Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016
Shed Your light upon our hearts, Lord!

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SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com

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Members: Toti Conforti, Cathy Frischmann, Bonnie Parente, Erin Flynn, Mary Ellen Testa, Suellen Peterson, and Jackie McHugh Xavier Fleming

Buildings & Grounds Department—ext. 9122

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Saturday Morning 9:00 AM
Saturday Evening 5:00 and 7:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, *10:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM
*Liturgy of the Word for Children
Daily: 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:30 & 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday
Morning Prayer
8:40 AM Monday thru Saturday

Baptism
Baptism of Children: Each month on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM ceremony. Required: Parents’ class on the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning with the 12:00 Mass. For baptismal information, contact the Rectory office ext. 9101 Tuesday-Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

BAPTISM CLASS FOR NEW PARENTS
The required Baptism class for new parents is held the second Sunday of each month beginning with the 12:00 Mass parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph’s statue to the right of the main altar.

Penance/Reconciliation
The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Saturday from 12:30-1:30 PM and 4:00-5:00 PM in our church or by appointment.

Marriage
Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCUS registrations must be arranged through the parish.

Anointing of the Sick & Communion of the Sick
The anointing of the sick takes place after the 12:00 PM Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month. Anyone who is homebound may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Eucharistic ministers assist the priests in this ministry. Please call the rectory - ext. 9101.

Adoration
First and third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the Church. 12:30-1:30 PM on Saturdays in the church.
MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3: 22—4: 6; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
6:30 AM Peter Gilhooly
9:00 AM Joseph Dunne, Sr.
12:30 PM Daniel Colelli, Sr. (Anniversary Rem.)
5:30 PM Philip La Greca

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44
6:30 AM Marion Palermo
9:00 AM Susan Rynkar
12:30 PM Joan Flynn
5:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Peter Owens

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016
St. Andre Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52
6:30 AM Msgr. Robert Kirwin
9:00 AM Susan Rynkar
12:30 PM Anne Eckhoff
5:30 PM Veronica Witting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016
St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
1 Jn 4: 19—5: Lk 4: 14-22a
6:30 AM Manny Abad (15th Anniversary Rem.)
9:00 AM Mary Di Fazio (Birthday Rem.)
12:30 PM Barbara Kirby (1st Anniversary Rem.)
5:30 PM Irene Cross (7th Anniversary Rem.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16
6:30 AM Beverly Hager
7:30 AM Harold Guarracino
9:00 AM** Michael P. Gaffney (Birthday Rem.)
12:30 PM Charles Fertitta
5:30 PM Victor Ferriggi (2nd Anniversary Rem.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5: 14-21; Jn 3: 22-30
9:00 AM Frank Flanagan
3:00 PM Adriana Scaldaferri/Robert Herbst
Wedding Ceremony
5:00 PM Lisa Norris
Mary Carrabes
Thomas Goranatelli
Vincent Amendolaro (Birthday Rem.)
Alice Theresa Keenan
7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Aidan

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Lk 3: 15-16;
Is 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22
7:30 AM S. Jane Halligan
9:00 AM Gloria Schnall (7th Anniversary Rem.)
10:30 AM Rose Tina
12:00 PM Mary Ann Voulo
Kathy Morgan (1st Anniversary Rem.)
Jerry Nacey
Les Jansson
Jennie Polverini (Birthday Rem.)
5:00 PM Jose Olivero

BANNS OF MARRIAGE
SECOND WEEK
Kristina Aven, St. Aidan
Benedetto Pisciotta, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, NY
Vanessa Rannazzisi, St. Aidan
Ryan Hutton, Mountain View, CA
Dawn Baratta, Our Lady of Lourdes, Queens Village, NY
James Soldo, Cure of Ars, Merrick, NY
THIRD WEEK
Meaghan K. Rogers, St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, NY
Christopher J. Henry, St. Aidan
Adriana Scaldaferri, St. Aidan
Joseph Herbst, New Hyde Park

BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL
Living Intentions of
DEACON FRANK LOVE
Requested by The Holy Name Society
I begin my words of thanks to the many people who were involved in our pre-Christmas programs namely the Christmas Concert and Christmas Pageant. These beautiful programs helped to provide a wonderful atmosphere to prepare us for the coming of the Christ Child. I especially thank Drago Bubalo, our Director of Music, Reagan Stone, Eileen Calder, John and Carol Hayes and all the Church of St. Aidan choirs and children of the parish who participated in the various Christmas programs.

