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WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN

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

ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

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 SCAM LIKELY 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

CONFESSION

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged. Pre-Cana at St. Aidan consists of a ONE DAY SATURDAY COURSE. The moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin. 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.

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

PARISH EMAIL

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

PLANNED GIFTS FOR YOUR PARISH

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

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS

WEBSITE STAIDANPARISH.ORG

VIMEO ST. AIDAN, WILLISTON PARK

FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19		LENT WEEK 1 PRESIDENT'S DAY RECTORY CLOSED	
Fr. Adrian	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Aidan	
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	Ruth C. Pirrung	
NO MASS	5:30 PM	RECTORY CLOSED	

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 LENT WEEK 1

Fr. Jacob	6:30 AM	Jeanine Uttaro
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	Nettie Grella

Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM Patricia F. Hillery (Anniv. Rem.)

Fr. Adrian	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	Michael F. Hurley
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Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM Sophie L. Peplowski (B'day Rem.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

Fr. Jacob	6:30 AM	Sister JoAnn Bonauro
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Kathleen Gearey
Fr. Adrian	5:30 PM	Dr. John Joseph (Joe) O'Connell
		(B'day Rem.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 LENT WEEK 1

Fr. Adrian	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	John Lettis (B'day Rem.)
Fr. Jacob	5:30 PM	James L. Dowd (7th Anniv. Rem.)
Deacon Jerry	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 LENT WEEK 1

Fr. Jacob	9:00 AM	Michael Wengler (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Fr. Adrian	5:00 PM	William E. Kemmet (B'day Rem.)
		Michael J. Affrunti Jr.
		Celeste Cosenza
		Paul Kane
		Nora Murphy

Remembrance of Decd. Mbrs. of the Eagan Family

7:30 PM Frank DeMarco

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. Solomon	7:30 AM	Margaret Phillips
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Ellen Curran
Fr. Jacob	10:30 AM	Thomas Baxter
		Gloria Donnigi

1:00 PM

5:00 PM

Fr. Solomon

Fr. Jacob

Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM OCIA CONTINUING CONVERSION

Julia Torre Michael Collins Italo Carmelo Grenata

Anthony Zappa (7th Anniv. Rem.)

Norma Zappa (Rem.)
Parishioners of St. Aidan
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Peggy & Tom Joyce

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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

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ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8
Principal Mrs. Julie O'Connell
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Barbara Graham

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Closed Friday
ext. 404, 405
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Social Ministry, Director ext. 410, 408

Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro

A Call to Love





What's Pastor Thinking

All around the globe Christians are united in a spirit of repentance and renewal this Lent. For some, this renewal is a time of giving up or going

without. For others the reminder that 'we are dust and to dust we shall return' is a call to repentance. Our liturgies tap into our common desire for mercy and our need to repent of sin.

Last Wednesday all this was summarized in the marking on our heads with the ashes of last Palm Sunday in the form of a cross. At baptism we received the sign of the cross on our foreheads, and we were "marked as Christ's own forever." Forever we identify as children of God, brothers and sisters of Christ, citizens of the kingdom of God. The mark of the cross is the shape of a capital "I". That which is uniquely me. My strengths and my weaknesses. My talents and my sins. Each of us is like no other. We are each called into a personal relationship with God that is different from everyone else - not necessarily better or worse, just different.

This capital "I" is also that which separates me from God. It represents those things that I claim for myself alone: my terminal desire for uniqueness. When making the sign of

the cross, the vertical stroke of the capital "I" is followed by the horizontal stroke of crossing it out. The "I" that is crossed out is the "I" that leads to the feelings of alienation from God. It is as if in the horizontal stroke, the loving arms of Christ are stretched out to welcome me back home. The wiping away of the "I" that separates me from God gives me the freedom and the ability to reach out to my brothers and sisters. The cross is a call to repent of the "sin" that we allow to separate us from God a call to forgiveness and wholeness. At the same time, the sign of the cross is formed by a personal relationship with God intersecting with my solidarity, my commonality, with all the others for whom Christ died.

