The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

Mission Statement

We, the parish family of the Church of Saint Aidan, strengthened by the Eucharist and encouraged by the Word of God, welcome all, for we recognize 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 life-long 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.
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

10:30 AM  Patrick Dolce (1st Anniversary Rem.)
12:00 PM  Charles T. W. Oliver
          (20th Anniversary Rem.)
          Jason Stolper (Birthday Rem.)
          Sue Saitta (Anniversary Rem.)
          Charles Di Leonardo

3:30 PM  Christmas Pageant
5:00 PM  Barbara Brady (1st Anniversary Rem.)

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**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

SECOND WEEK
Sandra Di Re, St. Aidan
Lorenzo Bucca, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,
Forest Hills, NY

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2015 BETHANY RETREAT
Please save the date and mark your calendars for the 2015 Bethany Retreat March 13th and 14th. Theme: “Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace.” Focus: Using the Prayer of St. Francis as a model for Christian living we will explore building the church of Christ within our own hearts.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & DECEASED**

SICK: Christine Schiaudo, Christine Lucivero, Cecilia Han, Geraldo Peixoto, Kimberly Holmes, Father Brian Dalton, Stacy Test, Owen Hogan, Roseanne Mushorn, John Moore, Rita Amendola, Diana Coscia, Carol White, Joseph Fitzgerald, Sandra Holecek, Kathy Morgan

DECEASED: Joseph Savour, Anthony Falcone and for all those who have died serving our country.
He was like a lot of young men. He had some money, a great opportunity to study and the leisure and time to enjoy both. There he was at the University of Paris and everything changed for him. He came into contact with a man who would become his friend, mentor and spiritual father, Ignatius Loyola. Ignatius had already experienced a radical conversion and was already being moved by God to become a missionary. Because he was perceptive he saw in Xavier a candidate for the Jesuits. At the beginning Francis did not share the same view, but Ignatius was persistent and Xavier became one of the original Jesuits. Popular piety claims that what changed everything was when Ignatius said to Francis: “What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul in the process?” (Mt 16:26)

Francis went to India and Japan and made innumerable converts. He personally baptized hundreds of thousands and brought them to Christ. He was a man on fire with the love of Jesus and the Church and was absolutely tireless in instructing the ignorant and proclaiming the Gospel. It seemed as if his zeal knew no bounds. When it came to the preaching of the truths of the faith, he simply never stopped. On and on he went, sometimes at the point of collapse, but he never stopped.

Yet, at times he felt himself a failure. He hoped to make this or that convert and he failed. Just as today, some would convert and show great promise, but then would fall away. It is hard to change a person’s heart and maybe harder to get them into the practice of the regular and consistent practice of the Catholic faith. You will often hear it said that converts make the best Catholics.” That is true in some cases, but certainly not in all. Just as there is a tremendous fall away rate in born or “cradle” Catholics, so too many converts fall away or rapidly lose interest. We should not find that surprising when only about 20% of Catholics on Long Island practice the faith. Parenthetically, the rate of practice is greater in Nassau County than in Suffolk. That may be because of the many churches within short distances. When I was stationed in Center Moriches the nearest Catholic churches were not just up the street!
Francis died in 1552 on the island of Sancian. He had almost made it to China, but never quite got there. He died a disappointed man because he felt that he had failed at the mission Christ had entrusted to him. He was one of those people who always felt he could have done more and never quite realized all he had done. But God who knows all, received him into his Kingdom. On the 12th day of March 1622 he was canonized along with St. Ignatius. And there were others that same day, St. Isidore, St Teresa of Avila and St Philip Neri. What a day!

Once he wrote to St. Ignatius and told him that he would like to go to the universities and talk to the students:

Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians. Again and again I have thought of going round the universities of Europe, especially Paris, and very where crying out like a madman, riveting the attention of those with more learning than charity: “What a tragedy: how many souls are being shut out of heaven and falling into hell, thanks to you!”

I concur with everything he has to say. And I’m sure you are not at all surprised. Thank God for Father Damian Halligan, our own Jesuit, and all the other members of the Society of Jesus!

