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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

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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

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FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

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LENT WEEK 5 Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM William Krejci (1st Anniv. Rem.) Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Philip Calvin Amico Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM Donald F. Bruschi (25th Anniv. Rem.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM Michael DeCristoforo Kathleen O'Neill (1st Anniv. Rem.) Fr. Jacob 9:00 AM Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM John Fiore (B'day Rem.) Gregg Fiore

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

LENT WEEK 5

ST. JOSEPH

Ralph Nuzzolese (B'day Rem.) Philip Calvin Amico (B'dav Rem.) Christian & Helen Frischmann Elizabeth Frischmann Gillen

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM Fr. Solomon 7:00 PM

LENT WEEK 5

Bill Salvaggio (11th Anniv. Rem.) Dorothy Droogan (1st Anniv. Rem.) Maureen McGrath UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM Fr. Jacob 5:30 PM 7:00 PM

LENT WEEK 5

Shuell & Grabowski Family Nora Murphy Patrick Whalen (Rem.) STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

LENT WEEK 5

Joseph Poomkudy Mary Ellen McNulty (B'day Rem.) Duarte Barroca (26th Anniv. Rem.)

Anthony Corbo Patricia Schrader Louise H. VanEtten Joseph Eickoff Michael Wengler Parishioners of St. Aidan

Owen & Elizabeth Smith

Fr. Jacob 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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

Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM Fr. Solomon 12:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Arlene Babyak

Maureen Healy La-O and Anne & Richard Arcario Robert Koster (B'day Rem.)

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Virginia Bradley (4th Anniv. Rem.) Helen McGrath (8th Anniv. Rem.)

Nora Murphy Eileen Fitzgerald

Parishioners of St. Aidan

1:00 PM ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM Kathleen O'Neill

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

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What's Pastor Thinking

Near the end of his life St. Patrick wrote his autobiography known as his 'Confessions.' He comes across as the humblest of men. He describes

himself as the lowliest of all the faithful. His father was a deacon and from his confessions we know that he was a citizen of the Roman Empire.

Patrick talks about his youth. He was only 16 when taken, as a slave, to Ireland with many thousands of others. He said that he deserved this fate because he had turned away from God; He goes on: 'we neither kept His commandments nor obeyed our pastors who used to warn us about our salvation. While in captivity the Lord made me aware of my unbelief that I might at last advert to my sins and turn wholeheartedly back to Him again. However, God was very patient with me because of my youth and ignorance and he looked after me like a father. Great benefits of grace were bestowed on me in my captivity.'

It was during his time in exile in Ireland that he learned how to pray. He goes on: 'in the course of a single day I would say as many as a hundred prayers and indeed as many at night. Even in times of snow or frost or rain I would rise before dawn to pray.'

Patrick was a slave for about six years in Ireland until he escaped back to his own country. One night while he was with his relatives in Britain he had a dream. 'I saw a man who appeared to have come from Ireland with an unlimited number of letters. Opening one of them I read the words ' the voice of the Irish - we ask you boy to come and walk once more among us.' Then I

woke up.'

In the year 432 his dream was realized. He was sent by the Pope Celestine back to Ireland, not as a slave anymore but as a missionary bishop.

Patrick goes on: 'I came to the Irish heathen to preach the gospel and put up with insults from unbelievers. I had my mission abused; I endured many persecutions even to the extent of chains. However, I am ready to gladly and willingly give my life for these people and if God spares me, I want to spend the rest of my life with them.'

Patrick was full of missionary zeal and enthusiasm despite set-backs of all sorts. Even his fellow clergy spread rumors about him. They seem to be jealous of his success and always looked down on him for his lack of education. But Patrick did not hold this sin against them and put it down to their lack of understanding.

Towards the end of his life he wrote: 'This is my confession before I die. My success in Ireland is due to God's gift. I feel very protective towards these people and pray for perseverance in my mission. I will willingly and gladly lay down my life for the Irish if the Lord wishes it. I look forward to resurrection and Eternal life and am not concerned about the manner of my death.' We salute him today and pray that the faith which he brought to people with such enthusiasm centuries ago will not be lost on our present generation. The spreading of the gospel is as relevant today as it was when Patrick first set foot in Ireland all those centuries ago. ST PATRICK, PRAY FOR US.

THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE

Mason Guadagno Colleen Cassidy Dianne Karl Sr. Mary Ann Ambrose Jinny Gallagher Ioshua 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 Ryan Latronica Matthew Huhn John Sweeney Frank Sbeglia Bryan O'Malley Maria Cortez Michael Kenny Thomas Murphy Kay Perro Claire Monteleone Maurice Morriarity Andre Isaac Angela Sposito Mary Maloney Alex Peplowski Lorraine Mancusi John Trincellito Johnny Healey **Eleanor Bauer** Eileen Devaney **Bridget Brasile** Ronald Smith, Jr. Kevin Lynch Cathy Barbera Victoria Colozzi

To add or remove a name, please call the rectory

Fearghal McHugh



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

MEREDYTH SCESNEY JOHN LUSARDI DIANA CATALANO CRISTINA P. RECENO

FUNERAL MASS

Tuesday, March 19 10:00 AM THERESE PANICO

MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, March 23 10:00 AM CAROLE FAZZOLARE

BREAD & WINE

In Loving Memory of JOSEPH MCDEVITT (B'DAY REM.) Requested By Your Loving Sisters

WEDDING BELLS

APRIL 5, 2024 3:30 PM Anne Theresa Collins St. Aidan Matthew J. Gibbons Sacred Heart

APRIL 6, 2024
3:00 PM
Tara Lynn Kubat
St. Aidan
Casey Lennox
St. John Incarnation
Lutheran

APRIL 12, 2024 3:30 PM Molly Marie Russell St. Aidan Gregory James Manteria St. Aidan

STEWARDSHIP

03/12/23 \$25,179 03/10/24 \$25,348

ATTENDANCE

03/09/10/2024—1,671

NO EXTRA ENVELOPE

ONLINE GIVING

staidanparish.org. Click DONATE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400 Pledges \$40,120 Donors 132 Payments \$29,432

INCOME TAX DONATION LETTER

If you need an income tax statement for your 2023 Stewardship donations to the parish, please call the Rectory

St. Joseph, Spouse of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

First Century Solemnity-March 19

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions. given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in

Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.



Blessing of St. Joseph's Table

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) it is the custom in some places to bless bread, pastries, and other food and give a large portion of it to the poor.



All make the sign of the cross as the leader

Our help is in the name of the Lord. **R**/. Who made heaven and earth.

[1698] One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Matthew: 1:18-23

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a

son and you are to n because he will save their sins." All this to fulfill what the Lord the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin s and bear a son, and him Emmanuel,"

which means "God

Or Matthew 13:54-58—I carpenter's son?

The leader says the pray the hands joined:

All-provident God, the good things that gra remind us of your many

Bless this food,

and may the prayers of who provided bread for the poor,

sustain us and all our b on our journey towards Kingdom.

Through Christ our Lor

R/. Amen.

	ALTAR	SERVERS
	3/16	LENT 5
	5:00	L & S Cloghessy
		J Simoes
	7:30	L & G Breglio
		A Galante
	3/17	LENT 5
	7:30	G, C &, J Pizzardi
	9:00	S & A Jennings
		S Alexander
	10:30	Y & J Bouharb
		C Duckfield
	12:00	D & R Syers
		C. Reti
	5:00	A Bertrand
		R Klein
		D Werther
	3/23	PALM
	5:00	J G & A Cosgrove
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		C Cooke
		A Cifelli
	3/24	PALM
	7:30	A Godwin
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	5:00	R & M Walls
	3.00	J Mahmood
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PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS AT ST. AIDAN



CONFIRMATION

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

We extend a warm welcome to couples attending St. Aidan Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Course Saturday March 16th.

> PRE- CANA MASS SATURDAY MARCH 16 AT 5:00PM.

Lord, we pray that as these couples get ready for their wedding day, not only would their love for each other grow stronger, but they would become more and more aware of your great love for them. Amen.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We welcome those preparing for Confirmation.

MASS FOR 7TH GRADE

5 PM ON SATURDAY 03/16/24 At Mass students will present a reflection on service.

MASS FOR 8TH GRADE

9 AM ON SUNDAY 04/07/24
OR 9 AM ON SUNDAY 04/14/24
At Mass students receive letters of encouragement
from parents & sponsors.
After Mass they attend a retreat in Kirwin Hall.



