The Parish of Saint Aidan

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2016

HE IS RISEN!
MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016
Monday Within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 14, 22-33
6:30 AM NO MASS
7:30 AM Edward Mouradian
9:00 AM Anne Eckhoff
12:30 PM Opielski, Gambone, Cohen & Masso Families
5:30 PM Lv. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Sambriski & Antonicelli Families

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016
Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20: 11-18
6:30 AM Rita Pereda
7:30 AM Thomas Ciardi
9:00 AM Danny Steiniger
12:30 PM Mario R. Donato (Birthday Rem.)
5:30 PM Roseann and Kenneth Mushorn

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016
Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24: 13-35
6:30 AM George Bores
7:30 AM Peter Murphy
9:00 AM Msgr. Robert Kirwin
12:30 PM Michael Burke
5:30 PM Matthew James Oliveri
(15th Anniversary Rem.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016
Thursday Within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14
6:30 AM Maryann O’Hara (Birthday Rem.)
7:30 AM George Bores
9:00 AM William J. Mahoney (Birthday Rem.)
12:30 PM James Gallagher
(9th Anniversary Rem.)
5:30 PM Albert Nappi (Anniversary Rem.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016
Friday Within the Octave of Easter
Acts 5: 12-16; Rv 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20: 19-31
6:30 AM Msgr. Robert Kirwin
7:30 AM Tom Fortunato
9:00 AM Lv. Ints. of Betty Gaffney
12:30 PM Julia Daly (Birthday Rem.)
1:00-3:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 PM Anthony Ameruso
(10th Anniversary Rem.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016
Saturday Within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15
9:00 AM Madeline San Gregorio
(Birthday Rem.)
11:00 AM Funeral-Kevin H. Fortune
12:30-1:30 Confessions

MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016 (CONTINUED)
3:30 PM Jo Anne Knipfing/
Chris Del Medico
Nuptial Ceremony
4:00-5:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Dcd. Mbrs. of the Mrakovcic &
Celebrini Families
Elizabeth Huben
Phil Doria
Timmy Cantillon
Gladys & Raymond Kubal
7:30 PM James O’Hara
(1st Anniversary Rem.)

SUNDAY, April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 5: 12-16; Rv 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20: 19-31
7:30 AM Marianne & Albert Mayce
9:00 AM Deceased Rosarians Ann Marie
Kalena & Jean De Rose
10:30 AM Edna Iannarelli
12:00 PM Anne Marie Monroe
Charles Russelman
(1st Anniversary Rem.)
Marjorie V. Emken
(Birthday Rem.)
Magdalena Quiambao
2:45 PM Maria Pinto/Vincent Dorsa
Nuptial Ceremony
5:00 PM James P. O’Neill

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

FIRST WEEK
Michelle Esposito, St. Aidan
Benjamin Carrasco, St. Aidan

SECOND WEEK
Joan Madison, St. Aidan
Edward Gladick, St. Fidelis,
College Point, NY

THIRD WEEK
Maria Pinto, St. Aidan
Vincent Dorsa, St. Edward the Confessor,
Syosset, NY

PLEASE NOTE
There will be no 6:30 AM Mass on
Monday, March 28th. The regular
weekday Mass schedule will be the same for the rest of
the day. The 7:30 AM Mass will continue for awhile,
but will not be televised.
Several years ago a family on Long Island got terrible news—and then spectacular good news. They had been told that their son had been in an accident and died. Ninety minutes later they were assured that their son was perfectly well and that there had been a tragic mistake. In one phone call after they talked to their son everything changed and sorrow had been transformed to unimaginable joy. I often think of that story and how happy that family was after all that sorrow. Their experience is something like ours on Easter Sunday. We have gone through the betrayal and the suffering and death of Jesus only to rejoice in the incredibly good news that Jesus physically rose from the dead and is still with us.

Almost intuitively all faithful Christians experience the joy of Easter. There is something about the day itself that is so extraordinary and communicates a joy and peace and a great spirit of hope. Even those who are on the fringes of the faith somehow pick up the joy and enthusiasm of Easter. Unfortunately, there are any number of people who know nothing of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On this past Palm Sunday the New York Times had an article in which the actor and producer Tyler Perry was quoted. He said: "...I was shocked to find out how many people in this country don't know the story of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. I was also shocked at the amount of people under 25 who don't believe in anything."

