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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.

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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.drvcfaith.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, FEBRUA	RY 26	LENT WEEK 2
Fr. Adrian	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	Molly Murphy (12th Anniv. Rem.)
Bishop Andrzej	5:30 PM	Edward J. Rogan (26th Anniv. Rem.)
TUESDAY, FEBRUA	RY 27	LENT WEEK 2
Fr. Jacob	6:30 AM	Loretta DiFolco
Fr. Jacob	9:00 AM	Terrence Vincent O'Leary
Fr. Solomon	5:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
WEDNESDAY, FEBI	RUARY 28	LENT WEEK 2
Fr. Solomon	6:30 AM	Gerard Keane Michael O'Brien
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Louis Andriano (B'day Rem.)
Fr. Jacob	5:30 PM	Edward P. O'Grady (B'day Rem.)
THURSDAY, FEBRU	JARY 29	LENT WEEK 2
Fr. Jacob	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Peter Favaro (40th Anniv. Rem.)
Fr. Adrian	5:30 PM	Elba Otero
FRIDAY, MARCH 0	1	LENT WEEK 2
Fr. Adrian	6:30 AM	Ellwood R. Jansen Sr.
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	Loretto D. Koster (B'day Rem.)
	1 - 3 PM	ADORATION
Fr. Jacob	5:30 PM	Ken Schwitz (12th Anniv. Rem.)
Deacon Jerry	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fr. Solomon	8:00 PM	HEALING MASS
SATURDAY, MARC	H 02	LENT WEEK 2
Fr. Adrian	9:00 AM	John Hayes (B'day Rem.)
		Mary & Michael Hayes
Fr. Solomon	5:00 PM	Joseph & Harriette Parendo (B'day & Anniv. Rem.)
		Margaret & Thomas Bennett
		William P. Safarik Sr. (B'day Rem.)
		Daniel Bailey
		Denise Mary Siracusa
		William Masterson
		Lorraine Witzke
Fr. Jacob	7:30 PM	Corinne J. Clark
SUNDAY, MARCH 0	3	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Fr. Jacob	7:30 AM	Warren McNally (15th Anniv. Rem.)
Fr. Solomon	9:00 AM	OCIA – FIRST SCRUTINY
Fr. Adrian	10:30 AM	Deceased Rosarian Barbara Kolsen FIRST COMMUNION PIN MASS
		Chacko Illipparambil (33rd Anniv. Rem.)
Fr. Adrian	12:00 PM	Dcd. Mbrs. of the Silit, Lengiewicz, and Kozlowski Families
		Raj Ochani (B'day Rem.)
		Leo Ruppe (Anniv. Rem.)
		Celia Maria Guerrero Arboleda
		Francis G. Murphy
Fr. Solomon	5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Aidan
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Monday to Friday
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

Associate Pastors
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Rev. Fr. Jacob Quansah Kyei

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

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

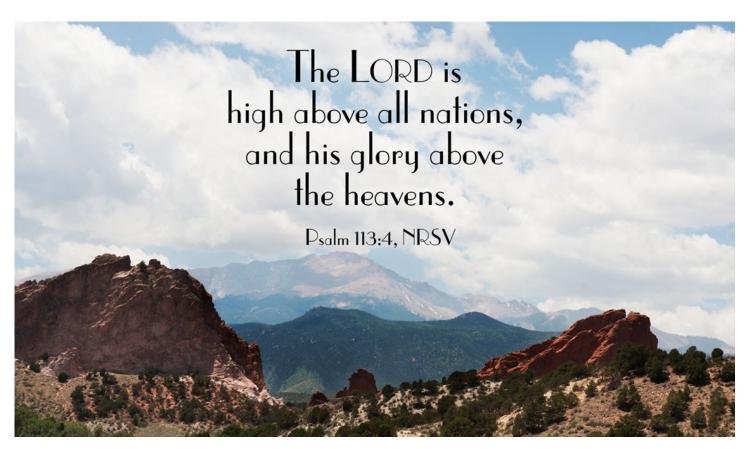
Faith Formation
Monday—Wednesday 2-7 PM
Thursday appointment.
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Mrs. Elaine Smith,