10:30 FAMILY MASS

A Sunday Wass at St. Aidan for families with children

3/17 BRING HOME A SEED TO PLANT Spring is a time of sunshine and flowers which reminds us of the miracle of new life in the promise of Easter. The seeds die and change into a new life – a flower! UNLESS A SEED FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES IT REMAINS A SEED. BUT WHEN IT DIES IT YIELDS GREAT FRUIT.









ST PATRICK'S DANCE

Many thanks to the Rosary Altar Society for making this year's St Patrick's Dance a great success. Special thanks to President Jeanne Windisch & Chair Helene Pacher and to all who volunteered and attended. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

BULLETIN

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staidanbulletin@gmail.com. The publishing company has asked us to remind you of these deadlines:

- The bulletin for 03/24 was published on Wednesday 03/13.
- The 03/31 bulletin will be published on Wednesday 03/20.
- The 04/07 bulletin will be published on Wednesday 04/03.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION MARCH 29, 2024

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

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: members
 Sat., April 27 Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead Divine assembled Easter
 Mercy Chapel 9:00 1:00 pm
 Baskets for the

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. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time. •

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.

IUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The girls had a very busy and productive meeting this past weekend.

Thank you for those who volunteered and helped with The Bethany Retreat held at Saint Aidan's this past Saturday. Our members helped serve lunch and dinner.

On Sunday the members assembled Easter Baskets for the the parish outreach center; 30 baskets were assembled and will be donated. Thank you for all those who





helped with donations or donated items to make this event a success.

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.

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.

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. March 24, April 28, May 26.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Join us every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass first Friday of the month. April 5, May 3.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

All women are invited to join the Rosary Altar Society. We are a faith filled group who gather to pray, celebrate, and support each other. Our membership of over 150 women is involved with many activities of our Parish. Pease attend one of our meetings and you will be welcomed to find many old and new friends.

Our next meeting on April 8th will be the annual Baby Shower. Baby supplies, handmade outfits, and monetary contributions will be accepted.

On May 5th we will hold a Communion Breakfast. Msgr. Robert Hayden will be the guest speaker.

THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and consecration to Jesus and Mary. For more information, please contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755. The next gathering is Thursday, March

21, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the church and then on the last Thursday of the month. April 25, May 30.

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.

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.

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, April 10th 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...

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- Food items needed: JARS OF SAUCE, SHAMPOO, BARS
 OF SOAP, BRILLO, DISHWASHING LIQUID, DETERGENT
 AND FROZEN VEGETABLES. 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 March will take place on Monday, March 25th 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

- 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and be a better couple. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

- March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA
- April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)
- June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of inperson and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or https://wwmenyli.org/.

BECAUSE NO MARRIAGE IS BEYOND HOPE...

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

- · Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- · Do you feel hurt and angry?
- · Does talking make it worse?
- · Thought of leaving or divorce?
- · Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction? Retrouvaille can help. Our Next Weekend is April 26-28, 2024 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. To register or for more information: 1-800-470 -2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not counseling and you will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting ON Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 7:00PM, 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 -Terry 516-650-5528 or Maryanne 516-205-2590

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

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.

WILLISTON PARK VILLAGE HALL

Exercise in the Williston Park Village Hall will continue from March 26th until July 2nd. The exercises start at 9:45am. There will be no exercise on March 19th, April 2nd, and June 25th.

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.

THE WILLISTON PARK FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENTS

A Spring Songfest With Guest Artist Roberta Fabiano. Join us for an afternoon of fun featuring Irish, Italian and other Springtime musical favorites March 24 at 2 pm, Williston Park Village Hall Assembly Room, 3rd Floor (enter through the rear door). Free of Charge – Raffle-Light Refreshments

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WWW.CFFOR.ORG

The Call for Our Time: Defend Life and Religious Liberty "The age of casual Catholicism is over. The age of heroic Catholicism has begun." - Father Terence Henry, TOR, Franciscan University of Steubenville Whether the issue of religious freedom/freedom of conscience is the right to teach our children the faith, not being forced to fund abortion, evangelization, assembling for worship, the integrity of the words of the Bible, witnessing and advocating our faith and morals in the public square, operating foster parent adoption agencies, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, drug addiction services, etc., all Americans benefit from the God-given right of religious freedom. Our founders agreed with James Madison, "Conscience is the most sacred of all property." The Declaration of Independence asserts that we have inalienable rights from our Creator and that government's role is to protect those rights. Differing from the history of nations world-wide, the citizens of the new United States claimed the natural rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from their Creator, free from dictates by a king, emperor or all-powerful government.

