

The Parish of *St. Christopher*

BALDWIN, NEW YORK



February 11, 2024
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: 5:00 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

Parish Phone: 516-223-0723

Parish Fax: 516-867-5678

Email: bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org

Website: www.stchrisbaldwin.org



Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Adoration

Monday - Friday 7:30-9:00 AM & 2:00-10:00 PM

First Fridays 8:00 - 9:00 PM (Nocturnal Adoration)

Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Sunday 8:15 - 9:30 AM

6:00 - 7:00 PM (Spanish)

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. Jack Sullivan

Mr. Joseph Fragola

Hon. Leo McGinity

Mrs. Marie Jose Saint Surin

Mrs. Rosemarie Scarola

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Maureen Brady, *Parish Receptionist*

Mrs. Mary Beer, *Parish Receptionist*

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Ms. Dimitra Vrosgou, *Organist*

Mrs. Maureen Donnelly, *Director of Faith Formation*

Ms. Sabrina Chan, *Faith Formation Office Secretary*

Ms. Jennifer Canas, *Coordinator: Parish Social Ministry*

Ms. Sara Santana, *Coordinator: Youth Ministry*

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mr. John Kornobis

Mrs. Gail Milne



Please Pray For

Mass Intentions

The Deceased

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

**Doreen Raphael
Emily Cupelli
Robert Beckwith**

The Sick

Sandra Chan	Fiona Keogh
Zachary Chan	Robert Grigonis
Jeannie Clarke	Susan Marsala
Alice Finken	Virginia McWalters
Jeanette C. Larsen	Maureen Carl
Margaret Healy	Joseph & Miriam Albert
Mark Petrsek	Elizabeth Higgins
Kenneth Tynan	Diane Kroll
Rose Vrabel	John Smisek
Jennie Yanantuono	



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
2nd Lieutenant Jacob Neumann
Lieutenant Margaret Mary Oriani
Staff Sargent Brenden Magner

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



Week of February 11th,
The 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Bread & Wine

Altar Flowers

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

Friday

7:00AM
9:00AM
7:00PM

Saturday

9:00AM
5:00PM

Sunday

7:30AM
9:30AM
11:30AM
5:00PM

*First Sunday
of Lent*

February 12th

Loesch family
Fr. Justin and Fr. Sylvesta Lleka
- Liv Int

February 13th

Morning Star Youth Ministry
Pat Malico

February 14th

Tom & Marie Florio
Esther Scafuri
Marilyn & Bob Collins
Mitch Samuels
Thomas Canavan and
Anne O'Brien

February 15th

Consuelo Zuniga Liv Int
Yvrace & Gladys Celestin
Pat Malico

February 16th

Camille Kennedy
John Tucker Liv Int
Pat Malico

February 17th

Jack McNeff
Barry Weaver
Kathryn Hawkins
Louise Donovan Liv Int
Jillian Ramirez
Mary Gracey

February 18th

Vincent Asro
Dennis McDougal
For the People of the Parish
Robert Clark

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, 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.



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 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



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are about to begin our Lenten journey in a few days. Ordinary Time has only just begun, that's how it goes. Let us not be taken by surprise or be unprepared for this season of change and conversion.

February 14th is Ash Wednesday, make it a point to give some thought to; how you would want to spend this time of Lent? If you have no idea where to begin, remember, the Church helps us through these days. There are three holy practices - which we are called to embrace during this penitential season. **These three practices or pillars are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.** When you plan and prepare for this season, make sure you focus on each of these three pillars—and you're set for a grace-filled journey.

Praying regularly is difficult, so now is the time to struggle through this by developing consistent habits of prayer. Start by asking yourself: what are my prayer habits? As disciples of Jesus, we ought to pray every day. Prayer is conversation and communion with the God who made us and loves us. No relationship would flourish if we failed to spend time in the presence of a loved one, conversing with them and offering them genuine attention. If you are praying once a week at Sunday Mass or saying only a quick "Good morning, God!" as you head to work, so then now, make a firm commitment to daily prayer.

Prayer is not always easy. It can feel dry, distracted, or lonely. Don't get discouraged - don't give up - there are things that help inspire, nourish, and strengthen prayer. Find a good spiritual reading book, or a life of a saint or read the Bible. These things can bring about spontaneous prayer from the depths of our souls.

This Lent, try spending at least fifteen minutes in prayer a day. If you already do this, make the Rosary a daily habit. If you already do that, maybe add a Divine Mercy chaplet or a Holy Hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Give it some thought, and write down your commitment.

Fasting, relates to food - to our physical appetite. On all Fridays, Catholics are required to abstain from meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (with exceptions for expectant women, for example) are required to fast. We do this by having only one full meal that day.

Of course, this itself is a moderate form of fasting. Fasting formerly meant taking no food. Due to our culture and habits of eating today, many of us find this practically impossible. However: there is a way to build an ability to fast that is simpler than you might think. Not easy—it does take a firm decision—but simple, with the Grace of God.

Fasting also helps us to practice discipline and self-control over the things that we may be addicted to, or our bad habits that take us into darkness. When you do, you are strengthening your will and overcoming the desire for instant gratification and constant mind-numbing pleasure. Try to incorporate such disciplines into your life. Consider taking on some hard-core fasting. Maybe pick a few more days during Lent to practice the Ash Wednesday/ Good Friday fast. Maybe have one meal a day on one particular day of the week. Some people manage to do a bread-and-water fast at least once a week.