We welcomed thousands of people to the Christmas Masses and I thank the many parishioners and staff members who made everything go so well and with such beauty. Preparations for Christmas began, of course, many days before Christmas Eve, and I thank my brother priests, deacons and office staff for their many hours of hard work. Thanks to John Hayes, Maria Peluso, Lynn Przeniczny and all the helpers who decorated and made our church look absolutely magnificent!

I offer a special thanks to the maintenance team – Frank Deo, Pat Perez, Carlos Liberona and Kevin Keenan who put up the decorations around the campus and got Monsignor Kirwin Hall and the gym ready for Christmas. Also, many thanks to our sacristans, to all the parishioners who served during the services – Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Crossing Guards.

Christmas Day also marks the end of a special season of giving aid to those in need. The Christmas outreach of St. Aidan’s starts at home but extends also to parishes and agencies beyond our borders, and so I thank Rosemarie Cavallaro, Director of Parish Social Ministry, all parishioners and volunteers from PSM who enabled so many people to enjoy a merrier Christmas. I offer my thanks to the Rosarians who took great care in preparing the altars for Christmas.

I am very aware that family responsibilities only increase during Christmastime, and so the generous participation of staff members and parishioners during these days is especially appreciated. I pray that God will send you a special blessing during this New Year for your commitment to St. Aidan Parish. God bless you one and all!

Sincerely,

Father McDonald
The Three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

**STEWARDSHIP**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & DECEASED**

**SICK:** Christine Schifando, Christine Lucivero, Cecilia Han, Geraldo Peixoto, Kimberly Holmes, Father Brian Dalton, Stacy Test, Owen Hogan, John Moore, Rita Amendola, Diana Coscia, Virginia Fallon, Barney Rinaldi, Brian Hoffarth, C-el Perdy, Mary Price, Marie McLaughlin, Joseph Fitzgerald, Baby Daniel, James Devaney, Mark Matthews, Deacon Frank Love, Taylor Rose, Yolanda Hanafy

**DECEASED:** Joseph H. Reardon, Francis Herron, Dolores T. Maulion, Rocco Santopatre, Marie Jean Liotine and for those who have died serving our country.

**BROTHER AMBROSE ARRALDE**

Brother Ambrose will be at out parish the weekend of **January 2nd/3rd** selling C/Ds. The Dominican student friars of the Province of St. Joseph have released a new CD of chant, polyphony, and modern choral works to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the foundation of their Order. Hear sacred music that reflects the core features of Dominican life, while supporting a new generation of preachers of the Gospel! CDs can be purchased for $15 from Br. Ambrose Arralde after Masses on **January 2nd and 3rd**, OR through the brothers’ daily blog: dominicanajournal.org.

**PEANUT BUTTER GANG**

Join us on Saturday, **January 9th** at 8:15 AM in the East Campus cafeteria to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the hungry and homeless on Long Island. **Children under the age of 9 cannot be accommodated and those under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults must have taken the Virtus Training.** You have to pre-register by **Wednesday** at our e-mail address: peanutbuttergang@staidanparish.org. Unfortunately, due to logistics, if you do not pre-register, you cannot participate. This month we ask each volunteer to bring a jar of peanut butter, a jar of jelly, and **at least 2 loaves of BREAD**. Thank you. Remember what Jesus told us, “**Amen I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me.**” (Matthew 25:40).
LITURGY CORNER

Happy New Year! And as a form of New Year’s resolution.....or maybe a New Year’s challenge, let’s take a closer look at the Offertory of the Mass. It comes between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist and can easily be dismissed. We are looking through our pockets and purses for our monetary offering and thumbing though the Missal for the offertory song to sing. But are we overlooking the most important aspect of our offering? And here’s the challenge. During this time, we should make a conscious effort to prayerfully place ourselves into the Offertory procession, making a gift of our very selves, to God. Pray that as the Holy Spirit comes down upon the gifts of bread and wine, the gift of ourselves will also be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus.....the perfect gift. Pray that we might become what we receive; to be the presence of Jesus in the world in which we live. We can’t do this on our own but nothing is impossible for God. With the grace of the Holy Spirit upon us, we can change our small part of the world for the better. That’s what Jesus teaches us. Will you accept the challenge? May your year be filled with the peace and love of Our Lord and the grace to become what we receive.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS (JCDA)

COAT DRIVE

A Coat Drive will held on January 10th from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM in Finamore Parish Center. Coats, gloves, hats and scarves for men, women and children will be collected. For information please call Adele at (631) 608-3104. There will be a meeting on January 10th for all members.

