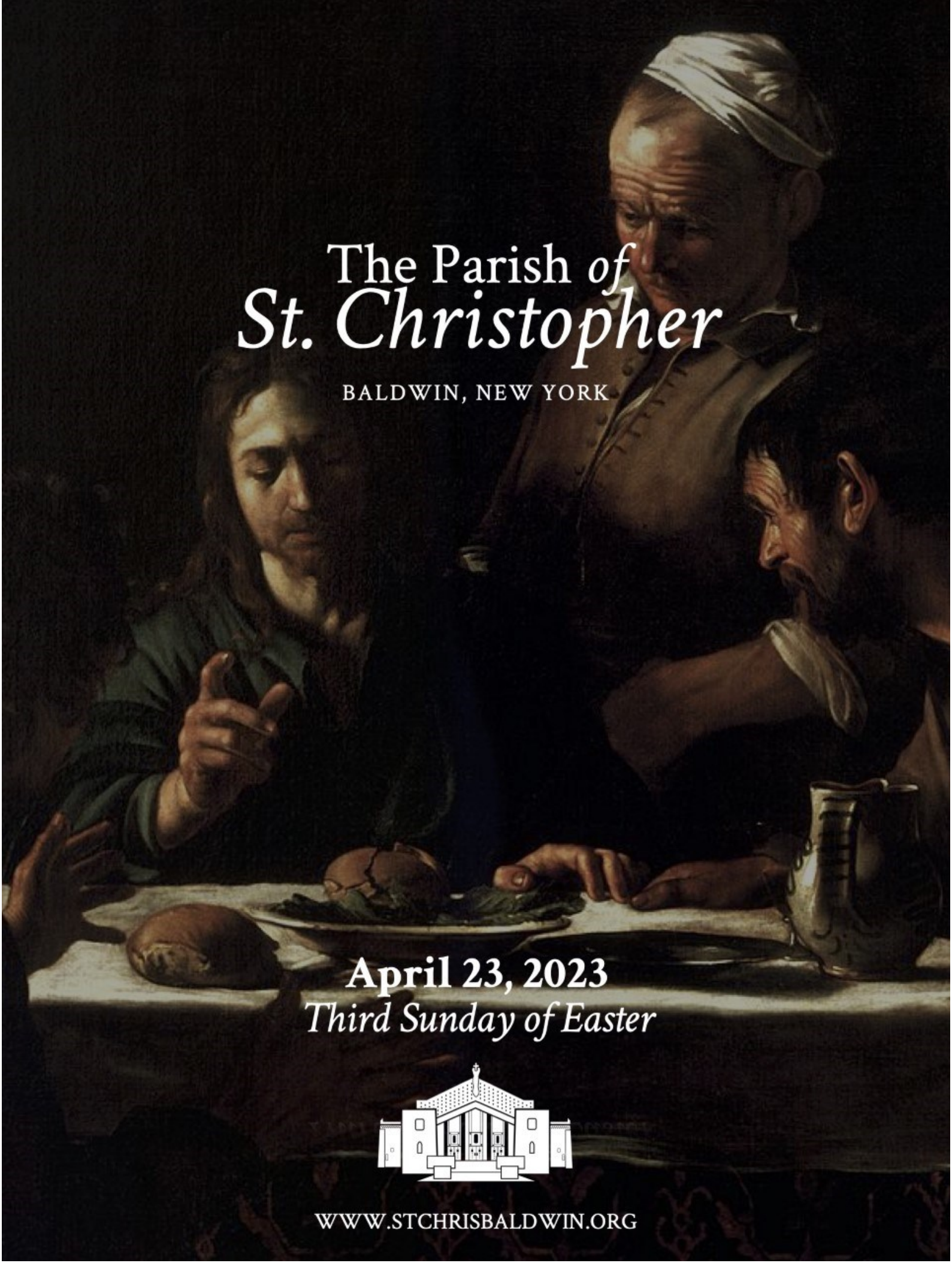

The Parish *of* *St. Christopher*

BALDWIN, NEW YORK

April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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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*

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

Mr. Joreph Fragola

Mrs. Marie Jose Saint Surin

Mr. Jack Sullivan

Mr. Paul Cavanagh

Mrs. Regina DeJesus

Hon. Leo McGinity

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.

