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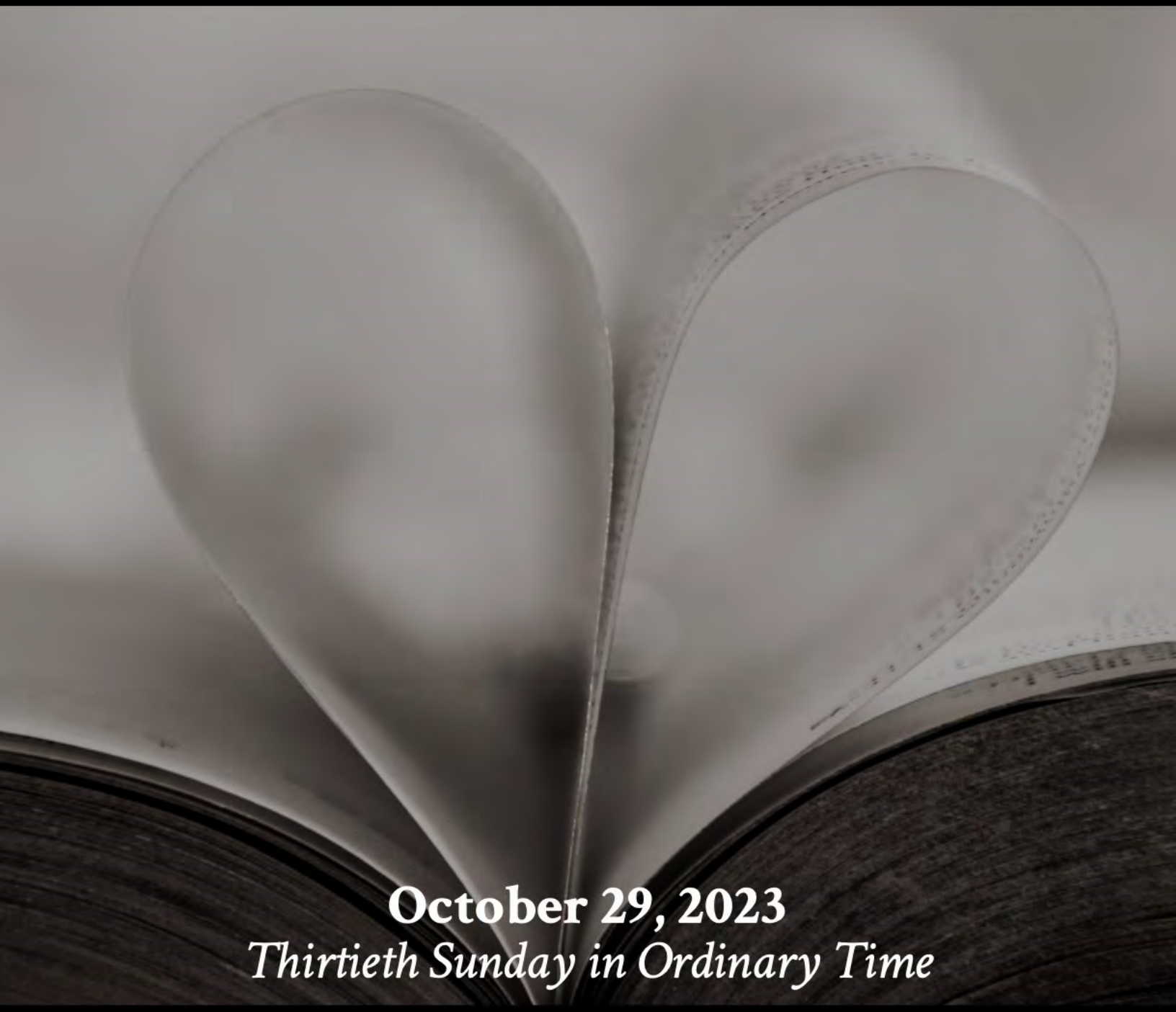

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth 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

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 - 4pm
Saturday & Sunday 9 - 1pm
Parish Phone: 516-223-0723
Parish 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. 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. Joreph Fragola

Mrs. Marie Jose Saint Surin

Mr. Jack Sullivan

Hon. Leo McGinity

Mrs. Rosemarie Scarola

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Maureen Brady, *Parish Receptionist*

Mrs. Mary Beer, *Parish Receptionist*

Mr. James Montalbano, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Maureen Donnelly *Director of Faith Formation*

Ms. Sabrina Chan, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

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

Ms. Sara Santana, *Coordinator: Youth Ministry*

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.

