

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Respect life. All life is sacred.



WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN

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

ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Items for publishing should be emailed to staidanbulletin@gmail.com.

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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, MARCH 25	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM Mary Ellen McNulty Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM Edward Kelly Bishop Andrzej 5:30 PM Dominick Valenza

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Fr. Jacob 6:30 AM Anthony Chimienti (6th Anniv. Rem.)
Fr. Jacob 9:00 AM Christopher Vincent Anselmo (2nd Anniv. Rem.)

Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM Mario R. Donato (B'day Rem.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Fr. Solomon
6:30 AM
Nora Murphy (B'day Rem.)
Fr. Adrian
9:00 AM
Eileen & Dennis Duggan (B'day Rem.)
Fr. Jacob
5:30 PM
Colin O'Sullivan (B'day Rem.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY RECTORY CLOSED

8:30 AM Office of Readings 9:00 AM Morning Prayer Fr. Solomon 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper 11:45 PM Night Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Fr. Adrian

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

RECTORY CLOSED

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8:30 AM Office of Readings 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Seven Last Words

Fr. Jacob 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 AM Office of Readings 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Blessing of Food 7:30 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY

RECTORY CLOSED Fr. Jacob 7:30 AM James O'Connell Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM Mario R. Donato (B'day Rem.) Fr. Adrian 10:30 AM Edward J. McCrain (3rd Anniv. Rem.) Lvg. Int. of the Georgeou Family Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM E. J. Tierney (2nd Anniv. Rem.) Michael Lyons (2nd Anniv. Rem.) Dcd. Mbrs. of the Fiorillo & **Mahaffey Families**

Jeanette Clasen

Fr. Solomon 1:30 PM Parishioners of St. Aidan

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

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Rev. Fr. Jacob Quansah Kyei

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

St. Aidan School
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ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8
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Assistant Principal
Mrs. Barbara Graham

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Thursday appointment.
Closed Friday
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What's Pastor Thinking

During the month of March towns throughout Long Island held parades to honor St. Patrick. Everyone loves a

parade. We love to watch them. Or we love to watch people we know march in them. Children seem to especially love them.

I suspect children were no different in Jesus' day. I suspect adults were no different, either. So when Jesus comes into Jerusalem, they respond to the parade the same way we would. They stand on the sides and cheer. They spread palm for the 'hero' being honored. And they join in and become a part of the grand procession.

But this isn't just any parade. This isn't just any hero. At least not in the eyes and ears of the crowds that day. They saw Jesus as the coming Messiah; the one who would take the throne of David and throw out the Romans. The palm branches are a reminder of the story of the Maccabean revolt nearly two hundred years earlier. Clearly the crowd thinks Jesus is coming to begin a revolution. Even their cry, 'Hosanna!' portrays

their misunderstanding. For 'Hosanna!' means 'SAVE US, NOW!'

But the crowd has misunderstood Jesus. For according to the prophet Zechariah when the king comes on a donkey, He comes to bring peace. Jesus is clearly choosing the image of one who disarms people rather than one who stirs them up. So when the parade is over there is no huge confrontation. There are no swords drawn. There are no elaborate campaign speeches. No, Jesus has been clear about his purpose all along. It was the people who misunderstood. Sometimes things aren't what they seem. Sometimes what we want is not what God wants. And always we need to seek God's purpose rather than our own agenda. The misunderstanding of the people who joined the parade reminds us to take stock of our own expectations and decide if we still want to join the parade. Today at St. Aidan we join in and proclaim, 'Hosanna!' 'Lord, save me.' Truly, Jesus is the Son of God. His example is the one to follow. He sees and proclaims what he knows to be true. If he were to lead a parade, would you follow?