We are, more than ever, experiencing unrelenting pressures to yield our right to follow our conscience in the choice for life. The ability to choose life, from conception to natural death, can be regulated and legislated away from us (by the proposed Equity Act) if freedom of conscience and religion are not preserved. Doctors, nurses and hospitals could be required, under proposed legislation, to participate in abortions as part of their licensing, and they could be required to implement certain end of life protocols which some see as denial of treatment.

Since the Supreme Court's decision that there is no federal Constitutional right to abortion and therefore abortion laws are the purview of each state, those who demand unrestricted abortion are working feverishly within states for abortion on demand. Each American has the duty to learn and preserve our religious freedom's right of conscience for ages and millions yet unborn.

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"In a word, freedom is ever new. It is a challenge held out to each generation, and it must constantly be won over for the cause of good." - Pope Francis

LITURGY COLUMN

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent, and the third Scrutiny for our Candidates for full participation in our faith. So it is the last Sunday which will have a different Gospel at one Mass, and again, a long story from St. John's Gospel, chapter 11, verses 1 to 45. It is the story of Jesus' friend, Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary whom we see several times in the Gospels. But only in John do we see their brother, Lazarus. He is not the same person as the Lazarus seen in Luke, the poor beggar shown as the opposite of the rich man when they both die. The Lazarus in John also dies, but for a totally different reason. In fact, there is an awful lot in this story beyond just bringing a dead man back to life. Let's put this story in perspective. First, Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem, a very dangerous place for Him at this point near the end of His earthly ministry. Clearly, He knows what is about to happen there, and if you read the next few verses in this chapter of John immediately following what is read in church, you will see that for the Pharisees, and especially the High Priest, Caiaphas, this miracle was the last straw. They had to get rid of Him. Next, Lazarus is not the only person Jesus (or Old Testament prophets) raised from the dead. But there is a significant difference. In the Old Testament tradition, a person who is dead for three days is totally, irreversibly dead. None of those raised from the dead in the Old Testament, nor the widow of Nain's son nor Jairus' daughter raised by Jesus, had been dead that long, so they were miraculous, but not without precedent. Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. He was irrevocably dead. As an aside, remember that a short time later Jesus will rise on the third day from the irrevocably

So what happens in this story? Martha and Mary send word to Jesus that "the one you love is sick." As John constantly reminds us, love is what is important, and Jesus loved Lazarus, and his sisters hoped Jesus would come quickly and heal him. But Jesus deliberately delays, knowing that Lazarus will die. When He finally tells the apostles they are going to Judea, where Bethany is, they're afraid because it is dangerous. And they don't understand His comment that Lazarus has fallen asleep. Jesus has to explain that he is dead, and that is why they are going. Thomas has a great response. As is often the case, the apostles seem clueless, but since Jesus is determined to head into peril, Thomas says, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." This from one of the guys who will run away a few days later when

things got really bad. When they get there, they find a crowd of mourners, and Martha, the sister who didn't seem to get Jesus as well as her sister Mary did last time we saw them, has a wonderful conversation with Jesus. She understands more than the apostles do. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." That about sums it up! Then Mary joins them, and they head for the tomb. When they get there, in the shortest verse in the Bible, John tells us "Jesus wept." Two simple words, but how beautifully John tells us Who Jesus is. He is fully God, Who is about to raise a definitively dead man from the dead, but He is fully human, and moved to tears by the death of a close friend and in the face of the grief of those present at the tomb. Those guests wonder why He didn't come sooner to heal Lazarus. They soon find out. "Take away the stone." But what about the

odor? "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" He then offers a brief prayer that includes just what Martha said earlier: "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." And then He says, "Lazarus, come out!" John doesn't tell us what the reaction of the crowd was, but I am sure they were absolutely astonished. Other than the Resurrection, which was not witnessed by anyone, this was the most impressive miracle Jesus performed. But here, the only reaction is that of the Pharisees and Caiaphas. He is too dangerous. We have to get rid of Him.