His point is a very simple one: many either never did know about Jesus or now lack faith. This insight of his is, of course, nothing new. Well over fifty years ago the English theologian and publisher, Frank Sheed, spoke of the Eclipse of Jesus in the minds of many. Both Perry and Sheed were absolutely correct. Even Jesus Himself foresaw what would happen: "But when the Son of Man comes will He find any faith on the earth?" (Lk. 18:8)

But we know Jesus Christ and we know the saving power of His death and resurrection. That knowledge carries with it a great responsibility. Like the apostles and the holy women we are to carry the message of the Resurrection to all we can. We are missionaries of the Resurrection. That simply means that we make it our business to tell people about Jesus Christ.
We do that not only by speaking about Him—but more importantly by acting and talking like Him. We communicate Christ by compassion, patience and unlimited charity—especially to those who are difficult. Christian love is both for the lovable and the unlovable.

I wish each of you and your families an Easter filled with the happiness of knowing the love that is within the Heart of the Risen Christ. May the joy that filled the soul of the Blessed Mother be yours this Easter.

In Jesus and Mary,

[Signature]

Monsignor James M. Mc Donald

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In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth.” We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

**STEWARDSHIP-PALM SUNDAY**

03/29/15 $33,330
03/20/16 $33,366 (+0.11%)

Thank you for your kind and generous support of our parish.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & DECEASED**

SICK: Christine Schifaudo, Christine Lucivero, Cecilia Han, Geraldo Peixoto, Kimberly Holmes, Father Brian Dalton, Stacy Test, Owen Hogan, Kathleen Gattis, Joseph Fitzgerald, John Moore, Rita Amendola, Virginia Fallon, Joyce French, Barney Rinaldi, Brian Hoffarth, Mary Price, Marie McLaughlin, Judy Eberso-Kostovic, Chris Lynch, Joan McDermott

DECEASED: Stephen Molloy, Carolyn Vlaun, Walter Hutak, Leonor Barreto and for all those who have died serving our country.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ,

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Saint Paul tells us that In Christ Jesus you are a new creation! Today we know with the mind of faith and feel in our hearts filled with joy how true that is and whence comes this wondrous and unique gift. It is God’s gift that shows the boundless love He has for us when in the fullness of time He sent His Son, born of a woman. Without the obedient love of the Son who became one like us in all things but sin, we could never have been saved in the extraordinary way that in fact we are saved. We have been saved by one like us. That means that all we are and all that we experience on this earth has been embraced by Jesus, the God-Man. He alone could save us as Son of God. He alone, as fully human as we all are, could transform us, with whom He shares our humanity, by offering us the way to share in His divinity.

Nailed to the cross, He overcame that ancient curse of universal death. For His death became the passage way that destroys death and opens the path to eternal life for us and for all humankind. Now He breaks the bonds of death by breaking forth from the tomb in His glorified state. Now the angels can say to the first apostles, Why look among the dead for one who is living? He is not here among the dead! He has risen as He said!

Nicodemus once asked Jesus How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother’s womb and be born again, can he? No, Nicodemus, that is true. But Jesus has made the Holy Sepulchre His tomb to be the womb from which He comes forth to the glorified state that He shares with us. We who have entered into the font of Baptism and emerged from the waters of Baptism are His new creation sharing the life of the One Who today we truly proclaim God’s Son, the Victor over sin and death, the Savior of all humankind.

As His new creation, Paul rightly calls us Ambassadors of Christ. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, on this Easter Day as we rejoice, I would like to call us all to re-commit ourselves to being Ministers of Reconciliation in our families and our communities but especially in our Church and in our nation. Too many members of our Church engage in polemic and seek to divide us as if bishops are persecutors of the laity or consecrated women and men are at odds with priests and pastors. These attitudes and these divisions deny the new creation the Risen Christ has given us. Our nation has sunk into a new low in public discourse when political leaders and pressure groups ridicule and label one another or accuse those who disagree with the prevailing forces as being “haters” and “phobic”.

May all of us on Easter Sunday, in the presence of the Risen Christ, at Mass, in our homes and in our hearts, put aside those attitudes and commit ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation, eschewing the tawdry and the degrading, and re-affirming the respect and dignity of all, for HE came to be the Savior of all Humankind and today in our hearts and in our world, we proclaim

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN AND HE IS LORD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!

