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.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 2014
Our God lives now among us!

The Pastoral Staff
Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald, Pastor - ext. 9108
Rev. Kevin Dillon, Associate Pastor - ext. 9105
Rev. Michael Edathil, Associate Pastor - ext. 9106
Rev. Damian Halligan, SJ In Residence
Deacon Salvatore B. Villani - ext. 9558
Deacon Francis J. Love - ext. 9557
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Mr. Drago Bubalo, DMA (cand). Music Director ext. 9130
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(Grades 4-8, ext. 9302, 9303)
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Ms. Jo-Anne Rowan, Assistant Principal

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Mr. James F. Corrigan, Director of Faith Formation ext. 9401
Mrs. Elaine Smith, Director of Special Needs ext. 9406

Parish Social Ministry - ext. 9408
Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro, Director - ext. 9410

Youth Ministry
Mr. Stephen Loewenthal, Coordinator - ext. 9403
SaintAidanYouthGroup@gmail.com

Pastoral Council - ext. 9592
Members: Toti Conforti, Cathy Frischmann, Brendan Hickey, Larry McGovern, Bonnie Parente, Erin Flynn, Mary Ellen Testa and Suellen Peterson

Buildings & Grounds Department—ext. 9122

Liturgical Officers
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, 12:15 & 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 12:45-3:00 PM in the Church. 12:30-1:30 PM on Saturdays in the church.
**MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014**

*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop/Martyr*

1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2014**

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2: 12-17; Lk 2: 36-40

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014**

1 Jn 2: 18-21; Jn 1: 1-18

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015**

The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

World Day of Peace

Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015**

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2: 22-28; Jn 1: 19-28

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2015**

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2: 29—3: 6; Jn 1: 29-34

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**COMING AND ADORE**

There will be a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:30 PM in the church on Friday, January 16th. Following the Holy Hour there will be a concert by Michael Zabrocki at 9:00 PM in Kirwin Hall. All are welcome!
DECEMBER 28, 2014

AULD LANG SYNE

Last Saturday night was an easy one so I sat in my living room and turned on the TV. Surprisingly enough, I landed on ION, a channel I rarely, if ever watch, and I got hooked on a rather sappy Christmas movie. It was about a girl who had a breakup with her boyfriend last year and she was rather morose and unhappy about Christmas. You can imagine how it ended up and I won’t spoil it for you. Nevertheless, as inane and predictable as it was, it had this good point: it showed the possibility of beginning again and the value of the encouragement of her brother.

I’m a big believer in the possibility of new beginnings and the enormous value of encouragement. A few weeks ago I had a great dinner with friends of mine who had married early and divorced early. They were laughing and joking and talking all about their failed divorce. Now they have adult children and are extraordinarily happy. They made the decision to give their marriage a second chance—and that is not a Hallmark feel good movie but an absolutely true story. See, it can be done!

One of the things my mom and dad taught all of their children was that we were extraordinarily valuable and deeply loved. Like good parents everywhere, they tried to communicate to each of us our dignity and importance in the eyes of God and in the family. They understood, of course, that we were not perfect and would make mistakes like everybody else—but that was part of the human condition. The idea was to accentuate the positive and overlook a lot of small failings.

When I first came here the former mayor, Tom Muldoon, died and Father Robert Hayden preached a magnificent sermon. One of the things that he said was that we should all appreciate all the good that surrounds us. That is so on the mark—and it is something that should be taken into our family life. So often we can be so upset about something small and think it is the end of the world. It isn’t. It is just a negative part of life that is passing and isn’t worth making a fuss about. We human beings are imperfect and before we criticize the failings of others we do well to remember our own.

As this year of 2014 closes, may I suggest that this is a great opportunity for a new beginning—in your family, in your own life and in your relationship with God. We can all have a renewed perspective and embrace new ways of doing good for others. And all of us can decide to encourage. Every time we build
up people, we do the work of Jesus Christ. **He was and is the Lord of encouragement and is the God Who overlooks a lot. We should do the same!**

Happy New Year!

In Jesus and Mary,

Monsignor James M. McDonald

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**AN ADDITIONAL MASS FOR THREE MONTHS**

The Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre is being renovated. For that reason, we have been asked to host the television daily Mass. Beginning January 2, we will have an additional daily Mass at 7:30 in the morning on weekdays. We will also be accepting intentions for those Masses. When the work at the Cathedral is completed, this Mass will end.

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**ST. AIDAN’S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Please attend our Corporate Mass for **Kathleen Williams and Marie Romano** Sunday, **January 4th** 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.

