

The Parish of *St. Christopher*

BALDWIN, NEW YORK

*Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;
then you will see clearly
to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.*

March 2, 2025
Eighth 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 - Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

15 Pershing Blvd Baldwin, NY 11510
516-223-0723

bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org
www.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

Mrs. Laura Aldorasi

Mr. Joseph Fragola

Deacon Paul Cavanagh

Mrs. Barbara Tynan

Ms. Maria Christ

Alex and Amy de la Teja

Mr. Patrick Timmes

Ms. Natasha Louissaint

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mrs. Gail Milne

Mr. Matthew Davis

PARISH STAFF

Ms. Maria Christ, *Office Manager/DIR. Youth Ministry*

Mrs. Maureen Brady, *Receptionist*

Mrs. Mary Beer, *Receptionist*

Mr. Jack Sullivan, *Director of Faith Formation*

Ms. Sabrina Chan, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Ms. Dimitra Vrosgou, *Co-music Director/Main Organist*

Ms. Annalisa Emmett, *Co-music Director/Main Cantor*

Mr. Julius Cespedes, *Social Ministry Coordinator*

Mr. John Kornobis, *Bookkeeper*

Mr. Roy Vessey, *Maintenance Manager*

Mrs. Louise Kiesling, *Baptism Coordinator*



Please Pray For

Mass Intentions

The Deceased

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

Eileen A. Sherrick

The Sick

Zachary Chan	Patricia Beitler
Maureen Carl	Joanne Giretti
Baby Alana Jackson	Margaret Healy
Rose Vrabel	Mercedes Murray
Alexandra Vrabel	Fr. Brian McQuade
Baby Thomas Gerard	Neiko Pagaling
Fr. Robert Holz	Baby Jack Norris
Virginia McWalters	Siobhan Lahiff
Anne Hartvig	Tara Raimondo
Jeannie Clarke	John Sandrowicz
Joseph Marrin	



Names of the Sick for the bulletin will remain for three weeks unless the Rector 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
Lt. Jacob Neumann

Lt. 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 March 2nd,
The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Bread & Wine

Monday

7:00AM

9:00AM

Tuesday

7:00AM

9:00AM

Wednesday *Ash Wednesday*

7:00AM

9:00AM

12:00PM

4:00PM

7:00PM

Thursday

7:00AM

9:00AM

7:00PM Chapel

Friday

7:00AM

9:00AM

7:00PM Chapel

Saturday

9:00AM

5:00PM

Sunday *First Sunday of Lent*

7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

5:00PM

7:00PM *Spanish Mass*

March 3rd

Bob, Martha, Matt & Paul Thompson

Joanne Fantozzi—Liv Int

March 4th

Anita & Richard Murphy

Irene Sackaris

March 5th

Reverend Michael Reid

Cathy Hammill—Liv Int

Isabel & Osmundo Cajigal,

Lucesia & Asciong Nanez

Lidjia Lee Romero

Andrew Castiglione

March 6th

Megan, Stephen, Peter and Liam Collins

Michael F. Fox

Barbara Margulis

March 7th

Anna Batyr

All priests living and deceased

Manfred Christian Emhart Vuletich

March 8th

Armando Muller

Wilson & Emilia Napolitano & Family

Joseph Cotroneo

Margaret Healy—Liv Int

Joan Sosa

Nicholas Z—Liv Int

March 9th

Christine and Peter Clancy—Liv Int

Justine, Jonathan & Zachary Chan—Liv Int

Debbie Bocchino

Eutemia Diaz

People of the Parish

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.



O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)/(Orden 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



*“Love is patient, love is kind ...
Love never fails”
1 Cor . 4a, 8a*



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week on Ash Wednesday we begin our Spiritual journey, by entering into the Desert with Jesus Christ, we find the way, through the Hill of Calvary and the empty tomb, to real freedom. The purpose of this season is twofold; to be freed from sin and disordered affections in order to be freed for a New Way of living. Lent, for those willing to receive it, is meant to be a gift to each of us as individuals. A time for reflection, repentance and contemplation, geared toward conversion.