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2016 Easter Window Memorials

Front Windows Mary’s Transept

1 2 3

ALTAR

Side Windows Mary’s Transept

4 5 6

#7 STEVEN DANIEL CLANCY
DEEPLY MISSED, DEARLY
LOVED, ALWAYS REMEMBERED
Requested by Your Family

#8 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NOELIE RYAN
Requested by Her Family

#9 IN THANKSGIVING FOR ALL
OUR BLESSINGS
Requested by Elena & Neil

#10 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN LAUGHLIN
Requested by His Family

#11 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CHRISTOPHER & MARIE
MORIARTY
Requested by Rich & Mary Ellen Ockovic

#12 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE & JAN OCKOVIC
Requested by Rich & Mary Ellen Ockovic

#13 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ALICE & WILLIAM WINTERS
Requested by The Winters Family

#14 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EILEEN & KEVIN CUNNINGHAM
Requested by The Winters Family

#15 THE LIVING & DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE
VILLANI FAMILY

#16 THE LIVING & DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE
MC CARTHY FAMILY

#17 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS
Requested by Doris & Fred Jakob

#18 BLESSINGS FOR
MONSIGNOR JAMES M. MC DONALD

#19 BLESSINGS FOR
FATHER MICHAEL EDATHIL

#20 BLESSINGS FOR
FATHER JEFF YILDIRMAZ

Front Windows St. Joseph’s
Transept

24 25 26

ALTAR

Side Windows
St. Joseph’s Transept

21 22 23

Right Side Aisle

20 19 18

17 16 15

14

#21 BLESSINGS FOR
FATHER DAMIAN HALLIGAN

#22 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MONSIGNOR
ROBERT KIRWIN &
MONSIGNOR
THOMAS HARTMAN

#23 THE KIERNAN FAMILY
Requested by Patrick Kiernan

#24 PRAYERS FOR THE
SICK, DECEASED &
HOMEBOUND
OF OUR PARISH

#25 IN LOVING MEMORY
OF THE
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
EHRBAR & FLEMING
FAMILIES
Requested by
Susan & Xav Fleming

#26 NERI & TOMEI FAMILY
Requested by Angela Tomei
Robinson
Easter Flower Donations 2016

Thank you for your kind and generous response to our needs.

PASCHAL CANDLE
In Loving Memory of
Genevieve & James Robinson
Donated by John & Angela Robinson

LEFT OF TABERNACLE RESURRECTION ARRANGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
Ellen M. Collins
Donated by The Collins Family

RIGHT OF TABERNACLE RESURRECTION ARRANGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
Diane Coppolo
Donated by Her Loving Husband, James

LARGE TRIPLE STEM LILLIES

1) In Loving Memory of John W. Fitzgerald
   Donated by The Fitzgerald Family

2) In Loving Memory of Josephine and Leo Ruppe
   Donated by Heidi Annunziata

LARGE HYDRANGEA PLANTS

1) Happy Easter in Heaven-Love Elena, Neil and The Kids
   Donated by Elena R. Petruzzi
Easter Flower Donations 2016 (continued)

LARGE HYDRANGEA PLANTS (CONTINUED)

2) In Loving Memory of Michael & Anna Jakoby
   Donated by Anna Reilly, Michael Simon & Family

   3) In Loving Memory of Daniel C. Reilly
      Donated by Anna Reilly, Michael Simon & Family

   4) In Loving Memory of John & Eva Dittiger
      Donated by Anna Reilly, Michael Simon & Family

5) In Loving Memory of John & Jean Griffin and Winnie Gaughran
   Donated by Patricia Gaughran

6) In Loving Memory of Rocco J. Filazzola
   Donated by Mrs. Barbara Filazzola

7) In Loving Memory of Helen Lombardo and Ralph Procaccini
   Donated with Love by Your Children and Grandchildren

LARGE AZALEA PLANTS

1) In Loving Memory of William J. Farrar
   Donated by Rose Marie Farrar

2) In Loving Memory of Danny Steiniger
   Donated by Kathy Steiniger

3) In Loving Memory of Dolores & Peter Owens
   Deeply Missed, Loved and Always Remembered
   Donated by The Children & Family
Easter Flower Memorials 2016 (continued)

LARGE AZALEA PLANTS (CONTINUE)

4) In Loving Memory of Palmira & Joseph La Bianca
   Donated by The La Bianca Family

5) In Loving Memory of Diane Vesely

6) In Loving Memory of Luisa Pinho
   Donated by Maria J. Valente

7) In Loving Memory of Our Grandson, Steven Daniel Clancy
   Donated by Noreen Clancy

8) In Loving Memory of Alice Han
   Donated by the Han Family

FORSYTHIA BUSH

1) With Love at Easter
   In Loving Memory of Michael Lee
   Donated by The Lee Family

2) In Loving Memory of Minnie Wiesmann
   (Birthday Remembrance)

3) In Loving Memory of Mary Costabile
   Donated by the Costabile Family
Attacks on Religion in America Doubled:
An annual survey on Religious Liberty documents that in 2015 there were 1,285 attacks in America - more than double the 600 attacks in 2012. The instances cited include attacks on religion in schools, in the military, in the public arena, and in houses of worship.

