 letter from 15 GOP Senators to FBI Director, Christopher Wray, asked for intact records from the FBI regarding the memo, since the records were allegedly permanently deleted after the memo became public. The Senators want to

clear up differences between Director Wray's testimony and new information on the surveillance of Catholics. This is the memo that Cardinal Dolan, speaking in Feb., 2023 as then Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Religious Freedom found to be 'troubling and offensive.' The Jan, 16, 2024 USCCB's Annual Report on the State of Religious Liberty in the U.S. also pointed out concerns regarding this troubling action by the FBI.

Read more here: <http://tinyurl.com/25zd2bbb> <http://tinyurl.com/5c4wazfk> <http://tinyurl.com/5dwccjn9> <http://tinyurl.com/5yv76bsv> <http://tinyurl.com/4phcarsm>

LITURGY COLUMN

This week marks the beginning of Lent. It is early this year; it feels like we just finished the Christmas season. But it could be even a bit earlier. It is hard to keep track of the beginning of Lent, since it varies every year. But there are specific rules for the dates on which Lent begins and ends.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, and it is always 46 days before Easter Sunday, which is also a movable feast. And the date for Easter must be determined first, after which Ash Wednesday is easy, 46 days before. So, you might ask, how is the date for Easter determined? For Roman Catholics and other western branches of Christianity, the tradition is that Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring and this dates back to the Council of Nicaea in 325, as do many other of our traditions. For what it is worth, Passover is determined in a similar fashion, which it is why it is always close to Easter. But Passover is based on a lunar calendar, while we use a solar calendar, so they do not exactly coincide. It is, however, logical that Easter is related to Passover. The Last Supper was a Passover meal, so the first Easter had to be close after. Since the date of Easter determines many other dates for celebrations and observances, the early Church found it important to announce the date of Easter early each year. And if you were paying attention on Epiphany, those dates were announced by the Deacon or Priest at Mass. This, logically, is called the Epiphany proclamation. In case you missed it, this year Easter falls on March 31. Next, how is Lent calculated? Didn't I just say 46 days before Easter? Isn't Lent 40 days? Lent wasn't always 40 days. It began as only a few days of fasting and in some cases, just 40 hours of preparation before Easter. Later

the Church adopted a tradition of 36 days of fasting and prayer, representing a tenth of the calendar year. So why 46, or 40 days? That came later, and it also dates back to the Council of Nicaea, but with a little more baggage. The council stated that two synods should be held each year, "one before the 40 days of Lent" which may be traced to St. Athanasius (d.373) who wrote to his congregation to make a 40-day fast before the more intense fast during Holy Week. Finally, Pope St. Leo I (d. 461) preached that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the Apostolic institution of the 40 days,". So by the end of the fifth century, we know that the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting were its major devotions.

So why 40 days? 40 is an important number with special spiritual significance in the Bible. In Exodus, we read that Moses stayed with the Lord for "40 days and 40 nights" on Mt. Sinai when he received the Ten Commandments. Later, in 1 Kings, Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai). And, of course, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry. But that is 40 days, not 46, and Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter. Lent is 40 days because the 6 Sundays in Lent are not included in the official "Lenten fast" because each Sunday is a special remembrance of the Resurrection of Christ. So if you subtract 6 from 46, you get the 40 days of Lent.

So now you know. And just to return to the start, Ash Wednesday is early this year, but the earliest it can be is February 4, with Easter falling on March 22. And the latest date is March 10, with Easter then being on April 25. Now one last thing. Please come to the Church on Ash Wednesday. Listen to what is said when the sign of the cross is placed on your forehead. You will hear either "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" both of which remind us of why we celebrate Lent in preparation for the feast of Easter, when Jesus proved what He said, and offered us forgiveness from our sins and eternal life after human death, if only we listen to Him and repent. Then wear your ashes proudly as you leave Church. This is the one day when many Catholics do what we are told at the end of every Mass: go out and share our faith with the world.

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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MY THIRD MASS INTENTION IS FOR:

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EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31 FLOWER MEMORIALS 2024

Each year, we purchase beautiful Easter flowers and decorations to adorn the church in honor of your loved ones. All Memorials will be in place for Easter Masses. The name of your loved ones will be placed on the flower and published in the bulletin.