In Jesus and Mary,

[Signature]

Monsignor James M. Mc Donald

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We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, he finds us ready, conscientiously pursing the tasks to which we have been called.

STEWARDSHIP

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & HOME MISSIONS

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Thank you for your kind and generous support of our parish.
Next weekend’s second collection is for the Long Island Catholic.
Many of our parishioners are registering for Symbolon and are very pleased with the program our parish is offering. This dynamic program aims at transforming the way we know and see our Catholic Faith.

The episodes in this program use stunning cinematography and an impressive list of speakers. I urge you to be part of this wonderful program, you will not be disappointed! And, as you are aware, it is totally free.

As a member of our Parish, you can access it any time on the web, entering the Parish Code # 07d527 and using the following link www.symboloncatholic.org/index.php/register.

If you encounter a problem registering, call Toti at (516) 385-8963 or e-mail to toticon@aol.com. I would like to hear your comments and ideas.

For your convenience every Friday we are also offering Symbolon in the meeting room of the Convent for those that do not have access to a computer, the only requisite is to register by letting me know you are coming. Please call or email.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY
St. Aidan Parish will hold its annual New Year’s Eve Party on Wednesday, December 31st. More details will be available at a later date.

KEEP THE HOMELESS WARM THIS WINTER
Contribute a used winter coat or jacket to a Soup Kitchen that serves 100,000 meals a year. Contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755 for details. Please help these children and adults stay warm this winter! Please RSVP by December 21st.

ST. AIDAN’S BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC
Registration for the St. Aidan’s boys and girls basketball clinic is now open on line at: staidanscyo.org
The clinic starts late January on Saturdays. We are in need of coaches, lots of fun. Please contact Peter Best at psbbest@hotmail.com.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES
The monthly Singles gathering will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 8:30 PM in the upper school Cafeteria after the 7:30 PM Mass. The monthly gathering for singles will include discussion, meditation, socialization. $5.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. This gathering will feature a special guest performance. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com
2014 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS
The following is a listing of the items that will be available for the 2014 Christmas season. Please check the item(s) you would like to donate. Reason for donation (Ex. In Memory of, Family Name, Christmas Greetings, etc.).

1 Large Altar Tree

1 Large Wreath-Outside of Church Center Door

1 Large Wreath Right Front Outside Door

1 Large Wreath in Vestibule of Church

1 Large Wreath Front of Gymnasium

1 Large Wreath Front of Finamore Parish Center

1 Large Wreath Lower School

12 Window Memorials- Each Window in the church will receive (2) 10” poinsettias with a 9” candle in the center

Tree Lights on Finamore Parish Center Tree

If you would like to donate an item please complete this form and send to the Rectory office with payment as soon as possible. Please make all checks payable to: Church of Saint Aidan. For information please call (516) 746-6585 x9101.

Name________________________ Telephone #__________________

□ Yes □ No Please indicate if you would like your name to appear in the bulletin with your donation.

Amount Enclosed $______________ □ Cash □ Check #________
Advent begins this Sunday, November 30th, and while a month still remains in the civil year, the Church celebrates the beginning of the Liturgical year the first Sunday of Advent. In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Christ and is a time of joyous anticipation, but also of penance in preparation of the coming of the Lord.

The Eternal Word became Incarnate in time making all time sacred. In this season our expectation is on, in all levels in which we experience time: in the past- as a baby in the stable in Bethlehem; in the present- as grace in our souls and as sustenance for our journey in the Eucharist; and in the future- as the Judge at the end of time.

The word Advent comes from the Latin, “arrival” or “coming.” There are always four Sundays in Advent and the priest wears violet or purple, except in the 3rd week, called “Gaudete Sunday”, (rejoice Sunday) when they wear rose color vestments. We do not recite the “Gloria” but we intone the Alleluia. The prophesies of Isaiah are read in the Mass and we sing beautiful hymns, my favorite is “O come, O come Emmanuel.”

