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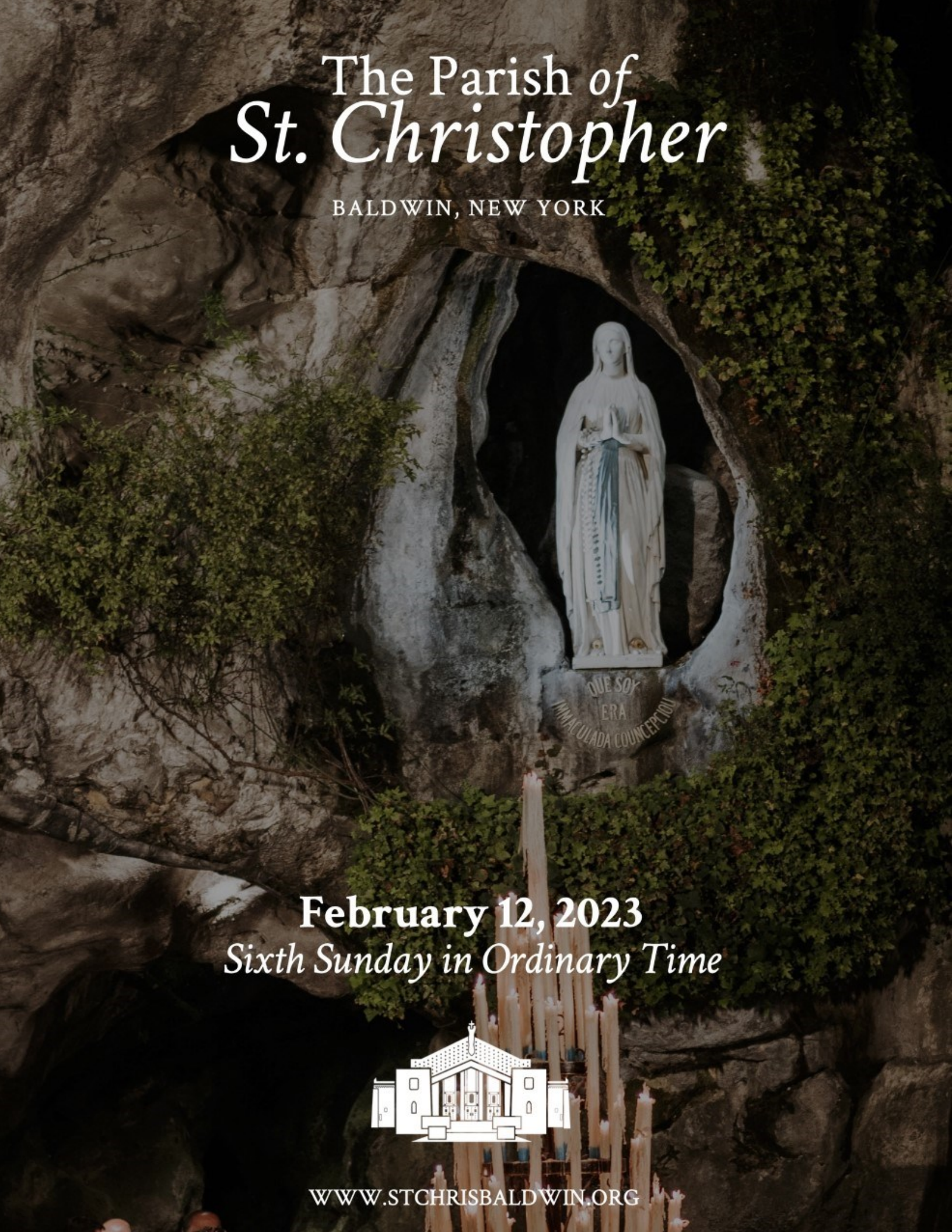

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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: 5:00PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM,
11:30AM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM (Spanish)
Weekdays: 7:00AM & 9:00AM (M-F)
9:00AM (Saturdays)
Holy Days: Check bulletin or website

PARISH INFORMATION

Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9 - 4pm
Saturday & Sunday 9 - 1pm
Rectory Phone: 516-223-0723
Rectory Fax: 516-867-5678
Email: bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org
Website: www.stchrisbaldwin.org

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Adoration
Mon - Fri 7:30-9am & 2-10pm
Saturday 8am-9am
Rosary
Monday - Saturday after the 9am Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday after the 9am Mass

The Parish

CLERGY

Rev. Johnny R. Mendonca, *Pastor*

Rev. Emmanuel Mensa, *Parish Priest*

Rev. Cornelius Dery, *In Residence*

Deacon Ralph Muscente

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Please Pray For

The Deceased

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

Genevieve Orlando

The Sick

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Rose Vrabel
Baby Emma
Zachary Chan
Ben Crescimanno
Kenneth Tynan
Virginia McWalters
Nicole Libman
Noreen Schneider
Paul Fitzpatrick
Grace & Ginger Rohfling
Jeanette C. Larsen

