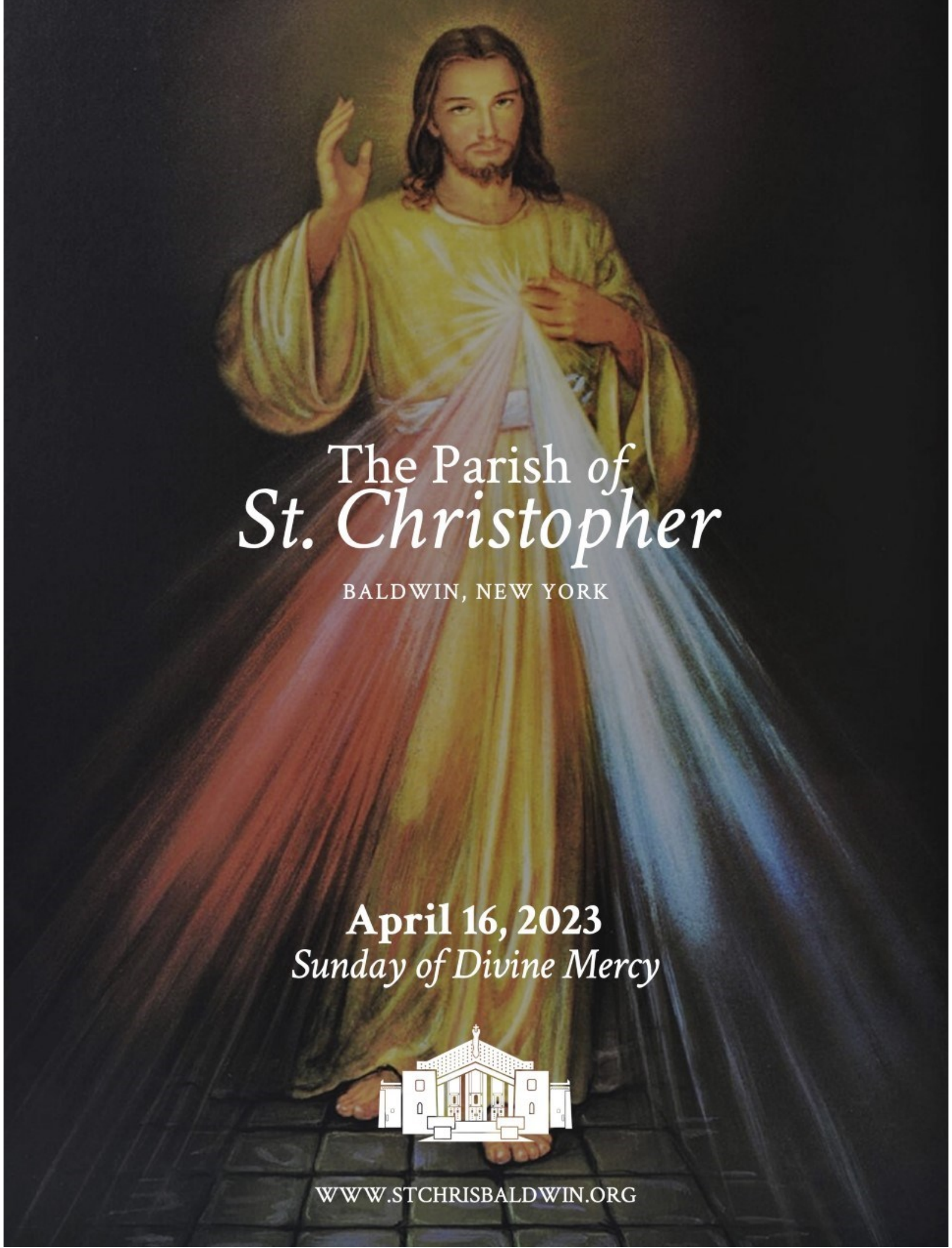

The Parish *of*
St. Christopher

BALDWIN, NEW YORK

April 16, 2023

Sunday of Divine Mercy

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: 5:00PM
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*