At home we set-up the “Advent Wreath” with four candles and we light one each week, a way to preserve the spiritual focus of the season amidst the secular and consumer-driven ways around us. Let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing and let us meditate often in the love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. When we shop and bake let us purchase and prepares something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us put aside some things to give away to those who lack many necessities, and do not forget to prepare a peaceful place in your hearts while we wait for Our Savior.

We have wonderful CDs for Advent, “Journey through Advent” by Fr. Robert Barron, get the most of Advent and Christmas. Fr. Barron opens the Scriptures and relates them to our everyday life. “God Made Man” by Fr. Shannon Collins where he sheds new life on the Biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as Christmas traditions of the Church. Please do not forget that after you listen to them give them away to people who do not have a clear picture of what Christmas is all about, except for shopping and secular activities.

I wish all of you a joyful and blessed Advent season.

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2014 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

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CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
2014 GOAL: $174,200
PLEDGED: $141,754
# OF GIFTS: 796

Please remember that our parish receives a refund if we make our goal again this year.
Phone Number (516) 746-6585 ext. 202 or 302

Registration of new applicants wishing to attend St. Aidan School in September 2015 will take place as follows:

**Thursday, December 4, 2014**
Nursery (3 year olds) – West Campus Building
9:00-10:15 A.M. for Parishioners
10:30-11:30 A.M. for Non-parishioners

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**
Pre-Kindergarten (4 year olds) – West Campus Building
9:00-10:00 A.M. for Parishioners
10:15-11:15 A.M. for Non-parishioners

Re-registration of our present Nursery students returning for Pre-K will be completed through the mail. Information will be forwarded to you through school.

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**
Kindergarten and Grade 1 – West Campus Building
9:00-10:00 A.M. for Parishioners
10:15-11:15 A.M. for Non-parishioners

Re-registration of our present Pre-K students returning for Kindergarten will be completed through the mail. Information will be forwarded to you through school.

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**
Grades 1-3 West Campus Building and Grades 4-8 East Campus Building
9:00-10:00 A.M. for Parishioners
10:15-11:15 A.M. for Non-parishioners

Parents who are unable to make the scheduled registration times, should call office for an appointment.

Preference is given to those presently enrolled in our school and to students who have siblings in St. Aidan School. The following items are required for all new applicants at registration: copies of birth and Baptismal certificates (will not be returned), all immunization and health records, social security number and your parish envelope number. There will be a non-refundable fee of $150 per family for all registrants. The age cut-off date for all grades is November 30th. *This registration is an application process only. Applications will be reviewed thoroughly and you will be notified as to the status of your child’s acceptance into our school.*
ST. AIDAN’S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Please attend our Corporate Mass for Jeanne Molnar and Pauline Ostendorf on Sunday, December 7th at 9:00 AM. Please assemble in the rear of the church before Mass (8:45 AM). We will say a decade of the Rosary before Mass. It is a wonderful way to honor the Blessed Mother. We would like all Rosarians to attend.

Our December meeting will be on Monday, December 8th. This meeting is our Christmas Party and is for members only. Tickets can be purchased until December 1st by calling Pat Fullam (516) 484-5352.

GETTING THE BEST OUT OF ADVENT

All are welcome to join Father Damian Halligan for an Advent program on Thursday, December 4th “Getting the Best Out of Advent” There will be two sessions one at 9:45 AM in the Convent Community Room and at 7:30 PM in the church.
Holy Name Society

Annual Christmas Party

Members Only

December 10, 2014
7:00-10:00 PM,
Msgr. Kirwin Hall

$25 per Couple, $13 Single

Food and Beverages will be served.

For Reservations Call:
Doug Wallace 294-1150
or Bill Casey 248-5908

TOY AND FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY

There will be a toy and food collection for the needy of our parish on Sunday, December 7th at Molly Downes (Willis Avenue, Williston Park) from 12:00-5:00 PM. Santa will be present for the children. Please stop by with your donations. For information please call Tilly McPartland at (516) 996-6284.
“A Christmas Carol” Festival of Trees

A Christmas Celebration for the Entire Community

Saturday, December 13\textsuperscript{th} 10am until 6pm
Sunday, December 14\textsuperscript{th} 12pm until 5pm

Join us in our Winter Wonderland for the St. Aidan’s Festival of Trees while you enjoy the holiday music, special performances and delicious holiday desserts, hot chocolate or coffee at our Sweet Shop. There will also be raffles for baskets. Santa will make a visit at the start of both days too!

