The Parish *of* *St. Christopher*

BALDWIN, NEW YORK

September 15, 2024

Twenty -Fourth 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 - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday: CLOSED

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Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Adoration
Monday - Friday 7:30-9:00 AM & 2:00-10:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 AM
Sunday 8:15 - 9:00 AM
6:00 - 7:00 PM

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*

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Deacon Paul Cavanagh

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Mr. John Kornobis, *Parish Bookkeeper*

Ms. Louise Kiesling, *Baptism Coordinator*

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mrs. Gail Milne

Mr. Matthew Davis

Please Pray For

The Deceased

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

Olga Tiburcio
Mark Gredy Willemin

The Sick

Zachary Chan
Jeanette C. Larsen
Maureen Carl
Baby Alana Jackson
Helen De Palma
Rose Vrabel
Alexandra Vrabel
Baby Thomas Gerard
Fr. Robert Holz
Virginia McWalters
Anne Hartvig
Jeannie Clarke
Joseph Marrin
Patricia Beitler
Joanne Giretti
Margaret Healy
Mercedes Murray

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
Rosy Duran
Captain Alexander LeClaire
2nd Lieutenant Jacob Neumann
Lieutenant Margaret Mary Oriani
Anthony Pascucci USMC
Brian Feeney, Navy
Kaitlyn O'Connor

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 September 15th,
The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Bread & Wine

Altar Flowers

Sanctuary Lamp

Monday	*Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop*	**September 16th**
7:00AM		Fr. Robert Holz—Liv Int
9:00AM		Molly Joy Flynn—Liv Int
Tuesday		**September 17th**
7:00AM		Richard Baldasanno—Liv Int
9:00AM		Doris E Craver & Mary Sheppard
Wednesday		**September 18th**
7:00AM		Brian Reilly—Liv Int
9:00AM		Sr Dolores McLaughlin CSJ
Thursday		**September 19th**
7:00AM		E'Austin R Johnson, Sr.
9:00AM		John Misak
Friday	*Sts. Andrew Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang*	**September 20th**
7:00AM		Christine Clancy—Liv Int
9:00AM		Anton Abram
Saturday	*Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*	**September 21st**
9:00AM		In Honor of the Nine Choirs of Angels
5:00PM		Neil Melley Marijune Palencia Bastien & Meristil Families in Thanksgiving Annel Stephan Norgaisse
Sunday	*Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*	**September 22nd**
7:30AM		William & Hilda Crandell
9:30AM		Arthur Guari
11:30AM		Gloria Bitetto
5:00PM		For the People of the Parish

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 the Buckley Room in Lawlor 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

Third Bann

Nicole Catsounis—Tyler Butera
Panachia of Island Park—St. Christoher's, Baldwin

First Bann

Lissette Rizo—Carlos Munos
St. Christopher's, Baldwin—St. Christoher's, Baldwin

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

Update from Parish Pilgrimage

Pilgrims on the day of arrival after Mass celebrated at St. Helena's Church in Venice, Italy.

Pilgrims at the Tomb of St. Mark in Venice, Italy.

Our St. Christopher's pilgrims arrived in Milan on Sunday and went straight to Venice to learn about the rich history of the people and their devotion to Our Lord.

On Sunday evening they celebrated Mass at the Church of St. Helena.

On Monday they took in the beauty of the Basilica of St. Mark and St Mark's Square.

On Tuesday our pilgrims traveled to Padua to visit the tombs of many saints, among them St. Luke (Evangelist), St. Justina, and St. Anthony.

Tomb of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy

Offering of Prayer intentions and gifts at Mass at the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy.

Liturgy

Korean Martyrs

The first Korean baptized a Christian traveled to China in 1784 for the ceremony. Christianity spread, but adherents quickly met opposition over the question of ancestor worship, which authorities considered obligatory, and which Christians consid ered idolatry. Throughout the nineteenth century, eight thousand Christians were killed in Korea.

In 1984, two hundred years after the first Baptism, Pope John Paul II canonized 103 martyrs while on pilgrimage in Seoul, and placed their observance (September 20) on the Church's universal calendar. Heading the list are a priest, Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and a lay catechist, Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang. The pope said of the group, "From the thirteen-year-old Peter Yu to the seventy-two-year old Mark Chong, men and women, clergy and laity, rich and poor, ordinary people and nobles, many of them descendants of earlier unsung martyrs—they all gladly died for the sake of Christ." He reminded the Koreans that these are their "ancestors." The pope recast this controversial word to affirm the proper honor due to ancestors in the faith.

The Collect for September 20 says that these martyrs were God's adopted children, and their blood is a most fruitful seed of Christians. This analogy was first spoken by Tertullian, a second- century North African Christian, who witnessed the suffering of martyrs in his day, and the increased faith that blossomed after their death. T he same Collect prays that "we may be defended" by the help of the Korean martyrs and "profit always from their example."