This Ash Wednesday the sign of the cross was not clearly visible on our forehead. In a few hours the ashes marked on our heads faded and disappeared. However, we are forever marked with the sign of the cross by our Baptism. We show that reality by the way we live our lives as His disciples in the world today.

Here is a question for Lent - it's the same as last week: When people see us and know us, do they believe that God is Love? That is what it really means to bear the mark of Christ.

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** Irene McCann Sharon Leonard Rvan 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

Maryanne Keane

Lorraine Mancusi



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

MARYANN ALFANO HELENA BARRETO JOSEPH J. WILSON GIOVANNA DIRUBBA AWILDA CORTEZ

FUNERAL MASS

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

BREAD AND WINE

In Loving Memory of: ROBERT C. GURNEY Requested By:

Catherine & Robert Curran

WEDDING BELLS

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

02/12/23 \$27,231 02/11/24 \$23,681

ATTENDANCE

02/10/11/2024—1550

EXTRA ENVELOPE

Heating Expenses
Facilities Maintenance

ONLINE GIVING

staidanparish.org.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

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

INCOME TAX DONATION LETTER

If you need an income tax statement for your 2023 Stewardship donations to the parish, please call the Rectory office at (516) 746-6585 x1.

ALTAR SERVERS

2/17 LENT 1
5:00 L & S Cloghessy
J Simoes
7:30 L & G Breglio
A Galante
2/18 LENT 1
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

2/24 LENT 2

5:00 J G & A Cosgrove 7:30 Friedrich C Cooke

A Cifelli
LENT 2

2/25 LENT 2
7:30 A Godwin
P Dorrian
A Dominguez
9:00 R DiMaio

:00 R DiMaio N Fernando L Herr

10:30 M & T Molloy C Duckfield

12:00 C Campbell D Kortkamp D Kortkamp

5:00 J Watkins DiMarzo H O'Sullivan

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 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. Friday Night Speaker is Brother Lawrence Syriac SM, Teacher and Social Studies Chairman at Chaminade who is now retired and speaks at the Molly Institute of Life Long Learning. \$30.00 per person, \$50.00 a couple (Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Saturday)

Name	Address			
Telephone	E-mail			
	I WillWill 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 a	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 Wass at St. Aidan for families with children

Feb 11—It's lent—Jesus went into the desert Take home your Lenten bag. You will receive something each week of lent to put in your bag as we think about the themes of Lent - PRAYER FASTING & ALMSGIVING.

OCIA UPDATES

Today, at the 12 PM Mass, Catechumens Rebekah Persaud, Sklyar Stone, and Adrian Munoz will celebrate the Rite of Sending Forth to Election as our parish sends them to St. Agnes Cathedral where they will be received by Bishop Barres through the Rite of Election. They are now called the Elect meaning that they are in their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Next Sunday, also at the 12PM Mass, Candidates for Full Communion (those preparing to become Catholic baptized in another Chirstian denomination) Danielle Siebner, Michael Camarda, and Samantha Iaboni as well as Adult Catholics completing their initiation in the church, Douglas Campbell and Zachary Russini will celebrate the Rite of Continuing Conversion. Because the Church recognizes their Baptisms, the focus will be on their own continuing conversion as well as growing in knowledge and understanding of what the Catholic Church believes and teaches. At the Easter Vigil, they will profess the faith and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist along with the newly baptized.

Please keep the Elect and Candidates in your prayers everyday as we await the great joy ahead at the Easter Vigil!

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

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. March 1. April 5.

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.

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.



JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

We had a very successful collection for Mommas house last Sunday; thank you all for your generosity.

The next 3 Fridays during Lent we are invited to assist Deacon Jerry with the Stations of the Cross, feel free to join Deacon Jerry at 7:00 PM

Our next meeting is Sunday March 10th, at 9:00am in the convent where we will be assembling Easter Baskets for the Parish Outreach.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT #1577

FATHER TULLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AND JOAN P. FOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

All children of St. Aidan Parish, whether they attend public or private school, are eligible to apply for the Father Tulley Memorial Scholarship and the Joan P. Foy Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Student must have taken the TACH Test in October or November of 2023.
- Student must have been accepted and plan to attend a Catholic High School in September of 2024 and must not have received a full tuition scholarship to said school.
- Families must be registered parishioners of St. Aidan Parish.
- Students who attend St. Aidan School will receive an application from the principal or their homeroom teacher. All other interested students please contact the Court Education Chairperson at (516) 747-1579 for an application and further information.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2024 TO QUALIFY.