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Mr. Pat Perez

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Social Ministry, Director ext. 410, 408 Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro





What's Pastor Thinking

In the Transfiguration, we are presented with an intensely private moment between Jesus and the

Father, so private that much of it happened on a mountain, in a cloud, away from everyone. Three disciples were witnesses, but in spite of the fantastic goings on, what they did see they misunderstood. They were terrified by it, which may be why they kept silent, and 'in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.'

In the same respect, people come to Mass hoping to soak up as much of God as we can to last us for the week. When we leave here, are we any different? Perhaps, at first glance, our life is not noticeably different. We are wearing the same clothes as we arrived in, have the same ailments that we did when we came in, and return to the same problems that we had when we last left them. So it is very tempting to believe that nothing has changed during our hour together and like the disciples, we miss the point. Yet for Jesus, something very significant happened that day many years ago. It was this event alone that honed

His focus towards Jerusalem, towards an unavoidable confrontation with the religious and civil authorities, and finally, towards the cross.

For us, something very significant happens as well. Perhaps it doesn't happen every week. Perhaps it only happens a handful of times when there is something that moves us, touches us, impacts us at Mass with a presence of the divine. What seemingly began as just another Mass, as just another step on the journey, suddenly becomes a moment when everything connects and is made clear. Who knows why it happens? Who knows how it happens? It just happens. Such moments as these when they happen are indispensable to our faith, whether it is because of something we have said, something that happens during Mass, or something that happens later in the week that finally makes life look a little clearer, a little better, or a little easier to live. Then, in some stunning moment of prayer, we see who Jesus is. We heed the voice as it was spoken in the past, in the present and in the future, saying, 'This is my Son, listen to Him!' And so we listen. And so we see. And so we believe!

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 Lorraine Mancusi Ed Steck John Trincellito

To add or remove a name, please call the rectory

Johnny Healey



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

GIOVANNA DIRUBBA DOMINICK V. PRISCO

FUNERAL MASSES

JOSEPH CANOSA Saturday, March 2 9:45 AM

CAROL FAZZOLARE Saturday, March 23 11:00 AM

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

02/19/23 \$27,231 02/18/24 \$23,310

ATTENDANCE

02/17/18/2024—1,574

EXTRA ENVELOPE

Easter Flowers Facilities Maintenance

ONLINE GIVING

staidanparish.org. Click DONATE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400 Pledges \$2,068 Donors 4 Payments \$2,068

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
2/24	LENT 2
5:00	J G & A Cosgrove
7:30	Friedrich
	C Cooke
	A Cifelli
2/25	LENT 2
7:30	A Godwin
	P Dorrian
	A Dominguez
9:00	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
3/02	LENT 3
5:00	D & L Tiernan
	W Walker
7:30	Whalen,
	Kolasny
	Lane
3/03	LENT 3
7:30	G, C & J Pizzardi

R DiMaio

L Herr

N Fernando

A. Dowdell

T. Fortunato

S Alexander

R & M Walls

J Mahmood

D & D Kortkamp

L Abrusci

9:00

10:30

12:00

5:00

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 name	s & 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 Qu	estions, 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.

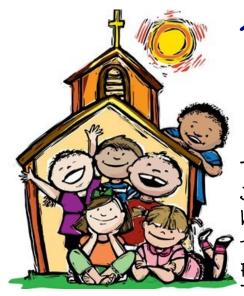
For the retreat days, Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM, followed by Adoration until 6:45 PM. At 7:00 we have a presentation on these topics:

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

TAKE HOME A CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOK
Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a
high mountain apart by themselves to pray. One of the
themes of Lent is prayer. Take home our children's
prayer book today. It doesn't matter how you pray.
It only matters that you try to pray.