The liturgical calendar of the Roman Rite was expanded during and after the years of Pope John Paul II to include martyrs from various countries around the world and different eras of history. T he Korean martyrs are one example of the commit ment people make to follow Christ, even to death.

Source: ***Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: Mary, the Saints, and Angels***

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of September 22nd – Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B

Wis 2:12, 17-20
Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8
Jas 3:16—4:3
Mk 9:30-37

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?"

SEPTEMBER 1st Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
2024	$ 16,235	$ 13,638	$ 2,597
2023	$ 13,655	$ 11,849	$ 1,806
+/-	$ 2,580		

Ministry Appeal - 2024

Goal - $95,000.00

# of Gifts		150
Pledged	$	62,410.00
Paid	$	56,634.00
Average gift	$	416

66% of Goal

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

Thank you to our donors for supporting our 2024 Ministry Appeal campaign!

For 2024 the St. Christopher's Parish Catholic Ministries Goal is $95,000. Many thanks to the 122 families who have made pledges for the 2024 year. Please remember that YOUR participation is paramount to this endeavor. We have over 3,000 registered families at St Chris, if we could all participate, at any level, 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

2024 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.

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

Ministry News

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

Grupo de Oración Renovación Carismática

Sábados a las 7:15PM en
Lawlor Hall
Para información
llame a:
Ana Arevalo 516-395-6245
Isidoro Ruíz 516-410-1402

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

- ◊ Canned Chicken
- ◊ **Mac & Cheese**
- ◊ **Canned Veggies**
- ◊ Canned White Potato
- ◊ Pasta
- ◊ Ketchup
- ◊ Crackers
- ◊ **Cereal**
- ◊ Tissue Products
- ◊ Tuna
- ◊ Oatmeal
- ◊ Diapers 1-6

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

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

Please **DO NOT** leave Clothing Items
By the food pantry
Drop them in the St. Vincents Bins In the Parking Lot

THE LAY CARMELITES

The Lay Carmelites of St. Christopher's in Baldwin invite you to consider a deeper commitment to your baptismal promises by becoming a member of the worldwide family of Carmel. We strive to live Carmelite spirituality after the examples of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Prophet Elijah, and the saints of Carmel. Do you desire growth in spiritual formation? Are you called to share your journey with others of like mind and heart in Community? For more information about the Lay Carmelites of the Province of St. Elias, see the provincial website at www.laycarmelite.com.

If interested, call Andrea Waldron TOC, Director 516-965-0970.

Religious Education

FIRST CLASSES

Tuesday, September 17th

Wednesday, September 18th

Students meet in school cafeteria

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - A CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Class Times:

Tuesday 4:00PM - 5:10PM ☐ **6:20PM - 7:30PM** ☐ **7:00PM - 8:15PM** ☐

Wednesday 4:00pm - 5:10PM ☐ **7:00 - 8:15PM** ☐

Catechist/Substitute ☐ **Special Needs** ☐ **Security** ☐ **Hall Monitor** ☐

Events

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PROUDLY PRESENTS
A FALL FESTIVAL
FEATURING
"ATTIC TREASURES"

Attic Treasures Thrift Shop which has been a part of the Parish Feast in the past has been moved to its own event to be held on Saturday, October 19th from 10:00am to 7:00pm and on Sunday, October 20th from 10:00am to 8:00pm. If you are discarding or replacing your gently used tableware, bric a brac, etc., please consider donating to this event. Food and beverages will be available.

We kindly request that the following items NOT be donated:

- **Clothing and shoes**
- **Books**
- **Mattresses**
- **Furniture**
- **Bedding (includes comforters, sheets, pillows)**

Please drop off your donations for Attic Treasures on Saturday, October 12th & S13th in front of the rectory garage.

- **Please do not leave any donations before the dates listed above.**
- **Please do not donate any large scale items.**
- **Items will be sold on event dates ONLY and will not be available for pre-sale.**
- **All items are cash and carry.**

Events

CYO REGISTRATION NEWS

Who: Boys and Girls grades 4 through 8

What: Basketball

When: Sunday September 8th from 10:30 to 12:00

Monday September 9th from 6:00 to 7:30

Sunday September 15th from 10:30 to 12:00

Monday September 16th from 6:00 to 7:30

Where: In the gym lobby

General Information – The girl's season starts after Columbus Day and ends in January.

The boy's season starts Thanksgiving Weekend and ends in February.

High School basketball and volleyball registration will be in December.

For additional information or if you are interested in coaching please contact:

John Kornobis / 516-754-4414 / johnkornobis@aol.com

Joe Pomerico / 516-232-6867 / jpomerico@gmail.com

Events

~Pro-Life and Catholic ~
~Insights for Catholic Youth~

Presented by
Jozef Zalot, PhD, MEd
National Catholic Bioethics Center

Saturday, October 12, 2024 - 1:00pm - 3:30pm
St. Christopher, 11 Gale Ave., Baldwin

Catholic Teens and Young Adults

You're invited to discuss ethical decision-making on pro-life issues. Bring your questions.

Light Refreshments / Free Admission

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