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

THERESE PANICO EVELYN CAHILL PHILIP ROMANO CAROLE FAZZOLARE

THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE

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 John Trincellito Johnny Healey **Eleanor Bauer** Eileen Devaney **Bridget Brasile** Ronald Smith, Jr. Kevin Lynch Cathy Barbera Victoria Colozzi Fearghal McHugh **Eleanor Paris** Charles Procaccini Clement O'Brien

To add or remove a name, please call the rectory



STEWARDSHIP

03/19/23 \$24,725 03/17/24 \$25,022

ATTENDANCE

03/16/17/2024 1,823

EXTRA ENVELOPE

Facilities Maintenance

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

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 APRIL 13, 2024
3:00 PM
Julie M. Lopes
St. Aidan
William J. Gounaris
St. Arch Angel Michael

APRIL 21, 2024 3:00 PM Paola Rojas St. Aidan Michael Masci St. Aidan

MAY 10, 2024
3:30 PM
Sophia Angela Bozzella
St. Aloysius
Conor Carl Krouch
St. Isaac Jogues

MAY 21, 2024
3:30 PM
Courtney Patricia
Cunningham
Immaculate Conception
David Allen Jones
Immaculate Conception

MAY 31, 2024 3:30 PM Michelle Marie Ammann St. Aidan Joseph Cogliandro, Jr. St. Dominic

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

ALTAR SERVERS

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3/23	PALM						
5:00	J G & A Cosgrove						
7:30	Friedrich						
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	A Cifelli						
	A Chem						
3/24	PALM						
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						
	I Wenzel						
	L Abrusci						
5:00	Watkins						
	J DiMarzo						
	J Iannotti						
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3/28	HOLY						
	THURSDAY						
7:30	TO BE						
	ASSIGNED						
3/29	GOOD FRIDAY						
3:00	TO BE						
	ASSIGNED						
3/30	HOLY						
	SATURDAY						
5:00	NO MACC						
7.20	NO MASS						
7:30	EASTER VIGIL						
	EASTER VIGIL						
3/31	EASTER VIGIL EASTER						
3/31	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY						
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3/31 7:30	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY G C & J Pizzardi R DiMaio						
3/31 7:30	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY G C & J Pizzardi R DiMaio N Fernando L Herr						
3/31 7:30 9:00	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY G C & J Pizzardi R DiMaio N Fernando						
3/31 7:30 9:00	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY G C & J Pizzardi R DiMaio N Fernando L Herr A. Dowdell, T. Fortunato						
3/31 7:30 9:00	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY G C & J Pizzardi R DiMaio N Fernando L Herr A. Dowdell, T. Fortunato S Alexander						
3/31 7:30 9:00	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY G C & J Pizzardi R DiMaio N Fernando L Herr A. Dowdell, T. Fortunato S Alexander L Abrusci						
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3/31 7:30 9:00	EASTER VIGIL EASTER SUNDAY G C & J Pizzardi R DiMaio N Fernando L Herr A. Dowdell, T. Fortunato S Alexander L Abrusci						



10:30 FAMILY MASS

A Sunday Mass at St. Aidan for families with children

Palm Sunday commemorates
Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a
donkey days before his death.
It's also known as Passion Sunday
and is the last Sunday before
Easter. Make a Palm Cross.

Follow the instructions below to create your own palm cross!



Holding a palm strip with the curled edge toward you, fold up the widest end in a loop about 2" long.



Then fold the top piece downward until it covers the top of the previous fold and forms a loop about 2". Place a staple at the intersection.



Bend the thin end of the palm to the right, creasing on a diagonal line.



Fold the palm behind the cross, forming a loop about 1 1/2" on the left. Secure in the center with another staple.



Continue the fold toward the front of the cross forming a loop 11/2" on the left. Secure it with another staple.



Wrap the remainder of the palm over the top-right angle of the cross, bringing it straight across the back and over the top-left angle to the front. Cross it diagonally to the bottom-right corner...



... straight across the back and bring it to the front from the bottom-left corner. Bring it from the bottom-left corner to the top-right corner and to the back again.



Weave the small remaining piece in the back under loops and tie it off. If needed, you can use another staple of a drop of glue.



Add dried flowers or a tiny bow.

Reconciliation Monday 2024

Monday, March 25th

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre from 2–4 p.m. & 6–9 p.m.

