The Parish *of* *St. Christopher*

BALDWIN, NEW YORK

October 6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh 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

15 Pershing Blvd Baldwin, NY 11510
516-223-0723
bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org

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*

Deacon Ralph Muscente

Deacon Paul Cavanagh

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Ms. Sabrina Chan, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Mr. Julius Cespedes, *Parish Social Ministry Coordinator*

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.

Michael L. Zaccarelli
Barbara Shelley
John J. Walls Sr.

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 October 6th,
The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Bread & Wine

Altar Flowers

Sanctuary Lamp
D. Mardigras

Monday	*Our Lady of The Rosary*	**October 7th**
7:00AM		Slover Family—Liv Int
9:00AM		Fr. Johnny Mendonca—Liv Int
Tuesday		**October 8th**
7:00AM		Patricia Wesselhoft
9:00AM		Annette Micciche
Wednesday	*St. Denis, Bishop*	**October 9th**
7:00AM		Slover Family—Liv Int
9:00AM		Lucille De Michael
Thursday		**October 10th**
7:00AM		Grace Salice
9:00AM		Diane Wenk—Liv Int
Friday	*Pope St. John XXIII*	**October 11th**
7:00AM		Christina Drew
9:00AM		Marguerite & John Rittenhouse
Saturday		**October 12th**
9:00AM		Donald Trump—Liv Int
5:00PM		John McCormack
		Margaret & William Healy—Liv Int
		For the Youth & Young Adults of St. Chris Parish
		Michael J. Kelliher
		Sadie Kelliher
Sunday	*Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*	**October 13th**
7:30AM		Jennifer & Brian Reilly Wedding Anniversary
9:30AM		For the People of the Parish
11:30AM		Fabrice Dalencourt—Liv Int
5:00PM		Annel Stephan Norgaisse

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

Bridget Brosnan—James Kelly

St. Christopher's, Baldwin—St. Gregory the Great, Bellrose

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

My dear Parishioners and Friends,

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. My dear people, the best way to celebrate this month of the rosary is, to pray the Rosary.

One may ask why is October the month of the Rosary or why is it that on October 7th the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary? On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. It was a battle at sea with a Muslim force that had between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers. The team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, the pontiff, St. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory.

We know today that the victory was significant, prevented the Islamic invasion of Europe, and evidenced the Hand of God working through Our Lady. At the hour of victory, St. Pope Pius V, who was hundreds of miles away at the Vatican, is said to have gotten up from a meeting, went over to a window, and exclaimed with supernatural radiance: "The Christian fleet is victorious!" and shed tears of thanksgiving to God.

One of the commanders, commanding the Catholic forces at Lepanto was Andrea Doria, he carried a small copy of Mexico's Our Lady of Guadalupe into battle. This image is now enshrined in the Church of San Stefano in Aveto, Italy. At Lepanto, the Victory over the Muslims was won by the faithful praying the Rosary. Even though they had superior numbers, the Turks really were overmatched. As Padre Pio had said: "The Rosary is the weapon," and how right he was.

The Battle of Lepanto was at first celebrated liturgically as "Our Lady of Victory." Later, the feast of October 7th was renamed "Our Lady of the Rosary" and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716, who canonized Pope Pius V in 1712.

At Fatima, where the Blessed Mother appeared to the three little children, when they asked her name, she said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." So, at Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

The traditional fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary were finalized by the sixteenth century. The mysteries are grouped into sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. In the 19th century, Pope Leo XIII encouraged Catholics to constantly use this devotion and wrote 12 encyclicals on the rosary. The rosary was a favorite prayer of St. John Paul II, who wrote the apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae - The Rosary of the Virgin Mary - in 2002 and added the luminous mysteries to the rosary.

My dear brothers and sisters, Pray the rosary daily, pray especially as a family. Develop a lively devotion for Our Blessed Mother. She cares for each one of us and intercedes for us. Always remember, if you pray the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you to her Son.
Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us. God bless you all.

Fr. Johnny Mendonca

Liturgy

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Written by Julius Cespedes

Blessed Carlo Acutis is someone I feel very connected to spiritually. I was first made aware of his life and vocation by my mother, before he was beatified. Ever since my first time hearing about him, I have been praying to him and learning more about his life. His feast day is this Saturday, October 12th, and for this occasion I felt obligated to write something in the bulletin about his life and about why I resonate with him spiritually.

