

Saint Aidan ☩ Saint Patrick Parish

December 20, 2020



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:31



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19

4:00 PM - Albert Storti by family

Sunday, December 20, 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM - Tracy Ann Soares Pytka by family

11:00 AM - Evelyn and Arthur Foisy by daughter and family

Monday, December 21, St. Pater Canisius, Priest and Doctor

8:00 AM - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scott by family

Tuesday, December 22

8:00 AM - Rev. John E. Watterson

Wednesday, December 23, St. John of Kanty

8:00 AM— Rev. Thomas J. Trepanier

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

8:00 AM - Rev. Anthony

4:00 PM –All people of the parish

Friday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM - All people of the parish

Saturday, December 26, St. Stephen, First Martyr

4:00 PM - James Porter by wife Madeleine

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00 AM - Tracey Ann Soares Pytka by family

11:00 AM - Evelyn & Arthur Foisey by daughter and family

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

St. John of Kanty, Priest

Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Christmas Eve

Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Nativity of the Lord

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

INCOME REPORT DECEMBER 13, 2020

Weekly Offering:	\$ 3153
Immaculate Conception	\$ 354
Maintenance:	\$ 342
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 370

Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4pm: livestream only

Christmas Day: 9am: livestream only

Christmas Day: 11am: livestream only

*Please note: Seating may be limited at the 11am mass due to government restrictions and seating capacity.

All livestreamed masses can be watched on our Facebook page: St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish or on our YouTube channel: St. Aidan— St. Patrick Parish, Cumberland RI.

The staff of St. Aidan—St. Patrick parish wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Christmas Giving Tree

Our Parish will be sponsoring the “Giving Tree” program again this year to provide assistance to the needy in our area for Christmas. Tags for gifts may be taken from the tree from November 21 through December 16. Please purchase the gift listed on the tag and bring the wrapped gift with the tag attached to church. Gifts should be placed in front of the altar. If you are not able to take a tag from the tree, we welcome Stop & Shop, Walmart, or Target gift cards. These may be mailed to the parish or dropped off at the office, whichever is more convenient. The deadline for all gifts is Sunday, December 20. Gifts will be picked up on December 21 to reach the families in time for Christmas. Once again, thank you for your continued generosity!

Pastor's Column

This weekend, I continue with a reprinting of the outline of Pope Francis' Social Encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti" written by Isabella Piro. The original text was which was published in an online Newsletter: Vatican News.

Chapter Four: heart open to the world

To the theme of migration, the latter, entitled "A heart open to the whole world". With their lives "at stake" (Par 37), fleeing from war, persecution, natural catastrophes, unscrupulous trafficking, ripped from their communities of origin, migrants are to be welcomed, protected, supported and integrated. Unnecessary migration needs to be avoided, the Pontiff affirms, by creating concrete opportunities to live with dignity in the countries of origin. But at the same time, we need to respect the right to seek a better life elsewhere. In receiving countries, the right balance will be between the protection of citizens' rights and the guarantee of welcome and assistance for migrants (see Par 38-40). Specifically, the Pope points to several "indispensable steps, especially in response to those who are fleeing grave humanitarian crises": to increase and simplify the granting of visas; to open humanitarian corridors; to assure lodging, security and essential services; to offer opportunities for employment and training; to favor family reunification; to protect minors; to guarantee religious freedom. What is needed above all – the document reads – is global governance, an international collaboration for migration which implements long-term planning, going beyond single emergencies, on behalf of the supportive development of all peoples (see Par 129-132).

Chapter Five: better politics

The theme of the fifth chapter is "A better kind of politics", which represents one of the most valuable forms of charity because it is placed at the service of the common good (see Par 180) and recognizes the importance of people, understood as an open category, available for discussion and dialogue (see Par 160). This is the populism indicated by Francis, which counters that "populism" which ignores the legitimacy of the notion of "people", by attracting consensus in order to exploit them for its own service and fomenting selfishness in order to increase its own popularity (see Par 159). But a better politics is also one that protects work, an "essential dimension of social life". The best strategy against poverty, the Pontiff explains, does not simply aim to contain or render indigents inoffensive, but to promote them in the perspective of solidarity and subsidiarity (see Par 187). The task of politics, moreover, is to find a solution to all that attacks fundamental human rights, such as social exclusion; the marketing of organs, tissues, weapons and drugs; sexual exploitation; slave labour; terrorism and organized crime. The Pope makes an emphatic appeal to definitively eliminate human trafficking, a "source of shame for humanity", and hunger, which is "criminal" because food is "an inalienable right" (Par 188-189).

The politics we need, Francis also underscores, is a politics centered on human dignity and not subjected to finance because "the marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem": the "havoc" wreaked by financial speculation has demonstrated this (see Par 168). Hence, popular movements have taken on particular relevance: as true "torrents of moral energy", they must be engaged in society with greater coordination. In this way – the Pope states – it will be possible to go beyond a Policy "with" and "of" the poor (see Par 169).

Another hope present in the Encyclical regards the reform of the UN: in the face of the predominance of the economic dimension, a task of the United Nations will be to give substance to the concept of a "family of nations" working for the common good, the eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights. Tireless recourse "to negotiation, mediation and arbitration" – the Papal Document states – the UN must promote the force of law rather than the law of force (see Par 173-175).

This outline of the Pope's Social Encyclical will continue in next week's bulletin.

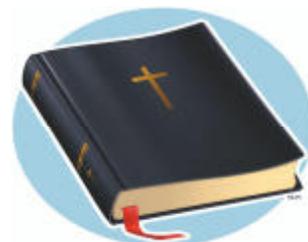
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We are also looking for volunteers to help deliver missalettes to homes of those that are not coming to mass. If you are able, please contact the office. If you know of anyone that would like a missalette, feel free to grab an extra to bring to them.

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Make sure to check out our Facebook page St. Aidan—St. Patrick Church, as well as our YouTube channel, St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish, Cumberland for our live streamed masses.

Faith Formation Corner

4th and 5th grade will not be meeting in person on December 20th.

There will be no faith formation classes or assignments

During the month of December, faith formation will be virtual. Please check your emails for information from your catechists.

There is still time to register! Please call our office at 401-333-5897 or email faithformation@aidan-patrick.org for more information.





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Liturgical Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00AM (livestream only), 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday - Friday)

Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 6:00 PM



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