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“**Whatever you do,**” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “**...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him.**” And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist, “**through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit...**”

**STEWARDSHIP**

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

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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, Roseanne Mushorn, John Moore, Rita Amendola, Diana Coscia, Carol White, Joseph Fitzgerald, Virginia Fallon, Brian Crowley, Stephen Kennedy, Barney Rinaldi, Louise Lodato

**DECEASED:** Diane Melchione, Leon Espelita, Veronica Colucci and for all those who have died serving our country.
All are cordially invited to attend our
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 25, 2015

With 65 years of academic excellence...
Rooted in a deep Catholic, faith filled environment...
and Accredited by the
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
ST. AIDAN SCHOOL
510/525 Willis Avenue
Williston Park

All parishioners and alumni are welcome to visit our school buildings
after the 9:00 A.M. Mass until 12:30 P.M.
Come and be proud of the achievements of our children and teachers as we celebrate 65
years of excellence in education.
You don’t have to have a child in our school to take a tour.

Our School is proud to offer:
Nursery – 8th grade including
full day Kindergarten and Pre-K

For registration information please call 516-746-6585
use extension 9202 for Nursery – 3rd Grade
and extension 9302 for 4th – 8th Grade
JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS (JCDA) COAT DRIVE

A Coat Drive will be held on January 11th from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM in Finamore Parish Center. Coats, gloves, hats and scarves for men, women and children will be collected. **We cannot accept clothing.** New and lightly used clothing for babies and young children will be accepted for Momma’s house. For information please call Adele at (631) 608-3104.

LIGHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” (Jn. 1:14)

They became a family, the weary couple who could not find room to rest and to bring forth the divine Bridegroom. The Holy Family, the beginning of countless other holy families. Today’s celebration demonstrates many aspects of this devotion, as to show us the infinite humility of God. God obeyed a human creature. He was subjected to Mary and Joseph, with humility and obedience. He submitted to the loving care of His human parents; it is humility without precedent!

This feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the loving care that Mary gave to the Divine Child. Mary was, in a sense ….the first tabernacle …as St. John Paul II told us, we must follow her example and take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist, which He entrusted to us. Our Lord chose to reside in person, in the Eucharist, in His real presence, and He desired to come to us in our own timing, all the attention, all the love and devotion will never be too much for the great gift we receive in the Holy Eucharist.

Let’s ask for forgiveness for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed to the Blessed Eucharist. Let’s imitate the Holy Family in our own families. Dedicate your family to the Holy Family, and pray for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which now is so much under attack.

Once again I remind you of the many CDs that you can find in our kiosks pertaining to this season. Try to give them away; it makes a great gift to many people who are not familiar with the feasts we celebrate. We will never know the amount of good our act can accomplish in their souls!

Have a happy and healthy New Year!

Toti Conforti

PEANUT BUTTER GANG

Thank you everyone who volunteered to make peanut butter sandwiches at our last session. We made about 1,440 sandwiches and 42 wash-up kits. The Gang meets on the second Saturday of every month. Join us if you can.
We are the World: A Celebration of Song, Music & Culture

A Community Interfaith Musical Program

Join friends from the Friendship Baptist Church, the Islamic Center of Long Island, St. Aidan’s Catholic Church and Temple Sinai

Taste our foods  Listen to our music  Hear our words

Sunday, January 11 at 4:00 pm

Temple Sinai of Roslyn
425 Roslyn Road, Roslyn Heights, NY

Donations of food will benefit E Joy Food Pantry.
Donations of hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries will benefit a family shelter.

Sponsored by the Temple Sinai Interfaith Outreach Committee
For more information call: 516-621-6800 email: templeoffice@mysinai.org
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:

**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**

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**ST. AIDAN’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 2015 Session:
Meets: Tuesdays  9:00- 10:30 AM or
       11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Begins January 13, 2015
Cost: $90

If you are interested please call (516) 746-6585 x9202 to register.
Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service Brings Schools Together in Thanks

The seventh and eighth grade students of St. Aidan School recently hosted an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from The Solomon Schechter School. The service conducted by Father Kevin Dillon and Mr. Avi Siegal included prayers and teachings while the choruses from both schools entertained. Refreshments and socializing allowed the students from both schools to share stories of faith and gratitude in the spirit of thanksgiving.
Please drop all requests for tickets at the Rectory office.

**Save the Date**

Saint Aidan School
65th Anniversary Celebration

It is the event you will not want to miss!

An evening to celebrate Saint Aidan’s treasured past and shining future!

March 21, 2015
Crest Hollow Country Club
$100 per ticket

Mass at Saint Aidan Church followed by cocktails, dinner and dancing.
Enjoy an evening of reminiscing with old friends and special invited guests!

Honoring:
Larry Bradley
and
Ed and Angela Murphy

If you are interested in helping with the celebration, please contact Stephanie Vitale at 516-967-4565 or staidanetc@gmail.com.

“Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly (on the night of Christmas) entered into our night,” Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, 12/25/08.

May your Christmas be blessed with the joy of the coming of our Savior.
From your fellow parishioners, Catholics for Freedom of Religion

**Upcoming Events:**

1/11/15 Religious Freedom Sunday
1/16/15 National Religious Freedom Day
1/21/15 CFFR meeting Msgr. Kirwin Hall 7:30 PM
The American Girl Fashion Show is a fun-filled event for girls and their families, friends and favorite dolls. 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.

Hosted by St. Aidan School
525 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596
Saturday, April 18th at 11:00 AM AND 3:00 PM
Sunday, April 19th at 1:00 PM
Tickets on Sale February 2, 2015
Model Opportunities Available for Sizes 6x and 10

Our committee is looking for girls with poise, confidence and a smile who would enjoy walking down a runway in front of an audience of 200 guests. Models must fit a size 6x (Bitty Baby / little girl outfits) or size 10 (historical and contemporary). See size chart below for measurements.

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To apply for a model opening, please join us at our open model call at St. Aidan School, Kirwin Hall on:

January 10, 2015 - 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM or
January 17, 2015- 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

If your child is not within the range of measurements listed above, there will be an additional opportunity to model at the show. A limited amount of Guest Model spots will be available for purchase with fashion show tickets.

For more information or if you have any questions please email our committee at SASAmericanGirlFashionShow@gmail.com.

SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES
The monthly Singles gathering will be held Saturday, January 3rd at 8:30 PM, after the 7:30PM Mass. Our monthly gathering for singles will have discussion, meditation and socialization. Ages 35+.
Cost: $5.00 donation for snacks, pizza and beverages. This gathering will have a special guest performance. For information please contact Ray at (516) 561-6994 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com.
You are invited to share in
a night of fun and friendship in the
St. Aidan Spirit!
Come be a part of something special!
The Annual St. Aidan Parish
New Year’s Eve Party
Chaired by: Peggy & Charlie Karazia 516-621-0173
Msgr. Kirwin Hall 8:30 PM till 12:30 AM

Outstanding music by Steve Griffin* soda* beer* wine*
sandwiches*salads*cookies*coffee* tea*chips* Champagne for
toasting*warm atmosphere*fun evening*welcome in the New Year
with friends*- all this for only $35.00 per person.
Tickets/Reservations: Mary Lou Grady 516-484-1748
payable: St. Aidan Church

Last year was the biggest crowd ever!
We need and welcome your help.
So, don’t sit home to ring in 2015 let’s be together.
Give yourself a great Christmas present-New Years Eve tickets!
We thank Monsignor McDonald for allowing this party to continue.

Name:_____________________ Phone#_______________________
Amount enclosed: $__________
Please sit me with________________________________________

Call above or bring to Rectory: Attention:
Mary Lou--New Year’s Eve

Don’t wait...make your reservations early.
Cut-off date December 20th
after that tickets will be $40 per person.
St. Aidan’s Winter Blood Drive

HEROES WANTED

WALK-INS WELCOME

National Donor Day

The need for blood locally is constant. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. January is usually a very difficult month to collect blood donations. Holiday travel schedules and illnesses this year present tremendous challenges in maintaining an adequate supply of blood in our community.

Sunday, January 4, 2015
8:00 AM-2:00 PM    Msgr. Kirwin Hall

Eligibility Criteria
Must have valid ID
Minimum weight 110 lbs.
Between 16-76 years of age
No tattoos in past 12 months

For medical questions concerning blood donations call 1-800-688-0900

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD
Program Information

(*PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION*)

- 7 week Dance Program is open to girls in Nursery through 7th grade.
- Cost: $95 for 7 week session, includes t-shirt, classes and recital.
  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.
  *Note: MUST be at least 3 years old by November 30, 2014 and must be fully potty-trained in order to participate.

-Girls should wear fitted clothing
- Classes begin on February 7, 2015
- Classes held on Mondays & Saturdays
- Recital Date: TBA
- Classes begin & end with prayer
- Taught by experienced dance instructors
- Faith filled, fun, stress-free environment, where your daughter will learn dance technique & dedication!
- Girls can wear either sneakers or dance shoes (Dance shoes are strongly encouraged).
- Classes are held in the Convent

Class Schedule

**Monday:**
5:30-6:30 Nursery, Pre-K, K Ballet
6:30-7:30 4th-7th Jazz/Hip Hop

**Saturday:**
8:30-9:30 Nursery, Pre-K, K Tap
9:30-10:30 Nursery, Pre-K, K Jazz/Hip Hop
10:30-11:30 1st-3rd Jazz/Hip Hop
11:30-12:30 1st-4th Cheer
12:30-1:30 4th-7th Lyrical

Saint Aidan Dance Academy

2 & 3 Year Old Program & 18 month-24 month Program
- 30 minute session each Saturday (not in recital)
- 2 and 3 year old program will be held from 8:45-9:15 AM.
- The 18 month-24 month old program will be held from 10:45-11:15 AM.
- Both will be held in the Convent Community Room,
  16 Pembroke Street.
- Girls must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver
- 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!