Thank you for your generous support of the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Completing your 2015 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal.

Pledges can be accepted until December 31st

and payments can be made through January 31st!

Extra envelopes are provided in the back of the church.

Join us as we Serve God by Serving Others! Thank You!
JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
December 8, 2015-November 22, 2016

- Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
  Southampton (168 Hill Street, Southampton, NY  11968)
- Cathedral of St. Agnes
  Rockville Centre (1 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY  11570)
- Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
  Eastport (258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville, NY  11949)
- Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
  Huntington (440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY  11743)

Weekly Schedule at Jubilee Churches for the Year of Mercy:

Tuesdays
Cathedral of St. Agnes
Mass (12:10 PM), Exposition and Adoration, Confessions, Chaplet of Mercy
Benediction (4:00 PM)

Wednesdays
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
Optional lunch (12 noon), Tours of the Seminary (1:00 PM), Rosary (1:45 PM), Exposition and Adoration (2:00 PM), Confessions (2:00-4:00 PM), Vespers and Benediction (4:00 PM)

Thursdays
Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Beginning with Mass at Noon, Confessions, Exposition and Adoration, Tours of the Basilica (as arranged) Devotions to Divine Mercy in Spanish (3:00 PM), Benediction (4:00 PM)

Saturdays
Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
Beginning with Mass (11:30 AM), Exposition and Adoration, Confessions, Chaplet of Mercy, Benediction (4:00 PM)
ST. AIDAN SCHOOL’S - JUST WE TWO
St. Aidan School will host a weekly “Just We Two” program for children between the ages of two and three years accompanied by his/her parent or caregiver. The program will introduce your child to the idea of a school setting in a preschool classroom and allows bonding time for you and your child in a fun environment. There will be an age-appropriate craft, free play, snack time (provided by parent for their own child), story and simple songs and finger plays.

January 2016 Session:
Meets: Tuesdays 9:00-10:30 AM or 11:00-12:30 PM
Begins: January 19, 2016

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES
The monthly Singles Gathering will be held on Saturday, January 9th at 8:30 PM St. Aidan Upper School Cafeteria. Our monthly gathering for singles will include discussion, meditation, socialization. This Gathering we will feature a guest speaker. Ages 35+;$5.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

TELECARE MASSES
The Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre will begin a second phase of renovation. For that reason, we have been asked again to host the television daily Mass. It will begin January 3rd at the 9:00 AM Mass and then the daily Mass will be held at 7:30 AM on weekdays until Good Friday.
CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION
www.cfffor.org

"I hereby proclaim January 16, 2015, as Religious Freedom Day. I call on all Americans to commemorate this day with events and activities that teach us about this critical foundation of our Nation's liberty ..." Proclamation by Pres. Obama of annual commemoration.

Religious Freedom Sunday will be celebrated on January 10, 2016, the Sunday before National Religious Freedom day.

Since 1993, the President proclaims each January 16 as Religious Freedom Day to commemorate the Virginia General Assembly's adoption of Thomas Jefferson's landmark "Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom" on Jan. 16, 1786. That Statute became the basis for the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment and led to freedom of religion for all Americans. (www.wikipedia.org)

Today, religious freedom is being challenged in many corners of American society including schools, hospitals, health care, charities and businesses. Since the 1980's, more than a dozen non-profit, free representation legal foundations have emerged focusing on defending religious freedom. "Every generation has its own fight over religious freedom - it's a debate that has driven the American story from the day the pilgrims set sail on the Mayflower ...", said a Becket Fund spokesperson. (religionandpolitics.org, 6/10/15; time.com-becket fund, 10/7/14)

"Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" Matthew 5:16

Events:
CFFR Community Service Event: Congressman Lee Zeldin, Sunday, January 3, 2016, 7:00-9:00 PM, St. Patrick R.C. Church, 280 E Main St., Smithtown, NY

"Medical Mondays", on moral and ethical issues: 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, from 7:30-9:30 PM, St. James R.C. Church, Setauket, NY

ST. AIDAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Phone Number (516) 746-6585 ext. 9202 or 9302

Registration of new applicants wishing to attend St. Aidan School in September 2016 will take place as follows:

Thursday, January 14, 2016
Kindergarten and Grade 1 – West Campus Building
9:00-11:00 A.M
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.