Viola Herbst

The Sick

Joyce Bunocore
Patrick Cashin
Maureen Carl
Sandra Chan
Zachary Chan
Jeannie Clarke
Jeanette C. Larsen
Margaret Healy
Virginia McWalters
Mark Petrasek
Kenneth Tynan
Rose Vrabel
Bryon Leigh Sullivan

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
Captain Alexander LeClaire

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 October 29th, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bread & Wine

Sanctuary Lamp

Monday	**October 30rd**
7:00AM	Jesus Ruiz Olaso
9:00AM	Marina Diaz
Tuesday	**October 31st**
7:00AM	Marina Diaz
9:00AM	Jeffery P. Agnew
7:00PM *(Vigil Mass)*	Ronald Nurnberger Sr.
Wednesday *All Saints Day*	**November 1st**
7:00AM	Matthew Deedy
9:00AM	Joanne Fantozzi Liv. Int
12:00PM	Marsha Volgyi Liv Int
7:00PM	Marie Louise Morette & Guy Blaise
Thursday *All Souls' Day*	**November 2nd**
7:00AM	Chan & Lau fam Liv & Dec
9:00AM	Phyllis Hanna (Living Int)
7:00PM	All Soul's Novena
Friday	**November 3rd**
7:00AM	Marianne Sullivan (Liv. Int)
9:00AM	All Soul's Novena
Saturday *Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo*	**November 4th**
9:00AM	All Soul's Novena
5:00PM	Chelsiea Perez Birthday Liv Int
	Margaret Healy
	Mercy Chijindu Kachikwu
Sunday	**November 5th**
7:30AM	People Of the Parish
9:30AM	All Soul's Novena
11:30AM	Dominic Fennell
5:00PM	Virginia Adelaide & Antoine Geraci

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) 223-0723.

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

Banns of Marriage

Second Time
Jillian Romano — Kyle Stover
Port Jefferson — Port Jefferson
Third Time
Krista Lynn Schlaeger — Travis Michael Johnson
Oceanside — Oceanside

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we approach All Souls Day, may I invite all to remember and pray, for all faithful departed, participate at the celebration of the Eucharist, visit cemeteries and offer sacrifice of the Holy Mass for the deceased loved ones and for those who have no one to pray for them. Here at St. Christopher's we will celebrate a special Mass on this day at 7 PM, I encourage you all to participate and lite a candle remembering your loved ones.

The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, on November 1st, prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the Mass, which represents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ.

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead. On this day - November 2nd - priests around the world are given special permission to celebrate three Masses – one for the Pope, one for the dead and one for a personal intention. It is also customary to visit family graves on this day.

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1030-1031).

Already back in the 2nd century, evidence exists that Christians prayed for and celebrated the Eucharist for their beloved dead. In the beginning, they would pray on the third day after burial, then on the anniversary. Later, the 7th and 30th day after death became days on which it became customary to pray for the deceased. Remembering the dead on November 2nd, became official in the year 998 when Abbot Odilo of Cluny, made it obligatory in all the monasteries subject to him. In 1915, Pope Benedict XV granted permission to priests to celebrate several Masses on this day. The liturgy proposes various Masses on this day, all of which are geared toward highlighting the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' victory over sin and death.

In November of 2011, Pope Benedict XVI reflected upon death and the hope that Christian faith brings to it. "As human beings, we have a natural fear of death and we rebel against its apparent finality. Faith teaches us that the fear of death is lightened by a great hope, the hope of eternity, which gives our lives their fullest meaning. The God who is love offers us the promise of eternal life through the death and resurrection of His Son. Therefore, in Christ, death no longer appears as an abyss of emptiness, but rather a path to life which will never end."

The Pope said that modern society often tries to approach death using the 'criteria of scientific experimentalism,' so that the 'great question of death must be answered not with faith, but with testable, empirical knowledge.' But this approach, can end up in a form of spiritualism where, in an attempt to have contact with the world beyond death, we almost imagine 'a reality' that is 'a copy of the present.' This worldview reduces man to 'a horizontal dimension' and causes life to lose 'its deeper meaning.'

The life of a person is understandable, only if there is a love that overcomes all isolation, even that of death. The practical impact of this is that only those who can recognize a great hope in death, can also live a life based on hope. Remember the numerous occasions where Christ confirmed the reality of life after death, including upon the Cross on Calvary when he addressed the criminal crucified on his right," with the words, 'Truly I tell you, with me today you will be in Paradise.' "Christ is the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Him will never die,"

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD, LET THY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

God bless you all.