Sick Names 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

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

Mass Intentions

Week of February 12th, 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday		**February 13th**
7:00AM		Andrew Saucci
9:00AM		Hasina Fazil
Tuesday	St.Cyril	**February 14th**
7:00AM		Alice Gelardi - *Liv Int*
9:00AM		Dominick Fantozzi
Wednesday		**February 15th**
7:00AM		Pope Francis
9:00AM		Gladys Celestin
Thursday		**February 16th**
7:00AM		Tom Florio
9:00AM		Carol Rudan
Friday		**February 17th**
7:00AM		George Hagerty
9:00AM		James Riecker
Saturday		**February 18th**
9:00AM		Christopher Brozuski
5:00PM		Joseph May
		Jeanette C. Larsen-*Liv Int*
Sunday		**February 19th**
7:30AM		Leon & Patrocinio Nanez
9:30AM		Mary Malloy
11:30AM		Reese Blaeser
5:00PM		People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp

Bread & Wine

Memory of Sr. Corinne Kelly

Altar Candles

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 McGoldrick 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, teceros y cuartos de cada mes, a la 1pm, y los sábados segundos y teceros de cada mes, a la 1pm. Para matricularse para las Clases Pre-bautismales, por favor llame a la oficina al 516-223-5813.

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 feligrese de la parroqia. Para más información llame a la oficina.

Banns of Marriage

First Time

Joseph Cannova – Courtney Dubin
St. Christopher's - St. Christopher's

Second Time

Daniel Villandre – Virginia Conforti
St. Thomas the Apostle–St Raymond's

"Love is patient, love is kind ... Love never fails" 1 Cor . 4a, 8a

Stewardship

Weekly Numbers:

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

Feb. 5 - Sunday Collections

2023	$14,497
2022	$18,389
+/-	$(3,892)

2023 Special Collections - to date

Winter Help	$1,295

Ministry Appeal - 2022
Goal - $100,000.00

# of Gifts	230
Pledged	$77,450.00
Paid	&76,215.00
Average gift	$336.74

77.45% of Goal

Thank you for your generous support in keeping our Parish warm and cared for in the past cold months.

REMINDERS:

When putting a loose check in the collection basket, be sure to write your envelope number on it. When using an envelope, include your amount on your envelope.

Please do not use staples or tape, simply use the flap to close the envelope.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Tax Statements for 2022

We are currently sending out the 2022 Tax statements; we ask for your patience as we process the requests.

Once again, thank you to all of our parishioners for your generosity to St. Christopher's!

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

600 CLUB

NOVEMBER 2022 WINNERS

$600	#343	Janet Bryk
$100	#315	Michelle Ferreira
$100	#58	Shaune M. Ferreira
$50	#192	Charles McCarthy
$50	#41	Leo McGinity
$50	#27	Andrew Rogers
$50	#83	Rose Natalie Bourgeios

DECEMBER 2022 WINNERS

$600	#357	Catherine Mueller
$100	#176	Ralph Muscente
$100	#67	Arlene Ustica
$100	#298	MC
$50	#508	Greg & Linda Failla
$50	#395	Christine Hirshfeld
$50	#59	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan

Liturgy

Saint Valentine— February 14th

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became raged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February.

St. Valentine - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of February 19th - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, #1127

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18/79
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10,12-13
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5: 38-48

Mass Ordinaries

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

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Many Blessings to you and your families, as we continue our journey of Ordinary time, and slowly prepare for upcoming season of Lent. I would like to share with you some information.

Change of residence for Fr Cornelius Dery: Fr. Cornelius has been residing here at St. Christopher's while full time chaplain at Mercy hospital, he will now have his residence at St. Catherine's in Franklin Square. We thank Fr. Cornelius for all his help while residing here at St. Christopher's and we assure him of our Prayers as he continues his ministry here on Long Island.

Change of Status for Fr. Emmanuel Mensah: Fr. Emmanuel was also a resident while a full time chaplain at South Nassau hospital. However, after his illness, he is unable to go back to hospital ministry. Fr. Emmanuel is presently assigned as an assistant Priest here at St. Christopher's. We are happy to welcome him back and continue to pray for his good health and that God keep Fr. Emmanuel in His care.

Starting regular Youth Ministry Nights for all Teens:

From Saturday, February 25th, our ministry for young people, will begin regular Youth meetings with all teens – high schoolers and those in first year of college. The purpose of this regular gatherings is to bring all young people to socialize and do fun things together. To Pray, to reflect and discuss with the Word of God, to plan outings and trips.

