

The Parish of
St. Christopher

BALDWIN, NEW YORK

August 11, 2024
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WWW.STCHRISBALDWIN.ORG

MISSION STATEMENT

"We the People of St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church, united by faith in one God and Father, nourished by Jesus Christ through the Word and the Eucharist, and anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit, strive to meet the spiritual needs of our parish family and the local community as we journey in faith together through prayer, faith formation, evangelization, stewardship, and fellowship."

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Weekdays: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM (M-F)
9:00 AM (Saturdays)

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM

Holy Day - 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday: CLOSED

15 Pershing Blvd Baldwin, NY 11510

516-223-0723

bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org



Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Adoration

Monday - Friday 7:30-9:00 AM & 2:00-10:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Sunday 8:15 - 9:00 AM

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Rosary

Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass

The Parish

CLERGY

Rev. Johnny R. Mendonça, *Pastor*

Rev. Ryan Joseph, *Assistant Parish Priest*

Rev. Anthony Kannampuzha, *Priest-in-Residence*

Deacon Ralph Muscente

Deacon Paul Cavanagh

PARISH COUNCIL

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Ms. Ana Arevalo

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Mrs. Mary Beer, *Parish Receptionist*

Ms. Dimitra Vrosgou, *Organist*

Mr. Jack Sullivan, *Director of Faith Formation*

Ms. Sabrina Chan, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Mr. Julius Cespedes, *Parish Social Ministry Coordinator*

Mr. John Kornobis, *Parish Bookkeeper*

Ms. Louise Kiesling, *Baptism Coordinator*

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mrs. Gail Milne

Mr. Matthew Davis

*The Office Will Be Closed Thursday,
August 15th for the Feast of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Please Pray For

Mass Intentions

The Deceased

Please Pray for all Parishioners born into eternal life. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

John Thomas Peters
Angela Danielson
James Francis Lee

Luis Reyes
Robert Perras

The Sick

Zachary Chan
Jeanette C. Larsen
Maureen Carl
Baby Fiona Keogh
Baby Alana Jackson
Helen De Palma
Rose Vrabel
Alexandra Vrabel
Baby Thomas Gerard

Fr. Robert Holz
Virginia McWalters
Anne Hartvig
Jeannie Clarke
Joseph Marrin
Patricia Beitler
Joanne Giretti
Margaret Healy
Mercedes Murray



Names of the Sick for the bulletin will remain for three weeks unless the Rectory is notified for an extension.

*Please send all requests to
bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org.*

Prayer for Our Troops

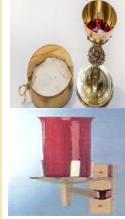
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace.

I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen

SFC Ralph Pereira
Nick Duran
Rosy Duran
Captain Alexander LeClaire
2nd Lieutenant Jacob Neumann

Lieutenant Margaret Mary Oriani
Anthony Pascucci USMC
Brian Feeney, Navy
Kaitlyn O'Connor

*Kindly only submit the names of deployed troops and the duration of deployment to the bulletin for prayer to
bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org.*



Week of August 11th,
The 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Bread & Wine

Altar Flowers

Monday

7:00AM

9:00AM

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Tuesday

7:00AM

9:00AM

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Wednesday

7:00AM

9:00AM

7:00PM

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Thursday *The Assumption*

7:00AM

9:00AM

12:00 Noon

7:00PM

-

Friday

7:00AM

9:00AM

-

Saturday

9:00AM

5:00PM

August 12th

Grace Lepore

Rev. Francky Desir—Liv Int

August 13th

Dave Willis

Joanne Fantozzi—Liv Int

August 14th

Richard Baldassano—Liv Int

Fr. Jacques Percy

Agnes Verna Thanksgiving Int

August 15th

Lawrence J. O'Donnell

Mary Terney—Liv Int

Emmie—Liv Int

Louis and Mary Mendonca

August 16th

Kevin Madden

Marie Paul Chery Birthday Int

August 17th

Marion Musante

Nohelia Rios

Veronica Hornby

Margaret Healy—Liv Int

Robert Charles Perras

Sunday *Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

5:00PM

August 18th

Marlene Carmen Mathieu

Msgr. Daniel Picciano

For the People of the Parish

Thanksgiving for Noble Henry

The Sacraments

Los Sacramentos



Baptism/Bautismos

Pre-registration is required two months before Baptism for the preparation class and the actual date of Baptism. The required Baptismal Preparation class is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30AM Mass in the Church and class to follow in the Buckley Room in Lawlor Hall. Baptisms happen the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 1pm and the second and third Saturdays at 1pm. Please call the Rectory for more information.

La matriculación para las Clases Pre-bautismales es un requerimiento, con dos meses de antelación a la fecha del bautismo. Estas clases se ofrecen en la parroquia. Le podemos compartir el horario y la ubicación a través de una llamada a la oficina. Los bautismos se llevan a cabo los domingos segundos, terceros y cuartos de cada mes, a la 1pm, y los sábados segundos y terceros de cada mes, a la 1pm. Para matricularse para las Clases Pre-bautismales, por favor llame a la oficina al (516) 223-0723.