Thursday, February 11, 2016
Grades N-3 West Campus Building and Grades 4-8 East Campus Building
9:00-11:15 A.M.

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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 Holy Name Society
Presents 14th Annual

Night AT THE RACES

Saturday, January 30, 2016
Msgr. Kirwin Hall Doors Open at 6:30 pm
First Race at 7:30 pm
$25 Admission gets you:
Exciting Races • Dinner • Beer/Wine • Door Prizes & More

Ladies – Wear your best Derby hat for a chance to win a fabulous prize!

For Tickets Call:
Colin Dorney (516) 746-3987 or
Ron Saporita (516) 746-4615

All Proceeds will Benefit St. Aidan School Scholarship Fund
ST. AIDAN SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Keeping Jesus at the Center of Christmas!

Kindergarten students reenact the Nativity in the annual Kindergarten Christmas play — a sixty year old tradition treasured by parents and students alike.

516-746-6565 EXT. 9202 and 9203
WWW.STAIDANSCCHOOL.ORG
Dear Holy Name Member:

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of God and Jesus (Holy Name Society) promotes reverence for the sacred names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members. Members are called to contribute to the evangelization mission of the Church and to make perpetual acts of reverence and love for our Lord and Savior. The apostolate of the society is to assist in parish ministries by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to give drink to the thirsty, give shelter to the homeless, tend to the sick, as well as the spiritual works of Mercy: to covert sinners, instruct the ignorant, counsel the wayward, comfort the sorrowing, bear adversity patiently, forgive offenses, and pray for the living and dead.

The Holy Name Society of St. Aidan’s is actively involved in the following programs-the monthly food drive, Night at the Races, fishing trip, New Ground, Annual Communion Breakfast, Diocesan Christmas Poster Contest, fundraisers and assisting at various parish functions.

If you are a member of the Holy Name Society please renew your membership of $15.00. If you are not a member and would like to become a member please contact the Rectory office at (516) 746-6585 x9101 or fill out the information below and return to the Rectory office.

Detach and return this section along with your $15.00 membership dues.

Name:______________________________ Telephone Number:__________________________

Address____________________________________________________________________

E-mail address____________________

____ I would like to become a member of St. Aidan’s Holy Name Society.

Please call me at_______________________

Return membership payments to the Rectory office. Please make all checks payable to the Holy Name Society.

COAT DRIVE
Keep the homeless warm this winter and contribute a used winter coat or jacket to a soup kitchen that serves 165,000 meals a year. Contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755 for details.
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Holy Name Society
4th Annual Super Bowl Raffle

Four “Super” Prizes
1st Quarter: $250
2nd Quarter: $500
3rd Quarter: $250
Final: $1500

Here’s How it Works:
• Only 100 Baskets Will Be Sold
• Cost: $50 Per Box
• Baskets Will Be Picked Randomly
• You’ll Be Notified of Box Number by Email or Phone
• Drop off the Below Form to Recenty by January 29, 2016
• Winners will Be Notified Day After Super Bowl
• Make Checks Payable to St Aidan Holy Name Society

Holy Name 2016 Super Bowl Raffle

Any Questions Call
Paul Parker 314-3305
parker@opineri.net
Tom Kelly 741-2426
trKelly73@gmail.com

DON’T DELAY
RAFFLE SELLS OUT EARLY

Thank You for Your Support of the Holy Name Society Mission!
Today we celebrate the “Epiphany of Our Lord”. The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means “to shine upon”, “to manifest”, or “to make known”. For us, this feast celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the world, to the shepherds in Bethlehem, to the Magi who come from afar to adore Him. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all the people of the earth and their universal adoration.