"Many simply refuse to believe that religious hostility is occurring right here in America," said J. Butterfield, First Liberty Counsel and Harvard Law graduate. "... evidence is that hostility is growing rapidly."

"The first step to recovery from a problem is to stop denying a problem exists," said Center for Religious and Civil Society. "(this) report documents countless examples of using the power of government to target people of faith for hostility and exclusion because of their beliefs."

As more and more Americans become aware of the growing attacks on religious liberty and what their rights are, they can stand and turn back the tides of secularism and hostility that have so eroded our religious liberty rights, our First Freedom. (first liberty.org, 2/26/16)

Mission Statement: "Catholics for Freedom of Religion provides resources to assist laity to educate and advocate on a non-partisan basis for First Amendment Freedom of Religion ..."
Please see: cffor.org

Events:
April 9, 2016, 1:00 PM, Holy Hour of Adoration for Little Sisters of Poor, St. Bernard Church, 3100 Hempstead Typk., Levittown; 2:00 PM, talk by Pastor Ralph Sommers

April 10, 2016, 1:00 PM, KrisAnne Hall, Nationally Renowned Constitutional Speaker, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Event held in Church, 75 Parkside Drive, Point Lookout, NY 11569

April 20, 2016, 7:00 PM, Thomas Renker, Counsel for Diocese of Rockville Centre, and Barbara Samuells, President, Catholics For Freedom of Religion, St. John the Evangelist, Event held in Parish Auditorium, 25 Ocean Ave, Center Moriches, NY 11934

2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal

2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN
2015 GOAL: $172,900
PLEDGED: $ 88,116
# OF GIFTS: 387
AVERAGE GIFT: $206.80
QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS ON THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION
This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 10th at the Church of St. Lawrence in Sayville and on Sunday, April 24th at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Rectory office. Registration must be received by March 21st for the April 10th liturgy and April 1st for the April 24th liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions please call (516) 678-5800 x207.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES
The monthly singles gathering will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at 8:30 PM at St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596. The gathering will be discussion & socialization. This gathering will feature a guest lecturer. Ages 5+. $5.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served. Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com
**LITURGY CORNER**

Today we celebrate Easter, the day without which our faith would be meaningless. As St. Paul tells us, “…if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain….“ (1 COR15:17). For us, Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the “Feast of feasts”, the “Solemnity of solemnities”. It is the day beyond all other days for all time. For today we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, which is the crowning truth of our faith. It is an historical fact, verified by numerous accounts of witness who saw Him die and be buried, and to whom He appeared many times after His death. We, too, attest to this greatest of all the tenets of our faith every time we say the Creed. So today, let us truly celebrate. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

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**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

**SPRING 2016**

**COPING WITH GRIEF:**

**A DIFFICULT BUT IMPORTANT JOURNEY**

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 Peter & Paul Room of the Finamore Parish Center by trained Bereavement Facilitators.

- **Tuesdays, 9:45 AM, April 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, May 3rd & 10th**
- **Thursday, 7:30 PM, April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, & May 5th & 12th**

Please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at (516) 746-6585 x9408 to register.

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

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**2017 MASS BOOK OPENING**

The 2017 mass book will be opened on Monday, **April 4th in the Rectory office at 10:00 AM.** A maximum of **three** masses will be available at that time. Any questions please call (516) 746-6585 x9101.
Church of St. Aidan
Rosary Altar Society
73rd Annual Communion Breakfast
Sunday, May 1, 2016
Following 9:00 AM Mass

American Legion Post #144
730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY

Chirlady: Maureen Casey 516-248-5908
Guest Speaker: Father Thomas Tuite

Donation: $25 per person

Reservations chairlady: Kathy Kane
44 Park Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596
(516) 746-2086

Reservations must be made by April 18, 2016

Please use bottom portion for Reservation~mail to Kathy Kane

Name: ___________________________ Phone: __________________

Please sit me with: __________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Number at table: ______________ Amount enclosed: ______