Anna Baldassano

The Sick

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Patrick Cashin
Zachary Chan
Jeannie Clarke
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 23th, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday		**April 24th**
7:00AM		John Gredys
9:00AM		Ann Marie Laffey
Tuesday	St. Mark, Evangelist	**April 25th**
7:00AM		Zoran Dordevic
9:00AM		Daniel Vuoso
Wednesday		**April 26th**
7:00AM		Marie Notaro
9:00AM		Laurie Manno
Thursday		**April 27th**
7:00AM		Erin Margaret Brown
9:00AM		Gail Power
Friday		**April 28th**
7:00AM		Helen Magale - Liv Int
9:00AM		Kenneth Schmidt
Saturday	St. Catherine of Siena	**April 29th**
9:00AM		Albert Balossi
5:00PM		Pablo M Nator
		Lawrence Johnson Jr.
		Schnyder Germain - Birth Int
		Dorothy Davis
		Maria Johnson - Liv Int
Sunday		**April 30th**
7:30AM		People of the Parish
9:30AM		Lillian Chamberlain
11:30AM		John, Richard & Frank Bacon
5:00PM		Frank & Anthony D'Avanzo

Altar Flowers

Sanctuary Lamp

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.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Easter Season is a very special time in the life of the Church. At the Easter Vigil, we typically baptize, confirm and give First Communion to adults who were never baptized, or we welcome those who have been baptized in other Christian communities, with Confirmation and First Communion. At the Easter Vigil, we fully initiated seven adults and six adults completed their sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. On Saturday, April 29th and May 6th, we will celebrate First Communions with about 73 of our young people. At Pentecost, we will confirm a few adults. It is a Blessed Easter Season here at St. Christopher's Parish. Let us pray for all those who have and those who will receive Sacraments during this Easter Season.

As baptized people of God, what is our calling during the Easter season? First, to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for the gift of His love and Resurrection. Second, it is also a time for reflection and for action. This grace-filled season invites us to recall the reason why the Resurrection was necessary. It is impossible to understand the glory of Easter morning without at the same time acknowledging Good Friday. We must not forget the sufferings of Christ on the Cross as we celebrate His Glorious Resurrection from the tomb.

However, we must also not forget that the death and resurrection of Jesus are not merely historical events to be studied and remembered. As St. Paul says, in our baptism, we are baptized in the death of the Lord so we may also rise with the Lord (Romans 6: 3-4). St. Paul also rejoices in the fact that through suffering we can make perfect "what is lacking in the suffering of Christ" (Colossians 1: 24). Our lives are meant to be the means by which Christ's love and salvation are given to all the world. But how is this the case? How can this happen 2,000 years after His death and resurrection? One of the keys to understanding this lies in understanding the sacraments.

The sacraments are the chief means by which the Lord enters into our lives in order to give us the power to do His will and to attain life everlasting as His children. In Baptism, we receive the grace of entering into the family of the Father and being born again of the Spirit. By receiving the Holy Eucharist we receive the Bread from Heaven that will profit us unto eternal life. In Confirmation, we receive the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to keep the commandments and to follow the example of the Lord (John 13: 15). In Holy Orders and Matrimony, we receive grace to live out our respective vocations and to spread the gospel by our lives. In Confession we are healed by the wounds of Christ (Isaiah 53: 3 -7) and the sins we have committed after entering into His family are washed away (John 20: 22-23). Lastly, it is in the Anointing of the Sick that we receive the grace of healing and a peace filled death which leads to the light of God's love.

Easter makes it possible for us to enter heaven, but the graces won for us at Easter through the sufferings of our Lord need to take root in our souls. They need to enter into our being to wipe out all sin, just like a cure for physical sickness needs to be injected into our bodies. Just as it may be necessary to receive several rounds of treatment for a physical cure to take effect, we also need to return to the sacraments often - particularly Eucharist and Confession - in order to build up our spiritual strength and root out every stain of sin within us. So while Christ's offering of His life to the Father was a perfect act of loving sacrifice in itself, it still lacks application in the lives of many throughout the world.