SCAM LIKELY

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OCIA UPDATES

Congratulations to our Elect: Skylar Stone, Rebekah Persaud, and Arian Munoz, who celebrated the Rite of Election last Sunday. Bishop Barres presided at the ceremony and invited them to sign the Book of the Elect. They will celebrate the preparatory rites leading to the Sacrament of Baptism during some of the remaining Sundays of Lent. Please keep the Elect in your prayers.

Today those who have previously been baptized and those who were baptized as Catholics but did not previously receive any instruction in the Faith will celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion at the 12PM Mass today. Throughout Lent, these candidates will continue to prepare to Profess the Faith and to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Danielle Siebner, Michael Camarda, Samantha Iaboni, Douglas Campbell, and Zachary Russini in your prayers.

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 vou 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. 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION – MARCH 10, 2024

On the weekend of March 9 & 10th our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love for the Parish Outreach. to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

The next 2 Fridays during Deacon Jerry with the St join Deacon Jerry at 7:00 Our next meeting is Sund the convent where we way for the Parish Outreach.

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Corporate Mass of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 9am. This Mass will be offered in memory of deceased Rosarian Barbara Kolsen. Please join us at 8:45 in the vestibule for the recitation of the Rosary.

On Monday, March 4th, the meeting will follow Mary's Way of the Cross. We will pray each Station from Mary's view and how she suffered with her son during his agony. It is a very moving and prayful experience. All are invited to join us in Msgr Kirwin Hall at 7pm. Doors open at 6:45.

We are also planning a Day of Recollection on Tuesday, March 19th at Our Lady of Grace Center. Our guest speaker is Fr. Joe Staudt who will speak on the Tridium. The event will run from 9:30 to 2:30 and include Mass, coffee, Lunch and a time for prayer. The cost is \$55pp. Contact Pat Hurleigh. 516 741-2558 or Terry Pinkava. 516 241-8848

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

The next 2 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 ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP 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.

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!

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 amasters 1966@gmail.com

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

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.

- · 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, HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ST. AIDAN CHURCH & 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.

WIDOWS / WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM - 3 PM in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Ave. & Fifth Street, Garden City. Non-denominational. All are Welcome! REFRESHMENTS SERVED, \$3 PER MEETING. For additional information, feel free to call Diana (516) 481-9280.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

March 2024 Singles Gathering on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8:30PM. St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. Our March Gathering will feature our final Game Night for this season. As we did last game night, we will have a selection of games, and we also encourage attendees to bring their own favorites as well. Ages 40+; \$10.00 donation - snacks,

pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

OPEN HOUSE

Corpus Christi Council #2502 of the Knights of Columbus will have an Open House at the Council Hall (186 Jericho Tpke., Mineola) beginning at 12:00 noon during the St. Patrick Parade on Sunday, March 3rd. There will be food and beverages at reasonable prices available as well as live entertainment. Why not join us for a Grand Celebration. FREE Admission.

ST. PATRICK DINNER-DANCE

Corpus Christi Council #2502 will hold its annual St Patrick Dinner-Dance on Saturday, March 9th from 7:30 - 11:30 pm at the Council Hall (186 Jericho Tpke, Mineola). Admission includes: full dinner (Corned Beef & Cabbage, Shepherd's Pie, beer, wine, soda, (Irish) coffee, tea, dessert), cash bar available, live band, Irish Step Dancers. Admission \$ 75 per person. For reservations (by March 3rd) contact Chairman Jim Corrigan at email - KofCJim2502@gmail.com or via text/voicemail to (516) 282-6774.

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?

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

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!

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

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. PLEASE GET ALL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS TO ME NO LATER THAN MARCH1,2024. PLEASE CALL OR TEXT ME FOR ADDRESS. DIANNE KARL 516-778-0006 EDUCATION CHAIR - UNIT 144

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.