Deacon Ralph Muscente

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Joyce Samedy, *Business Manager*

Mrs. Maureen Brady, *Rectory Secretary*

Mrs. Mary Beer, *Rectory Secretary*

Mr. James Montalbano, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Maureen Donnelly *Director of Faith Formation*

Mr. James LaRocca, *Confirmation Coordinator*

Mrs. Julimar Gaffney, *Coordinator: Parish Social Ministry*

Ms. Sara Santana, *Coordinator: Youth Ministry*

PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. Laura Aldorasi

Mr. William Deignan

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Mrs. Marie Jose Saint Surin

Mr. Jack Sullivan

Mr. Paul Cavanagh

Mrs. Regina DeJesus

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Mrs. Rosemarie Scarola

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mr. John Kornobis

Mrs. Gail Milne

Please Pray For

The Deceased

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

Donna Gallo

The Sick

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Patrick Cashin
Zachary Chan
Jeannie Clark
Jeanette C. Larsen
Kathleen Gaffney
Minnie Kitzerow
Francis Maloney
Jack Petrillo
Michael St. Rome
Jessica Staines
Kenneth Tynan

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

SFC Ralph Pereira

Rosy Duran

Nick Duran

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 April 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sanctuary Lamp and Bread & Wine were donated in Memory of Erin Margaret Brown for the past week of Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday	**April 17th**
7:00AM	Appollonia Family
9:00AM	William Tucker– Liv Int
Tuesday	**April 18th**
7:00AM	Huguette Dumas
9:00AM	Ronnie Hoose
Wednesday	**April 19th**
7:00AM	Kathleen Hochul—Liv Int
9:00AM	Keptah St. Julian—Liv Int
Thursday	**April 20th**
7:00AM	Henry Pinto
9:00AM	Kenneth Schmidt
Friday	**April 21st**
7:00AM	George Hagerty
9:00AM	Maddy Houk
Saturday	**April 22nd**
9:00AM	George Haff & Malachy McGarry
5:00PM	Pablo M Nator
	Eleanor Quaranto
	Carmine Famulare
	Therese Antonia Berrouet
	Gerry McAnulla—Liv Int
Sunday	**April 23rd**
7:30AM	Rene Vega
9:30AM	Ken Schmidt
11:30AM	James Riecker
5:00PM	People of the Parish

Altar Flowers

Carmen Aguilar

Sanctuary Lamp

George Hagerty

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

Third Time

Christopher Ludwig—Brianna Gasparre
St. Christopher's—St. Christopher's

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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Easter, Jesus is Risen...Alleluia.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We end the Octave of Easter with the Divine Mercy Sunday. An invitation to receive the Lord's Mercy and become messengers and sharers of His Mercy. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple - God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that He said: "I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it... My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. "

In Fatima, Our Lady asked us to pray and make sacrifices for sinners; in other words, she asked for acts of great mercy. At the same time of the revelations to St. Faustina, Sr. Lucia, visionary of Fatima, had a vision of the Trinity. In this vision the words "grace and mercy" were flowing from the wounds of the Son. "I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy" (Diary, 998).

In his homily before the conclave that elected him, Pope Benedict laid emphasis on the divine mercy saying: "Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person: Encountering Christ means encountering the mercy of God. The mercy of Christ is not a cheap grace; it does not presume a trivialization of evil. Christ carries in his body and on his soul all the weight of evil, and all its destructive force. He burns and transforms evil through suffering, in the fire of his suffering love."

We will have a special time of Prayer this Sunday, to celebrate Divine Mercy, at 1 pm we will expose the Blessed Sacrament, with confessions upto 3 pm, and followed by praying the chaplet and Benediction. This is a very special Day to receive God's Mercy, please make every effort to participate and receive forgiveness of sins.