St. Aidan 2024 LENT TO EASTER

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

EVERY SATURDAY 12:30 PM—1:30 PM 4:00—5:00 PM

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

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28 6:00—7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 4:00—5:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY 12:30 - 1:00 4:00—5:00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY 7:00 PM

ADORATION

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

FOURTH SUNDAY 1:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24

SATURDAY 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM

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

HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 28

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30 PM

NIGHT PRAYER 11:45 PM

Chrism Mass

March 26, 2024 • 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre



GOOD FRIDAY

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

HOLY SATURDAY

MARCH 30

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

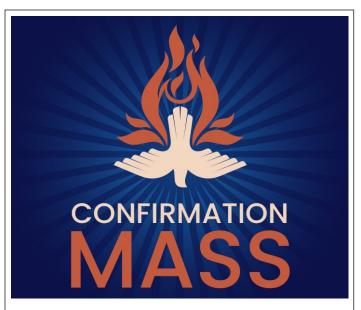
BLESSING OF FOOD 12:00 PM

> EASTER VIGIL 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM 1:30 PM



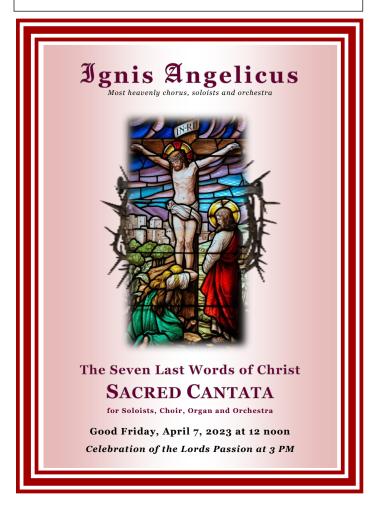


CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We welcome those preparing for Confirmation.

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.



BULLETIN

The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Items for publishing should be emailed to staidanbulletin@gmail.com. The publishing company has asked us to remind you of these deadlines:

- 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!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 7, 2024

"Jesus promised a profound immense Grace to those who would celebrate this Feast of Divine Mercy. This Grace is the forgiveness of all sins and the removal of all punishment due to sin. Reconciliation should be received within the week prior there will be no confessions on this day. Jesus told St. Faustina regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation, "Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces, solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to my generosity." Join us for here at St. Aidan at 3PM in the Church. We will pray together, Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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.

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:

- 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.

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 LEGION OF MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY PRAESIDIUM 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. April 5 & 19.

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.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Hope you all have a blessed Easter and enjoy time with family. Our next meeting will be April 21st at 9:00 am in the convent. We will be discussing the Mother Daughter Brunch, please bring the merchant donations to the meeting. Our Mother Daughter Brunch will be held on Sunday April 28th following the 10:30am mass at La Parma. Our next Ronald McDonald House baking event is April 18, contact Mrs. Svers to volunteer.

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. Please 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.

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 of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, 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 FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory and a ONE DAY parish setting guided by a team of dedicated parishioners. The inquirer decides if he/she wants to move forward one step PM. FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple 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.

LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF PREBORN CHILDREN on MARCH 29, 2024, from 10:30a.m. to Noon, in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow; on the public sidewalk). Pro-life women, men and children are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Tragically, the overturning of Roe v Wade has not stopped the slaughter of preborn babies in NYS. Your participation for even part of the time is important. Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs). Information: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.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

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..

ST. AIDAN'S PRE-CANA PROGRAM

St. Aidan's Foccus & Pre-Cana program consists of a program that is held on Saturday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 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://www.enyli.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
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 world-wide.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

April 2024 Singles Gathering on Saturday, April 6, 2024, 8:30PM at St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. Ages 40+; \$10.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

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.

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!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A CATHOLIC GROUP

The Columbiettes, from Corpus Christi Council 2502, invite you to join our group. We are Catholic women, 18 years and over. We meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, NY. RSVP to Ruth Ann at 516-317-6356

THE WILLISTON PARK 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

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 DRIVERS

St. Dominic HS is looking for bus drivers for immediate hire. For more information, please get in touch with Matthew O'Brien at mobrien2@stdoms.org or 516-922-4888 x5315.

FOCUS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WWW.CFFOR.ORG

Good Friday is Near. Are We Ready to Follow Jesus and Take Up His Cross? Ten years ago Prof. Robert George of Princeton University, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, spoke about changes in our culture's attitude and treatment regarding those who faithfully follow the teachings of the Bible. He pointed out that a Catholic who actually lives the teachings of his faith is in for a very rough time.