Thank you!
ST. AIDAN SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT
Student Stations of the Cross
A Prayerful Production of Christ’s Journey

A treasured tradition of St. Aidan School is the annual prayerful performance of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection by the 5th grade class. This moving production is performed twice each Wednesday of Holy Week. The morning service for the lower school students begins with prayers, song and an actual Seder representing the Last Supper. The 5th graders then perform through silhouettes the fourteen key events on the day of Christ’s crucifixion. The service ends with Christ’s joyous resurrection from death performed to the Godspell classic, *Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord*. The 5th graders perform the service again in the afternoon for the upper school students, parents and parishioners. Be sure to join us next year for this uniquely moving performance by our school children.
Wishing all of you a Joyful Easter! Christ indeed is risen. Today is the day of Easter joy, the morning where we look around and see transformation. Christ is risen and has promised to take us with Him! This life is not the end; we too will be transformed!

We feel full of the same wonder as Mary Magdalene and the other women who went to Christ’s tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. Two thousand years later, we still sense the indescribable emotion to see the empty tomb, and then the disciples, entering and seeing and believing! ….

Christ’s Resurrection is the strength, the mystery of Christianity, and it is not a question of symbolism, IT IS A CONCRETE EVENT! Confirmed by sure proofs, resting in solid historical base. We can see the account of the Resurrection in many different ways; we see that Jesus “was raised on the third day,” “Who raised Him?” The Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus at first is not recognized by those who loved him and were his disciples, but then they come to faith, and indeed Faith is necessary to identify Jesus.

Jesus was not simply brought back to life, it is not resuscitation. Resurrection is transformation and we are to enter into this mystery going beyond indifference or inertia and searching the truth, the beauty, the meaning of our faith, leaving behind our own distrust.

It seems opportune to see Easter on the light of the Divine Mercy, glorious and eternal. Jesus now lives eternally, and his mercy is greater than our sins. We can say that the Feast of Divine Mercy (it is next Sunday) is a gift of Easter, which reveals to us the depth of God’s mercy. I invite you to meditate on Jesus who became like us and show to us the merciful face of the Father who loves us. I also invite you to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It will remind us of the mercy of God manifested in Christ’s Passion, and we also we will be merciful to others: the poor, the week, the lonely.

Stop by our kiosks, we have many CDs very important for this time: “The Resurrection of Jesus, fact or fiction”, “The True Meaning of Easter”, “The Seven Secrets of Divine Mercy”, “The Saving Power of the Divine Mercy” and one special, which is a DVD by Father Michael Gaitley who draws us into the events and wonders of God’s mercy, “Divine Mercy, the Second Greatest Story Ever Told” Learn more about our Faith, pass them to others, whom, without your efforts, never will know about the wonder of Our Lord Love and Mercy.

Let’s pray that many souls will come and adore Our Lord!

Happy Easter! Toti Conforti
Save the Dates!

**Week 1:** July 25-July 29
**Week 2:** August 1-August 5

Open to students entering Pre-K through 5th grade. Counselor in Training program open to entering 6th graders. Junior Counselors entering 7th-9th graders. Senior Counselors entering 10-12th graders. We are in need of college volunteers. *All volunteers over the age of 18 must have a background check form filled out and must be Virtus trained.

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**ST. AIDAN’S HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Parish Men’s Retreat 2016

**Dates:** April 22 (Friday 7:00 PM) – April 24 (Sunday 12:00 noon)

**Place:** Bishop Molloy Passionist Retreat House
86-45 Edgerton Blvd. (178th St.)
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432
(718) 739-1229

**Theme:** “A Journey Worth Taking”
Reflection on our faith journey over the lifespan

- A weekend of quiet and relaxation
- Conferences and workshops on faith and the spiritual life
- Opportunities for reflection, private prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Offering for the weekend is $210.

If you would like further information, contact Al Carbuto at (516) 747-0190, the retreat house at the number above, or the website: www.bishopmolloy.org

For your convenience, you may tear off the form below and send your deposit to the retreat house at the address above.

I would like to reserve a space for the retreat on the weekend of April 22- April 24 with the St. Aidan group.

Name
Address
Phone
Email

**Is this your first retreat at Bishop Molloy Retreat House?**

**Yes**  **No**

Deposit (non-refundable) for the weekend enclosed $50.00
Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation provides financial assistance to families who are interested in Catholic Elementary Education in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Financial Aid Scholarship applications are available by going to the Tomorrow’s Hope website at www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org and clicking on the tab for Financial Aid. For additional information please call Miss Eileen Oliver, Principal of St. Aidan School at (516) 746-6585 x9202 or 9302. Applications must be post marked by April 22, 2016.