However, it is also a communal calling. By embracing its practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving voluntarily, we are joined to billions of other Christians in every Nation on the earth, in a bond of solidarity which bears witness to the truth of the Gospel. This witness is crucial in a world embracing its own forms of self imposed slavery and desperately in need of the freedom which Jesus Christ alone can bring.

At the Ash Wednesday Mass or service, the Priest, the Deacon or the minister as imposing Ashes onto the penitent's forehead says; "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust and to dust you will return". Another form of the admonition is even more simple, "repent and believe the Good news". Those ashes being rubbed into your head have been long associated with repentance, or turning away from wrongdoing. They serve as a sign of our sincere sorrow for offending God and our new commitment to living a lifestyle of repentance and conversion. Being marked with those ashes begins our Lenten observances, practices and disciplines.

It is not surprising that our Lenten journey is evolved into a period of 40 days in length. There are numerous biblical events that also involved 40 days. Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving instructions from God for that number of days - Ex 24:18; Noah and his people were on the Ark waiting for the rains to end for 40 days and 40 nights Gn 7:4; and Elijah "walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb" - 1 Kgs 19:8. However, the 40 days of lent, is mostly because it identifies with the time our Lord Jesus spent in the desert fasting, praying and being tempted by the devil - Mt 4:1-11. "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" - Catechism, No. 540.

The Church has long used ashes as an outward sign of grief, a mark of humility, mourning, penance and morality. The Old Testament is filled with stories describing the use of ashes in such a manner. In the Book of Job, Job repented before God: "Therefore, I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes" - 42:6. Daniel "turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes." Dn 9:3. Jonah preached conversion and repentance to the people of Nineveh: "When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes" - Jon 3:6. And the Maccabees army prepared for battle: "That day they fasted and wore sackcloth; they sprinkled ashes on their heads and tore their garments" 1 Mc 3:47.

So when we go to Mass on Ash Wednesday and receive the blessed ashes on our forehead, we are repeating that humble and pious act that Catholics have been undergoing for over years, following the biblical examples. As "The Liturgical Year -" by Abbot Gueranger, O.S.B, states: "We are entering, today, upon a long campaign of the warfare spoke of by the apostles: forty days of battle, forty days of penance. We shall not turn cowards, if our souls can but be impressed with the conviction that the battle and the penance must be gone through. Let us listen to the eloquence of the solemn rite which opens our Lent. Let us go where our Holy mother Church leads us, that is, to the scene of the fall."

During these forty days the Lord Jesus Christ Himself invites us to walk with Him on the Way of the Cross. This simple but solemn Ash Wednesday service is an invitation every year to all who have the spiritual eyes to see its opportunity and open hearts to receive its invitation. Like all gifts, it is up to us to accept it and open its potential through our response, our free choice, to follow the way.

A BLESSED LENT TO ALL, GOD BLESS.

Fr. Johnny Mendonca

Liturgy

Ash Wednesday

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told *"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."*

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.



The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of March 9th
The First Sunday of Lent
Year C

Dt 26:4-10
Ps 91
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13



Mass Ordinaries

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

Stewardship

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

FEBRUARY 23rd Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
2025	\$ 20,209	\$ 16,922	\$ 3,287
2024	\$ 14,168	\$ 13,295	\$ 873
+/-	\$ 6,041		

Ministry Appeal - 2025

Goal - \$117,400.00

# of Gifts	15
Pledged	\$ 8,685.00
Paid	\$ 7,685.00
Average gift	\$ 579.00

7.40% 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 2025 Ministry Appeal campaign!