You may be shocked upon seeing the picture on the right if you are not familiar with Carlo Acutis. This is because he lived and died in the 21st century. He was born in London in 1991, and later moved to Milan, Italy. From a very young age Carlo was already showing a deep love for God and his faith. At age 7, he loved going to daily Mass and would ask his parents to go to Mass with him every day. His love for Mass and for God was moving for even his parents. His mother said this: "Before Carlo's birth, I was really caught up in the culture of our time. Carlo showed me how to live in my century while turning toward eternity."

Carlo had a love for computer programming and video games. Carlo would enjoy playing on the Playstation with his friends, but he would always take his friends for daily Mass with him first. He would also motivate his friends to pray and share their love for God. Carlo would also learn computer programming, learning how to code in Java and C++. Carlo's biggest contributions to the church were his online exhibitions in which he catalogued every apparition of Mary, every Eucharistic miracle, every account of heaven, hell, and purgatory, and every apparition of Angels and Demons. I looked through his websites myself, and seeing his hundreds of articles was the driving factor for me writing this page for the bulletin that I edit every week. It is unbelievable the amount of work he put into researching and writing articles for everything. Everything found in these pages are his own writing. If you would like to look at everything for yourself, the links to his four websites can be found on ***www.carloacutis.com***. Keep in mind that some files will need to be downloaded to your computer in order to open and see them. I assure you that these files are safe to download. I highly recommend checking out his work, it is one of the most impressive works I have ever seen done with a computer, and I work on computers daily. To think this was all done in the early 2000s when computers weren't as advanced is even more astounding.

Carlo Acutis died at 15 on October 12th, 2006 to leukemia. He accepted his death and was never afraid. Carlo is set to be canonized as a saint (the first millennial saint!), but the date is not yet confirmed. The church has officially recognized a second miracle attributed to his intercession, which is grounds for canonization. I am eagerly awaiting the date to be announced.

Source: ***Julius Cespedes, the editor of the St. Christopher's Parish Bulletin***

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of October 13th – Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Wis 7:7-11
Ps 90:12-17
Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-30

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 29th Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
2024	$ 15,242	$ 13,470	$ 1,772
2023	$ 15,820	$ 13,991	$ 1,829
+/-	$ -578		

Ministry Appeal - As of 9/10/2024

Goal - $95,000.00

# of Gifts		152
Pledged	$	64,010.00
Paid	$	60,013.00
Average gift	$	421

67% of Goal

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 152 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

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

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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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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
- ◊ Canned Beans (Hispanic)
- ◊ Pasta
- ◊ Ketchup
- ◊ Crackers
- ◊ **Cereal**
- ◊ Tissue Products
- ◊ Tuna
- ◊ Soup
- ◊ 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

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Food Pantry is open
TUESDAYS 2:30-4:00PM

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

Events

A Tradition of Compassion and Care for the Human Person

Friday October 25th & Saturday 26th, 2024

St. Agnes Parish Center
Rockville Centre, NY

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

Contact:
Julie Kelley - jkelley@ncbcenter.org

REGISTRATION:

http://ncbcenterorg.regfox.com/rockville-centre-ny-2024

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

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Save the Date

On: Thursday, November 7th

At: 7:00PM in The Church

Topic: The Eucharist

More details to follow

Deacon Ministry

Are You Being Called ?

LISTEN!–PRAY!–REFLECT!–DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

7:00PM, Wednesday, October 23rd

St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

1:00PM, Saturday, October 26th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

7:00PM, Tuesday, October 29th

St. Elizabeth Melville, 175 Wolf Hill Road

RSVP by Monday, October 21st,

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 178

OR by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org

We look forward to seeing you!

World Mission Sunday

On October 20th, **World Mission Sunday**, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

El 20 de Octubre, **Domingo Mundial De Las Misiones**, celebraremos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. El Papa Francisco invita a toda la Iglesia a apoyar a las diócesis en África, Asia, las Islas del Pacífico y partes de América Latina y Europa, donde sacerdotes, líderes religiosos y líderes laicos sirven a las comunidades más vulnerables del mundo. Por favor sigan orando por las misiones del Papa y sean generosos en la colecta de la semana entrante para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe.

Events

~Pro-Life and Catholic ~

~Insights for Catholic Youth~

Presented by

Jozef Zalot, PhD, MEd

National Catholic Bioethics Center

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