P.A.C.E BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY
St. Aidan's P.A.C.E. is sponsoring a bus trip to RESORTS CASINO on Saturday, April 2nd. The cost is $35.00 per person. Luxury motor coach departs at 9:15 AM from St. Aidan School. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today by calling Eileen Oliver at (516) 746-6585 x9301.

You are invited to the 2nd Annual American Girl Fashion Show
Hosted by PACE benefiting St. Aidan School
Show Dates, Time & Location
Saturday, April 9th, 11 AM
Saturday, April 9th, 3 PM
Sunday, April 10th, 11 AM
Sunday, April 10th, 3 PM
St. Aidan School, Kevin Hall
525 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596
ADMISSION IS $30
https://staidanschool.asbremme.org/A695

Stylist of Yesterday and Today
The American Girl Fashion Show is a fun-filled event for girls and their families, friends, and favorite doll! Celebrate the experience of being a girl, whether yesterday or today, through a colorful presentation of historical and contemporary fashions. Enjoy elegant refreshments, enter to win door prizes, and learn how clothing has changed over the years to reflect history, culture, and girls individual styles.

Recommended for children 6 and up
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Junior Catholic Daughters’
28th Annual Spring Plant Sale

**Full Flats (48 plants) $18.00 each  Half Flats (24) $10.00**
Begonias, Vinca (Purple, Pink, White) Marigolds, Lobelia, Portulaca, Petunias, Salvia, Ageratum, Dusty Miller, Coleus, Carpet of Snow

**10” Hanging Baskets $18.00**
Geraniums, New Guinea Impatiens, Petunias, Lobelia-Fuchsia

**Pots $4.00**
Geraniums, Begonias, New Guinea Impatiens, Wave Petunias
(Please indicate color of flowers on the order.)

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**Order Form:** Mail with check by: **April 28, 2016.**

Name ___________________________ Phone # ___________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Plant order to include: Amount enclosed $ __________________
Plant (s) Name, COLOR and Type (Pot, Flats-Full or Half)
1) ____________________________________________________
2) ____________________________________________________
3) ____________________________________________________

Please make all checks payable to JCDA and
Send to: Adele Lamere, 83 Genevieve Court, Amityville, NY 11701.
For information call Adele at (631) 608-3104 or (516) 972-0779.

FLOWER PICK UP IS ON SATURDAY, MAY 7TH FROM
10:00 AM-12:00 PM AT ANNMARIE FLYNN’S HOUSE, 9 ASTOR PLACE,
WILLISTON PARK, NY (516) 873-6818.
You Are Cordially Invited To Join Fellow St. Aidan Parishioners & Friends at the

2016 Annual St. Aidan’s School Golf Outing
Monday, May 2, 2016
Wheatley Hills Golf Club
147 East Williston Ave. (Hillside Avenue), East Williston

Featuring Lunch, Golf, Drinks & Dinner
$300 per golfer or $1,100 per foursome
Sponsorships Also Available

If you don’t play golf, please join us for Dinner Only
$100 per person

Special Honoree:
Marty Lyons
#93 – Defensive Lineman for the New York Jets &
Member of the Famed “NY Sack Exchange”
Founder & Chairman – The Marty Lyons Foundation

To register or for more information, please visit:
staidanschool.ejoinme.org/golfouting16

or contact Tony Santos, Golf Outing Chair at 646-220-0540 or by email at staidangolf@yahoo.com

Please Support Our Parish School! Thank you.
(*PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION*)

- 7 week Dance Program is open to girls three years old through 7th grade.
  *Note: Girls MUST be at least 3 years old by January 30, 2016 and must be fully potty-trained.
- Cost: $95 for 7-week session, includes t-shirt, classes and recital. Each additional class style is $60.
- Sibling discount: $10 off the second child
- Checks can be made out to: Church of Saint Aidan
  505 Willis Avenue  Williston Park, NY 11596
  *Payment/Registration form can either be dropped off at the Rectory or mailed to the address above.