May we take to heart what St. John is telling us. How deeply Jesus loves us. May the stone be rolled away from our eyes so that we may see as clearly as St. Martha and share her faith in Jesus, the God/Man Who is the Savior of all who believe in Him as she did. And may we trust as Jesus did that the Father always hears our prayers.



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March 2024

Dear Friend:

St. Aidan School is pleased to host its annual **Monsignor James McDonald Memorial Golf Outing** on Monday May 6, 2024 at the beautiful Wheatley Hills Golf Club in East Williston. Each year, the outing draws hundreds of local residents, community leaders and supporters.

This year, we are honoring an outstanding couple who has been strong, ongoing supporters of the Parish and the School for decades: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & June Breglio. Ken and June Breglio had 3 children graduate from St. Aidan's School, and have grandchildren who have graduated from and currently attend the School. Ken and June have been ardent supporters of the St. Aidan's Golf Outing each year, and we are thrilled to be recognizing their contributions at this event as our honorees.

Additionally, we are proud to present the Deacon Frank Love Award to two very deserving individuals: Kevin McArdle and Helene Pacher. The Deacon Love Award is an annual award presented to alumni or parents of alumni of St. Aidan School who have gone on to serve the School and Parish in their adult lives. We are pleased to recognize Kevin's and Helene's continuing support of St. Aidan School and Parish.

There is a vast array of sponsorships available for the Golf Outing and we humbly ask for your support to make the event a huge success. Your generosity will be gratefully received by our School, and the funds raised will be used to offset what tuition alone cannot cover.

Registration and sponsorships may be completed by visiting our website at https://SASGolf24.givesmart.com or by texting SASGolf24 to 76278. Alternatively, you can opt to register online, and send a check to the school made payable to "P.A.C.E." (the parents' fundraising organization). All donations are tax deductible in accordance with the law.

This year, we are thrilled to be able to present an amazing *Grand Prize Raffle*, generously donated by Eric Bilger. This Grand Prize Raffle consists of a 7-night stay in an oceanfront home in St. Thomas, U.S. BVI for up to 10 people. Villa Viento has 5-bedroom suites with ensuite bathrooms, concierge service, pool, hot tub and much more. We encourage you to take part in this amazing prize opportunity! Not only will you help raise funds for our school, but you could be going on an incredible vacation! The winner of the raffle will be drawn at the Golf Outing on May 6th. Winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are available for purchase on the Golf Outing website and are priced at \$50 each ticket or 3 for \$100. Full details are on the website.

We encourage you to be as generous as possible to help St. Aidan School in its dedication to promoting the spiritual, academic, athletic, and social development of its students. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at staidangolf@yahoo.com or at the numbers listed below. It is because of the support of our local businesses and friends that our school continues to thrive. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely yours,

Danielle NefouseGolf Outing Committee Co-Chair
516-841-7878

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Golf Outing Committee Co-Chair 917-407-2985

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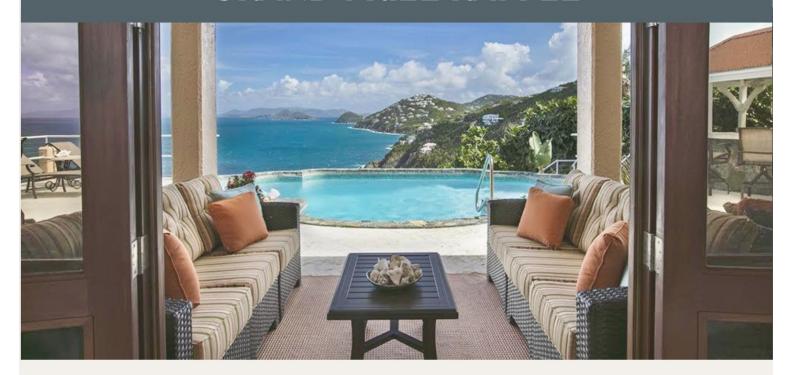
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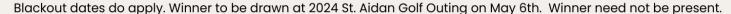
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL

Each year we acknowledge the seventh and eighth grade students who excel in Character, Service, Citizenship, Leadership and Scholarship. Congratulations to the nine new members inducted into the Saint Aidan School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society!







National Junior Honor Society











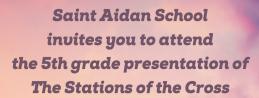








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Date: Tuesday<mark>, M</mark>arch 26, 2024
Time: 10:15 AM
Place: Monsignor Kirwin Hall
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ST. AIDAN MASS FOR 7TH GRAD 5 PM ON SATURDAY 03/16/24

AT MASS STUDENTS WILL PRESENT A REFLECTION ON SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve one another.