The Lord has risen, the victory is won. So let us rejoice but also realize the work is not done. Christ relies on us - His family - the Church, to carry his victory to the ends of the earth and to the neighbor living next to us. The best way we can give glory to God this Easter season, is by spreading His victory and always keeping in mind that Christ's work did not end in the first century. It had only just begun.

Congratulations to all who have and who will receive their Sacraments during this Easter Season. Blessed Easter Season and God bless you all.

Fr. Johnny

Liturgy

April 29th- St. Catherine of Siena

The Passion of Jesus Christ was the passion of St. Catherine of Siena. She meditated on Jesus' sufferings, death, and resurrection intently. She thus experienced a union with Christ so deep that it could only be called a spiritual marriage. Fasting fueled her religious fervor. In one vision she received communion from Christ himself.

Born in 1347 among the last of her parents' twenty-five children, she devoted herself to prayer and service. As a teenager she became a Dominican Tertiary—living at home with her family, but wearing the habit of a nun. Although she provided hands-on assistance to the poor and the sick, she became a correspondent with kings, queens, and popes. Hundreds of her letters survive.

For nearly one hundred years the popes had been living in Avignon, France. But others claiming to be pope took up residence in Rome. In 1376 Catherine traveled to Avignon to convince Pope Gregory XI to leave and return to Italy, where the schism gradually came to an end. A statue of her resolute face stops pilgrims on their way to St. Peter's Basilica today.

Catherine died in 1380 on April 29, the day on which the entire Church still celebrates her memory. Her body lies beneath the altar of Rome's Dominican church, Santa Maria sopra Minerva, though her separated head was returned to Siena. In 1970 she was proclaimed a doctor of the Church.

The Collect for her Mass acknowledges the fire of divine love that inspired Catherine in her mystical marriage with Christ. It prays that God's faithful people may exult in the revelation of the glory of Christ. His Passion can become our passion as well.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of
April 30th - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A, #1085

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/ 49
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

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?"*

2023 Easter Collection

	2023	2022	Change
Easter Donations	$66,315	$47,871	+$18,444
Easter Flowers	$3,010	$3,991	($981)
	$ 69,325	**$ 51,862**	**+$17,463**

APR. 16 - Sunday Collections

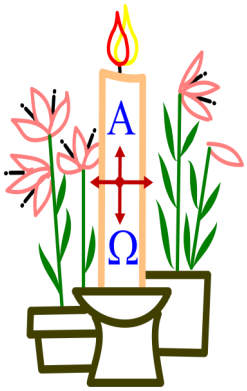
2023	$ 13,347

Ministry Appeal - 2023
Goal - $117,400.00

# of Gifts	97
Pledged	$ 32,425
Paid	$18,980
Average gift	$ 344

28% of Goal

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

Our beautiful Easter Flowers this year are in Memoriam to:

Mary Wenk

Anthony Marvelli

Juana Arroyo Diaz

Rodolfo Gonzalez

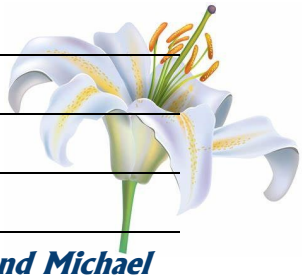
Jose F. Torres

Donal E. Keogh

My Beloved Husband Michael

Slover & Brecia Families

Albert & O'Neill Families



We are currently accepting additions to our memorial Brick Garden.

This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or a special event.

Please call the rectory for more information or an order form.

Thank you!

Brick Size 6"x9"

Mother's Day Intentions

Be sure to pick up envelopes for your Mother's day mass remembrance intentions, whether they be for living or deceased. We will have a Mother's Day Novena, where we will pray for all those intentions

Parish Social Ministry

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

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

Thank you for your purchase of Community bags from Stop & Shop! Together, your contributions added up to $191 for St. Christopher's Food Pantry!

Stop & Shop
905 Atlantic Avenue, Baldwin NY

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

Thank you to Damien Randazzo from St. Christopher's Faith Formation for his generous donation to the pantry in honor of his Community service project!

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

Parish Social Ministry

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 27th

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!

As our Youth prepare to travel for World Youth Day, Let us continue to support them by keeping them in our prayers.