-Nursery, PreK and Kindergarten parents are asked to stay in the waiting room for the duration of their child’s class.
- Girls should wear clothing they can dance in.
- Classes begin on April 9th and run for seven weeks. Recital date: May 21, Time TBA
- Girls can wear either sneakers or dance shoes (Dance shoes are strongly encouraged). NO BOOTS, PLEASE!
- Classes begin & end with prayer & taught by experienced dance instructors
- Faith filled, fun, stress-free environment, where your daughter will learn dance technique & dedication!
- Classes are held in the Convent-16 Pembroke Street
- Contact us with any additional questions.
  SaintAidanDanceAcademy@gmail.com

“Praise God Through Dance!” –Psalm 150

Spring Class Schedule

**Saturday:**
9:00-10:00 (A)  N, PK, K Jazz/Hip Hop
10:00-11:00 (A)  N, PK, K Ballet/Tap
10:00-11:00 (B)  1st-5th Jazz/Hip Hop
11:00-12:00 (A)  1st-4th Cheer/Kickline
11:00-12:00 (B)  PK & K Cheer & Kickline Intro Class

Registration Form

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Child’s Name: __________________________
Age: _______ Grade: __________
Date of Birth: __________________________

School: __________________________________
Home Address: __________________________
City: ____________________________________
Zip Code: _______ Home Phone: __________
Cell Phone: _______________________________
E-mail Address: __________________________

Emergency Contact Information
Name: __________________________________
Relationship to Child: ____________________
Phone Number: __________________________
Physical limitations: ______________________
Allergies: ________________________________

**Class(es) Your Child Will Be Taking:**
Class___________ Grade Level___
Day: ________ Time: __________
*If you need additional space for more than one class, please attach an extra sheet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: X __________________________ Date: ________
Saint Aidan Dance Academy

18 months to 3 Years Old Dance Program

- 30 minute session every Saturday beginning on April 9, 2016 from 9:15-9:45 AM and running for seven consecutive weeks. (girls must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.)

- Classes will be held in the Convent at 16 Pembroke Street, Williston Park

- This program does not participate in the recital, but girls are invited to the recital to receive their certificate of participation.

- Girls should wear sneakers or dance shoes

- Cost: $50 for 7-week session, Checks can be made out to Church of Saint Aidan.

- Includes t-shirt for girls only

*Limited Spaces! Please register BEFORE the first day of class!

- Come and stretch, sing songs and dance with your little one!

Registration Form for 18 months - 3 Year Olds

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Age: ______ Date of Birth: ________________

Home Address: _________________________ City: __________________________ Zip Code: ______

Home Phone: ___________________ Cell Phone: ___________________ E-mail: ____________________

Emergency Contact

Name: ___________________________________________

Relationship to Child: ___________________________ Phone Number: _______________________

Physical limitations: _____________________________ Allergies: _____________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature

X ____________________________

Today’s Date: _______________________

*GIRLS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER A PARENT OR A CAREGIVER FOR EVERY CLASS.
## Junior Catholic Daughters 2015-16 Schedule

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS:** Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires **ANYONE 18 YEARS OR OLDER IN ANY MINISTRY MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED AND HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK**. A ministry includes Catechists, CYO Coaches, Liturgical Ministers, and all parish organization members. Check the Virtus Training Schedule and Register Online at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org). Classes are offered by several parishes throughout the diocese.

**OFFICE CLOSED** – The Religious Education Office will be CLOSED on Easter Monday, March 28th in observance of the Easter Holyday. The Office will reopen at its regular time on Easter Tuesday, March 29th.

**EASTER RECESS** – Religious Education Families are reminded that the program will enter Easter Recess effective March 21st; classes WILL NOT be conducted between March 21st and March 31st. Classes will resume, on their regular time and day, effective Monday, April 4th.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** – A reminder to all families participating in the “Rice Bowl” program – please send your “rice bowls” with donations to the Religious Education Office when your children return to class after Easter, the week of April 4th.

**HOURS** - The Religious Education Office is open Monday – Friday from 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM. Additionally, the office is open Monday & Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
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.”

HAPPY EASTER! JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN TODAY! LET US REJOICE!!

FOOD PANTRY- Our next monthly food drive will take place during the weekend of April 2nd & 3rd. Please bring food or personal hygiene items to the back of Church or across the street to the Parish Social Ministry Office. We also have a refrigerator for eggs, dairy products, sliced bread and a freezer for ground beef, chicken cutlets and frozen pizzas.