In many countries they exchange “Epiphany gifts”, which was taken from the gifts offered to Jesus by the three kings. And the blessings of homes, with the writing on the lintels “C+M+B (Christus Mansionem Benedicat), plus the “Cross of Salvation” and the year.

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast. We renew the joy of the Birth of Jesus and we see our Incarnate God in a new light. The sweetness of the Babe of Bethlehem, who has come to us in love, now it is the grand manifestation of the Divinity of Jesus. At Christmas, the Shepherds were invited by Angels to go to “The Word Made Flesh” but now, the voice of God himself, calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and hear Him. Now He brings the law of love to us. He unites the whole human race, He brings redemption to all. This is the Feast we are celebrating, the day of His Manifestation, our King and Savior!

How do we plan to celebrate this day, this Christmas Season? More time for daily prayer? Acts of kindness or service to someone feeling alone this time of the year? To share the gift of our Faith with someone who needs to hear about the joy and peace that a life with Christ gives us?

Do not forget to browse over the CDs in the kiosks; we have many about Christmas and Christmas songs, good CDs to give away. Remember you can bring the joy of the Lord to many that do not have such insight. “Glory to the New Born King”, by Lindsey Tood who sings all Christmas songs to listen to when we are making chores or driving about. “Prepare the Way of the King” by Dr. Scott Hahn, “The Mystery of Christmas” by Fr. Larry Richards, are wonderful teachings that explain the true meaning of this season. Again I suggest to you to give them away with your gifts or greeting cards.

Choose to act courageously, pray to the Holy Spirit to lead the way to share your Faith with that one person who needs it the most. God will bless you! I will pray for you.

Toti Conforti
**Dates to Remember**

**Auction – Dream Bigger, Shine Brighter** – Saturday, February 27th, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

**Family Lenten Spaghetti Dinner** – Thursday, March 3rd, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**American Girl Fashion Show** – Saturday, April 9th (11:00 AM and 3:00 PM) & Sunday, April 10th (11:00 AM and 3:00 PM)

**Golf Outing** – Monday, May 2nd

**Ways to support our school all year round:**

**King Kullen Receipts** – If you shop at King Kullen in Garden City Park, please do not throw away your receipts! St. Aidan School earns 1% of each receipt’s total through King Kullen’s Care and Share Program. Drop off your register receipts in the King Kullen box in the back of church or send in an envelope through school.

**Stop & Shop A+ Rewards** – After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card earns cash for our school! Each month, the amount of cash awarded will be updated on the Stop & Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at:


Our school will receive a check at the end of the program.

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**High School Volunteers Needed!**

If you are a high school student in need of service hours, PACE has many events scheduled for this upcoming school year at which you can work in order to fulfill your volunteer requirements. Please contact us at: StAidanPACE@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering and we will provide you with the dates and times of our events. We hope to hear from you soon!

Nora Grady and Linda Kuczwaj, PACE Co-Presidents
At Saint Aidan’s

When: Saturday, **January 9, 2016** at 7PM
Where: Monsignor Kirwin Hall
What: A Night of Painting to support the Saint Aidan Youth Group
Cost: $45.00 (includes all painting supplies)
Registration is done completely online at [http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/longisland/925792](http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/longisland/925792)

Proceeds from the event go to benefit the Saint Aidan’s Youth Group. If you have any questions feel free to contact Steve Loewenthal at (516) 410-6461 or saintaidanyouthgroup@gmail.com.

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**Fall 2015 Youth Group Schedule**

January 9th – Youth Group Fundraiser
January 10th – Meeting
January 24th – Meeting

January 31st – Community Service Trip – Ronald McDonald House

February 7th – Super Bowl – No Meeting
February 13th – Community Service Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang
February 21st – Meeting
February 28th - Meeting

For more information, please contact:
Steve Loewenthal at SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com or (516) 410-6461
SAINT AIDAN
DANCE ACADEMY
WINTER PROGRAM

(*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 November 30, 2015 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, Pre-K 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 January 16, 2016 and run for seven weeks. Recital date: February 28, 2016.

-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

| SATURDAYS | 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-4th Jazz/Hip Hop |
| 11:00-12:00 (A) | K-4th Cheer/Kickline |
| 11:00-12:00 (B) | 3rd-7th Ballet/Lyrical |

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 ___________________________________

Today’s Date: ________________________
Saint Aidan Dance Academy
18 months to 3 Years Old Dance Program

-30 minute session every Saturday beginning on January 16, 2016 from 9:15-9:45 and running for seven consecutive weeks (girls must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.)