$10 for Adults / $5 for Children

Share your Christmas Spirit with the Whole Community!

Sponsor a Tree in the Pines

Decorate your tree in one of our seasonal themes
Includes advertisement in the Festival of Trees program
Complimentary Tickets to the Party in the Pines on opening Night

Enjoy the Festival of Trees

Come for an hour or two and enjoy the winter wonderland and music
Open to the public and includes performances by dance troops, choirs and local musicians
Performances will be limited to approximately 30 minutes

For more information regarding sponsorship or tickets please check the Sunday St. Aidan’s bulletin or contact Reagan Stone, Festival Chair at reagan@reaganstone.com.
2014 St. Aidan School Festival of Trees
“A Christmas Carol”

Please come and enjoy music and dance by our performers for the event!

**Saturday December 13th**

The Saint Aidan Angel Choir
Our Lady of Grace Choir
Searingtown School Orchestra
Sacred Heart Academy Select Choir
Sacred Heart Academy Chamber Orchestra

**Sunday December 14th**

Our Lady of Mercy Academy Choir
The Saint Aidan Women’s Ensemble
Hannah Kroner School of Dance
Saint Dominic’s High School Choir
Girl Scout Troop 1591
Brownie Troop 117
Daisy Troop 1301
The Mary Louise Academy Choir
Dance Dynamics
2014 St. Aidan School Festival of Trees
Sponsorship Form
“A Christmas Carol”
December 12, 13 and 14

Festival of Trees Sponsorship Form

Please type or print
(List all information as you would like it to appear in printed material)
Name of Sponsor/Business_______________________________________________
Name of Contact Person_________________________________________________
Address______________________________________________________________
City _____________________________________________ State____________________________________ Zip Code____________________
Phone _________________________________________________________
Email__________________________________________________________

Please check desired level
(See Below for Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits)

1. Premium Event Sponsorship
   (Includes an Ad, Decorated Tree and More!) See the reverse side for details.
   _____ Gold Sponsor $3,000
   _____ Silver Sponsor $2,000
   _____ Bronze Sponsor $1,500

2. Sponsor a Decorated Tree
   (Includes an Ad, Decorated Tree and More!) See the reverse side for details.
   _____ 5 ft. Tree Sponsor $500
   _____ I/We will decorate tree
   _____ Please have someone else decorate tree

3. Pick Your Christmas Carol or Song from the attached list as your theme!

   Theme for Your Tree__________________________________________________________

4. Advertisement Only

   Ad Program B&W Ads
   _____ Full-page Back Cover $350
   _____ Full Page Inside Front Cover $300
   _____ Full-page Inside Back Cover $300
   _____ Full-page $200
   _____ Half-page $150
   _____ Quarter-page $75
   _____ Eighth-page $50
$3,000 Gold Sponsorship (Three Available) Includes:
• 7 ft. Decorated Tree
• Full-page Ad in the Festival of Trees program
• Complimentary Tickets: Fourteen (14) General Admission Tickets
• Invitation to Our “Party in the Pines” Opening Night Gala
• Your Logo/Company Name in print and social media advertisements
• Full-page Ad in the 65th Anniversary Gala program in March 2015

$2,000 Silver Sponsorship Includes:
• 6.5 ft. Decorated Tree
• Half-page Ad in the Festival of Trees program
• Complimentary Tickets: Ten (10) General Admission Tickets
• Invitation to Our “Party in the Pines” Opening Night Gala
• Half-page Ad in the 65th Anniversary Gala program in March 2015

$1,500 Bronze Sponsorship Includes:
• 6 ft. Decorated Tree
• Quarter-page Ad in the Festival of Trees program
• Complimentary Tickets: Six (6) General Admission Tickets
• Invitation to Our “Party in the Pines” Opening Night Gala
• Quarter-page Ad in the 65th Anniversary Gala program in March 2015

$500 - 5 ft. Tree Sponsorship Includes:
• Listing in the program as a tree sponsor
• Listing on signage by your tree
• Two (2) Complimentary General Admission Ticket
• Invitation to Our “Party in the Pines” Opening Night Gala
• Quarter-page Ad in the 65th Anniversary Gala program in March 2015

Make checks payable to: PACE (Please put Festival of Trees in the memo.) Return completed forms to: Festival of Trees, c/o Reagan Stone, St. Aidan School, 525 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596.

