

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

#### 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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#### PARISH 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.

#### 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.

#### CONFESSION

Confessions are available in the church 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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

#### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

To bring communion to the sick and home bound you must be a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist who has completed diocesan training. Communion outside a church is to be carried in a pyx. Before Mass begins leave your pyx on the tray beside the sacristy door. You can collect the pyx at the end of Mass. Do not fill your pyx in

the communion line. If you were unable to leave your pyx on the tray before Mass, just go to the sacristy at the end of Mass and ask the sacristan or priest for communion. If you know of someone homebound who would like to receive Communion from a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Rectory.

#### **BAPTISM**

To arrange a baptism contact the rectory office. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child's date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. To hold a private baptism you must first make arrangements with a priest or deacon to perform the baptism and then contact the Rectory Office to check if the church is available. First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the church on the second Sunday of the month after the 12 PM Mass. Parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the altar.

#### **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: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org. Information on the Pre-Cana Course offered by the Diocese of Rockville Center can be found at www.drvc-faith.org or call 678-5800 ext. 223.

#### **SCAM LIKELY**

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  - Scan the Dynamic QR code for assistance if necessary.
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That younger son in today's gospel had done the unthinkable in the culture of Jesus' day. He had brazenly

asked for his share of the inheritance before his father died. That was one offense. And, in spite of the inappropriateness of the request, the father granted it, giving his son what he had asked for. And then the son committed his second offense: he took what Dad had given him and left home. He might just as well have declared, 'My father is dead!' He squandered his money wastefully, living only for the moment, with no thought to the future, no thought that his money might actually run out. But it did run out. And then there was a famine. He got a job, a demeaning job for a Jew, feeding pigs. But he was hungry, so hungry, he would have eaten the pigs' leftovers. He's desperate. He's desperate, and he hatches another plan to take care of himself. He believes he can't go home

again, at least not as a son. But maybe his father will give him a job, as a hired hand; at least, then, he'll have a way of supporting himself! So he heads down the long road toward his father's house. When he gets there, he plans to plead with his father, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of the hired hands.' Now, all this time, the father had been waiting. As much as he hurt, he wanted his child back home. Every day, several times a day, Dad would step out on the porch, eyes shaded against the sun, and look off into the distance, hoping against hope to see some sign of his son. He cried a million tears, figured his son must be dead, and wouldn't eat or sleep for days on end, that's how much he missed the boy. Just like God. With God, there is a standing invitation to those who have wandered away: 'Come home!'

## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

DOMINIC E. CASILLO

# THOSE WHO ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDE

Leela Gupta Biran McKiernan Michael Manchin Vanessa Eiswerth John Sweeney **Eleanor Bauer** Cian Danklin Dawn Meusa Denis Silva Fearghal McHugh Matthew Villaran **Evelyn Connolly** June Pelzer Tom Addison Ryan Latronica Casey Homsford Anthony Casella Danny Sullivan Patricia Mulrooney Eddie Marzocchi Lisa Berning Teresa Gallo Stephanie Stanton Anthony Casella Baby Lucas Lopez Baby Logan Kerney Abby Friedman Maura Gallagher Christopher Robinson Madeline Ruisso Vincenzo Testina Stephen DeCario Domingo Mallillin Kerri Cunningham Brian P. O'Malley Erin Bray Tina Morais

### **Sunday's Readings**

#### First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

#### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

#### **Second Reading:**

And all this is from God,

who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

#### Gospel

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

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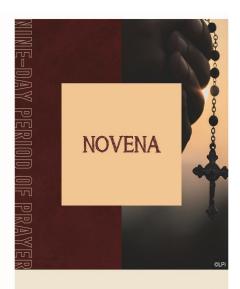
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### Devotions, Explained!

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer focused on a specific topic, saint, or devotion. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence. This 9-day period of prayer can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles.

## Prayer of a Father's Blessing

God who wills good things for your children, Help me to trust that You will be faithful.
God who will not leave me, Help me to seek You, too.
God who is ever-waiting for me, Help me to run straight towards You.

Amen.