For 2025 the St. Christopher's Parish Catholic Ministries Goal is \$117,400. Many thanks to the families who are pledging for the 2025 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

2025
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
A P P E A L
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



HELP US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Pledge \$ _____

Down Payment \$ _____

Balance \$ _____

Ministry News

Nocturnal Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore our Lord
in the Blessed Sacrament

-VERBAL PRAYER-

EVERY FIRST

FRIDAY

OF THE

MONTH

8:00PM TO

9:00PM



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



JOIN ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Young Adult Ministry



EVERY THURS @ 7:30 PM

St. Christopher Parish Church

11 Gale Ave, Baldwin NY 11510 516-223-5813

Connect with
other young adults (21+)
and experience
worship, community,
and connection!



Stay connected with us
through our Facebook and
Instagram !



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.

"For I was ill and you cared for me" Matthew 25:36

Grupo de Oración Renovación Carismática

Sábados a las 7:15PM
en Lawlor Hall

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
- ◇ PASTA
- ◇ PASTA SAUCE
- ◇ CANNED BEANS (HISPANIC)
- ◇ CEREAL
- ◇ TISSUE PRODUCTS
- ◇ SOUP
- ◇ 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

THE LAY CARMELITES

The Lay Carmelites of St. Christopher's in Baldwin invite you to consider a deeper commitment to your baptismal promises by becoming a member of the worldwide family of Carmel. We strive to live Carmelite spirituality after the examples of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Prophet Elijah, and the saints of Carmel. Do you desire growth in spiritual formation? Are you called to share your journey with others of like mind and heart in Community? For more information about the Lay Carmelites of the Province of St. Elias, see the provincial website at www.laycarmelite.com.

*If interested, call Andrea Waldron TOC, Director
516-965-0970.*



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Miércoles de Ceniza

Liturgy Schedule

Masses: Wednesday, March 5th

7:00AM

9:00AM

12:00PM

4:00PM

7:00PM



7:30PM En Español (McGoldrick Hall)

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00PM in the Chapel
every Monday—Thursday in Lent

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Church

Stations in English: 7:00PM

Mass at 7:30PM

**El Via Crucis en Español será todos los
Viernes en la Iglesia: 8:00PM**

Flocknote



St. Christopher's is on Flocknote!

We have a tremendous community here at St. Christopher's. And we want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and connected to it all. So, we've adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from St. Christopher's Parish. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner.

TEXT STCNOTE TO 84576 TO SIGN UP

Tenemos una gran comunidad aqui en St. Christopher's. Y queremos asegurarnos de que a cada uno de ustedes le resulte lo más fácil posible participar y estar conectado a todo ello. Así que hemos adoptado una nueva y mejorada forma de comunicarnos que hará mucho más sencillo para usted obtener la información que desea de nosotros. Se trata de un servicio llamado Flocknote. En el sentido que es como enviar una "nota" a su "rebaño". Flocknote. Todo esto es totalmente gratuito, ni siquiera tienes que descargar nada ni crear una contraseña para participar. Sólo necesitas un par de minutos para registrarte y recibirás mensajes de correo electrónico o de texto de la iglesia. Incluso te permite responder directamente a esos mensajes para que podamos obtener más información sobre ustedes y ponernos en contacto de una manera eficiente.

ENVIE STCNOTE AL 84576 PARA REGISTRARSE

Faith Formation

Children of Faith Formation at the burning of the palms service on Tuesday, February 25th and Wednesday, February 26th in preparation for Ash Wednesday.



Remember, man, that thou art dust, and into dust thou shalt return

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Q & A

Q. I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than one full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Q. Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

(From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: www.usccb.org)

Events



Rosary Altar Society's next meeting will take place on Saturday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. in McGoldrick Hall. If there is snow, I will contact you to cancel. All new members are welcome. Any questions please contact Libby McGarry at rosaryaltarsociety@yahoo.com

Statement of 2024 Donations Request ***(TAX purposes)***

In order to receive a statement of your 2024's donations to St. Christopher's parish for TAX purposes, please fill out **ALL** the information below and leave this slip at the Parish Office, Sacristy, or collection baskets. Thank you!