If you would like to participate in our Easter Flower Memorial, an offering of \$100 is requested. Complete and return this form to the Rectory office with your donation. Checks payable to: Church of St. Aidan. For information call (516) 746-6585 x1



INSCRIPTION _____

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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\$100 PER MEMORIAL ENCLOSED

_____ CASH

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CHOOSE YOUR MEMORIAL PLANT (OFFERING \$100)

_____ WINDOW KALANCHOE PLANT

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_____ OUR LADY'S SHRINE EASTER LILY

_____ ST. JOSEPH SHRINE EASTER LILY

_____ ST. THERESA STATUE EASTER LILY

_____ ST. ANTHONY STATUE EASTER LILY

_____ SACRED HEART CHAPEL EASTER LILY

_____ BAPTISMAL FONT EASTER LILY





ONGOING COMMUNICATION: Please visit our webpages at staidanparish.org/ 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 2024-2025 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!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS: Mark your calendars! There will be a First

Communion Parents Meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 7PM in the church. The First Communion Banner Kits as well as other important information will be distributed. Please make every effort to attend.

GRADE 2: The First Communion Pin Mass will be on March 3rd at the 10:30AM Family Mass. Pins will be distributed during the Mass.

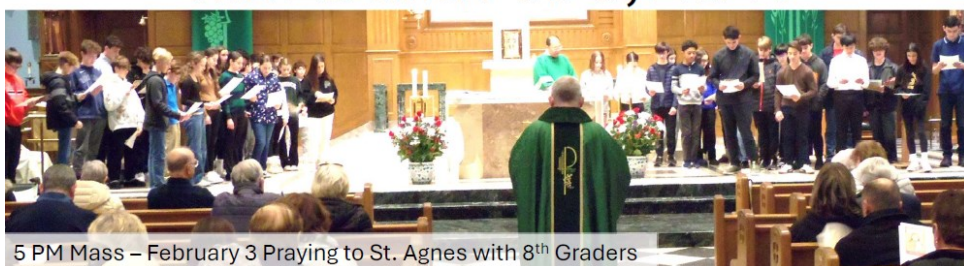
OCIA: If you or someone you know has ever been curious about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; our parish is here for you! Whether you grew up in a different religion or not raised in any religion, there is a great way to get your curiosity satisfied and your questions answered. Please call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

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Spread the word! An Adult Confirmation class will begin at the end of February for 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.



9 AM Mass – January 28 Praying to St. Agnes with 8th Graders

Grade 8 – Confirmation Mass Registration and Saint Reports Jan 28 and Feb 3, 2024



5 PM Mass – February 3 Praying to St. Agnes with 8th Graders

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The liturgical color is green. Today's Gospel, (Mark 1:40-45), is the story of Jesus curing the Leper. In Jesus' time, Many feared that they would catch the disease, which ultimately would lead to a slow, isolated death. If a person was cured of leprosy, which was a rarity, it was thought to be from divine intervention since it was commonly known that there was no cure. We have seen in the gospels of recent weeks that news of Jesus' healings was spreading from town to town. Undoubtedly, this leper heard about these events and so he boldly approached Jesus asking to be healed. Jesus responded both verbally and by actually touching the man. Touching a leper would be enough to cause the Jewish community of the time to expel anyone who would dare to do this. Therefore, Jesus broke the law. The leper was instantly cured. The leper's healing wasn't enough to allow him to return to the community and so Jesus sent the healed leper to fulfill the Jewish law by instructing him to show himself to the priests and to offer the prescribed offering. (Jesus wanted to be sure the man would be accepted back into Jewish society!) Other than appearing before the priests, Jesus asks the man not to "broadcast" his healing. The former leper just couldn't keep the Good News of what happened to himself, and so he proclaimed his healing to all he met!