That time has been with us for ten full years now and grows even more difficult. In 2024 the antireligion, Bible-bashing forces in our society, abetted by government regulations, spurious court challenges and media-driven extremism are imposing an even more Herculean challenge to Americans who believe and faithfully aspire to live the words of the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

From almost every direction come pressures to enable the destruction of pre-born life, to validate an array of gender identities, to bless marriages outside of the union of one man and one woman, to submit our children to principles and behaviors unacceptable to our consciences and accept denial of our rights to speak and act as full participants within the public square of ideas and policies.

When Prof. George urged us ten years ago that as Catholics we must live the truth of the Gospel as proclaimed by the Church, he acknowledged there would be a price to pay. From being cancelled to being ostracized and marginalized we see that cost every day.

Prof. George said, "You see, for us, as for our faithful Evangelical friends, it is now Good Friday. The memory of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem has faded." "The love affair with Jesus, his gospel and his church is over. Elite sectors of the cultures of Europe and North America no longer welcome his message." "Away with him," they shout. "Give us Barrabas!"

More than ever, the Catholic laity must speak and act publicly in defense of religious freedom. By being dynamic in following our faith, our actions will exemplify our words. Cardinal Dolan has reminded us that a charism of the laity is to protect religious freedom in the public square. Archbishop Chaput advised, "If lay people don't love their Catholic faith enough to struggle for it in the public square, nothing the bishops do will finally matter." Read Prof. George's full remarks here: https://tinyurl.com/87espsd2



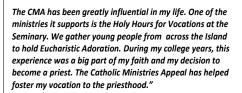
"As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic."

Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports vocations in our diocese.

Ordained in 2023, Fr. Steven McClernon spoke to us about what his goals are as a priest in our Diocese and how your support has helped him to accomplish this!

"This year's CMA theme, Revitalizing our Faith -- Renewed by the Eucharist, relates to my vocation as it was fostered through Eucharistic Adoration. I see the People of God revitalized and renewed in their faith when I celebrate Mass. I see how people really love receiving the Eucharist. During Covid when we were separated from receiving the Eucharist, it was a difficult time for many. Now seeing the people back to church, and receiving the Eucharist, I am renewed in my faith and I know God's people are revitalized by the true presence of God in the Eucharist.





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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)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org for more information. Teens must be available on Thursday afternoons. This is a great opportunity for any teen who may be considering a career in Nursing, Teaching, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational, Speech, or Physical Therapies. Service documentation, college recommendation letters, and scholarship letters are provided. Please consider joining us for the 2024-2025 school year.

GRADE 8: The Confirmation Retreats will take place on Sunday, April 7th and Sunday, April 14th. The dame program will be presented on both dates. Please sign up for a retreat by sending an email to carmstrong@staidanparish.org.

THERE ARE NO CLASSES DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK: MAR. 25TH TO APR. 4TH.

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 28TH THROUGH APRIL 2ND.

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.

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The liturgical color is red. We have been journeying through Lent and have now arrived at the most important week in the liturgical year, Holy Week where we will go through the events that mark the Passion, Death, and finally Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This week is sacred beyond all

others. You will notice that the Masses begin with a short Gospel describing Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. This is the first of two gospels that is read on Palm Sunday. It describes the Holy Week event we specifically celebrate on Palm Sunday; however the second gospel is one of two gospels that tells us the greatest story ever told. It is the story of perfect love unlike any other.