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.

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

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, March 6th at 7pm, 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.drvclife.org. The group is meeting with the purpose of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, educational opportunities, and raising funds for pro-life efforts and new mothers. Please contact Anne Marie Egan if you are interested in joining. elamjoe@aol.com 516-873-8320...

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!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- Food items needed: LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BAGS OF SNACKS (PRETZELS/POTATO CHIPS), MAYONNAISE, KETCHUP, TOOTHBRUSHES, NAPKINS AND TISSUES. 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 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. Engaged encounter.com for information and registration.

BECAUSE NO MARRIAGE IS BEYOND HOPE...

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

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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?

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

"Religious Socialism, Christian Socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic (Christian) and a true Socialist." - Pope Pius XI (1922-1939) Warnings from Nine Popes about Socialism and Its Threat to Religious Freedom: Part 1 The word "socialism" and "socialist" are often used in discussions today, but "few people in the modern Western world understand what socialism is" ... or the "traditional Marxist view of socialism." Socialism is not only about caring for the poor and eradicating poverty as many people mistakenly believe. "From Pope Pius IX (1846-1878) to Pope Benedict XVI (2005-2013), the popes have consistently condemned socialism" as "destructive" and "wicked."

"Socialism, like Communism, advances the view of the state as the supreme authority and inevitably persecutes religion.... Even when the persecution is not blatant or heavy-handed, the belief that the state is higher than the Church leads to innumerable forms of persecution. For example, God is not rightly acknowledged in the public forum, prayer is silenced, morality based on God's laws is ridiculed, taxes are used as coercion, and worship can be prohibited for what the government deems as just cause."

Socialism advances class warfare and the deadly sin of envy. Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) said, "The great mistake is the notion that class is naturally hostile to class and that the wealthy and the working man are intended by nature to live in mutual conflict. So irrational and so false is this view that the direct contrary is the truth ... Each needs the other: capital cannot do without labor, nor labor without capital. Mutual agreement results in the beauty of good order, while perpetual conflict necessarily produces confusion and savage barbarity."

"Too often Christians attracted by Socialism tend to idealize it ... They refuse to recognize the limitations of the historical social movements... Pope Paul VI (1963-1978)

Read more: http://tinyurl.com/3kabjtew http://tinyurl.com/2jdz7496 http://tinyurl.com/9f5pt5an

"We make this pronouncement: Whether considered as a doctrine, or an historical fact, or a movement, Socialism, if it remains truly Socialism, ... cannot be reconciled with the teachings of the Catholic Church because its concept of society itself is utterly foreign to Christian truth." - Pope Pius XI (1922-1939)

LITURGY COLUMN

Welcome to the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is a season of preparation, readying us for the greatest celebration of the year, Easter. But we need to prepare. The Son of God became one of us to free us from our sins, our guilt. He is the promise given to the chosen people of the Old Testament, but He represented a great change from how they viewed God, and how they saw sins being forgiven. But whether under the old rules or the new ones, forgiveness requires repentance, just the Jewish people do on Yom Kippur, and as St. John the Baptist preached, and just as we heard on Ash Wednesday. What does repentance mean? A simple definition is remorse or contrition for past conduct or sin, and its synonyms are listed as penitence and penance. Penitence may be defined as sorrow for sins or faults, and penance as an act of selfmortification or devotion performed voluntarily to show sorrow for a sin or other wrongdoing. And Lent is our great season of repentance. That's why we traditionally "give up something for Lent". Penance once involved a much greater show of repentance. The Old Testament speaks of public