There are so many important themes running through this gospel story that children need to learn. God wants us to open ourselves to Him so He can change us where we need to be changed. Children find out early in life that suffering is a reality in our world. We know that violence and oppression are against God's plan. The mission of the People of God (the Church) is to announce the Good News about Jesus just as the leper wanted to share what Jesus had done for him with everyone. Through our growing understanding of God's love, we can alleviate the suffering of others in very concrete ways by trying to meet their needs. Performing these actions brings hope for a better future that conforms more closely with Jesus' message of love and service. This week with very young children, talk about how Jesus touched the Leper. Give young children a few objects that they can touch and ask them to describe how these items feel. Talk about how it would feel to never be touched. What would it be like if they never knew what a hug felt like? Try to develop the idea that Lepers were never touched and so they never felt the caring of other people. Jesus wants us to use our ability to touch to bring His love to all we meet. Make a Prayer chain using strips of paper. Write the names of people or world situations that need God's help. Using a stapler, interlock the paper strips and add to the chain as different people or situations emerge. This is a great ongoing activity. With school-age children, focus on how Jesus made the Leper clean. Discuss all the ways we keep ourselves clean. Some examples would be: cleaning our bodies by washing them, cleaning our minds by thinking good thoughts, cleaning our hearts by doing good, and keeping our souls clean by telling Jesus we are sorry when we sin. If the children have already celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this is a great exercise before receiving this sacrament and a wonderful way to prepare for

Reconciliation during Lent. (This same activity works well with older children adding some things they relate well to like thinking good thoughts because they are selective in the television shows they watch, and the video games they play!) Especially during this time of Eucharistic Revival, older children should be taught about the healing power of the Eucharist. Every time we receive Holy Communion, we encounter Jesus, body, blood, soul, and divinity. We are "touched" by Jesus in the deepest, most intimate way. Older children should be reminded to ask Jesus for whatever they need. Ask them to reflect on what healing they need from Jesus just as the Leper did. (Remember, what they need and not just what they want!!!) Talk to older children about how Ministers of the Sick bring Holy Communion to the homes of people who cannot attend Mass due to age or illness. Maybe you or someone who is part of this ministry who could tell your children about what they do and why they do it. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. It is also Valentine's Day, a day we celebrate love. It would be next to impossible to erase Valentine's Day for children because they are surrounded by it in school and everywhere else. So, why not put Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day together by teaching children that there is no greater love we can experience than the love of Jesus. Perhaps a lot of Valentine's treats could be given but "postponed" until Sunday when even though it is still Lent, the church always celebrates the Resurrection and so Lenten practices are set aside to honor that followers of Jesus are truly Easter people. Doing something like this can help children celebrate in the present and anticipate with great desire the future. Definitely come to church on Ash Wednesday, not just for some grains of dirt, but to begin a journey with God who will bring all of us closer to Him. Now that's something to celebrate!

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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Over 70 Years of Excellence In Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL

Our 5th grade students showcased their creativity and innovation with the St. Aidan School Menagerie, a fantastic STREAM project! Inspired by a 'How To' video from the Children's Museum in Houston, TX, they researched their chosen animals and brought them to life using cardboard, wooden skewers, and Model Magic. Witnessing their own moving mechanical devices come to fruition was truly incredible. Great Job 5th Grade!



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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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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. AIDAN
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

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12:30 PM—1:30 PM
4:00—5:00 PM

MONDAY MARCH 25
2:00—4:00 PM
6:00—9:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY
MARCH 28
6:00—7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29
4:00—5:00 PM

SATURDAY
12:30 - 1:00
4:00—5:00

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24

SATURDAY
5:00 PM, 7:30 PM

SUNDAY
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,
5:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28

OFFICE OF READINGS &
MORNING PRAYER
8:30 AM & 9:00 AM

THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:30 PM

NIGHT PRAYER
11:45 PM

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

OFFICE OF READINGS &
MORNING PRAYER
8:30 AM & 9:00 AM

SEVEN LAST WORDS
12:00 PM

THE LORD'S PASSION
3:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30

OFFICE OF READINGS &
MORNING PRAYER
8:30 AM & 9:00 AM

BLESSING OF FOOD
12:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL
7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31

7:30 AM,
9:00 AM,
10:30 AM,
12:00 PM
1:30 PM

Love Divine

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CHARLES WESLEY (1747)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art!
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Psalm

PSALM 32:1-2, 5, 11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble
And you fill me with the joy of salvation.

R.

Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

There's a Wideness

WELLESLEY

WILLIAM FABEF (1862)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.

