

# Saint Aidan ☩ Saint Patrick Parish

April 18, 2021



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 17, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**  
4:00 PM - Mary Zabka by family

**Sunday, April 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
9:00 AM - Paul LaPlante by family  
11:00 AM - Joao (John) Andrade by family

**Monday, April 19**  
8:00 AM - St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish

**Tuesday, April 20**  
8:00 AM - Patricia Tracy

**Wednesday, April 21**  
8:00 AM - Emma Jean Wilson

**Thursday, April 22**  
8:00AM - Mary Gagne by family

**Friday, April 23**  
8:00AM - All Souls in our parish cemetery

**Saturday, April 24**  
8:00AM - All souls in purgatory

**Sunday, April 25**  
9:00 AM - Paul and Claire Poirier by family  
11:00 AM - St. Aidan—St. Patrick Parish

### Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:15a/  
Lk 24:35-48  
3rd Sunday of Easter

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17  
and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69  
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## INCOME REPORT

April 11, 2021

Weekly Offering:	\$ 3,481
Maintenance:	\$ 231
Easter Offering:	\$ 202
Legacy Fund:	\$ 1,077
Capitol Campaign:	\$ 4,879

**Catholic Charity Appeal Update:** As of April 12, 2021 our parish has pledged \$29,322 of our goal of \$47,500.

## Upcoming Women's Group Events

### April BABY Showers

The St. Aidan and St. Patrick's Women's Group will again be collecting new and gently used baby items for St. Gabriel's Call, beginning on Easter and culminating with an outdoor event on May 1 to package the donations. This year we will focus on older babies and toddlers with diapers in sizes 3 – 6 in most demand as well as wipes, shampoos and lotions. Clothing donations and donations for younger babies will also be accepted. Please leave your donations in the box in the church foyer and mark your calendar to join us in May!

### I Heard God Laugh

The Women's group will be sponsoring a book discussion in May on the book I Heard God Laugh, by Mathew Kelly. The book is widely available and there is a 25% discount if you order from DynamicCatholic.com before Easter. The date and format of the meeting will be announced as COVID protocols for May are better understood.

## Faith Formation Corner

Please check your emails for important updates from your child's catechist.

Grades 5 and 8 will meet on April 18 at 9:30—10:45am.

Grades K—4, and 7 will meet on April 25 at 9:30—10:45am.



## Pastor's Column

This past week, I received my second shot of the Pfizer vaccine. I am now considered to be “fully vaccinated;” yet we have seen many twists and turns with the pandemic and we have to admit that we are not yet out of the woods on this one.

I know that some people are doubtful about what they hear from the CDC and other experts on this virus. But we must remember that COVID 19 is a “novel virus;” novel meaning new. Yes, there have been other pandemics and epidemics in our lifetimes—they are not new to us. But this particular virus IS new and epidemiologists as well as governments are still struggling to understand it. That is why the advice that has been given out to the public does seem to change from month to month. Scientists and politicians have not managed to control this virus and there is no indication that they will be able to control it anytime this year.

Despite all the technologies that we have at our disposal in our homes, workplaces and vehicles, this novel virus has made us painfully aware that we are not in control of everything! New variants of the virus along with rare side effects of the vaccines continue to plague us. However, I pray, that this time will make people more aware of our interdependence. No one of us is an island in this world—rather we are all one human family and are obliged to care for one another as we care for ourselves.

What does all this mean for our parish? Well, even though the number of the vaccinated is growing, we have still not reached that point of “herd immunity” by which we believe this virus will be under control. While we may soon be able to ease up on more of the restrictions we have in place now, some of them may never go away for good. There will continue to be exceptions that we will have to deal with. And there may be continued outbreaks as the virus mutates and new variants of the virus arise.

On Easter Sunday we opened up the 9:00 AM Mass for limited seating. However, we will still have to make occasional changes. Next month, our parish will celebrate First Communion Mass for 11 of our children at the 9:00 Mass on May 16 and 23. We have chosen to do this to allow the extended family members of these children (i.e. grandparents and great-grandparents) to be part of the Mass through our video streaming of the ceremony.

I hope that by the end of May we will be able to take the tape off of the pews, but we will still be asking individuals and families to wear masks and “self-distance” at the Masses. We are seeing a number of people that are coming back to Sunday Mass and it always a delight to see their eyes if not their whole faces. Yet we also expect that there are some parishioners with compromised immune systems that may not be able to return. For these we will continue to reach out to them by mailing the bulletins to them. We will also be looking for help in contacting these home-bound parishioners as we re-activate the “Friendly Visitor Program” we started just before the pandemic began.

As our Mass attendance has dropped during this pandemic, we will probably not be reinstating the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass. With our present schedule of three Masses (Saturday evening at 4:00, Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00). This schedule has also allowed us to conduct much of our religious education instruction on Sunday Mornings. We expect that we will be able to return to our annual parish picnic on the second Sunday of September as well as our annual Pumpkin Palooza event at the end of October. We don't know at this time if indoor gatherings will be completely safe after this summer.

## Bulletin Mail Out

If you or anyone you know is home bound and would like to receive a bulletin in the mail please call our office at 401-333-5897. Currently we send approximately 130 bulletins to parishioners that are not able to join us in person.

## How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian—that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## In Loving Memory...

Every mass in our community is in memory of deceased members of our community, loved ones, and friends. It is our hope that when we gather for mass, we pray for the soul of the deceased. Although, our mass schedule has been reduced, we have much availability for memorial masses in the coming weeks.

Those interested in offering masses in memory of loved ones should call our office at 401.333.5897.

## Diocesan Events

The Catholic Charity Appeal is underway in our parish. We need your help and support to meet our goal. Because of the pandemic, the diocesan goal was reduced to \$6.8 million for this year. Our parish goal was reduced as well. Your tax-deductible gift to the CCA helps thousands of people in need every year in nursing homes, shelters, and other organizations.



### Healing Mass for the Loss of a Child

The Respect Life Ministry at St. Philip Church, Greenville, will be hosting a Healing Mass for pregnancy and infant loss. We invite parents, grandparents, siblings and family who grieve the loss of children from the causes of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion and early infant death. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Phillip Dufour on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at St Philips, 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI 02828. Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. For more information please contact Ashley Codding at 401.533.3455.

### Mother of Hope Camp Open House!

On May 15th, from 11am - 3pm, there will be an open house at Mother of Hope Camp. Mother of Hope Camp is a Catholic summer camp open to ages 5 –12. Activities include fishing, swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, and much more!

For more information, contact the summer camp director, Michelle Ficocelli at 401-568-3580.



### Doug and Dave Show

The Diocese of Providence is offering a free virtual event, the “Doug and Dave” show for all of our parishioners at St. Aidan—St. Patrick parish available on YouTube. Doug and Dave discuss the theme of mercy and compassion in a fun way. The show can be found on YouTube using this link: <https://youtu.be/QPaaFwN7Kxo>.

The show is very kid friendly, a great family event!

Hope you can check it out!



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**St. Patrick and Mt. Calvary Cemeteries**

Superintendent: John Namaka

**Liturgical Schedule**

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00AM (limited seating), 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday - Friday)

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

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