fasting and wearing ashes and sackcloth. When we receive the Sacrament of Penance, now better called Reconciliation, our penance is usually to say a few prayers while making a firm commitment to do our best to avoid sin in the future. But Lent asks a little more, to remind us that true repentance is more than a few prayers and a too often return to our same sins, despite the effort we promised when we received the Sacrament. So for Lent, we have a requirement to add fasting and refraining from meat on a few days. The pre-Vatican II requirements were more stringent. They even included some days outside of Lent. But for Lent, in America (the rules varied in other countries) complete abstinence from meat was obligatory on all Fridays and Ash Wednesday and partial abstinence was obligatory on all other weekdays of Lent. This meant that meat could be eaten only at the principal meal on these days. Fasting was required on all weekdays, which meant only one full meal with two smaller meals which taken

together were to consist of less than the one full meal. The rules of abstinence applied to everyone over seven and fasting was required for all those over eighteen up until they reached sixty.

That changed with Vatican II, basically by removing the requirements for abstinence except for Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent and fasting other than Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The age requirements are the same except that abstinence now begins at fourteen. Other voluntary acts of self-denial are now recommended. This does not mean only "give something up for Lent". It may mean do something extra, perhaps an additional Mass each week, or make a retreat or the stations of the cross, as offered here at St. Aidan's. They may be of even greater benefit than giving up chocolate.

Another thing that changed was that we now get a greatly expanded exposure to the scriptures. Pre-Vatican II, we heard the same readings every year, and very few were from the Old Testament. Typically, there was one reading from an epistle or Acts of the Apostles, and one Gospel reading. During Lent we heard snippets from six different letters from St. Paul and two brief Gospel readings from St.

Matthew, one from St. Luke, two from St. John, and then the passion reading from St. Matthew. We also heard St. John's Passion reading on Good Friday. We now get different readings every year almost every Sunday in a three-year cycle, plus a two-year cycle of daily Mass readings. And Sundays and some feasts we get two readings, either one Old Testament and one from Acts or an epistle, or two from the New Testament, plus a Gospel. Because of how the readings are arranged, we will hear all four Gospel readings of the Passion over the three years. In year A on Palm Sunday, it is St. Matthew's account, year B St. Mark, year C St. Luke, and every Good Friday as before, we read St. John's Gospel. So, Vatican II made Lent a little easier, but, among other things, blessed us with far more of the scriptures we hear and have explained to us in the homilies at Mass. And, just maybe, it asks a little more of us in choosing some form of self-denial with more spiritual value than giving up chocolate.

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EVERY FRIDAY 7:00 PM

ADORATION

FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY 1:00 TO 3:00 PM

BETHANY RETREAT

FRIDAY MARCH 8 SATURDAY MARCH 9

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HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28 6:00-7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 4:00-5:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY 12:30 - 1:00 4:00-5:00

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24

SATURDAY 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM

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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

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.
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EASTER 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



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Lent 2024

...We need our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father, So that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him on the confidence of being answered... Pope Francis

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On Sunday, January 21 of this year, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Holy Father is calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God." This Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."

In response to the Holy Father's initiative, together with Bishop Barres, all the Bishops and I would like to encourage you, especially during this 2024 Season of Lent in particular, to focus on prayer. Traditionally, during this time all Christians are called to practice fasting, prayer, repentance, and almsgiving as a way of drawing us closer to God and reflecting on the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection in anticipation of the gift of new life at Easter. All pillars of Lent complement and support each other. Customarily, fasting is a way of disciplining ourselves and expressing our repentance for our sins. By abstaining from certain foods or activities, we show our love for God and our gratitude for His mercy. Fasting also helps us to empathize with those who are less fortunate and to share our resources with them. In fact, prayer binds all these Lenten practices all together, giving them an extra strength and direction. In days to come, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter, let us take this great opportunity to renew ourselves in the life of prayer, making it not just a duty or an obligation but also as a privilege and a joy.

Prayer is a gift from God, connecting us with Him and allowing us to experience His love in our lives. It is a ground for an authentic encounter which God uses to transform us and to make us more like Christ to one another. It is also a power that God grants us to overcome sin and evil and to advance His cause in the world, especially very much needed peace as we reflect these days on the situations in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, Congo, and many other troubled places.