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"Socialism (is) the most bitter enemy of Christian principles." Pope Benedict XV (1914-1922)
Warnings from Nine Popes about Socialism and Its Threat to Religious Freedom: Part 2
The Catholic Church has condemned Socialism in all its forms - so-called Christian Socialism as well as atheistic Socialism - without exception. But why? What is the error of socialism?

Pope John Paul II (1978-2005) said, "The fundamental error of socialism is ... (it) considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socioeconomic mechanism." However, Christianity holds the belief that each individual must be free to assume responsibility for his own choices. Jesus came to save each person individually and not a collective called "people."

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) wrote, "It is clear that the main tenet of socialism, community of goods, must be utterly rejected, since (it is) directly contrary to the natural rights

of mankind and would introduce confusion and disorder into the commonweal." Socialism advances the error that private property is not a human right but can be taken away from individuals by the state and given to others.

Pope Pius XI (1922-1939) explained, "Just as it is gravely wrong to take from individuals what they can accomplish by their own initiative and industry and give it to the community, so also it is injustice and a grave evil to assign to a higher association (big organization or government) what a lesser and subordinate association (local organizations or government) can do."

"No Catholic could subscribe even to moderate socialism (since) Socialism is founded on a doctrine of human society which ... takes no account of any objective other than that of material well-being. It proposes a form of social organization which aims solely at production; it places too severe a restraint on

human liberty," wrote Pope John XXIII (1958-1963) in his 1961 encyclical Mater et Magistra.)

Read more: http://tinyurl.com/3kabjtew http:// tinyurl.com/2jdz7496 http://tinyurl.com/9f5pt5an "The state which would provide everything, absorbing everything into itself, would ultimately become a mere bureaucracy incapable of guaranteeing the very thing which the

suffering person- every person - needs: namely, loving, personal concern." - Pope Benedict XVI (2005-2013)

LITURGY COLUMN

This is the second week of Lent, and I hope you did find something to give up, or better, something to add for your spiritual growth as you prepare for Easter. Last week and this week our Gospel readings are from St. Mark. This is the oldest, and the shortest Gospel. It likely came from several oral sources, but it was the first time the story of Jesus was written down. Later, both the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke would use other oral traditions, as well as much of what St. Mark's Gospel contains. They just sort of put a different spin on it, because they were writing from different perspectives, for different audiences, and there is too much in Jesus' life to cover in just one telling. So they give us more views of Jesus to help us better understand Who He was and what He did. St. John tells us why we need the four Gospels very succinctly at the end of his Gospel: Jn 21:25 "But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

Since this is Year B of our three-year cycle of Sunday readings, most Sundays will use the Gospel of St. Mark. Year A mostly uses the Gospel of St. Matthew, and Year is the second shortest Gospel, and the last written, and so, during the next three weeks, we will hear from him to supplement what St, Mark tells us, but we might hear different parts of his Gospel depending upon the Mass we attend.

Lent and in Year A for the third, fourth and fifth weeks of Lent. St. John's Gospel is very different from the other three. He tends to write longer stories, and speaks in terms of signs, not miracles. And he is very much concerned with the dual nature of Jesus, fully human

and fully divine. There is no doubt in his Gospel that Jesus is God. He begins by saying that. And he has Jesus demonstrating His love for all of us in His fully human nature in his descriptions of Jesus' interactions with others. In doing this, St. John, who never names himself, but refers to the author of this Gospel as the one whom Jesus loved, stresses Jesus' relationships. That is why some of us will hear the same three Gospels from Year A during Lent each year.