Party in the Pines
7-9 pm, Friday, December 12
As a Sponsor, You are Invited! Don your work attire or favorite holiday cocktail dress and join us for the St. Aidan’s Festival of Trees official grand opening on Friday, December 12. Music, cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and delicious holiday desserts are yours to enjoy among the magnificently decorated holiday trees and lights.
“Religious freedom, an essential requirement of the dignity of every person, is a cornerstone of the structure of human rights,” said Pope John Paul II (12/16/87)

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. By proclaiming the Christ Child’s coming publicly and joyously we live our faith and, by doing so, preserve and strengthen America’s religious liberty.

When Philip Dean, a S.C. High School sophomore, was told the school band was no longer permitted to perform a medley of Christmas carols because the ACLU threatened to sue the school, his parents contacted the Alliance Defending Freedom. An ADF attorney explained the Constitution protects the right to perform religious music. Eventually, the band did perform the religious medley. (alliancedefendingfreedom.org)

Christmas and Public Schools: Fact Sheet: *The Supreme Court has stated that teachers and students do not “shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate”…* *Students can sing religious carols along with secular ones during school activities without offending the U.S. Constitution.* *U.S. Secretary of Education (under President Clinton), states, “students have the right to engage in …religious discussion during the school day as they do to engage in other comparable activity”. *Teachers have the right to greet students with the words “Merry Christmas.”* (alliancedefendingfreedom.org)

The importance each family places on the coming of Our Lord as the focus and source of our Christmas joy will renew our culture, deepen our faith and, year after year, bring us closer to God and to each other.

“Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world.” (Daniel Webster, Founding Father)

Upcoming Events:
12/17/14  St. Aidan - Mass for religious liberty at 7:30 PM; Refreshments to follow in Convent Community Room. All are welcome!
1/11/15  Religious Freedom Sunday
1/16/15  National Religious Freedom Day
1/21/15  CFFR meeting Msgr. Kirwin Hall 7:30 PM
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December 6th (Saturday) Holiday Cards Parker Institute 11:00 AM Christmas Party, Eleanor Rigbys 1:00-4:00 PM

2015

January 11th Clothing Drive 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Finamore Parish Center
Meeting 12:30-1:30 PM St. Francis Room
February 8th Meeting 1:00-2:00 PM Convent
March 8th Meeting 1:00-2:00 PM Convent
March 15th 10:30 AM Mass Mother/Daughter Brunch-Lucky Duck-12:00-4:00 PM
April 2nd Holy Thursday Egg Coloring 2:00-4:00 PM
April 19th Birthright/Mommas House Collection 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Meeting 12:15-1:15 PM St. Francis Room
May 2nd Pick-up plants-Flynn House (9 Astor Place, Williston Park) 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
May 3rd Bake Sale 9:00 AM-12:30 PM Convent-12:30-1:30 PM Elections
June 9th JCDA Board Installation and new membership Mass 7:00 PM
Reception immediately after Mass.

2014

December 7th – Meeting 6:00-7:30 PM
December 14th – Meeting 6:00-7:30 PM

If you would like more information about Youth Group, feel free to contact
Stephen Loewenthal at (516) 410-6461 or by email at SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com.
Our Advent Program of collecting Gift Cards, Toys, Clothing and Household items for those in need will begin on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 30th!

We are helping many families, singles or senior citizens right here in our own parish.

In addition we will be sending gifts to St. John the Baptist, New Ground, Veterans, Pediatric Hospital Units, Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville, Providence House & Saint Anthony’s House.