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

-This program does not participate in the recital

-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.
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. Classes are offered by several parishes throughout the diocese.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — The Religious Education Office is looking for individuals who are willing to serve as substitute teachers, classroom aides, hall monitors, traffic control aides, etc. for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Prior experience is not necessary; support is provided. Please give prayerful consideration to answering the call to serve in this vital ministry. The School Year runs from late September 2015 through early May 2016. For an application or further information, please call (516) 746-6585 x9404.

CLASSES RESUME — Religious Education Program Classes resume on their normal days and times beginning the week of January 4th.

CONFIRMATION DVDs ARRIVE - The videos of the Confirmation ceremonies that took place at St. Aidan on Saturday, October 17th have arrived and are ready for pick-up. Parents who ordered a DVD may pick up their copy from the Religious Education Office during normal business hours.

OFFICE 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.

KNIGHTS CORNER
Perhaps now is the time to consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

POPE FRANCIS MEETS WITH K of C LEADERS — Pope Francis received Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore in a private audience at the Vatican on Dec. 17th. It was the fourth such audience granted by Pope Francis to the supreme knight. During the course of the meeting, the supreme knight and Archbishop Lori spoke with the Holy Father about the many activities of the K of C in 2015, particularly the Order’s efforts to aid persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Through the K of C’s Christian Refugee Relief Fund, the Order has distributed more than $ 5 million to support Christians in the Middle East. During the visit, the supreme knight also presented the Holy Father with a contribution of $ 1.6 million from the Vicarius Christi Fund, offered on behalf of the 1.9 million members of the Knights of Columbus. The Vicarius Christi Fund has generated $ 56,015,000 for the pope’s personal charities and causes since its establishment in 1981.

HALL RENTAL — Corpus Christi Council is available for parties BIG and SMALL. For information on hall rental call Tom at (516) 746-8643.
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 NEW YEAR!!! MAY 2016 BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD!!!**

**FOOD PANTRY** - Our next monthly food drive will take place during the weekend of **January 2nd/3rd**. If you wish to donate food or personal hygiene items you can bring them 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.**

**DRIVING MINISTRY** – We are in need of additional volunteers to drive our senior citizens to their doctor appointments. You need not commit to any particular day. Your name would be added to our list of drivers and when a request for transportation is received we would call you a few days in advance to see if you are available. If you are not available we simply call the next person on the list and perhaps you will be able to drive another time. If interested please call Parish Social Ministry at (516) 746-6585 x408.

**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, January 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.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Please mark your calendars! Our winter blood drive will be taking place on Sunday, **January 24, 2016!!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Social Ministry is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please use the Finamore Parish Center entrance (across from the church on Willis Avenue).
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.

FREE TECHNOLOGY COURSE OFFERED TO SENIOR CITIZENS-The “COMPUTEERS” club of Mineola High School’s Student Service Center is offering a four session Technology Training course for adults. We can teach you how to use Smart Phones, I Pads and Tablets, E Readers and of course, personal computers. The Fall course will be offered on Wednesdays, January 13th, January 20th, February 3rd and February 10th from 2:25 - 3:25 PM. We hope you can attend all 4 sessions, but you can register for each individually if necessary. Classes are held at the High School. There is NO CHARGE for this course. No technology experience is necessary and all levels of technology literacy are addressed. Class participants are given one on one instruction with high school student volunteers. You must register in advance, since enrollment is limited. To register, call (516) 237-2615 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please note – school will be closed for Holiday recess between December 24th and January 4th. If you call during this time period, we will return your call after January 4th.


WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS, DIVORCED AND SINGLE CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND-A new member orientation will be held on Tuesday, January 26th at 8:00 PM. The meeting is held every fourth Tuesday at St. Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh. For information please call Carol at (516) 794-4933.

LIVING THE YEAR OF MERCY-LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING-Conducted by Paul Miller, OFS on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM at the Church of St. Mary, 1300 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, NY. $40.00 registration includes breakfast and lunch-limited seating. For information please call (516) 298-0841 or (516) 655-9755 or email Cathy at comayu27@gmail.com