Personal Prayer. A classic description says that prayer is "the raising of our mind and heart to God." We all might have our own experiences of prayer, and we can define prayer in our own and unique ways. However, most important is the fact that during sacred time of the year each of us should make the best effort to make a time for prayer, short or longer, in our daily lives. There are many ways in which we can engage with it during Lent. Many people might continue to follow a lectionary and other materials that provide Scripture readings and reflections for each day of Lent and be led by it to prayer. It is possible use prayer books, journals, apps, or online resources that offer different forms of prayer, such as meditation, contemplation, praise, worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication. In some

places there are groups of friends, or parishioners, who join prayer meetings, retreats, or online communities that share prayer requests and support each other in prayer. Most people create a prayer space in their home or workplace that helps them to focus on God. We should all look for an opportunity to pray without distractions and practice silence or solitude as a way of listening to God and being attentive to His presence. Whatever method or style of prayer we choose, the important thing is to pray with sincerity of heart, humility, honesty, and openness. During Lent, we should pray especially for the grace of conversion, so we can be inspired to experience the need of repentance and change and be led to encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. May we all grow in a deep desire to know the Lord more intimately and to love him more fully with the hunger for his grace and a thirst for his Spirit.

Communal Prayer. Time spent in prayer is never only personal. We all know that every individual action of one person has an impact on the whole community. Together in prayer, as we walk a synodal way, we grow in a deep sense of awareness that every act of love or time of common worship can profoundly strengthen and sanctify the whole Christian community and the whole human family. We are all connected in a special way as members of the Body of Christ, and we share the same mission and vision by celebrating of the Eucharist. This is the most profound and ultimate way of prayer. At each Mass we engage personally with the Paschal Mystery of the Lord and make it our own to be led by him, through the sacrifice of the cross to the glory of his Resurrection and our life in Him. The mystery of the Cross and the mystery of love Jesus shares with us can be understood in a deeper sense through prayer. Renewing our commitment to attend the Mass every Sunday would be the best step to renew ourselves in the life of prayer.

Prayers for the World. Both the celebration of the Eucharist and our personal daily prayer nourishes our faith, strengthens our hope, and increases our charity towards others. During Lent and beyond we are called to share our gifts and resources with the world around us, especially with those who are in need. We are to take care of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized, and are to join them in their struggle for justice and dignity in the best way we can. Every good deed is always inspired and properly executed with the assistance of our continuing prayers, making us God's instruments of peace, justice, and mercy, which is so much needed in the world today.

Dear Friends, prayer is basically a conversation with God who is waiting for us. It doesn't have to be made up of loads of words as it is all about the conversion of heart. It's not just "saying prayers", it is more about living by them, letting our heart declare our love for God and others. Let this Lent be for all of us a sacred time of our spiritual renewal in prayer so we can all become who we are supposed to be in relationship with God and with each other. Our life prayer is a statement about who we are. The future of the world depends on our prayers and begins in us. Even though our prayers do not give any extra reverence to God, thy certainly make us more revered before Him so we walk "humbly with the Lord."

Have a blessed and grace filled Lent,

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Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Episcopal Vicar



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)746-6585x406 or esmith@staidanparish.org. We are always looking for more adult catechists and volunteers.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: The Multisensory program is always looking for a few dedicated high school teens or local college students to make a

commitment to assist in the program during the school year. No experience is necessary. If you want to learn more, please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org for more information. Teens must be available on Thursday afternoons. This is a great opportunity for any teen who may be considering a career in Nursing, Teaching, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational, Speech, or Physical Therapies. Service documentation, college recommendation letters, and scholarship letters are provided. Please consider joining us for the 2024-2025 school year.

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. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

support family Mass: Family Mass is looking for more adults to assist in supervising the young people who volunteer each week. It takes very little time and/or training. Supervising adult volunteers can sign up for whatever Sunday dates work best with their schedules. If you can help, please contact esmith@staidanparish.org.

