

# Saint Aidan ☩ Saint Patrick Parish

September 19, 2021



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 18, BVM

4:00 PM - Lisa Kelleher

### Sunday, September 19, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Catechetical Sunday

9:00 AM - Claire and Paul Poirier by daughter and family

11:00 AM - Lisa Kelleher by family

### Monday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM -

### Tuesday, September 21, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 AM - Stanley Kumeiga

### Wednesday, September 22

8:00 AM -

### Thursday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00AM -

### Friday, September 24

8:00AM -

### Saturday, September 25, BVM

8:00AM— Julie Woisard by Robert abd Denise Zollo family

### Sunday, September 26, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time,

9:00 AM - John Mendes (5th anniversary) by Kristen Bradshaw and Claudia Hultgren

11:00 AM - Henry Zabka by family

### Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

**Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

BVM

**Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Blessings and Prayers** for our catechists on this Catechetical Sunday. These teachers dedicate their Sundays during the catechetical year to teaching the future of our parish.

We thank the following individuals for their dedication for this ministry:

*Kristie Velarde  
Margo Brooks  
Janet Lemay  
Kathy Diramo  
Paul D'Ambrosia  
Roger Brooks  
Christine Fitzgerald  
Pamela Degen*

*Jesus, on the road to Emmaus,  
your followers were frightened and alone;  
you had just been put to death on a cross.  
They met a man on the road leading away from Jerusalem  
who told them all about you  
and what your presence among them meant.  
They did not realize that the man  
speaking and walking with them was you,  
raised from the dead.  
When their eyes were opened and they received the gift of  
faith,  
they turned around to spread the word.*

*We ask you to bless all your disciples  
who now work as catechists in our parishes.  
Bless them and give encouragement to their work,  
that it will have an impact upon the world.  
We ask all this in your name, Jesus,  
our companion on the road from Emmaus.*

### Coffee an' is back!

Keep an eye out for the coffee an' offered after the 11am mass on Sunday. A big thank you to the Allen family for organizing this event.



## Pastor's Column

This Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass we will be introducing a new monthly event that will coincide with our parish Faith Formation program: a monthly "Family Mass." As our Religious Education program starts up this weekend we are opening it with this Mass which will be followed by the opening classes for the 2021/2022 program year. Each month, as we move through the liturgical year and school year there will be a Family Mass at the 11:00 Mass. This year, we are seeing an increase in registrations for our Religious Education program. Along with that we are also seeing an increase in baptisms and new families with young children joining the parish. We have all heard the phrase that in Real Estate the main focus is on "location, location, location." Well the same can be said about our parish right now. We are situated in a beautiful part of the state of Rhode Island with nice neighborhoods, plenty of open space, and good schools. In addition to that, we are the parish that is closest to Interstate 295 and the Massachusetts state line. This all makes us a perfect location for young couples and their families. Having quick access to the interstate means that parents who are working in either Massachusetts or Rhode Island have an easy commute into work AND often an easy access to childcare. In most cases, when the parents set off in the morning for work, one of them, either mom or dad has to "drop off the kids" with the best child care provider they know of: also known as grandma and grandpa. As we seek to respond to these young families we all have to be conscious of the call we share to become part of the "Family of God." We recognize that our biological families are changing constantly, children and grandchildren grow up and get married. They have children who also grow in our midst. All of which has an impact on the parish community. As much as we appreciate the history of our parish and the way things were in past, we also have to be constantly aware of how our parish is changing. This is the image of the Church as a people on a pilgrimage. We are all journeying together through time to the eternal reality of the Kingdom of God. Each one of us can play a part in shaping and nurturing this wonderful family we know as St. Aidan-St. Patrick parish.

As part of the family of God, we gather weekly for "the Lord's Supper" as one family. But this is not solely at time for our personal reflection. At Mass, we not only receive the Body of Christ, we also make up the Body of Christ. This applies to our worship and also to our efforts to pass on the faith to our children. Religious Education is not solely having your son or daughter sit in class once a week to learn about God. Religious Education is an experience of being part of the Family of God. This places the responsibility on all of us in recognizing that all adults in the parish are called to be examples of what it means to live out our faith.

Another dimension we must consider is to recognize the challenges that parents face in today's world. Here in the northeastern part of the United States we live within a culture which talks about God less and less. When was the last time you saw a family on television go to church? The practice of one's religion in this world is generally ignored completely by the entertainment industry. Our role as Catholic Christians, regardless of whether or not we have children, is to assist parents in their efforts to instill a sense of faith and prayer in their children. Each one of us share in the responsibility to be examples of faith to each other—even the youngest among us.

We may not all become Religious Education instructors in the parish, but all of us play the role as teachers. It is in our worship, our prayer, as well as our demeanor, and our attitude that all comes together to make the parish a place where children learn of the presence and love of God in Jesus Christ.

### Congratulations and Blessings....

Congratulations and Blessings to the following couples who will be celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries this year...

Paul and Jeanne D'Ambrosia (40 years)  
Rene and Cheryl Bricault (50 years)  
Russell J. and Helene Cantara (53 years)  
Arthur and Katherine Kelley (65 years)

These individuals will be attending the wedding anniversary celebration at the cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday, September 26.



### Priest Retirement Collection

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their 'retirement.' The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. At Masses on September 18 and 19, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit <http://www.srpriestri.com>. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.



### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Do you or anyone you know have questions about the Catholic faith?

Are you or anyone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Were you baptized in the Church but never received your First Communion or Confirmation.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for adults who desire to explore the Catholic faith and to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The goal of the RCIA process is full, conscious, and active participation in the Catholic way of life. RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, and get to know the faith community in preparation for making the conscious choice to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

For more information, contact Moira McCarty, our pastoral coordinator, at [office@aidan-patrick.org](mailto:office@aidan-patrick.org) or at 401-333-5897.

### **Faith Formation Corner**

Registration for Faith Formation is now open for the 2021-2022 year. For sign ups, please go to our website: <https://www.staidan-patrick.org/>

Our first day will be September 19th, from 12:15pm—1:15pm.

We are looking for catechists to assist us in the upcoming year as substitutes. If you are interested, please contact the office at [office@aidan-patrick.org](mailto:office@aidan-patrick.org).



## Parish Updates....

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help in our many ministries: money counters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers. Anyone interested should contact the office at [office@aidan-patrick.org](mailto:office@aidan-patrick.org) or 401.333.5897.

### Office Closed

On Monday, September 26 the office will be closed from 8:00am—1:00PM.



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### Clergy

Rev. Msgr. Jacques L. Plante, *Pastor*  
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Rev. Donald L. Depatie, *St. Aidan Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Lawrence E. Toole, *St. Patrick Pastor Emeritus*

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### St. Patrick and Mt. Calvary Cemeteries

Superintendent: John Namaka  
[maintenance@aidan-patrick.org](mailto:maintenance@aidan-patrick.org)

### Liturgical Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM , 11:00 AM  
Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday - Friday)  
Holy Days: 8:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Vigil)



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