Please take a Christmas ornament which has a gift request from our Christmas Tree which is located in the Vestibule or from a basket at the side exits of the church.

Please return all gifts by December 15th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be Christ to others during the Advent Season.

PLEASE NOTE: Please bring all gifts and gift cards to the Parish Social Ministry office or to the Rectory office. Do not leave them in the church.
As Pope Benedict XVI said in his Encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, “Everything has its origin in God's love, everything is shaped by it, everything is directed towards it. Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is his promise and our hope.”

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY BAGS OF CLOTHING ON THE BACK STEPS OF THE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFICE!!!!!!!**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR GENTLY USED CLOTHING IN THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DROP OFF BOX LOCATED IN THE BACK PARKING LOT BEHIND THE UPPER SCHOOL!**

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our next monthly food drive will take place during the weekend of December 6th & 7th. If you would like to donate non-perishable food and personal hygiene items please bring them to back of church or across the street to the Parish Social Ministry Office. We have a refrigerator for eggs, dairy products, sliced bread and a freezer for ground beef, chicken cutlets and frozen pizzas. **Items for the week are:**

- diapers (newborn and size 4, snacks and deodorant

**PRAYER SHawl MINISTRY** – Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:45 AM in the Peter and Paul Room of the Finamore Center to knit or crochet prayer shawls or lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. New members are always welcome. You need not know how to knit or crochet. We have talented parishioners who can teach you. **There is no meeting in DECEMBER.** The next meeting will take place on **Monday, January 12th**. If you have some wool to donate to this ministry, please bring it to the Parish Social Ministry Office. Please call our office if you would like to receive a blessed prayer shawl or if you know of someone who would like one. If you have any questions, please call Parish Social Ministry (516) 746-6585 x9410.

“The only feelings that do not heal are the ones you hide.” Henri Nouwen

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Social Ministry is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please use the Finamore Parish Center entrance (across from the Church on Willis Avenue).
ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS: Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires ANY-ONE IN ANY MINISTRY TO BE VIRTUS TRAINED AND HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK? A ministry includes Catechists, CYO Coaches, Ushers, Liturgical Ministers, and all parish organization members. Check the Virus Training Schedule and Register Online for a class being offered by several parishes at www.drvc.org.

TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGE – Please be advised that the traffic flow through the parking lot behind the upper school building is ONE WAY ONLY from 3:30 – 8:30 PM each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The flow of traffic is from north to south; car should enter the parking lot from Winthrop Street, follow the traffic cone path and exit the parking lot onto Birmingham Place. This traffic pattern will allow for a safe drop-off and pick-up of students attending Religious Education classes.

CLASSES RESUME – The Religious Education Program classes will resume on their normal days and times beginning Monday, December 1st.

HOLYDAY OBSERVED – Religious Education Classes WILL NOT be conducted and the Religious Education Office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 8th in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday.

OFFICE HOURS – The Religious Education Office is open Monday – Friday from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Additionally, the office is open Monday & Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

THE KNIGHT’S CORNER
(Providing information from the Knights of Columbus)

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE - The Nassau Chapter of the Knights of Columbus provides two Catholic Elementary School Grants and two C.C.D. Grants annually. The grants are awarded based upon a lottery drawing without consideration to financial need. Members in good standing of the Knights of Columbus who have a son, daughter, grandchild or legal ward attending a local Catholic Elementary School as a full time student and/or as a C.C.D. (Religious Education) student are eligible to apply. Two (2) $250 Catholic Elementary School Grants and two (2) $125 C.C.D. Grants will be awarded. The submission deadline is December 18th. Applications are available on the Nassau Chapter web site, www.nassauchapterkofc.org, from your local council, or by contacting Jim at (516) 746-6585 x9401.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC WOMEN – Corpus Christi Council is in the preliminary stages of forming a Columbiettes group. The Columbiettes is an international organization of Catholic women founded in 1939 with units in most U.S. states and many parts of Canada. Membership is open to all Catholic women aged 18 years of age and older. After Masses this weekend members of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting names and contact information for any women interested in further information about becoming a member of the Columbiettes.