CONNECTING CHURCH AND HOME:

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. The liturgical color is deep purple. Ash Wednesday, celebrated this past week, ushered in the holy season of Lent. The word Lent comes from the Middle English word Lenten meaning Springtime. It may seem a bit strange to have the church's season of disciplined prayer and penance be referred to by a name that means spring; however, spring is a time of new birth. That which appeared dormant or dead is coming to life. Similarly, for us Lent is a time when we can grow deeper in our mission to be faithful followers of Jesus. Lent should be a time of conversion, change, selfdiscipline, prayer, and giving. The three traditional Lenten practices are: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Today's Gospel, (Mark 1:12-15) took place just after Jesus' Baptism. Jesus goes into the desert to be tempted by Satan. The gospel writer Mark doesn't give a lot of detail but in three verses, it becomes very clear that Jesus' purpose is to spread the Kingdom of God. Jesus begins His public ministry of preaching and teaching, which will bring Him eventually to the Cross. Just as Jesus recognized the Call to Mission, through Baptism, we are also Called to Mission. Sometimes, this can come at a high price! Jesus resists the temptations and is triumphant over them. Jesus then returned to Galilee to proclaim His message that God's Kingdom was no longer a promise from God, but rather the Kingdom was being fulfilled. Even today, Jesus can transform us, but we must respond with faith and be willing to change the areas of our lives that hold us back from being our best and doing our hest.

Pope Benedict said it beautifully in these words, "God loves us first. In Christ, we encounter God's love, and it attracts and delights us. It guides us out of self-centeredness and toward our mission, which is to love. (Sac Car. 35) We experience God's love in the Church and learn to identify it in our daily lives and to respond with love."(DCE, 17) Yes, we are the Church! As Church, we must walk as Christ walked in poverty, obedience, service, and self-sacrifice because Christ's mission must be our mission.

Lent is a wonderful time for children to learn many things. If they are schoolage, professional teachers know that Lent usually coincides with a time when summer regressions are over and "real learning" should take place. Lent is a time where "real learning" can take place for Catholic kids! Of course, this doesn't happen without some effort. A great way to begin is by setting up a Lenten home, which is most successful after having some initial conversations with children. In a Lenten home, the emphasis is not on doing without as it is on doing. If you don't already have a crucifix displayed, this is a great time to get one. Presenting the cross as part of the" love story" of just how much God loves us is a very meaningful practice and should really become a joy-filled experience for children, especially if they understand that Jesus would have done what He did even for just one person! That is usually overwhelming especially as children grow into adolescents. Setting up a special Lenten prayer table can also be the springboard to keeping

this practice of going through all the liturgical seasons going forward as a family. It doesn't need to take up a lot of space. During Lent, use some purple felt or a purple cloth as a table covering. Perhaps add a Bible (or Children's Bible), a battery-operated candle, and a cross. This is very simple and direct. Go to the table often with your children. Decide each week one goal for each family member. Remember to keep it simple. Intermediate age children often like to promise the moon and then get discouraged when they don't succeed. There are different ways to chart the journey through Lent. Make a list each week, or perhaps a cumulative list over the weeks of Lent. Each family can work out a plan that is realistic for that family's situation. Remember to focus on doing.

Younger children usually enjoy concrete visual experiences. Add a large container of sand and a a spoon to your prayer table. Place one spoon of sand into the jar each week of Lent while saying a prayer asking God to guide the family through another week of Lent. By the end of Lent, five spoons of sand will be in the jar showing the family's efforts

during Lent. This can also be done with each family member adding a spoon of sand each week again while saying a prayer asking for guidance and help to get through the Lenten week ahead. (You will need a larger jar for 5 spoons per person in total by the end of Lent.) Find some time to take children into the church. Point out some of the signs of the season such as no Holy Water, no flowers on the altar, etc. Bring children to see the Stations of the Cross around the church. Let them focus on each picture. There are many children's versions of the Stations with scripts

that are designed for particular age groups. Perhaps not having dessert every night and taking what the dessert would cost and putting it in a special jar to be donated at Easter. With older children, talk about temptations and use some examples of making good choices. It is easy to make up scenarios that can capture children's attention. For children old enough to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lent is a great time to celebrate this sacrament together. (It's OK to continue the celebration with a little treat afterwards especially for primary age children.) It can be challenging but worth the effort because of how impressive it is for children to see their parents celebrating Reconciliation. We are their examples. The Little Sisters of the Sick Poor have a great expression that each year is

will never regret a Lent well spent." Let this Lent be a time of "budding" by opening ourselves to all the graces God wants to shower on us so we will "bloom" fragrant and refreshed when we arrive at Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus

displayed in one of their chapels. "You

Wishing all a Great Lent!