#### **WEDDING BELLS**

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

APRIL 05, 3:00 PM Indigo Amber Hurleigh-Craig St. Aidan Dillon L. Hanel St. Aidan APRIL 10, 3:30 PM
Marissa Ann Schickling
Our Lady of Peace
Ryan Michael Shanley
Our Lady of Lourdes

APRIL 11, 4:00 PM Gina Lynn Veneziano Steven Spencer Brock, Jr. APRIL 12, 3:00 PM Laura E. Leicht St. Aidan Robert Gerard Burkhard St. Frances

APRIL 26, 3:00PM
Jeanmarie Egan
St. Peter's on the Hill
Joseph Michael Feeney
Holy Cross Church

		PALM SUNDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY
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REPENT ANGLY			MORNING PRAYER	MORNING PRAYER
STATIONS OF THE Cross	CONFESSION	OFFICE OF READINGS 8:30 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
	EVERY SATURDAY	MORNING PRAYER	SEVEN LAST WORDS	BLESSING OF FOOD
EVERY FRIDAY	12:30 PM—1:30 PM	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM
7:00 PM	4:00—5:00 PM			
		THE LORD'S SUPPER	LORD'S PASSION	RECONCILIATION
ADORATION	MONDAY APRIL 14	7:30 PM	3:00 PM	12:30 AM TO 1:30 PM
	2:00-4:00 PM			
FRIDAY MARCH 7, 21	6:00—9:00 PM	NIGHT PRAYER	STATIONS OF THE	EASTER VIGIL
APRIL 4		11:45 PM	CROSS	7:30 PM
1:00 TO 3:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY		7:00 PM	
	APRIL 18			EASTER SUNDAY
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	PASSION			7:30 AM
SUNDAY MARCH 23				9:00 AM 10:30 AM
1:00 PM				12:00 PM 1:30 PM

#### ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Items for publishing should be emailed to staidanbulletin@gmail.com. If you want an image to be published please send it PNG, JPEG etc ... rather than PDF as they print graphics and photographs clearer. Please note the following:

Two Bulletins for 4/06 & 4/13 will be published on 4/02. The Bulletin for 4/20 will be published on 4/09. The Bulletin for 4/27 will be published on 4/23.

#### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

This weekend March 29 & 30 our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

#### **APRIL 4 DIOCESAN 40 HOLY HOURS**

During Lent, parishes in the diocese will participate in 40 Days of Adoration. Forty parishes are offering a Holy Hour. St. Aidan will offer our Holy Hour on Friday, April 4,

2025, from1:00 to 3:00PM. Participants will be able to print out an "Adoration Passport" at home and every participating parish will receive stickers to provide to those who attend the Holy Hour.

## TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS

HOW TO REGISTER FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING. Please contact Fr. Adrian if you are interested in becoming trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and/or Lector. A letter must be sent from Fr. Adrian to Bishop Barres requesting the training.

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.

DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PART A AND LECTORS (participant chooses ONE ministry in which to be trained)

- Saturday, March 29\* Immaculate Conception/ Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am - noon; EMHC Part Rosary Altar Society A and Lectors
- Thursday, April 3 St. Agnes Cathedral/Rockville Centre -Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm - 10:00 pm; EMHC Part A and Lectors
- Tuesday, April 8 St. Elizabeth / Melville Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm; EMHC Part A and Lectors

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION PART B presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

- Saturday, March 29\* Immaculate Conception/ Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 pm - 4 pm
- Tuesday, April 29 St. Elizabeth / Melville Msgr. Kane Hall; 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- Thursday, May 8 St. St. Agnes Cathedral / RVC Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 - 10 pm

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 1pm Part B session.

#### 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.

#### PRAYER GROUP MEETS

The next gathering of the Cor prayer group will be on Thursday, March 27th, at 7:00 pm in the "Blue Room" of the St Aidan Convent (Pembroke Street entrance). As part of our Lenten prayer, this session will include a short video presentation (15 min) by Bishop Robert Barron (founder of Word on Fire). All men of the parish are cordially invited to participate. For further information contact Jim Corrigan at (516) 282-6774.

#### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Corporate Mass of the Rosary Altar Society will be on Sunday April. 6, 2025. The Rosary will be recited in the vestibule at 7:45am.

At the April meeting, we will pray with the Blessed Mother as she follows Jesus on the Way of the Cross and his Crucifixion. The meeting on April 7 will begin at 7pm in Msgr Kerwin Hall. The annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday May 4th, following the 9am Mass. The breakfast will be at the Knights of Columbus on Jericho Tpke and Fr. Steve Pietrowski will be the speaker. Reservations will be taken at the April meeting.

#### **IUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

Our Annual Mother Daughter Brunch will be here in just a few short weeks on April 6. Please lookout for an Evite. On April 6th, we will attend 10:30 am mass together and then enjoy lunch at La Parma Restaurant of Williston Park.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church. April 4. No adoration Good Friday 4/18.