Today's second Gospel, (Mark 14:1-15:47), is the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark. This Passion account begins with the preparations for Jesus' death, his instructions to His friends during the Last Supper, how He was betrayed in the Garden in Gethsemane, the trial before Pilate where He was condemned, and the crucifixion. Three groups of people emerge during the story. There were those who betrayed Jesus, which included not only the people who actually crucified Him, but also some of Jesus' friends, and bystanders. These people just watched an innocent man be tortured and killed in a most gruesome way. Then there were also those who stood by Jesus until the end such as the woman who anointed Him with expensive perfume, Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus carry the cross, Mary Magdaline, and some other women, and of course the Blessed Mother. They were fearlessly supporting Jesus and did what they could to comfort Him. The final group were those who had a conversion experience. Included in this group were the centurion who acknowledged that Jesus was the Son of God when Jesus died and Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Jewish council, who provided a proper burial place for Jesus' body. Each of these groups had encountered Jesus. They saw Him, heard Him, some even spent considerable time with Him while others only came to know Him near the end of Jesus' life. What must have gone through the minds of many people who were present at that time is hard to imagine. At the very least some were confused, others afraid of consequences, others searching, some hoping, some failing, and the list of significant emotions could go on and on. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "In the Incarnation, the Son of God assumed human nature without losing his divine nature, which is self-sacrificing love,

obedient even unto death." (CCC, 479, 491, 713) Jesus in His humanity fully suffered (although innocent) so that we can look forward to being with God in Heaven forever. This is self-sacrificing love. Parents and those who care for children are privileged to get a taste of true self-sacrifice as they care for the children God entrusts to them. Parents learn early in the parenthood experience that being a parent is all about sacrificing for their children. Again, we can only imagine how much God loves us with His perfect love.

Children find the Passion stories of the New Testament too long, and certainly unpleasant or even scary for very young children. It is difficult to hold their focus but still well worth the effort. Children need to be constantly reminded about their importance in God's eyes.

This week, the best activities children can engage in would be to attend at least some of the services of Holy Week. Holy Thursday includes the story of the Last Supper. Try to make your family's main meal conversation about when Jesus ate that last meal with His friends. What might that have been like? Ask your children how they would have reacted when Jesus changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Talk about Holy Communion, what it is, how it is the center of how we worship God, and how to properly receive it. Bring children to the Mass of the Lord's Supper and point out the reasons why the priest washes the feet of twelve people. Jeus humbled Himself by performing the task of a servant to set an example for us. We must serve others for Jesus. When we serve others, we are good followers/ disciples. If possible, bring children to Good Friday's main celebration or if the children are very young, the Stations of the Cross. Perhaps, no electronics or television to create a quieter, more focused atmosphere is another helpful way to observe Good Friday in the home. Remind children that we are offering our gift of quiet to Jesus because we are grateful that He loves us so much. On Holy Saturday, include children in the preparations for family Easter celebrations. Be sure to do something to remind children that although jellybeans, chocolate bunnies and eggs are fun, we are preparing for the greatest event that ever happened. If you plan to color eggs, try

drawing crosses of stalks of wheat with grapes on the eggs with wax crayons. Religious symbols were originally used on Easter eggs in parts of the world where it was against the law to teach about God. These eggs can be reminders of the true meaning of Easter. If you have older children and teens, bring them to the Easter Vigil. Although the Vigil is long, it is very rich in signs and symbols. There are initial readings that move us from darkness into light. The very large Paschal candle enters a dark church and the light spreads from the candle to the people. Then the lights are turned on and we hear the Resurrection story. Following this, adults who are preparing to become Catholic come forward. This year, three adults will be baptized and then they will join other Christians, who have also been preparing to become Catholic. All eight adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion for the first time. It is a very impressive sight for young teens, a wonderful learning experience, and a vivid reminder to all of us not to take our Catholic faith for granted.

If you haven't already done so, plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Tomorrow is Reconciliation Monday. Reconciliation is offered in every parish in the diocese. Celebrating this Sacrament of Healing together as a family also allows us as parents and trusted adults in children's lives, to set the very best example for our children.

Even though this week is intense, embrace Holy Week with a new passion this year.

St. Aidan's Family Mass

Children's Worship Materials are in the "Children's Corner" in the Church Lobby. All are welcome!