ITEMS OF THE WEEK ARE: low-sodium tuna & peanut butter, sugar-free Quaker Oats Instant Oatmeal Cereal, apple juice, canned fruit and pudding

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. The prayer shawl committee will meet again on Monday, April 11th. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Social Ministry Office will be open Monday-Wednesday, 9:00-3:00 PM, Holy Thursday until noon. The office will be closed on Good Friday, March 25th and Easter Monday, March 28th and re-open on Tuesday, March 29th. Please use the Finamore Parish Center entrance (across from the church on Willis Avenue).

KNIGHTS CORNER

Perhaps now is the time to consider joining the Knights of Columbus!

CRUX AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO PARTNER - The Knights of Columbus and Crux are pleased to announce that they plan to enter into a partnership in which Crux will remain an independent news outlet headed by John L. Allen Jr. and Inés Martín. The project is designed to make one of the world's best known Catholic news platforms even stronger. The partnership will combine the Knights' resources and spirit of service with the journalistic experience and commitment of Crux. As part of the project, “Catholic Pulse”, a news and commentary website operated by the Knights of Columbus, will merge with Crux, adding its resources to Crux's blend of staff-generated reporting and analysis with pieces by respected guest contributors. The Crux website will feature the tagline: "Keeping its finger on the Catholic Pulse."

Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston added: “We are very pleased to know that the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Crux going forward. The original launch of this innovative forum for reporting news and sharing conversations concerning the Catholic Church was a great encouragement. We appreciate the Boston Globe having provided the start up for Crux and are confident that the Knights of Columbus, under the capable leadership of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, will achieve new levels of success with this important communications tool, on behalf of the work of the Church and the good of the wider community.”

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. All volunteers 16 and over must be background checked and all volunteers 18 and over must attend the Virtus class.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is hosting two upcoming weekend experiences for spring and summer of 2016. April 29th to May 1st at The Montfort Spiritual Center and June 10th to 12th at The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. Space is limited. For more information about the weekends or to apply call 1(877) 697-9963 or visit our web site at http://www.wwme.org

SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Huntington, NY- You are cordially invited to visit the Jubilee Holy Doors at the Seminary any Wednesday during this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Wednesday program consists of Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Visits to the Doors and Rosary begin at 1:15 PM, followed by Mass in the Main Chapel at 2:00 PM. Adoration takes place after Mass and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet (3:00 PM) and Benediction at 4:00 PM.

FAITH ON TAP - We are honored to have with us Brother Timothy Driscoll, a Marianist Brother of the Province of Meribah and an educator for the past 35 years teaching in Chaminade High School and Kellenberg Memorial High School. Brother Tim is a dynamic speaker and enthusiastic speaker. In light of the Year of Mercy, Brother Tim’s topic for the evening is: “The Art of Mercy” Rembrandt’s Return of the Prodigal Son.” Bringing together his passion for art and drawing young people closer to Christ, this is a talk you don’t want to miss. Faith on Tap will be at the Wantagh Inn, 3264 Railroad Avenue, (across the street from the Wantagh RR Station) on Monday, April 11th. The talk begins at 7:30 PM, but doors will open at 7:00 PM. Come early, have something to eat – meet new friends, catch up with old ones. Questions or for more information, please contact Marianne Sheridan, Director for Young Adults at msheridan@drvc.org.

TOMORROW’S HOPE ON TELECARE- Tune in to the Telecare episodes March 28th “Longtime Presence (Alumni)”, April 11th “The Faculty and Staff”. Cablevision Channel 29 (Nassau/Suffolk, NY), Channel 137 (other areas), Verizon FiOS Channel 296 and Time-Warner Channel 471.

FUNDRAISER FOR MARY BRENNAN INN- Students at Mineola High School’s are working on a service learning project which focuses on helping to fight hunger on Long Island. Our Community Pasta Dinner, “Mineola Macaroni: Making a Difference” will be held on Thursday, March 31st from 5:30-7:15 PM at Mineola High School. Dinner includes, salad, pasta, bread and dessert. Tickets are $5 each. Please join us and help support this worthy cause. All proceeds will go directly to the Mary Brennan INN. If you need further information please feel free to contact Nancy Regan at 516 237-2615 or nregan@mineola.k12.ny.us.

MARIA REGINA RESIDENCE, Brentwood-offers a medical model adult day health program providing specialized care to individuals living at home. This day care program is staffed by medical, nursing, nutritional, recreational and rehabilitative professionals. Services are provided in a supervised and secure environment. Breakfast and a hot lunch are included, as well as ambulette transportation. Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Contact Lucy Johnson for more information call (631) 299-3045.
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