Our Parish Trustees

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Wilkens, who has completed his term as our Parish Trustee. Tony has served and supported the parish as a trustee and in this role on the finance committee, we thank Tony for his help and service to the Parish.
Please welcome Gail Milne, our new Trustee. She is well known to the parish and has served the community of St. Christopher's for many years and in different ways. Gail will be commissioned and Blessed as a new Parish trustee on Sunday, May 21st, at the 9.30 am Mass.

Blessed Easter and God bless you all.

Fr. Johnny

Liturgy

April 16th– Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in the Jubilee Year of 2000, he added the title to this day. In visions, Faustina heard Jesus request that the image of Divine Mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter, a day John Paul lovingly chose for Faustina's canonization.

Many communities display the image of Divine Mercy on this day. Jesus' penetrating, compassionate gaze reaches out to the viewer. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbols of blood and water—Eucharist and Baptism. Many Catholics confess their sins or pray before the Blessed Sacrament in conjunction with this feast.

A priest may use the prayers from the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy on any day when a stronger feast does not conflict. The Second Sunday of Easter has its own prayers and readings, so the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy is never permitted on that day. Instead, we observe the much older tradition of the octave day of Easter. The Gospel story of the doubting Thomas is heard every year on this day because Jesus appeared to him a week after the Resurrection. The other texts for this Mass refer to the season and to Baptism. This day used to be called Dominica in albis, the Sunday of white garments, because those baptized at the Easter Vigil wore their new vesture to conclude a week of catechesis about the sacraments.

Today the only change to this liturgy is its title: the Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday. The mercy of God may be proclaimed in the homily or the Universal Prayer, but especially in the actions of believers, who extend God's mercy to all they meet.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of
April 23rd - Third Sunday of Easter
Year A, #1082

Acts 2:22-33/ 46
Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Peter 1: 17-21
Luke 24: 13-35

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?"

APR. 2 - Sunday Collections

2023	$ 18,220
2022	$ 20,207
+/-	-$ 1,987

2023 Special Collections - to date

Easter Flowers	$ 2,777

MAR 23 Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Svcs.	$ 1,735

Ministry Appeal - 2023
Goal - $117,400.00

# of Gifts	88
Pledged	$ 30,505
Paid	$ 15,628
Average gift	$ 347

26% of Goal

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

Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we were able to have a truly Blessed and Beautiful Triduum and Easter Sunday.

This year, our Altar and Pascal Candles are in memory of the

Gredys, Loesch and Zwolinski Families

Full collections reporting for Easter will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank you and God Bless!

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

Parish Social Ministry

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

- Pampers All sizes
- Juice Boxes
- Coffee & Tea
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Rice (small Bags)
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste & Soap
- Shampoo/toiletries
- Snacks & Cookies
- Dog & Cat Food
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

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).

THE COFFEE CLUB

WHERE: Buckley Room
WHEN: Every Thursday
TIME: 1:00pm—4:pm

If you are looking to join a fun and loving group of people, then come on over, grab some popcorn and get ready to have a fun time. You can stop by for an hour or spend the entire time with us chatting and playing games.

Youth Ministry

Young Adult Meetings

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

We meet the second and last Thursday of every month @ 8PM
Our Next Meeting will be
Thursday, April 13th

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!

Faith Formation

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

Jesus, I trust in you.

We welcome our students back to Religious Education! Classes resume Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

SAFETY FIRST
The week of April 18 and 19, the children in grades 1-5 will watch a video on child safety. As we prepare for summer camps and activities, it is a good time to reinforce safety guidelines. Parents are encouraged to join the staff of the Church of Saint Christopher to review personal safety and protection measures.

First Holy Communion Schedule
GROUP 1
Mrs. Luvin and Mrs. Brown
Mrs. Delone-Petion (Mrs. Sabine) and Mrs. Atticot (Mrs. Lervon)
Mrs. Bonadonna and Mrs. Murray

First Communion Rehearsal
April 24, 2023 at 7p.m. Drop off in McGoldrick. Pickup in the Church at 8:30

First Holy Communion
Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

GROUP 2
Mrs. Sicari and Mrs. Soller
Mrs. Drago and Mrs. McKoy
Mrs. Donnelly

First Communion Rehearsal
May 3, 2023 at 7p.m.