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY.
PLEASE JOIN US AS WE LIFT
OUR PALM BRANCHES IN THE
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COMING SOON:

March 31st Easter Sunday April 28th Junior Catholic Daughters



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



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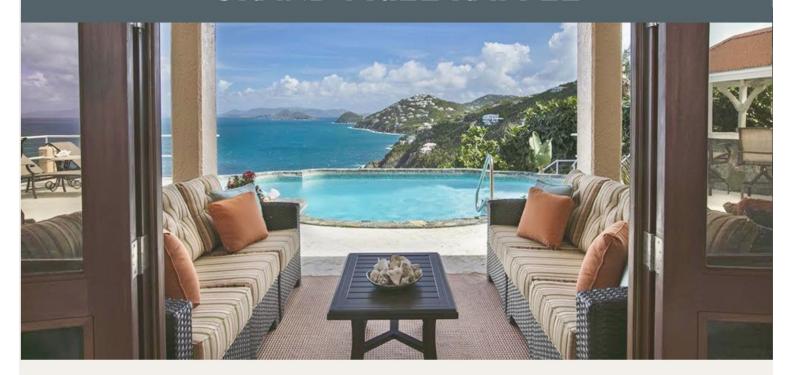
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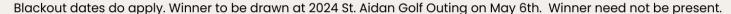
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Each year, we purchase beautiful Easter flowers and decorations to adorn the church in honor of your loved ones. All Memorials will be in place for Easter Masses. The name of your loved ones will be placed on the flower and published in the bulletin.

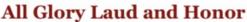
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TESCHNER (1635)

Refrain: All Glory Laud and Honor ll glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring

Thou art the King of Israel Thou David's royal Son Who in the Lord's name comest The King and Blessed One [Refrain]

The company of angels Are praising Thee on high And mortal men and all things Created make reply [Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went Our praise and love and anthems Before Thee we present. [Refrain]



Psalm Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20 R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? R.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of Endless Glory

Vs: Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. R.

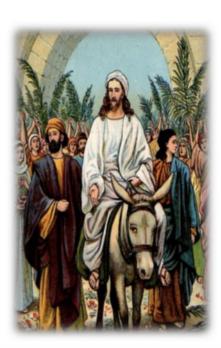


O Sacred Head Surrounded

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1684 -1750)

O sacred Head surrounded By crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding Head, so wounded, Reviled and put to scorn! The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life decays, Yet angel hosts adore you And tremble as they gaze.

I see your strength and vigor All fading in the strife, And death with cruel rigor, Bereaving you of life; O agony and dying! O love to sinners free! Jesus, all grace supplying, O turn your face on me.





In this, your bitter passion, Good Shepherd, think of me With your most sweet compassion, Unworthy though I be: Beneath your cross abiding For ever would I rest, In your dear love confiding, And with your presence blest.

When I Survey This Wondrous Cross

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1684-1750)

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Amazing Love

GRAHAM KENDRICK (B. 1969)

My Lord, what love is this That pays so dearly That I, the guilty one May go free!

R: Amazing love, O what sacrifice! The Son of God given for me my debt he pays, and my death he dies That I might live.

And so they watched him die Despised, rejected. But oh, the blood he shed flowed for me! R:

But oh, the blood he shed flowed for me! And now, this love of Christ Shall flow like rivers Come wash your guilt away Live again! R:

Lift High the Cross

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

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

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



MARCH 24TH—PALM SUNDAY

At the Procession with Palms -Gospel Mk 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once." So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in Reading II Phil 2:6-11 the highest!"

At the Mass - Reading I Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a welltrained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm 22

abandoned me? All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their

R. My God, my God, why have you

heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Mk 14:1-15:47

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said, "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant. "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor." They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house. 'The Teacher

says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be." Then Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." But he vehemently replied, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch." He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him. He returned a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures

may be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands." Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I

neither know nor understand what you are talking about." So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more, "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean." He began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept.

As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he

done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull —, They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take Jerusalem. it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon where he was laid. darkness came over the whole land

until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah." One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down." Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

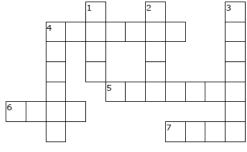
The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched

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ACROSS

- 4. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
- 5. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
- 6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

7. What a person is called

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DOWN

1. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year

- 2. The Son of God
- 3. A small town
- 4. To stretch out over a large area

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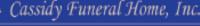
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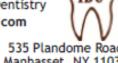
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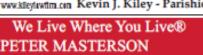
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