Please may I invite all parents and adults of the Parish to support and encourage teens from your families and those you know around your neighborhood to join and participate, also please keep this important ministry in your Prayer.

Open House Meeting for ALL: My dear Parishioners as your Pastor I invite you to a meeting open for all to share and discuss plans for this year. I request you to come and join your fellow parishioners and make a difference in the growth and building of our Parish community. PLEASE MAKE TIME.

On: Thursday, February 16th

At: 7.30 PM

At: McGoldrick Hall (lower Church)

Old Palms: Continue to bring and deposit all old palm branches at the Church entrances, all these branches will be used to make ashes. On Sunday, February 19th after the 11.30 am Mass, we will have the burning of all old palms in front of the Parish garage to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Peace and Blessings.

Fr. Johnny

Parish Social Ministry

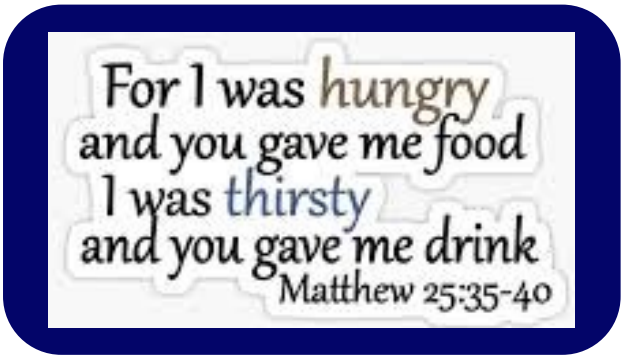
We Continue Our Winter Drive Collection Of New Coats, Hats, Gloves And Boots.

All Donations are greatly appreciated!

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Cereal
- Bar soap
- Coffee & Tea
- Chef Boyardee
- Chicken Noodle Soup

Please DO NOT leave perishable items
Food Pantry is open
TUESDAYS 2:30-4:00PM



"I give you a new commandment," says the Lord. "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34).

Faith Formation

FEBRUARY 2023

"Repentance is the gate of mercy which is opened to all who seek it." St. Isaac the Syrian

Events First Reconciliation February 4 & 11
Ash Wednesday February 22th

Month of the Holy Family

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grade 2 Penance Talk 4:00 PM	2	3 *St. Blaise - Feast*	4 Gr. 2 Reconciliation 1:00 PM
5 Gr. 1 9:30 Mass Gr. 6 11:30 Mass	6	7	8 *St. Josephine Bakhita - Feast*	9	10	11 Gr. 2 Reconciliation 1:00 PM *Our Lady of Lourdes - Feast*
12 Gr. 2 9:30 Mass Level II 11:30 Mass	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Gr. 3 9:30 Mass	20 President's Day *Pray for our leaders*	21 NO CLASSES	22 Ash Wednesday NO CLASSES Ashes offered at 4:00 PM Service in Church	23 *St. Polycarp -*	24	25
26 Gr.4 & Gr. 5 9:30 Mass First Sunday Of Lent	27	28 Gr. 5 Stations of the Cross 4:00 PM				

Youth Ministry

Young Adult Meetings

Young Adults, 18 and older and welcomed to join our young adult ministry

We meet the last Thursday of every month @ 8PM
Our Next Meeting will be
Thursday, February 23rd

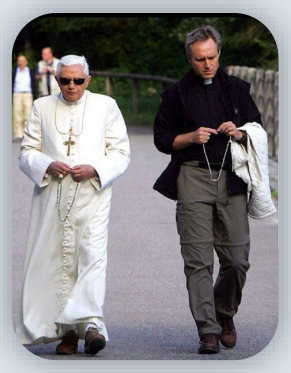
Youth Meetings

All High School Teens are invited to join us in McGoldrick Hall
Saturday's
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

The Holy Rosary



The rosary will be prayed before each Sunday Mass. Please join us together with Our Lady in praying the rosary for all of Her intentions and for our own personal intentions.

We are looking for volunteers to lead. If interested or feel called please contact **Sandra at 516 445 5466.**

The rosary begins...
Saturday: 4:35pm and
Sundays: 7:05am, 9:05am, 11:05am and 4:35pm.

Senior Club

Will meet THURSDAYS
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
The Buckley Room
(school bldg)

Grupo de Oración Renovación Carismática

Sábados a las 7PM en
Capilla de Adoración

Para información llame a:

José Molina 516-455-3930
Isidoro Ruíz 516-410-1402

ASH WEDNESDAY is FEBRUARY 22nd !

PLEASE BRING YOUR OLD PALMS
January 29th, February 5th,12th or 19th

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