Reconciliation/Confesión

Every Saturday from 4PM to 4:45PM in the Church. At other times, please feel free and most welcome to make an appointment with one of the priests by calling the Rectory.

Cada Sábado a la 4PM hasta 4:45PM en la iglesia. Siéntase libre en llamar a la rectoría para hacer una cita en caso de que necesite confesarse a otra hora.



Anointing and Communion for the Sick/Comunión para los Enfermos

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers assist the priests in this ministry. Please call the Rectory.

Si no puede asistir a la Misa por enfermedad, puede solicitar que alguien le lleve la Eucaristía a su casa. Por favor llame a la oficina.



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)/(Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

This is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their Sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information on how to join, please contact the Rectory.

Este es el proceso para adultos interesados en convertirse a la fe católica, para aquellos que desean completar los sacramentos de iniciación, y para todo aquel que desea formar parte de la Iglesia Católica. Para más información llame la oficina.



Matrimony/Matrimonio

An appointment should be made to meet with one of our priests or deacons at least nine months before an anticipated wedding date to begin preparations. Either the bride, groom, or the immediate family must be a resident parishioner. Please call the Rectory to set up an appointment and for more information.

Se debe hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes con al menos nueve meses de antelación de la fecha de la boda. Por lo menos la novia, el novio, o alguien cercano a la familia debe ser un feligres de la parroquia. Para más información llame a la oficina.



Banns of Marriage

Third Bann

Stephanie Tineo—Eric Zorilla
*Our Lady of Sorrows, Corona, NY—
San Elías Profeta, Santo Domingo*

“Love is patient, love is kind ... Love never fails”



My dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This week we celebrate the Assumption of Blessed Mother into heaven. It is a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation. So please make it a point to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist on this special day. The Church invites us to rejoice and celebrate and look forward to.... One of God's creatures – Mary – who is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God's creatures, will one day be there. Mary's destiny, united to the transfigured and glorious body of Jesus, is, therefore, the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was already being celebrated on 15 August in the 5th century. It bore the sense of Our Lady's "Birth into heaven", or in the Byzantine tradition, her "Dormition". The feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 7th century. It was not until 1 November 1950, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary's assumption body and soul into heaven. In the Apostles' Creed, we profess our faith in the "Resurrection of the body" and in "life everlasting". This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey.

Proclamation of the Dogma:

"For which reason, after we have poured forth prayers of supplication again and again to God, and have invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth, for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" (Pius XII; *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1 November 1950).

Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, is the Morningstar that guides us, she went there first. As the Council teaches, Mary shines "as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth" (*Lumen gentium*, 68).

Blessed Virgin Mary never forgets she is the handmaid of the Lord, just as she does not forget the many blessings and goodness of the love of God, who has turned his gaze upon her and all his mercy poured out upon humanity. Now we, His children and his faithful, although we are sinners, commend ourselves full of trust to this Mother of ours, filled with care and tenderness. Let us ask her to purify us, to free us from every evil, starting with sin in its various forms. We are pilgrims on this earth, here below, where it is our vocation to journey on towards Heaven, where she is in body and soul into heavenly glory..

Blessed Assumption of the Virgin Mary to you all.

Fr. Johnny Mendonca

Liturgy

The Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.



We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

Next Sunday’s Readings

Readings for the weekend of
August 18th – Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B

Prv 9:1-6
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58



Mass Ordinaries

Holy	#365
Mystery of Faith	#366
Great Amen	#367
Agnus Dei	#311

Religious Education

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUGUST 30, 2024

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024-2025

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR.

WE WILL BE PROVIDING IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.

Please send your registration forms in as soon as possible. No registration will be processed until all requirements have been met. As always, if there is a financial difficulty, please call the office at 516-223-5813.

ACCESS TO REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OR CAN BE RETRIEVE FROM THE WEBSITE :

<https://stchrisbaldwin.org/religious-education-registration/>

RETURNING STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE:

RE-REGISTRATION FORM

AND

PARENT AGREEMENT

FIRST GRADE OR CHILDREN NEW TO PROGRAM

COMPLETE AND SIGN PAGES 1-2 OF THE NEW TO PROGRAM REGISTRATION

NEW TO PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

AND

PARENT AGREEMENT

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUBMIT FOR NEW TO PROGRAM REGISTRATION:

- 1. A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE (UNLESS BAPTIZED AT ST. CHRISTOPHER).**
- 2. LETTER OF TRANSFER:**
(INDICATING GRADE LEVEL OR PRIOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CATHOLIC SCHOOL).

Religious Education

Calling for Catechists!

If you would like to be a catechist or a support staff member for this upcoming school year, please send an e-mail to Jack Sullivan at jsullivan@stchrisbaldwin.org or call the Faith Formation Office at (516) 223-5813.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - A CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Class Times:

Tuesday 4:00PM - 5:10PM ☐ 6:20PM - 7:30PM ☐ 7:00PM - 8:15PM ☐

Wednesday 4:00pm - 5:10PM ☐ 7:00 - 8:15PM ☐

Catechist/Substitute ☐ Special Needs ☐ Security ☐ Hall Monitor ☐

Stewardship

Weekly Numbers: "What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given to me?"