Confirmation candidates were asked to do acts of service during the year in the church, parish, family, school or community.

Write a short paragraph on some act of service you enjoyed doing and what you learned from serving others.

ST. AIDAN MASS FOR 8TH GRADE 9 AM ON SUNDAY 04/07/24 OR 9 AM ON SUNDAY 04/14/24

AT MASS STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THEIR PARENTS & THE CHURCH.
AFTER MASS STUDENTS ATTEND THEIR CONFIRMATION RETREAT IN KIRWIN HALL.

We invite parents, sponsor or other family members to write letters to the candidate to offer encouragement in their decision to be confirmed. Letters need to be returned to the Office of Faith Formation before Friday, March 22. Place the letters in an envelope with the candidate's name on it and drop it in the drop box at the Faith Formation Office. Or you may email them to carmstrong@staidanparish.org. Here are a few topic suggestions for those letters:

- Our pride in the candidate for his/her preparation for Confirmation – the extra study effort, their service, and attention to prayer.
- How special/unique the candidate is and why.
- How he/she has brought love and joy to the family and others.
- Encourage the candidate to come to their family in times of pain, discouragement, failure. Speak about these times in your own life.
- Encourage the candidate to always strive to grow in his/her relationship with God and to live a moral,

responsible life as a fully initiated Catholic.

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 516-746-6585 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-

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.

OCIA UPDATES: Please keep our Elect, (those who are not baptized), and our Candidates, (those validly baptized in another Christian denomination or baptized Catholics who have not received any previous instruction in the Faith) in your prayers during this Lenten season. They will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil on March 30th at 7:30PM. Please plan to join us as we celebrate bringing these wonderful people into our parish family.

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 has just started 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 as soon as possible at 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org. if interested.

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: If you attend the 12PM Mass on Sunday, a different set of readings must be used because an OCIA ritual will take place during this Mass. The following is based on the Cycle B readings used at all the other Masses. Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The liturgical color is Purple.

Gospel, (John 12:20-33), Jesus uses the analogy of a seed to speak about His impending death. The seed itself is worthless unless it dies so that the fruit or flower can blossom, and the plant would then reproduce. To save us and all humanity, Jesus was willing to offer Himself for us by dying on the cross.

There will be times when we must die to ourselves meaning we must stand firm as followers of Jesus even in the face of difficult consequences. Like the seed, we must be willing to undergo whatever transformations are necessary in order to produce the good fruit that comes with being faithful followers of Jesus. Needless to say, this is a very difficult gospel

to process for most people, especially children. Children prefer gospel stories that are happy and joyful. They don't enjoy stories about pain, suffering, and death. Using the idea of how a seed can grow into a beautiful plant that can provide beauty and depending on the type of plant productive fruit, they can accept that the seed must die or completely give up its cocoon of safety within the hardness of its covering to grow. Jesus is like the seed of our life with God. He is a perfect role model for us to imitate. Jesus wanted to share God with everyone, and we as His followers, should want to do the same. Everyday, we have opportunities to share God's life and love with others. Sometimes this can be very difficult, but Jesus will help us.

We should connect with Jesus many times every day through prayer and going to Mass where we can receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Then we will know how to pay attention to what God wants us to do. This week, plant a few beans into a cup of potting soil. Beans work particularly well because they sprout quickly. Once they do, dig up one of the sprouted beans so children

can see how the bean has changed. Because of this change, the bean will be able to produce a bean plant. Continue to care for the remaining sprouted beans and nurture them throughout the Easter season. Let the children observe the changes. The bean had to die or completely change its form to grow into the plant, which is an image for rising to new life. The next step in this type of analogy is to mention that Baptism transforms us by rising with Jesus to new life with God. Eventually, children begin to connect the pieces together! This week very young children explain that following Jesus means serving others. Cut out some paper footprints and make a path with them on the floor. At the end of the footprint path, have a pitcher of water and some cups ready. The whole family will need to get involved to make this activity work well. The first family member will pour a short cup of water. Then that person will serve the water to the next family who walks the path. One by one, each family member gets a turn to be served and to serve someone else. Remind everyone that following Jesus means serving others. Sometimes it might be difficult and challenging, but in the end, it families celebrated the Easter season. Have is always rewarding to follow Jesus no matter what! Preschool children to school