#### 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.

#### 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. April 27. May 25.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### NIGHT OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Court Immaculata #444, Catholic Daughters of the Americas at Corpus Christi Church in Mineola invites you to a night of prayer and reflection on Thursday evening, April 10,2025 in Fitzgerald Hall.

The evening will begin at 6:00PM with a complete turkey dinner followed by our guest speaker Rev. Kenneth Grooms, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Westhampton, NY. The topic for the evening is The Divine Mercy. There will be a Q&A session following the talk. Bring all of your questions! All are welcome. The cost for the evening is \$33.00 per person. Please call Patsy Gavin at 516-741-8095 for more information or to make reservations.

#### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

- 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 next meetings for April are the 14th & 28th. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Social Ministry 746-6585, ext. 410.
- BEREAVEMENT GROUP SPRING 2025. COPING WITH GRIEF: A DIFFICULT BUT IMPORTANT JOURNEY. This group will begin meeting on Wednesday, April 9th as long as we have more than 3 individuals seeking this support. Please contact the social ministry office if interested at: 516-746-6585, ext. 410. When a loved one dies, a period of grief usually follows. It is almost impossible for humans to experience loss without feeling some kind of grief. Grief can be painful, confusing and overwhelming. To share with others who are experiencing what you are experiencing can be supportive and healing. A Bereavement Group for people whose loved one has died (parent, spouse, sibling or friend) will be held in the Dorothy Day Room of the Finamore Parish Center by trained Bereavement Facilitators starting in April on Wednesday mornings, 9:45 – 11:00 am. Please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at: 516-746-6585, ext. 410 to register.

Food items needed: ENFAMIL PRO BABY FORMULA,
 DIAPERS - SIZE 2, APPLE JUICE AND COFFEE. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Social Ministry office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:00 pm.

#### ST. AIDAN SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Come join us in reading and discussing the book 'If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat' by John Ortberg (Available on Amazon). We meet once a month on Mar 31 May 5, Jun 2 in the Convent building (Green Room) on Pembroke Street, Williston Park. Time: 10-11AM. Email rectory@ staidanparish.org. Facilitated by Jane Gelderman.

#### **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 516-972-8553. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the Church on the last Thursday of the month. Next meeting April 24, 2025.

#### 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.

#### 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 4. May 2.

#### SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES

The April SFS Gathering is Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 8:30PM (after the 7:30PM Mass if you wish to attend Mass). St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. If possible, please bring a can or box of food for the St. Aidan Food bank. Thank you. Ages 40+; \$10.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles @gmail.com

#### **GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH**

At the time of your engagement, the Church welcomes you to this sacrament of Marriage in the spirit of Jesus who said: 'This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.' (John 15:12-13).

 Contact and meet with your parish priest as soon as you are engaged. Take at least one year to prepare for your marriage. This goes beyond choosing a date and church, reserving a place for the reception, and picking out dresses. It means using this time to delve more deeply into your relationship and approach this momentous day with prayer and reflection.

- Attend an approved marriage preparation program.
   Catholic marriage preparation programs are usually presented by a team of lay married couples and a priest or deacon. They are not restricted to Catholics, but they are always in keeping with Church teaching.
- Most dioceses ask couples to take a marriage preparation inventory (such as FOCCUS). These are not "tests" to determine whether you can get married in the Church, but rather discussion starters to assess what issues you already agree on and what you might need to discuss further.

#### 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 \$150.00 payable to: Church of St. Aidan

- 2025 Spring Class. Opening Mass (Church) June 1 Sunday 12Noon - 2:15pm. Pre Cana Class (Msgr. Kirwin Hall) June 7th Saturday 8:30am - 4:45pm. Closing Mass (Church) June 7 Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- 2025 Fall Class Opening Mass (Church) Oct 5 Sunday
   12Noon 2:15pm. Pre Cana Class (Msgr. Kirwin Hall) Oct
   11 Saturday 8:30am 4:45pm. Closing Mass (Church)
   Oct 11 Saturday 5:00pm 6:00pm.
- 2025 Winter Class Opening Mass (Church) Jan 18 Sunday
   12Noon 2:15pm. Pre Cana Class (Msgr. Kirwin Hall) Jan
   24 Saturday 8:30am 4:45pm. Closing Mass (Church)
   Jan 24 Saturday 5:00pm 6:00pm.
- 2026 Spring Class Opening Mass (Church) May 31 Sunday 12Noon - 2:15pm. Pre Cana Class (Msgr. Kirwin Hall) June 6 Saturday 8:30am - 4:45pm. Closing Mass (Church) June 6 Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm.
- 2026 Fall Class Opening Mass (Church) Oct 4 Sunday
   12Noon 2:15pm. Pre Cana Class (Msgr. Kirwin Hall) Oct
   10 Saturday 8:30am 4:45pm. Closing Mass (Church)
   Oct 10 Saturday 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.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43:18-19: From this week's reading, it says, "Remember not the events of the past, see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way." Jesus can make a way; he can make all things new in your marriage. Signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org) can give your relationship a tune up. You will learn tools which can help you in your communication, enhance your relationship, and also help you to grow in faith with one another. .Some of the dates to sign up