DID YOU KNOW? – The Knights of Columbus

Brings the Pope to the world at least three times a year by providing the uplink cost for the televising of papal ceremonies, especially at Christmas and during Holy Week – and the downlink in poor mission countries.

Created the $20 million “Knights of Columbus Vicarius Christi” fund – the earnings of which are given annually to the Holy Father for his charities. Since its inception, this fund has generated more than $46.4 million for the Pope’s good works, and the body of the fund remains intact.

HALL RENTAL – Corpus Christi Council is available for parties BIG and small. For information on hall rental call Tom at (516) 746-8643.
PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL—If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every arch/diocese/eparchy in the United States now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help you make a formal complaint of abuse to the arch/diocese/eparchy, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire. The victim assistance coordinator for your arch/diocese/eparchy is Mary McMahon, LCSW, Director at (516) 594-9036.

2014 RESPECT LIFE YOUTH CONTEST—“Each of us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation.” All Catholic youngsters in grades 7-12 who live in the Rockville Centre Diocese and attend Catholic elementary and high schools or parish religious education programs are invited to participate in any of the following categories: Poetry, Bookmark Design, Essay, Music, Photography, Video Clip, Photomontage Board Design. The contest gives our Catholic young women and men the opportunity through words, images and song, expressed in a way that is in harmony with our faith, how dear the gift of life is to them. Winners will receive monetary awards in support of their future education. 1st Place Winner $400, 2nd Place Winner $250 and 3rd Place Winner $150 and for those students attending the Awards Ceremony, they will be eligible to participate on a iPad Mini raffle. For further information contact your parish or school office. Registration forms may be downloaded from the diocesan website www.drvc.org/respectlife Diocesan Respect Life Offices (516) 678-5800 x626 or 381.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, Vocations Office—Third Fridays—Adoration & Dodgeball January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th and May 15th. Each month, young people (13+) throughout the diocese will gather at St. Ignatius in Hicksville for prayer and fellowship. Following a period of Eucharistic adoration, there is a youth social with free food, sports and entertainment. May 15th will be at a location to be announced at a later date. PRO Retreat will be held November 14th-16th. Please join us for a PRO weekend retreat at the Seminary in Huntington. The PRO Retreat is a high school retreat for young men that are interested in growing in their faith. For information please call (516) 678-5800 x214 or email vocations@drvc.org.

DOMINICAN VILLAGE—a note-for-profit retirement community in Amityville, NY, provides both independent living and assisted living apartments for senior citizens. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Dominic, our beautiful 13 acre campus provides modern apartments, restaurant style dining, many services and amenities, as well as activities. Residents live in a supportive environment in which the sacredness of life and the dignity of each person are held in the highest regard. For more information and/or to arrange for a visit and tour, please call (631) 842-6091. Dominican Village: “When you’re here, you’re home.”

ST. JOSEPH’S SEMINARY & COLLEGE, Huntington, NY—Three campuses, three degrees and three scheduling options. Open to qualified lay men & women, religious and clergy. Campuses in Yonkers, Huntington and Douglaston. St. Joseph’s offers a Master of Arts in Theology, a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, a Master of Arts in Catholic Philosophical Studies and two post-Masters Certificates: Sacred Scripture and Dogmatic Theology. Classes are offered during the day, in the evenings and on Saturdays. All three campuses have Video-Teleconferencing for Distance Learning. Visit the website at www.dunwoodie.edu or call Yonkers (914) 367-8280, Huntington & Douglaston (631) 423-0482.

BISHOP MCDONNELL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION—Alumnae Reunion—On Saturday, April 25, 2015 the Bishop McDonnell Alumnae Association will host its Annual Alumnae Reunion. The reunion will celebrate the special anniversary classes of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965 and 1970. All 30s, 40s and early 50s classes are always welcome. The reunion will take place at Gargiulo’s Restaurant, 2911 West 15th Street, Brooklyn. Cost is $90 per person. For information or to register please call Rita Monaghan-Maloney at (718) 857-2700 x2253 or rmaloney@blmhs.org.