Give this some thought, and write down your commitment.

Almsgiving is an important pillar of lent. Jesus praised the poor widow who gave "all she had" to the temple treasury - Luke 21:1-4. St. James reminds us that faith must go hand-in-hand with good works, such as care for the poor: ***What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? - 2:14-16.***

Lent is an important time for almsgiving, and each of us must give according to our situation. Almsgiving is not the tithing or what you're already giving—it's giving above and beyond what you normally give. It is a true penance. But when we give alms, we are supposed to give not merely from our "plenty," but enough to make it hurt. Pray about what alms you can give and to who. Discuss it with Jesus. "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" -2 Corinthians 9:7.

Give it some thought, and write down your commitment.

And let's pray for each other. God Bless you all.

Fr. Johnny

Liturgy

Ash Wednesday February 14th- Why Ashes?

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate



that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season. The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday, often after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.

Source: [Why Ashes.pdf](http://WhyAshes.pdf) (usccb.org)

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of
February 18th- 1st Sunday in Lent
Year B

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 3:18-22



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?"

FEB 4TH Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
<i>2024</i>	\$ 16,698	\$ 14,981	\$ 1,717
<i>2023</i>	\$ 15,792	\$ -	\$ -
<i>+/-</i>	\$ 906		

Ministry Appeal - 2023

Goal - \$117,400.00

# of Gifts	193
Pledged	\$ 74,812.23
Paid	\$ 73,521.23
Average gift	\$ 387.63

64% of Goal

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

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

This year, St. Christopher's Parish Catholic Ministries goal is \$117,400, of which \$74,812 (64%) has been pledged and \$73,521 collected. That leaves us with a shortfall of \$43,879.

Many thanks to the 193 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!



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

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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!

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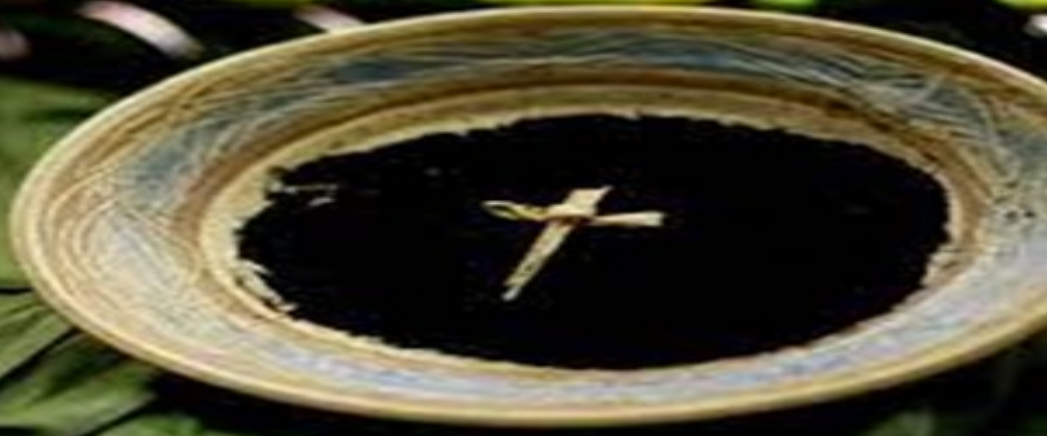
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ASH WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON FEBRUARY 14. ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED at all masses: 7:00a.m., 9:00a.m., 12:00p.m., 4:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.

Students who come to class on Wednesday will receive ashes during class time.



The students of Religious Education prepare to enter the season of Lent grateful for all that God has given in His Church to soften hearts.

LITURGY

SACRIFICE

PRAYER

I WILL GIVE YOU A
NEW HEART, AND
PUT A NEW SPIRIT
WITHIN YOU;

I WILL REMOVE
FROM YOU YOUR
HEART OF STONE
AND GIVE YOU A
HEART OF FLESH.

SACRAMENTS

**HOLY
SCRIPTURE**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Father Johnny leads the Palm Burning Ceremony in preparation for Ash Wednesday



Ministry News



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Scripture amongst like
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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

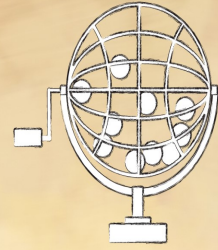
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CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

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- ◇ MAC & CHEESE
- ◇ JELLY
- ◇ PEANUT BUTTER
- ◇ JUICE—1/2 GALLON
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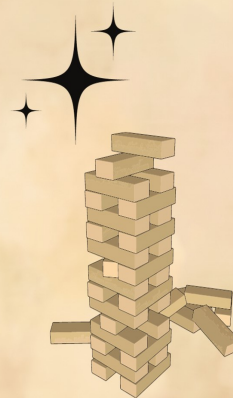
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Respect Life

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

Events

Catholic Faith Network **Telethon**

Saturday, February 24th from
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Sunday, February 25th from
12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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Thank you!

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Address (Direccion): _____

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
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Parish News



St. Christopher's is now 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.

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.

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