April 25-27, 2025 in East Sandwich, MA
June 27-29, 2025 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...**

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 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.

#### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Visit longisland. engagedencounter.com for information and registration.

#### ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP

JOIN US! The next Respect Life Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 9th, at 7 pm in the green room of the convent. Sit and talk with us as you get up to date information on the latest prolife news in the state and country. Help us stop the culture of violence and death, from abortion to assisted suicide. If you are in any way unfamiliar with the Respect Life/Pro Life message, or just want to show support, please join us.

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 and 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.

#### WIDOWS / WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP

Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1 PM to 3 PM in Cathedral 108 at 233 Woodlawn Road, West Hempstead, NY. Non-denominational. All are Welcome! REFRESHMENTS SERVED, \$3 PER MEETING. For additional information, feel free to call Denise (516) 488-4597.

#### FREE EXERCISE IN WILLISTON PARK VILLAGE HALL

Chair exercise at the Williston Park Village Hall is every Tuesday and Friday and it begins at 9:45am until June 10 th . Mat exercise is every Friday, and it begins at 11:00am until June 13 th . If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bores at 516-741-8491.

#### LITURGY COLUMN

Up to this point, the 22nd Session of Trent dealt with things of a mostly liturgical nature which the Protestant Reformation got wrong, and how seriously the Church would deal with them. Then immediately following all those Canons, the Council investigated areas where the Protestants' claims did have some validity in pointing out some practices which were in need of correction. First, there is a section entitled DECREE CONCERNING THE THINGS TO BE OBSERVED, AND TO BE AVOIDED, IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS. This consists of three paragraphs dealing with some of those things identified by the Reformation which clearly needed to be fixed. The language is, as usual, very flowery and drawn out, but the gist of these reforms is as follows. The first paragraph has the usual line of reasoning; since the Mass and the central sacrifice is so sacred and is all based on scripture, it must be celebrated in a holy manner by priests who are beyond reproach. Specifically, there shall be no covetousness, impiety, any taint of idol worship, irreverence, or simony (the buying or selling of ecclesiastical offices). The next paragraph covers who shall be allowed to preach, notably only a priest approved by local bishop ensuring that he is properly credentialed. It also enjoins some types of overly ornate music, extraneous noise or profane conversation, anything lascivious, and unnecessary walking around. The final paragraph forbids any kind of superstitious rites or practices, several of which are listed, and

encourages the people to attend Mass in their own local church, especially for the most important feasts and Sundays. All of this seems obvious to us today, but the Church was rightly challenged by the Reformation for being guilty of them at that time, and so the Church correctly addressed them here in summary fashion.

How the corrections necessary for the proper internal reform of the Church would be accomplished is covered in the next section, the DECREE ON REFORMATION. There are eleven chapters which go over the remedies in great detail, and the Council very clearly orders that these reforms be carried out.

Between these two major sections of the document, the Council dealt with many, if not all, of the issues raised by the Protestant Reformation relative to the celebration of the Mass, and identified where the Protestants were wrong and where they were right. They clearly laid out how to address the issues, either fixing what needed to be fixed, or repudiating claims that were incorrect. And the Council demonstrated how serious were the fundamental theological and liturgical issues in which the Church was correct in how those who refused to accept this would be treated. They would be excommunicated. There was no middle ground.

Finally, there is one more short section, DECREE TOUCHING THE PETITION FOR THE CONCESSION OF THE CHALICE, consisting of only one paragraph in which there is a bit of compromise.