age children may enjoy a Secret Service Bag. Using a drawstring bag, place items that could be used to serve others in the bag. Some examples would be plastic bandages, crayons, a dish towel, a Children's Bible, a children's prayer book or copy of a prayer, a stuffed animal, and a small toy. Each child or each family member will draw an item from the bag without peeking and then the discussion follows about how that item can be used to serve others. Some themes that would naturally develop would be that we serve others when we share what we have, when we take care of others who need healing, and when we pray for others. This activity can lead to great Lenten conversations. Think of different types of people who help others. examples would include parents, teachers, firefighters, police,

nurses, doctors, priests, secretaries, the people who ring you up in the stores, etc. Talk about how these people help others. Helping others is what a true disciple or follower of Jesus does. How can we help others? Ask each child to draw a picture, write, or discuss how he/she can help others. With older children, set up a Holy Week Clock. Divide a paper into six sections using three straight lines. Print or type and paste each of the following events in sequential order in a clockwise direction: Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) (Mark 11:7-11), The last Supper (Holy Thursday) (Mark 14:22-26), Jesus' Death (Good Friday) (Mark 15:33-41), Christ's Resurrection (Easter Sunday) (John 20:1-9), Christ's Ascension (Acts 1:1-11), and Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11). As each event passes during the Holy Week through Pentecost color each section when it happens.

If we give children a little extra preparation, they can grow into an appreciation of just how tremendous Holy Week and the Fifty Days of Easter are while we are creating wonderful memories about how their fun making those memories! They will live forever!



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MARCH 28

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30 PM

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MARCH 29

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

SEVEN LAST WORDS 12:00 PM

THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 PM

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MARCH 30

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

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LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

ord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust.

ever child-like, no cares can destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

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







MOME back to me with all your heart Don't let fear keep us apart Trees do bend though straight and tall So must we to others' call. R: Long have I waited for Your coming home to me And living deeply our new lives The wilderness will lead you To the place where I will speak Integrity and justice with tenderness You shall know. R:

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

f ye has not seen, ear has <u>not</u> beard what God has ready for those who lo ve him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus,

teach us the wisdom of God. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be

near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.



CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

THRIST be beside me Christ before me 🏿 🖟 Christ behind me King of my heart amb within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising light of my life.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart. Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.

Music **FOR** SUNDAY MASS

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made. R:

HAIL GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our isle, On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile; And now that you're high in your mansions above,

On Erin's green valleys look down with your love.

Hail, glorious St. Patrick thy words were once strong Against Satan's wiles and a heretic throng; Not less is thy might where in Heaven thou art; Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take part!

In a war against sin, in the fight for the faith, Dear Saint, may thy children resist to the death: May their strength be in meekness in penance, and prayer, Their banner the Cross which they glory to bear.

MARCH 17TH FIFTH SUNDAY LENT

Reading I Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm 51

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reading II Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience I believe in one God, the Father from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

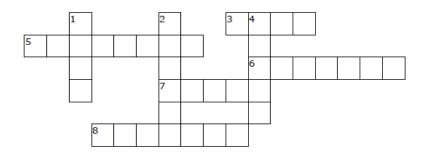
Gospel In 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal living and the dead and his kingdom life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this

world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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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 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.

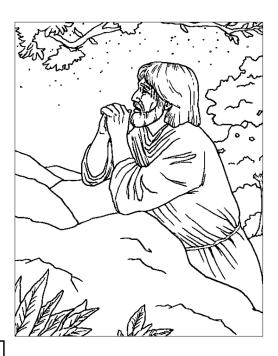


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- 3. To rescue from danger
- 5. To have problems or difficulties
- 6. To honor or praise
- 7. The sound people make when they speak or sing
- 8. A booming noise that follows lightning

DOWN

- 1. The spiritual part of a person that continues to live after the body dies
- 2. The home of God and the angels
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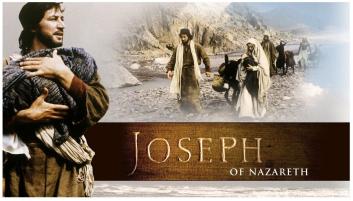


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