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!

Christ!

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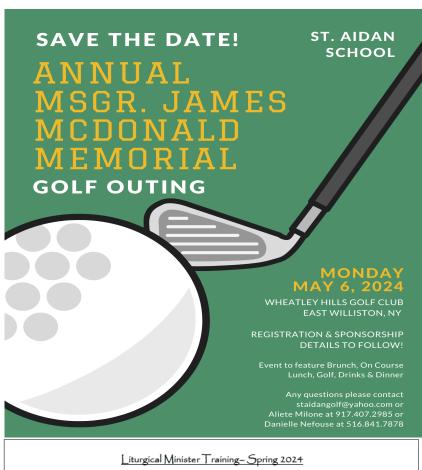












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Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- Lector Workshop: Sat., April 20 Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A:
 Sat., April 27 Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 1:00 pm

Training in ENGLISH:

- Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A:
 Tuesday, April 16 St. Elizabeth / Melville Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm 10 pm
 Sat., April 27 Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach Parish Hall; 9 am 12:00
 Tuesday, May 21 St. Christopher/Baldwin McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm 10 pm
 You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.
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- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B presented in conjunction with Catholic Health

Sat., April 27* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

*On April 27, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



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9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Presentation I

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Presentation II

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2:00 pm Presentation III

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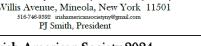
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Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

CLAUDIA HERNAMAN (1873) ST. FLAVIAN Lord, who throughout these forty days For us did fast and pray, Teach us to overcome our sins, And close by You to stay.

As You with Satan did contend And did the vict'ry win, O give us strength in You to fight, In You to conquer sin.

As You did hunger and did thirst, So teach us, gracious Lord, To die to self, and only live By Your most holy word..



PSALM 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. R.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, **King of Endless Glory**

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. R.

Only This I Want

DAN SCHUTTE

Only this I want: But to know the Lord And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore

All but this is loss. worthless refuse to me For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need. R:

I will run the race; I will fight the good fight So to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord. R:

Be with me Lord

MARTY HAUGEN (B. 1950)

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High, who abide in the shadow of our God, say to the Lord, My refuge and fortress, The God in whom I trust. R:



MUSIC FOR THE **MASS**



No evil shall befall you, no pain come near, For the angels stand close by your side, Guarding you always and bearing you gently, watching over your life. R:

Those who cling to the Lord live secure in God's love; lifted high those who trust in God's name. Call on the Lord. who will never forsake you, will bring you salvation and joy. R:

Change Our Hearts

RORY COONEY (B. 1952)

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our minds this time your life could make us free. We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.

Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in paradises, one in the waste; drawn by your promises, still we are lured by the shadows and the chains we leave behind. R:

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our minds this time your life could make us free. We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts. **R**:

Lift High the Cross

SIDNEY NICHOLSON (1922)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. R:

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on The brow the seal of him who died. R:

FEBRUARY 18TH FIRST SUNDAY LENT

Reading 1 Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the Noah during the building of the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of

old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way. R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading 2 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience. through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the

gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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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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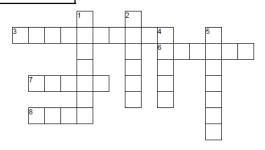
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HORIZONTAL

- 3. A deserted area
- 6. Heavenly beings that protected Jesus in the wilderness.
- 7. The number that is ten more than thirty.
- 8. The opposite of bad.

VERTICAL

- Encouraged someone to do something even though it was wrong.
- 2. To turn away from sin.
- The fallen angel who tempts someone to do wrong.
- 5. To accept something to be true.

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