There is a very long story behind this. The Church had long debated, for both theological and cultural reasons, whether or not the Blood of Christ should be distributed as part of the Eucharist, and if so, to the laity, or if the Mass was concelebrated, only to the main celebrant. It became important politically especially after the Reformation. This section of the 22nd session does not fully resolve the issue, but with little enthusiasm, says it is up to the local Bishops. This was at least partly to keep some Catholics faithful to the Church in Protestant areas where it was a very popular issue.

Accordingly, on April 16, 1564, Pius IV finally decided to grant the chalice to the Empire, or more precisely, to empower the bishops to allow or forbid the chalice in their dioceses, according to their judgment.

Subsequently, again in accordance with the decrees of the Council of Trent, Pope Pius V in 1570 enforced use of the Tridentine Mass in the Roman Catholic Church and made his revision of the Roman Missal mandatory throughout the Church, permitting continuance of other rites only if they had been in existence for at least 200 years. This was a bow to the Ambrosian rite, the suppression of which had caused riots in the previous century. All other rites disappeared. Hence the Tridentine Mass became the norm, and aided by European colonization, it spread all over Asia, Africa, and the Americas, making it the standard Catholic Mass until Vatican II.

# EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20 FLOWER MEMORIALS 2025

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

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



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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 in 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 2025-

**2026!** It's not too early to think about becoming part of the Faith Formation team during the next school year. Each year, we need many catechists, substitute catechists, and program volunteers to help pass the Faith on to the children of the parish who attend public schools. No teaching experience is necessary. What is needed is a desire to share the Good News about Jesus with children and a little time. The materials provided are easy to follow. Training and mentoring support are also available throughout the school year. If you love being Catholic, have some time to share and a heart for children, please contact the Faith Formation Office at x405 for more detailed information. Please consider joining us! We need you!

PLEASE HELP! Substitute Catechists are currently needed throughout the program for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

GRADES 1 AND 2 MASSES: There are four special Masses this year for all children of the parish participating in the First Reconciliation/First Communion

**ONGOING COMMUNICATION:** Please visit process at St. Aidan's. On each designated weekend, parents will be able to choose between the 5PM Mass on Saturday or the 9AM Mass on Sunday. Looking ahead, First Communion Preparation Mass #4 will be on Saturday, April 5th at 5PM OR Sunday, April 6th at 9AM. At these Masses, Grade 2 children will also receive their blessed First Communion Pins. Please make every effort to attend.

#### FIRST COMMUNION RELIGIOUS ED

**PARENTS:** Parents who missed the Parent Meeting are asked to stop by the Faith Formation Office during office hours to pick up your Parent Packs and sign for vour children's First Communion Banner Kits. The Parent Packs also include materials you should do with your children at home to reinforce the material being presented in class. Thank you for helping us prepare the children.

#### **GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION**

**PREPARATION MASSES:** Confirmation Grade 7 candidates, who did not attend the 9AM Mass last weekend are asked to attend the 5PM on Saturday, March 29th. During this Mass, the candidates are asked to submit a reflection on planned and/or completed service hours. A minimum of ten hours of service is required.

#### **GRADE 8 LETTERS OF**

**ENCOURAGEMENT**: The Letters of Encouragement from parents, sponsors, and/or family members for Confirmation 2025 candidates can be placed in the Faith Formation Drop Box outside the Rotunda entrance. If your child is receiving more than one letter, please place all your child's letters in one envelope with your child's name clearly printed on the outside of the envelope. The envelope should be sealed. More details about these letters are provided in the Confirmation brochure. which was distributed at the initial

parent/child meeting, or you can access it online at staidanparish.org/ff. Letters should be submitted by March 31st.

**GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION SERVICEOF LIGHT AND INTERVIEWS:** The Monday Prayer Service of Light for Confirmation 2025 candidates and parents is scheduled for Monday, March 31st at 7PM in the Church followed by Confirmation Interviews for the candidates in the Upper School Cafeteria. Candidates should enter through the Cafeteria door in the back

#### **GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION RETREAT REGISTRATION:** Parents of Confirmation

parking lot of the upper school.

2025 Candidates are asked to register their children for ONE of the Confirmation retreat sessions scheduled for April 27th and May 4th. Please use a special email address just for Retreat Registration: Religious.Education@staidanparish.org.