**Classes begin on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Applications for all Dance Programs are available at the Rectory office.
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.”

BLOOD DRIVE: Please consider giving the best gift of all on Sunday, January 4th in Msgr. Kirwin Hall, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. St. Aidan’s Church along with the Corpus Christi Council K of C are co-sponsoring this blood drive for the Long Island Blood Services.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS: If your child is in need of service hours for Confirmation, school or the honor society, please contact our social ministry office at (516) 746-6585 x9408 to let us know if he or she is able to sign-up blood donors after mass on Sunday, December 28th. There will be different shifts starting at 8:15 AM – 1:00 PM for the Blood Drive taking place in January.

FOOD PANTRY - Our next monthly food drive will be taking place during the weekend of January 3rd & 4th. 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. The item for the week is bars of soap.

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 and 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
Jesus grew and became strong.

Finish the picture.

Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem.
Help the family get to the temple.
ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS: Are you aware that the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires ANYONE 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.

CONFIRMATION VIDEOS HAVE ARRIVED – The DVDs filmed during the October 18th Sacrament of Confirmation ceremonies have arrived. If you ordered a DVD it is available for pick-up in the Religious Education Office during normal office hours.

8th GRADE CATECHIST NEEDED – One of our current catechists is moving out of state; therefore, the Religious Education Office needs a person to take over an 8th Grade Class that meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 – 8:15 PM. The new catechist would assume classroom duties beginning January 7th. For further information please contact our office at (516) 746-6585 x9404.

CHRISTMAS RECESS – The Religious Education Program will observe Christmas recess beginning Monday, Dec. 22nd. There WILL BE NO CLASSES conducted from December 22nd through January 2nd. Classes will resume at their normal times beginning Monday, Jan. 5th.

OFFICE CLOSED – The Religious Education Office will be CLOSED on January 1st in observance of the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary.

THE KNIGHT’S CORNER

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 –
-Printed and distributed 500,000 copies of the Knights of Columbus Armed with the Faith military prayer book.
- Erected the Knight’s Tower and carillon of bells at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and raised a $ 1 million memorial fund in honor of Past Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart to promote Marian devotion at the Shrine and to preserve the Shrine in perpetuity
-Provided free information on the Catholic faith to interested inquirers – more than 4 million responses and more than 200,000 enrollees in correspondence courses through the years.

BLOOD DRIVE – Corpus Christi Council will assist at the Blood Drive that will be conducted in Msgr. Kirwin Hall on January 4th from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. During the Christmas Season on-hand blood supplies often get critically low while the number of donors often decreases. When you donate blood you help bring the gift of life to others, please consider becoming a blood donor; mark your calendars now!

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.

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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES-Registration for Diocesan Pilgrimages Now Open
Registration for our diocesan pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia is now open. Please go to www.drvc-faith.org or detailed information on various options, registration and itinerary. Space is limited for these trips and the first deposit is due by January 15, 2015. The tour packages are being organized by Peter’s Way Tours Inc. For further information about the tour packages please call (516) 605-1551 x22. For all other questions please call Kathleen Logan, Office of Faith Formation, 516 678-5800 x236 or download brochure/registration www.petersway.com.

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY-Professional therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 148 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the Diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. Services are provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, a proprietary professional corporation, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or Diocese. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: http://www.the catholiccounselingcenter.com.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE-COME AND ADORE-St. Aidan Parish, Williston Park, NY -7:30 PM Holy Hour in the church and concert with Michael Zabrocki at 9:00 PM in Kirwin Hall Friday, January 16th. For information please call Dr. Palmer at (516) 678-5800.

CLARK BOTANIC GARDEN-The Clark House Winter Solstice Photo Exhibit opened December 20th and run through January 25th. Emerging photographer Jorge Escoto is interested in organic photography; the process and the context in which pictures are taken. He has been shooting candid photographs capturing natural moments understanding that every picture has a story. He selects what is worth remembering to reflect the intention of the person behind the camera. Jorge Escoto is a student at Herricks High School and was born in Monterrey, Mexico; and is currently living on Long Island.

CUB SCOUT FUN AND FAITH DAY-Saturday, January 17th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. A day of prayer, handicrafts, games, a craft and a patch at St. Martha’s Church, Uniondale, NY. For information contact the Catholic Scouting office at (516) 678-5800 x245 or scouting@drvc.org.