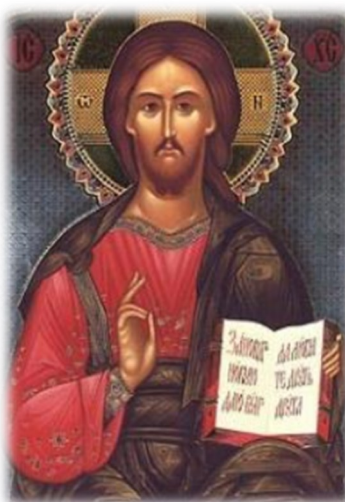
For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Ubi Caritas

PAULINUS OF AQUILEIA

8TH CENTURY

R: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.



Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

R: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.
Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites.
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.

R: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:
Gaudium quod est immensum, atque
probum, Saecula per infinita saeculorum.

God So Loved the World

JOHN 3:16-17

STEINER (1930)

God So Loved the World (3x)
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world.
God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world. (2x)
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life, everlasting life,
everlasting, everlasting life.
God so loved the world. (3X)

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Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
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The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls
reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in
this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to
Christ and His name that we bear



**FEBRUARY 11TH—SIXTH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading I Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Reading II 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away

and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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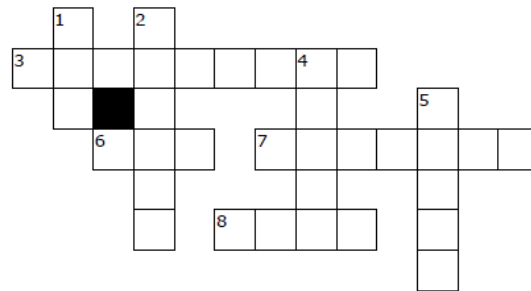
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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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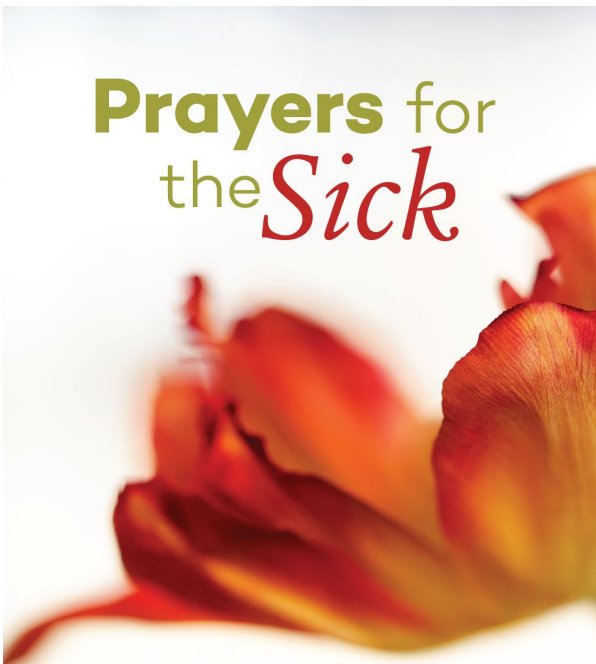


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Prayers for the Sick



ACROSS

3. To offer an animal or other material possession to God
6. To plead for something; or to ask again and again
7. A skin disease
8. The part of the body at the end of the arm that includes the fingers

DOWN

1. An adult male
2. A person who has been trained to perform religious duties in some churches
4. To be free from dirt or impurities
5. To come in contact with something, especially with the hands

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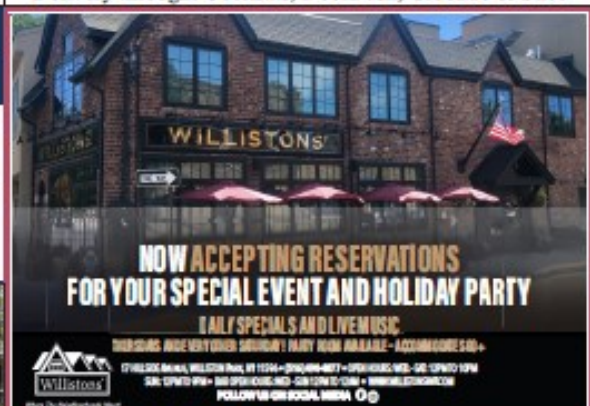
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