Fr. Johnny

Fr. Johnny

Liturgy

All Saints Day November 1st

All Saints Day honors the saints in Heaven – those who have been recognized by the Church as saints, as well as those who have not been canonized. The feast was established in Rome as a result of the emperor's giving of the Pantheon (the temple to all the gods) to the Church and its dedication to St. Mary and All the Martyrs. This followed the principle, "Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!" (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands). Thus, throughout the Mediterranean many churches have been built over pagan sites, sanctifying them for Christ.

Reflection:

We venerate (honor and respect) the saints because they are our Heavenly friends. They intercede for us much better than another human being on earth is capable of doing, since they are in God's presence. Saints are great examples to us of living out our Christian vocations. We can see the courage of the martyrs and the wisdom of the Doctors of the Church. We see strength, innocence, piety, and tenacity. As Pope St. Clement I said, "Follow the saints, because those who follow them will become saints."

However, while "veneration" indicates deep respect, this is not worship. The word venerate comes from the Latin word "venerari," which means "love." We venerate (love and respect) the saints, but we only worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We pray to the saints because they are in the Beatific Vision so they are better capable of praying for us than we are. They are no longer able to sin, and their close relationship with God allows them to intercede well for our intentions.

Source: All Saints | EWTN

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of
November 5th– 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
Psalms 131:1, 2, 3
First Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Matthew 23:1-12

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?"

OCT 15- Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
2023	$ 12,346	$ 10,625	$ 1,721
2022	$ 15,037	$ 12,864	$ 2,173
+/-	$ (2,691)		

Ministry Appeal - 2023
Goal - $117,400.00

# of Gifts		172
Pledged	$	65,390.00
Paid	$	60,858.00
Average gift	$	380.17

56% of Goal

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

This year, St. Christopher's Parish Catholic Ministries goal is **$117,400**, of which **$65,390 (56%)** has been pledged and **$60,858 (93%)** collected. That leaves us with a shortfall of **$52,010**.

Many thanks to the 172 families whose pledges have carried us this far. If you still need to pledge, we earnestly urge you to complete a form and join this collective effort. Please remember that YOUR participation is paramount to this endeavor! We have over **3,000** registered families. If we all chip in, imagine the difference we'll make in the work of the Catholic Church here on Long Island!

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

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

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
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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 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal! **Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.**

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Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New York 11571 catholicministriesappeal.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FOR RELIGOUS EDUCATION IS OCTOBER 31.

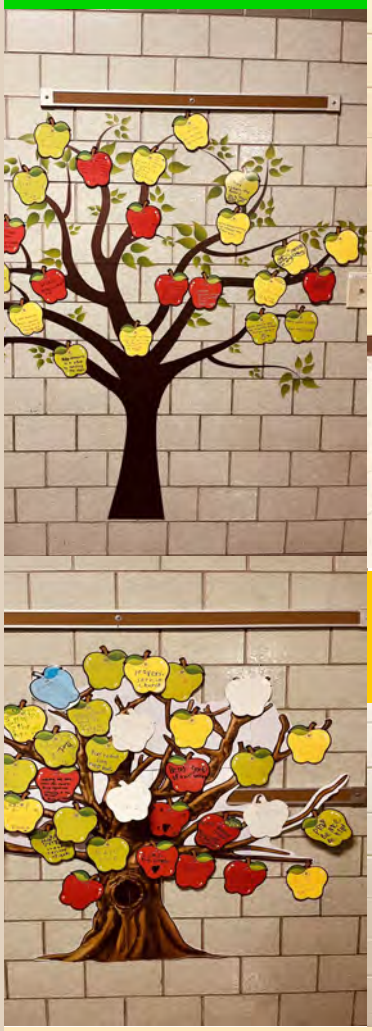
There will be no classes for Religious Education on October 31 and November 1 in the school. Attendance for the week is required at the All-Saints' Day Mass on November 1 at 7:00. First and Second Grade students will report to McGoldrick Hall at 6:30p.m to meet their catechists for attendance. Students in grades 3-8 should sign in on their class clipboard at the back of the Church and sit with their families. All students who would like to join in the procession, please gather at the back of the Church at 6:50.

TURKEY BINGO FAMILY NIGHT
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
ALL FAMILIES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL COME TOGETHER FOR THIS FUN NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 18!!!
Details to follow.