Now let me back up a bit to explain why this happens. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, as it was formerly known, had its name changed to Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, or OCIA, in late 2021. There were many reasons for this, but they essentially reflect better translations of documents and the associated revision of prayers and rituals. As one result of this, the traditional categorization of those petitioning for full acceptance into the Church has been changed. The new revision includes four groups: catechumens (who are unbaptized adults); unbaptized infants; baptized non-Catholic Christians, and baptized Catholics in need of confirmation and, sometimes, their first Eucharist. The old RCIA dealt with three of these categories, all but the one dealing with infants, so just the adults, and the individuals in RCIA were usually referred to as candidates or catechumens. OCIA will be split depending on where the candidate is in the initiation process. They are now called "inquirer," "catechumen" and "elect." In order to become a full Catholic adult, they go through several rites with the final being at the Easter Vigil when they are welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church, either through Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, depending upon which sacraments they need. Since they are now not yet full members of the C that of St. Luke. How about the Gospel of St. John? That Church, they do not attend the full Mass or participate in the Eucharist. They are, however, at Mass for the Word of God, and then they are dismissed to discuss what they just heard as part of their preparation for full membership during the Easter Vigil Mass. For the next three weeks, at the Masses they attend during their We also hear from St. John in year C, for the fifth week of preparation during Lent, the three long readings from St. John will be read rather than the three shorter ones most of us will hear. Next week, we will take a look at those readings.

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.

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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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St. Patrick's Day Dance

Irish Coffee Bar March 2nd, 2024 7 PM - 11 PM Kirwin Hall

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> > Submission Date: 3/1/2024

Winners will be contacted the first week of April 2024

Awards presented: on 4/16/2024 at the April Society Meeting All submissions will be judged by Scholarship Committee





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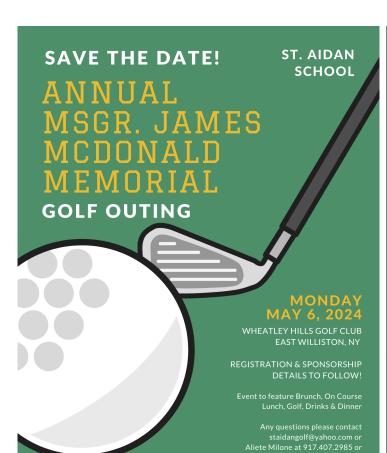
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"Lifting Ourselves Up in Prayer"

Sunday March 10, 2024



9:30 am to 3:30 pm



Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM Executive Director Vincentian Center for Church & Society St. John's University # Schedule #

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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Liturgical Minister Training-Spring 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

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:

- 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

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*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.



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 on 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 to attend either the 9AM Mass on (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 vour 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.

GRADE 7: Grade 7 students in Year 1 of the Confirmation Process are asked Sunday, March 10th or the 5PM Mass on Saturday, March 16th. Service Reflections will be submitted at the Masses.

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 Second Sunday of Lent. The liturgical color is deep purple. Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we listen to an account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Today's Gospel, (Mark 9:2-10) describes Jesus taking Peter, James, and John up to a high mountain. Jesus wanted to be with His closest disciples. Suddenly, Iesus was transfigured, and these disciples saw two major prophetic figures, Moses, and Elijah, conversing

with Jesus. Peter, although frightened, offered to build tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, but the story describes a voice saying, "This is by beloved Son. Listen to him." Then they saw Jesus alone. As Jesus descended the mountain with his dazzled followers, Jeus instructed them to say nothing to anyone until He had risen. At this point, Jesus' followers had no idea what Jesus' words meant. Imagine how scared those three followers of Jeus must have been as they witnessed a taste of God's glory. They were just beginning to find out exactly who Jesus was! Those heavenly words, "This is my beloved Son..." were spoken once before when Jesus was baptized and now, they are heard again only the words "...Listen to him" were added. Peter, James, and John witnessed glory, which was so beyond anything they had ever experienced before. Their relationship with Jesus was changing and growing. These disciples had been given an opportunity to see Jesus' divinity as well as His humanity.