#### **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.

#### **MULTISENSORY PROGRAM CATECHISTS**

**NEEDED:** We are looking for more adult catechists and volunteers throughout the program. For most of our students, the necessary requirements are simply some extra patience, a little time, a desire to pass on the Faith, and a love for children. We are looking for more catechists to work with the children we serve. Occasionally, there can be particular students who would benefit from having catechists with special experience such as special education, ABA, speech/language, etc.; however, specialized training is not needed for most of the children who we serve. If you can help or if you know someone who may be able to assist us, please send an email to emsith@staidanparish.org or call 516-746 -6585 x406.

#### **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 next 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. These volunteers would need to 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 during this school year.

**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.

THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON MONDAY, MARCH 31ST DUE TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

THE LAST DAY OF FAITH FORMATION CLASSES IS APRIL 10TH.

#### CONNECTING CHURCH AND HOME:

Today's Gospel is particularly attractive since it is centered on two brothers who have very different responses to their Father's expectations. There are many children's trade books centered on this gospel story precisely because it's so real to family life highlighting the dynamic between parents and children; however, loving, wise parents are always waiting and trying to enable their children to see the light and change their ways for the better. The Father, relieved, excited, welcoming, compassionate, and forgiving awaits his child with joy. This is our story as parents and families when we try to

lead our children to find the light of God ever present in their lives.

A great reinforcement activity with younger children would be to let them visit the Reconciliation Room. Explain what goes on and how this special room gives people an opportunity to tell God they are sorry for their sins just like the vounger son in the story asked the Father for forgiveness. Another fun activity is to cut out a large size paper heart and then some small squares of different colors. Talk about how God reaches out to us in love, welcomes us, forgives us, and celebrates with us. Glue one of the small squares in the heart for every idea children come up about how they can show God's love to others. This mosaic heart could be continued throughout Lent and displayed in a place of honor in the home for Easter. To the rhythm of Pat-a-Cake, teach younger children this rhyme: I love you, and you love me, and that's the way that it should be; so I forgive, and you

do too, because you love me, and I love you. Do a little role playing with schoolage children acting out the basics of this gospel and then discussing what would you do? This helps children process the beauty of this story as they place themselves in the positions of both brothers. With older children, help them through guided discussion to see and analyze the actions of both of the brothers and then the Father's response. Older children are developmentally more disposed to recognizing other points of view. Some great insights can come to light!

Because we have free will, we can choose to look at our choices and confidently go to God, who never gets tired or reaching out to us. What a blessing! This is the perfect season for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for families. Remember, in this gospel story, celebration followed the act of repentance. Celebrating God's boundless love for us is beyond awesome!

#### **Prayer**

Dear God, help me to be truly thankful for all the gifts you have given me.

#### Mission for the Week

Name three good things God has given you. Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in a prayer.

#### **Sharing the Gospel**

Everything you have is a gift from God -- your body, your mind, your food, your clothes -- everything! Sometimes people become proud, and they think they have earned God's gifts. Sometimes people run away from God, and they waste God's gifts. Just remember, it is never too late to run back to God. Every good gift comes from God.

Now color the picture!









## ST. AIDAN SCHOOL ANNUAL MSGR. JAMES MCDONALD MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



Mr. Kevin Kiley

Deacon Frank Love Award Recipient Mr. Joseph Galante

THE GOLF PORTION OF THE EVENT HAS SOLD OUT, APART FROM SEVERAL PREMIUM SPONSORSHIPS WHICH COME WITH A FOURSOME.

THERE ARE DINNER TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE.

WE WELCOME YOU TO PARTICIPATE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL & PARISH THROUGH ONE OF THE MANY VARIOUS SPONSORSHIP OR DONATION OPPORTUNITIES, HIGHLIGHTED HERE.

## AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS

PARISH SPONSOR: \$5000

GOLF BALL SPONSOR: \$500

CORPORATE SPONSOR: \$3000

**SNACK SPONSOR: \$350** 

DINNER SPONSOR: \$2000 MSGR. MCDONALD SPONSOR: \$100

COCKTAIL SPONSOR: \$1500

TEE SIGN SPONSOR: \$200

**BRUNCH SPONSOR:** \$1000

**ALUMNI SPONSOR: \$25** 

FOR DINNER TICKETS OR SPONSORSHIPS, PLEASE VISIT: HTTPS://SASGOLF2025.GIVESMART.COM OR CONTACT DANIELLE NEFOUSE OR ALLISON VIRGILIO AT STAIDANGOLF@GMAIL.COM



March 2025

Dear Friend:

St. Aidan School is pleased to host its annual **Monsignor James McDonald Memorial Golf Outing** on Monday, May 5, 2025, 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 individual who has been a strong, ongoing supporter of the Parish and School: **Mr. Kevin Kiley.** Kevin Kiley's three children are graduates of St. Aidan School and he has been actively involved in the School and Parish for decades. Kevin is the President of the CYO Board of Directors of Nassau Suffolk; while at St. Aidan's he coached in the CYO for over 30 years, was the President of CYO for the Parish for 23 years, has been involved in many Parish committees, and currently serves as one of the two Parish Trustees. Kevin has been an ardent supporter of the St. Aidan's Golf Outing each year and we are thrilled to be recognizing his contributions at this event as our honoree.