Fifth grade students worked in groups to find information about Saints and then shared it with the rest of the class.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

And he commanded him, saying: "Of every tree of paradise thou shalt eat." Our children have decorated Trees of Paradise in our school with all the things that we can do to bring us closer to God..



The Class of Mrs. Luvin and Mrs. Brown

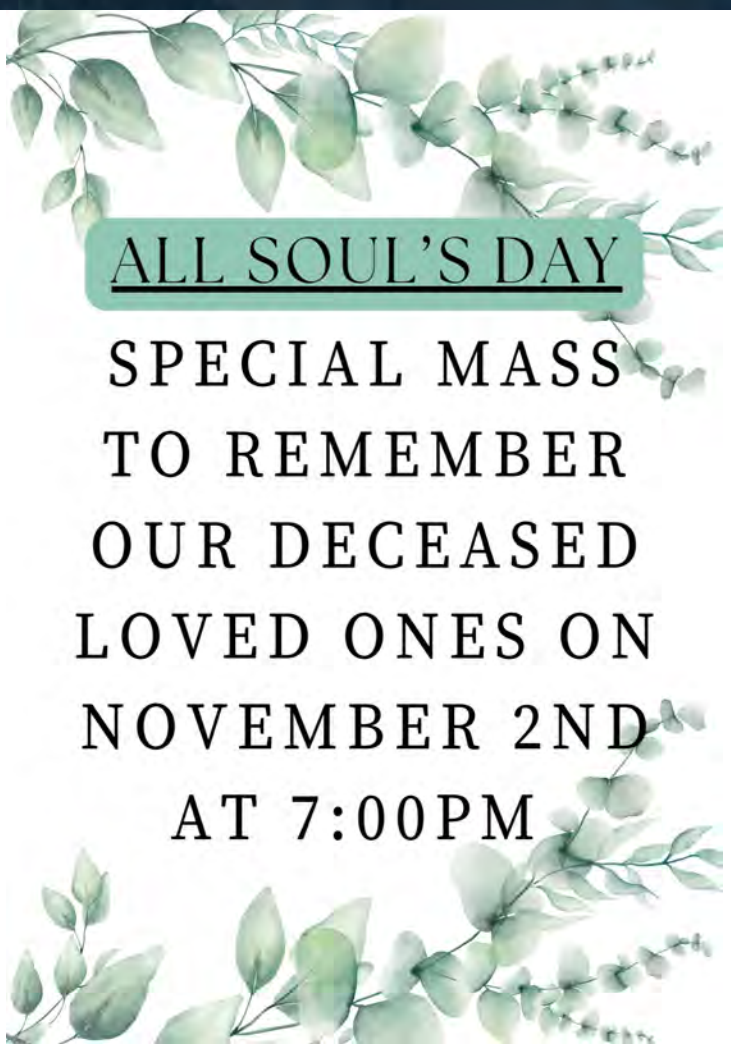
Blessed Mother, pray for us, that we receive the Grace to resist temptation to eat bad apples and choose all that is good in God for us!

HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE

Ministry News

All Soul's Day Novena Intentions

There will be envelopes around the church entrances for anyone who would like to add the names of their deceased loved ones to the all soul's day novena intentions



Rosary Altar Society

Our meeting will take place on **Saturday Nov 4th** in **Mc Goldrick Hall.** Our guest speaker will be Marilyn Sandroni. Tickets for the High School play will be given out. We will discus the menu for the Christmas brunch. We will be collecting $15 for the brunch. There will be a sign up for December delivery of Poinsettias to the homebound.

Questions? Call Lynda 516-800-4006/516-632-5189

Homebound Ministry

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

- ◊ Canned Chickpeas
- ◊ Small Packet Snack
- ◊ Cereal
- ◊ Instant Coffee
- ◊ Mayonaise
- ◊ Spaghetti sauce
- ◊ Soup
- ◊ Jelly
- ◊ Peanut butter
- ◊ Juice
- ◊ Toilet paper
- ◊ Paper towels
- ◊ Soap
- ◊ Toothpaste
- ◊ Size 4 diapers

Thank you very much for your continuous support in helping us to provide for those in need!

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

PANTRY ANNOUNCMENT:
Please note that the Church entrance on Gale Ave to enter the pantry will now be **closed**. Please use the Church entrance by the elevator door, **across from the school.** Please park in the school parking lot.

Respect Life

Please join us in the Adoration chapel **every Thursday at 7:30pm** for the **Rosary for Life!**

Parish Events

Parish Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Save the Date!