God loves us so much that He gave us His own Son. Through coming into relationship with Jesus, we are also transformed. Pope Benedict said, "The Transfiguration shows the world transformed by God's presence. The transformation of the bread and the wine into the Body and Blood of Christ brings about a similar transfiguration of the whole world. (SacCar, 11) In this time of Eucharistic Revival, it is important to remind ourselves and share with our children about the great gift given to us in the Eucharist, which is the "source and summit" of Catholic life and worship. Pope Francis extends the idea of personal and communal transformation in these words, "Each one of us is called to be transformed, to have our lives changed by the presence of God, and to invite

others to be transformed too." (EG, 269) Clearly, our transformation must be shared with others to bring about the transformation of the world! Children find this story exciting, and they are right. It truly is! The important thing is to break this story down into chunks that they can relate to as is age appropriate. Children are eager and curious when they are very young. They are very open to God so reading accounts of the

Transfiguration from Children's Bibles or responsible Bible story trade books can lead to talking with them about the idea of transforming. (Yes, some of them may know all about toys called Transformers, which are toys that change form! This may be helpful or not!!) With children around First Communion age or older, it becomes much easier to make a connection to the Eucharist and that Lent is a time when we concentrate on working with God to transform our lives. We want to become closer to Jesus by listening to Him, spending time with Him, and doing good works to share His love with others.

This week, with younger children, download a simple picture of the Transformation and ask them to color or decorate it in silence. Tell them that while they are silently working, they should be listening to Jesus. When they are finished, ask them about how they feel Jesus was speaking to them. They may initially say that they didn't hear anything, but you can redirect them by talking about the thoughts they did have. Teach younger children this song sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques/Are You Sleeping." Remember, it is an echo song. Up the mountain, Jesus climbed, with Peter, James, and John, not far behind. On the mountain, dazzling bright, the face of Jesus sparkled, filled with light. God the Father, spoke out loud, This is my

beloved Son, of whom I'm proud. Filled with good news, they came down, to love and serve the people, all around. With older children, discuss some things that listening to Jesus would involve based on what we know about Jesus' teaching. Listen: Jesus asks us to go and make disciples of all nations. One way is to tell people about Jesus. Let each child or family member share how he/she does this. Listen: Jesus talks to us about love and gave us the Great Commandment to love God completely, to love ourselves, and to love others. Let each person share how they do this. Listen: Jesus asks us to pray, to talk to God about everything in our lives. Share how each person likes to pray and what is each person's favorite prayer. Listen: Jesus talks to us about works of mercy and tells us that whatever we do for people in need, we do for Him. Share how each person or the family does this. When Jesus becomes very real to us, we experience the glory of God on earth. When we pay attention to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, when we spend time in prayer, we connect more closely with God's special plan for us. When we think about the wealth of blessings offered to us every time we receive Eucharist, we are intimately united with Jesus. These are our transforming moments. The whole season of Lent is a great opportunity to become more open to

The whole season of Lent is a great opportunity to become more open to the transforming power of God. We can't give our children what we don't have ourselves. Children are looking to us to point them in the right direction! We are so blessed to have such an awesome opportunity! Happy Lent!

Easter Baskets for the Homebound



Donations of the following items are being collected to make Easter Baskets for the Homebound of our parish. All food items must be in original packaging.

Suggested items include:

- Small hand lotions and soaps
- Large Print puzzle books and work search books
- Small bags of jellybeans and foil covered Easter chocolates
- Decks of playing cards
- Small boxes of cookies
- Decorated pads and pad/pen sets
- Tabletop size Springtime decorations and trinkets
- Votive candles, spring candle holders and small scented candles

Collection boxes will be in the Church lobby or in the Faith Formation Rotunda until March 13th.

Please pray for our homebound parishioners everyday. Thanks for your help.





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!