AUGUST 4th Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
2024	\$ 19,169	\$ 16,188	\$ 2,981
2023	\$ 13,288	\$ 12,259	\$ 978
+/-	\$ 5,881		

Ministry Appeal - 2024

Goal - \$95,000.00

# of Gifts	143
Pledged	\$ 60,240.00
Paid	\$ 52,848.00
Average gift	\$ 442

53% of Goal

Stewardship Prayer

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

I come to You in thanksgiving knowing that all that I am and all that I have are gifts from You. Teach me to be generous with these gifts that You have given to me.

I know that You want me to accept these gifts, cultivate them, and return them with increase, and that I may do that only through You. Help me to be Your faithful, evangelizing steward.

Keep me mindful that, as Your disciple, I am called through the Holy Spirit to be an instrument of dramatic missionary growth, radically faithful to participation in the Sunday Mass, deeply devoted to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and courageous in living the truths of our Faith and sharing the "Good News" with the world.

Make us One Family in Mission so that, through our time and talent, we may ignite our Church with the joy of the Gospel. **Amen.**

Taken from: Stewardship Office, Diocese of Rockville Centre



Thank you to our donors for supporting our 2023 Ministry Appeal campaign!

For 2024 the St. Christopher's Parish Catholic Ministries Goal is \$95,000. Many thanks to the 122 families who have made pledges for the 2024 year. Please remember that YOUR participation is paramount to this endeavor. We have over 3,000 registered families at St Chris, if we could all participate, at any level, imagine the difference we'll make in the work of the Catholic Church here on Long Island



BEWARE GIFT CARD SCAM

If you receive an email or text message from Fr. Johnny, or any other staff member of St. Christopher's Church requesting a purchase of gift cards or donations, delete it immediately, block the sender's phone number or email address and notify the rectory office as soon as possible. This is a common scam and is not from St. Christopher's. **Please do not reply to the message nor purchase any gift cards prior to calling the office.**

Next Week's Collection

2024
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Every year through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood.

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities Programs serve people in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling and care. And most importantly, it lets those we serve know that God loves them and is with them during the difficult times in their lives.

Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible!

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Parish: _____

Name: _____

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Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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Ministry News

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Festivals

Sports

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Arts & Crafts

Music

Food

International Pilgrimages



Men's Group

Come share and reflect on
Scripture amongst like
minded Catholic Men.
Our meetings are held
Thursday
at 7:30PM
In Buckley Hall



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and connection!



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Para información
llame a:

Ana Arevalo 516-395-6245
Isidoro Ruíz 516-410-1402



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

- ◇ CANNED CHICKEN
- ◇ MAC & CHEESE
- ◇ CANNED VEGGIES
- ◇ CANNED WHITE POTATO
- ◇ PASTA
- ◇ KETCHUP
- ◇ CRACKERS
- ◇ CEREAL
- ◇ TISSUE PRODUCTS
- ◇ TUNE
- ◇ OATMEAL
- ◇ DIAPERS 1-6

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
CONTINUOUS SUPPORT IN HELPING US TO
PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN NEED!
GOD BLESS YOU ALL



PLEASE **DO NOT** LEAVE
PERISHABLE ITEMS
FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN
TUESDAYS 2:30-4:00PM

PLEASE **DO NOT** LEAVE
CLOTHING ITEMS
BY THE FOOD PANTRY
DROP THEM IN THE ST. VINCENTS
BINS IN THE PARKING LOT



If you know of any member of the Parish who is homebound and who would like to receive visitors, please contact the Parish Office at 516-223-0723 and share the name and contact information with the staff, identifying it as a person for the Ministry for the Homebound. If you would like to be part of this Ministry please give you name and contact number to the Parish Office and Paul Cavanagh will be in touch with you.

Events

Here is the corrected contact information to register a complaint to the International Olympic Committee:

By telephone: 011-41-21 621 61 11

By e-mail: pressoffice@olympic.org

By snail mail: Maison Olympique,
1007 Lausanne, Switzerland.

Let our voices be heard! May we never fail to defend God and our faith, and always pray for the conversion of misguided souls.



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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S Bereavement Group



Started Tuesday July 9th

6:30 - 8:00 PM

in McGoldrick Hall

We invite all those who have lost a loved one to join us for a six week program, every Tuesday, designed to help you in your grief journey.

Please contact Anne Filippelli (516-395-6005) for more information

Events

For the first time, St. Christopher's Parish will be presenting



“ATTIC TREASURES IN THE FALL”

This year, our usual Attic Treasures Thrift Shop at the Parish Feast in July has been moved to it's own event in the month of October. Dates will be announced in the near future but, this is your opportunity to begin gathering any household items that you are discarding or replacing during your Fall cleanup at home and donate them to our event.

We kindly request that the following items NOT be donated:

- + Clothing and shoes**
- + Books**
- + Mattresses**
- + Furniture**
- + Bedding (includes comforters, sheets, pillows)**

Dates for dropping off items will be announced in the coming weeks. Please do not leave any donations before the dates are released.

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