Friday November 17, 2023

In McGoldrick Hall

@ 7:00PM

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ALL SAINTS DAY

VIGIL MASS TO BE HELD AT 7PM

THE YOUNG ADULT'S MINISTRY

Invites you to join them!

Every Second Thursday of the month there will be a Holy Hour to strengthen our relationship with the Lord

Next Holy Hour: November 9th @ 7:30pm

Every Fourth Thursday of the month we will pray the rosary and then have a Social to strengthen us as a community

Next Social: TBD @ 7:30pm

Young Adults who are in their first year of college and up are invited!

For more information on our next event please email us at J.STC687@gmail.com

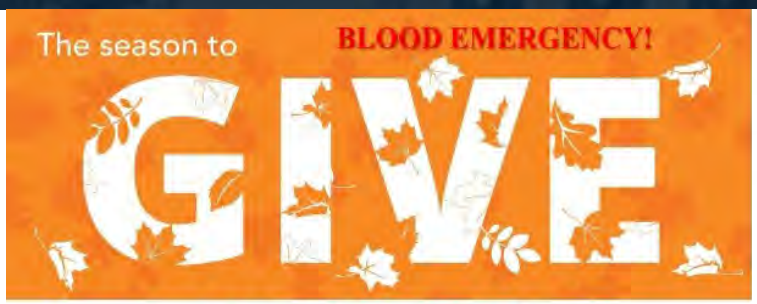
UPCOMING TEEN MINISTRY

YOUTH

MEETINGS

TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EVERY STAURDAY FROM 6:15PM UNTIL 9:00PM IN MCGOLDRICK HALL!

Parish Events



BLOOD DRIVE

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

Date: Sunday – November 12, 2023
Time: 8:30am to 2:30pm
Place: St. Christopher's McGoldrick Hall (Lower Church)

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"For it is in giving that we receive" – St. Francis of Assisi

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- **Bring valid signature or photo ID**
- **Minimum weight 110 lbs.**
- **Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds need parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)**
- **Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids**
- **No tattoos for past 12 months**

For further information call Mike Brady @ (516) 223 – 8914

Remember, Blood is Life... Pass It On!
For medical eligibility please call 1-800-688-0900

Long Island Blood Services

St. Christopher's Bereavement Group

Starting Tuesday Oct 17th
6:30 - 8:00 PM
NOTE: is now 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.

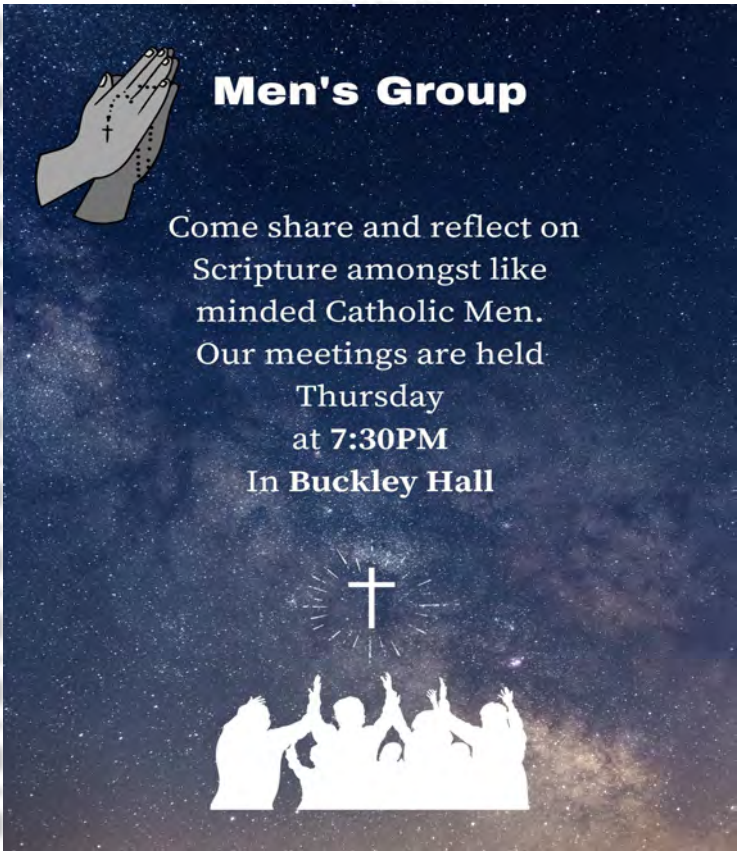
Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Grupo de Oración Renovación Carismática

Sábados a las 7:15PM en
Lawlor Hall

Para información
llame a:

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



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