Today: February 25: Easter Baskets for the Homebound Project

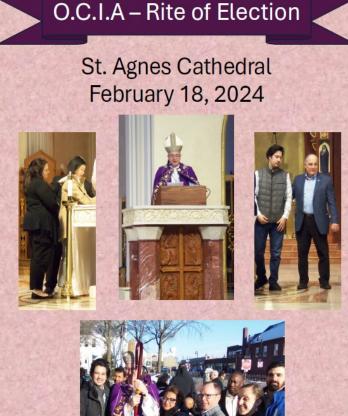


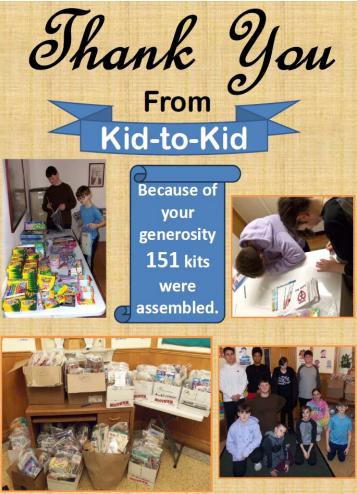
Coming Soon:

March 3rd First Communion Pin Mass March 10th Girl Scout Sunday

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







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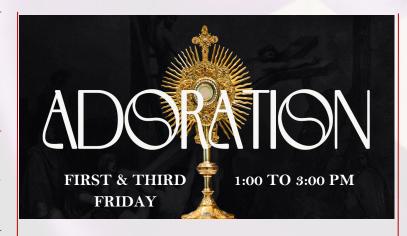
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SATURDAY 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM

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

The Glory of These Forty Days

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

J. S. BACH

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise, for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law. And to Elijah, fasting, came the steed and chariots of flame.

Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Psalm Ps. 116: 10, 15, 16, 17 18- 19 **R.** I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. **R.**

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of Endless Glory

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. **R.**

T'is Good Lord to be here

TRANSFIGURATION HYMN

JOSEPH ROBINSON

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be, We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come; We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

Transfiguration

RICHARD MANALO

Jesus on the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing. Let us if we dare to speak Join the saints and angels praising





MUSIC FOR THE MASS

Praise and glory, praise and glory, Praise and glory to our Lord!

All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting Trembling at his feet were Moses and Elijah all the prophets and the law shout Through their joyful greeting. *R*:

Swift the cloud of glory came God proclaiming in it's thunder Jesus is the son by name Nations cry aloud in wonder *R*:

Jesus is the chosen one living hope of every Hear and heed him everyone Sing with earth and all creation *R*:

O Nata Lux

LATIN CHANT FOR THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION (1545)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum Laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus es pro perditis Nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis

Translation:

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants. O you who once deigned to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

Change Our Hearts

RORY COONEY

Change our hearts this time, you 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.

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FEBRUARY 25TH SECOND SUNDAY LENT

Reading 1 Gn 22:1-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people. In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading 2 Rom 8:31-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised— who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He

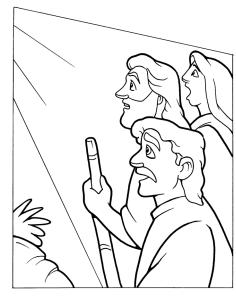
terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

NICENE CREED

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 hardly knew what to say, they were so the life of the world to come. Amen.

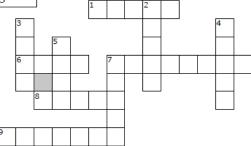
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The Transfiguration Mark 9:2-9





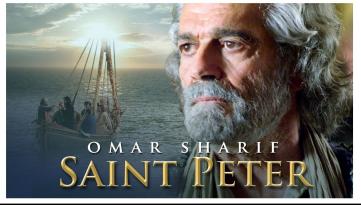
ACROSS

- The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- 7. A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- 8. The Son of God
- 9. Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.

DOWN

- A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- 3. Having a great distance from top to bottom
- 4. The color of snow or milk
- To have a strong feeling of affection for someone
- Jewish leader who received the Ten Commandments

CLOTHES	MOUNTAIN	WHITE	LOVE	VOICE
MOSES	CLOUD	JESUS	HIGH	GOOD





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