Para recibir el estado de cuenta de sus donaciones del 2024 a la Parroquia de San Cristóbal para fines de impuestos, por favor, complete TODA la información abajo solicitada y deje este formulario en la Oficina Parroquial, la Sacristía o en las canastas de colectas. ¡Gracias!

Envelope # (número de sobre) _____

Name (Nombre): _____

Address (Dirección): _____

Please note that your **envelope number is very important** for us to find you in our system. Questions? Call the Parish office at (516) 223-0723

Su número de sobre es **muy importante** para que podamos encontrarlo en nuestro sistema. ¿Preguntas? Llame a la oficina parroquial al (516) 223-0723

Events



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

Daniel J. Bradley Council #3102, St. Christopher's Church, Baldwin

ENTER TO WIN THE PIETA STATUE

Look for display in rear of Church



Statue is Made in Italy of Carrara marble, with resin base. 7 ½"W x 5 ½"D x 8"H
All Proceeds will help support the Knights of Columbus, Daniel J. Bradley, Student Awards Program.
Awards are given each year to graduating students of St. Christopher's Parish.
There is also a parish service award. Awards total \$1,000 each year.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Tickets can be purchased by using the tear off below and mailing to the address listed or drop off at:
Drop in the collection basket / Drop at Parish Office on Pershing Blvd. Drawing to be held Holy Week.

For more information contact *Mike Brady* (516) 851-7318 or bradymomike@optonline.net

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ No. of Tickets _____ Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Bradley Council.**

Mail to:

Knights of Columbus, DJB Council – St. Christopher's Parish
15 Pershing Blvd., Baldwin, NY 11510

May also: Drop in collection basket or drop at Parish Office

Jubilee 2025



Holy Doors

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part in the Jubilee experience, the other Roman Basilicas also opened their own holy doors.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. The door is a passageway that ushers the pilgrim into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behavior and dress code, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace which awaits every pilgrim, the Church is essentially the place of the community of the faithful.

In Rome, this experience takes on a special significance because of the special links between the Eternal City and Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles who founded the Christian community in Rome and whose teachings and example are models for the universal Church. The tombs of Saints Peter and Paul are located in Rome, they were martyred here; and together with the catacombs, these sacred sites are places of continuous spiritual inspiration.

Youth Ministry

STAR OF THE SEA JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

"Behold your mother" Jn 19:27

**Next meeting: Friday March 14th
6-8pm**

In the Former School Library

Open to 6, 7 & 8 graders

Join Us For

- Games, Fun, Bible Study**
- Food, Fellowship**
- Eucharistic Adoration**



MORNING STAR YOUTH MINISTRY

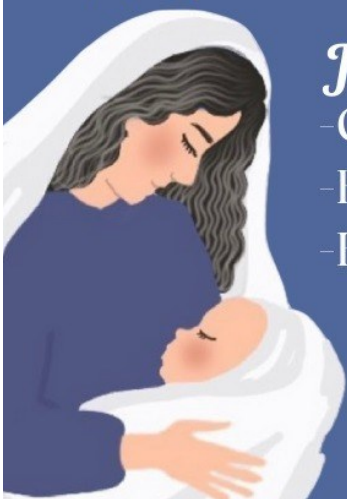
"Behold your mother" Jn 19:27

Join Us For

- Games, -Bible Study**
- Food, -Fellowship**
- Eucharistic Adoration**

Questions?

**Contact Maria at 917-324-3630
or the Church Office @ 516-223-0723**



**Saturdays 6-9pm
In the Former Library
Open to Ages 16-19**

Events

Easter Sale

"SPRING INTO HOPE"

SATURDAY 26 APRIL 7:00 PM
2025

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION
OF CHRIST
AND THE SPRING SEASON!

Admission Tickets \$100

FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLES • DJ

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