Additionally, we are proud to present the Deacon Frank Love Award to a very deserving individual: **Mr. Joseph Galante**. The Deacon Frank 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 Joe's continuing support of St. Aidan School and Parish.

There are many opportunities available to sponsor the Golf Outing and we humbly ask for your support to make the event a huge success. We gratefully appreciate your generosity and all proceeds will be used to offset what tuition alone does not cover.

Registration and sponsorships may be completed by visiting our website at <a href="https://SASGolf2025.givesmart.com">https://SASGolf2025.givesmart.com</a> or by texting SASGolf2025 to 76278. Alternatively, you may 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.

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 <a href="mailto:staidangolf@gmail.com">staidangolf@gmail.com</a> 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 Nefouse

Golf Outing Committee Co-Chair 516-841-7878

Allison Virgilio

Golf Outing Committee Co-Chair 516-286-7324

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. AIDAN SCHOOL



TOGETHER IN LEARNING, TOGETHER IN CHRIST

# Team Evelyn





Evelyn Connolly, a beautiful fifth grade student at Saint Aldan School, has been courageously battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Join our faith community as we fundraise to assist the Connolly family with Evelyn's care.



Scan to Donate
/Purchase Tickets

Date: April 6, 2025, 2-6 P.M.

Location: Knights of Columbus 2502

186 Jericho Tpke. Mineola, NY

Ticket: \$50.00 per person

https://SASTeamEvelyn.givesmart.com





Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Many of us know and love the Molloy family—Susie (Class of '24), Michael (8th grade), Thomas (6th grade), Christopher (4th grade), and Mary (1st grade). They are always the first to volunteer, lend a hand, and support our community. Now, it's our turn to support them! The Molloys are in the process of adopting a beautiful baby boy with Down Syndrome from Bulgaria. As part of their journey, they hope to travel to Bulgaria as a whole family to bring their newest family member home. However, international adoption and travel costs can be significant, and we want to help make this dream a reality.

To show our love and support, we are organizing a Puzzle Fundraiser. We will be creating a puzzle featuring a landscape of Bulgaria. Each piece of the puzzle can be "purchased" for a suggested donation of \$10 per piece. When you sponsor a piece, we will write your name on the back. Once all the pieces are sold, we will assemble and frame the puzzle—a beautiful keepsake that will forever remind the Molloy family of the community that came together to support them.

If you would like to contribute, please let me know. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Let's help bring this little one home to his forever family!

With gratitude, Lauren Cifelli

# ST. AIDAN PACE

# MARCH MADNESS

WOMEN'S FINAL SUNDAY 4/6 Q1 \$50/ HALF \$100 Q3 \$50/ FINAL \$300 MEN'S FINAL MONDAY 4/7 HALF \$150 FINAL \$350

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## **Easter Baskets** for the Homebound



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

#### Suggested items include:

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

Collection boxes will be in the Church lobby or in the Faith Formation Rotunda until April 2nd.

Please pray for our homebound parishioners everyday. Prayer Cards are available.

Thanks for your help.



ST. AIDAN HOLY NAME SOCIETY PRESENTS 23 RD ANNUAL

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Food, Fun, Friends & Exciting Races



#### Msgr. Kirwin Hall

First Race Starts at 7:30 pm



#### \$40 Admission gets you:

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Drop Name, Number & Payment to the Rectory (Checks payable to St. Aidan's **Holy Name Society)** or Call: Fred Pacher 516-294-3104, or Tim Reynolds 917-843-6958





Wear your best Derby hat and Bowtie for a chance to win a fabulous prize!

**Ladies and Gents** 





For St. Aidan Parish Outreach

donations when the gym is open for volleyball games on the weekend. The box will be on the stage in the gym from March 1 through May 4.