First Holy Communion
May 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Both groups Arrive at McGoldrick Hall no later than 12:15. Those parents wishing to have professional pictures taken, please arrive at 10:15. Pictures will be taken between 10:15 and 12:15.

The last day of Religious Education classes is Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Registration forms for the 2023/2024 year of Faith Formation will be available at the end of April.

Upcoming Events

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

- a brother & sister -

Present a Night of Recollection

An evening of song, inspiration and reflection

St. Christopher's Church

11 Gale Avenue, Baldwin, NY 11510

For information call (516) 223-0723

Thursday, May 4th

7:30 - 9:15 PM

- free will offering -

Topic: Divine Providence

" Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. " Matt. 11:28

Discover how our fears and toxic guilt prevent us from living in the freedom of peace that God desire for us.

This outstanding program is supported by scripture, song and personal reflection and is designed to comfort and inspire those facing struggles of any kind. If you've ever wondered: "Where is God in this struggle?", "Why is God allowing this to happen?" or "How can God love me if...?" Then this evening is for YOU!

You will have an opportunity to participate in a symbolic offering of your fears and have them prayed over. Come and refresh your soul and rejuvenate your spirit knowing that God's Divine Providence is at work every day in your life.

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 25 minutes before each mass

Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on Sat. Apr22 at 10 AM in Mc Goldrick Hall. this will be our Baby Shower for the Life Center. Please bring baby diapers, size 3 , 4 or 5. OR baby clothes size 3 months to 4T. We will discus our end of year Luncheon. Any Questions? Call Lynda 632-5189

Upcoming Events

Parishes Praying for Priests

+ United in Adoration +

2023

Prayer for Priests
on Tuesdays
April 18 & October 24
2023

Parishes of the Rockville Centre Diocese are answering Our Lady's Call to pray for our shepherds. All are invited to pray for our priests by name at a parish and also to help us spread this ministry.

Open Hours at these Parishes

Curé of Ars, Merrick	4 - 8 pm
Holy Family, Hicksville Adoration Chapel, Parish Center	6 - 8 pm
Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury	6 - 10 pm
Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream	2 - 4 pm
Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson: St. Charles Chapel	7 - 9 pm
Maria Regina, Seaford: Maria Regina Chapel	4 - 8 pm
Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport	6 - 9 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst	6 - 10 pm
Our Lady of Poland, Southampton Plus Livestream	3 - 5 pm
St. Agnes Cathedral, RVC: Holy Cross Chapel	6 - 10 pm
St. Aidan, Williston Park	2 - 4 pm
St. Anthony, Oceanside: Tabor Chapel	7 - 9 pm
St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore	3 - 5 pm
St. Christopher, Baldwin	6 - 10 pm
St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh	12 - 2 pm
St. Isidore, Riverhead	6 - 8 pm
St. Joachim, Cedarhurst	3 - 5 pm
St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches	3 - 7 pm
St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach	6 - 9 pm
St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington	6 - 9 pm
St. Rocco, Glen Cove	7 - 10 pm
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays	6 - 8:30 pm
St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Montauk	4 - 7 pm

Is your parish unlisted? Find out how you can help bring the PFP ministry to your parish.

Arlene 516.458.0004 or PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com

Upcoming Events

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

A marriage-saving program is here in the New York/Metropolitan Area

· Is your marriage tearing you apart?
· Do you feel hurt and angry?
· Does talking make it worse?
· Thought of leaving or divorce?
· Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is April 21-23, 2023 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges
It is not a marriage retreat, nor counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

- Deadline to order tickets is April 1, 2023
- Anyone entering the park must have a ticket.
- Adventureland Season passes will not be honored.
- No Refunds

To register: cyoli.org/cyo-night-at-adventureland

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

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