Religious Education

Jesus is Risen and His Mercy Endures Forever.

As this year of Religious Education comes to an end, I reflect on God's Grace poured forth and overflowing throughout this year in the Religious Education Program at the Church of Saint Christopher. We are truly blessed in so many ways. Thank you to Father Johnny for supporting a program designed to restore and revitalize the faith our beloved Catholic Church. Thank you to our staff of 35 catechists and 7 student catechists, who volunteer their time to catechize our children so that they may grow in knowledge and love of the Church. Thank you to our parents for registering your children and bringing them to weekly classes, allowing our staff to partner with you in watering the seeds of faith that you have planted. Thank you to our support staff, reporting weekly throughout the year to ensure that children are safely entering, exiting, and navigating about the building while classes are in session. And most of all, we are grateful to God for your children, who touch the hearts and minds of our staff every week, blessing us with the gifts only given by a child.

"Amen I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (St. Matthew 18:3)

The last day of Religious Education classes for the 2022/2023 school year is Wednesday, 04/26/2023. Registration forms will be available at the end of April for the 2023/2024 school year.

In Jesus,
Maureen Donnelly

Faith Formation

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.
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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.

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.

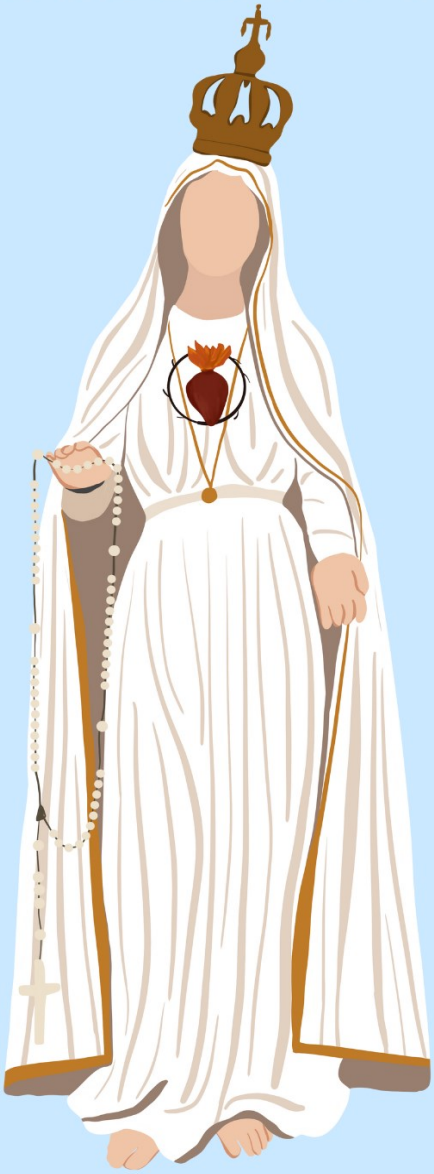
This outstanding program is supported by scripture, song and personal reflection and is designed to comfort and inspire those facing struggles of any kind. If you've ever wondered: "Where is God in this struggle?", "Why is God allowing this to happen?" or "How can God love me if...?" Then this evening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

Our Lady of Fatima

MASS & CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION



Saturday, May 13th

7:00pm

St. Christopher's Baldwin, NY

Upcoming Events

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

YOUTH FESTIVAL & DINNER COME ONE, COME ALL!

Net Proceeds to Benefit the Church of St. Christopher's World Youth Day Trip this Summer to See the Pope in Lisbon.

SAVE THE DATE!

DATE: Saturday June 17th 2023

TIME: 6 P.M. to 10 P.M.

PLACE: McGoldrick Hall

GREAT CATERED FOOD, GOOD CHEER, GOOD CAUSE!

Mark the Date. Ask about Sponsorship Opportunities. Help us sell Advertisements for Our Dinner Journal. Take one out yourself to encourage your children or grandchildren. Enjoy great food and great company while benefiting our parish youth and their journey to see the Pope in 2023!

Upcoming Events

6-9 pm Friday, April 28, 2023
$36/person - Pay One Price
Park open to CYO Family & Friends ONLY!

- 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

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

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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