### The following items are needed:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- · Baby formula Enfamil
- · Diapers size 1
- Decaf coffee
- Mayonnaise

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# Mother Bange

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025 10:30AM MASS AT ST. AIDAN. **BRUNCH AT** LA PARMA RESTAURANT 707 WILLIS AVE. WILLISTON PARK

> \$25 PER PERSON PLEASE RSVP TO DUTTARO@AOL.COM BY MARCH 30TH.



Irish-American Society of Nassau, Suffolk & Queens, Inc.

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John A. Doyle, President

Irish American Society 2025

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\* Email all entries to: IAShighschoolaward@gmail.com

\*Include: Name, Address, Phone Number and Name of Society Member \*Please submit 2 copies of essay, one without a name

Eligible: IAS member or child of an IAS member who are high school seniors, Class of 2025.

Submission Date: 4/1/2025

Winners will be contacted the first week of May 2025

Awards presented: on 5/20/2025 at the May Society Meeting

All submissions will be judged by Scholarship Committee Chaired by Kiera Murtagh Pfaff

## Irish American Society 297 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501

John A. Doyle, President

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Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

## MARCH

March 7: Our Lady of Ostrabrama Cutchogue | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 8: St. Gertrude Bayville | 3:00-4:45 p.m.

March 9: Mary Immaculate Bellport | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

March 10: St. Raymond East Rockaway | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 11: St. Luke Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes
Malverne | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption Copiague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 14: St. Catherine of Sienna Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 15: St. Francis Cabrini Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 16: Holy Cross Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19: Most Holy Trinity East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 21: St. Aloysius Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22: Sacred Heart Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 23: St. Anthony of Padua East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 25: Resurrection
Farmingville | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 27: St. Agnes Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m. March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 30: Sacred Heart North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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April 7: St. Martin of Tours Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

April 8: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 9: Holy Name of Mary Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 10: St. Louis de Montfort Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 12: Our Lady of Grace West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

April 14: St. Rose of Lima Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

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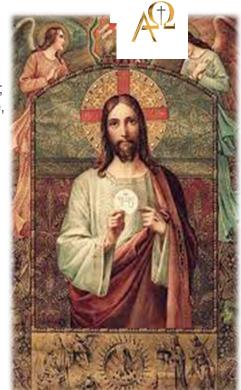
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hrist be beside me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, King of my heart; Christ 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.



#### COME TO ME

ome to me, all who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest.

Take up my yoke and learn from me, For I am meek and humble of heart. And you'll find rest, for your souls. Yes my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

You, God are my shepherd.

You, God are my shepherd.
I shall never be in need.
Fresh and green are the meadows where you give me rest. R:

#### LOVING AND FORGIVING

oving and forgiving are You, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are You.

All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God. **R**:

#### PSALM 34



### YES, I SHALL ARISE

es, I shall arise!
I shall gaze upon
the loveliness of God forevermore!

One thing I ask of the Lord, this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life! R:

Day after day I seek the house Of the Lord. When shall I enter and see? See the face of my God? **R**:

Happy are they who place their trust in the Lord For they shall inherit their prize Their's is life without end. **R**: MUSIC
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God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain; saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love. **R:** 

#### **OUT OF DARKNESS**

ut of darkness, God has called us, Claimed by Christ as God's own people, Holy nation, royal priesthood, Walking in God's marv'lous light.

Let us take the words you give
Strong and faithful words to live
Words within our hearts are sewn
Words to bind us as your own R:
Let us take the cross you give
Broken body Christ we live
Christ arisen from the tomb
Christ who calls us as your own. R:

## MARCH 30 FOURTH SUNDAY LENT Reading I Jos 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 34

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

#### **Reading II 2 Cor 5:17-21**

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

#### Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him,

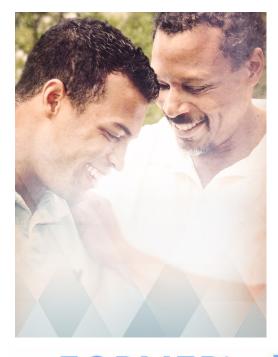
'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.""

#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

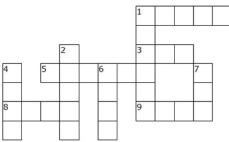
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#### **ACROSS**

- When something which was lost has been relocated. (I \_\_\_\_\_ my dog).
- 3. The number that is equal to one plus one.
- 5. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
- 8. Your male children.
- A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. A male parent.
- A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
- To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
- To not be able to be found. (I \_\_\_\_ my dog.)
- Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.

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