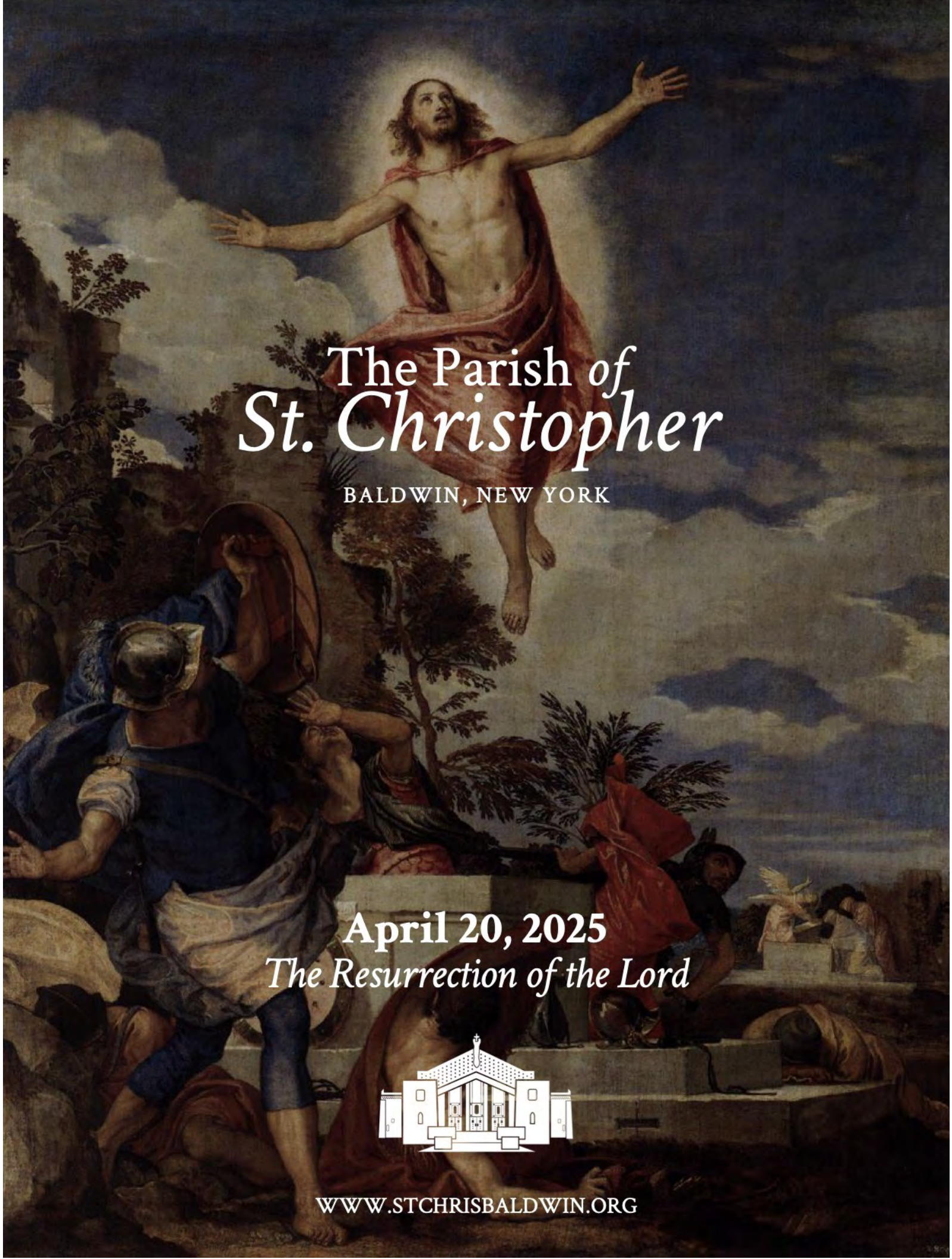

The Parish *of* *St. Christopher*

BALDWIN, NEW YORK

April 20, 2025

The Resurrection of the Lord

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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

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. Laura Aldorasi

Mr. Joseph Fragola

Deacon Paul Cavanagh

Mrs. Barbara Tynan

Ms. Maria Christ

Alex and Amy de la Teja

Mr. Patrick Timmes

Ms. Natasha Louissaint

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mrs. Gail Milne

Mr. Matthew Davis

PARISH STAFF

Ms. Maria Christ, *Office Manager/DIR. Youth Ministry*

Mrs. Maureen Brady, *Receptionist*

Mrs. Mary Beer, *Receptionist*

Mr. Jack Sullivan, *Director of Faith Formation*

Ms. Sabrina Chan, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Ms. Dimitra Vrosgou, *Co-music Director/Main Organist*

Ms. Annalisa Emmett, *Co-music Director/Main Cantor*

Mr. Julius Cespedes, *Social Ministry Coordinator*

Mr. John Kornobis, *Bookkeeper*

Mr. Roy Vessey, *Maintenance Manager*

Mrs. Louise Kiesling, *Baptism Coordinator*

Please Pray For

The Deceased

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

Margaret Lubrano
Dorothy Theres Miguel

The Sick

Zachary Chan
Maureen Carl
Jeannie Clarke
Baby Alana Jackson
Rose Vrabel
Alexandra Vrabel
Baby Thomas Gerard
Fr. Robert Holz
Virginia McWalters
Anne Hartvig
Barbara Shields-Papatrefon
Helen Kiesling
Joseph Marrin
Patricia Beitler
Margaret Healy
Mercedes Murray
Fr. Brian McQuade
Neiko Pagaling
Baby Jack Norris
Siobhan Lahiff
Tara Raimondo
Sr. Maureen Ashe
Donna Belullovich

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
Lt. Jacob Neumann
Lt. Amanda Southard
Lt. Margaret Mary Oriani
Anthony Pascucci USMC
Brian Feeney, Navy
Kaitlyn O'Connor
Sgt. Brenden Magner USMC

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 20th, Easter Sunday

Sanctuary Lamp

Andrew Castiglione

Monday	**April 21st**
7:00AM	Easter Novena
9:00AM	Frank J. Kiesling
Tuesday	**April 22nd**
7:00AM	Easter Novena
9:00AM	William John Tucker—Liv Int
Wednesday	**April 23rd**
7:00AM	John Gredys
9:00AM	Easter Novena
Thursday	**April 24th**
7:00AM	Easter Novena
9:00AM	Pat Malico
Friday	**April 25th**
7:00 AM	Easter Novena
9:00 AM	Raneri Girolamo
Saturday	**April 26th**
9:00AM	Easter Novena
5:00PM	Andrew Castiglione
	Emilia & Teresa Napolitano & Family
	Francois Louis
	Gerard Barthole
	Marie Barthole
Sunday *Divine Mercy*	**April 27th**
7:30AM	Easter Novena
9:30AM	Cathy Hammill—Liv Int
11:30AM	Pablo Nator
5:00PM	People of the Parish
7:00PM *Spanish*	Ana Maria Petta—Liv Int

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.

O.C.I.A (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)/(Orden 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

First Bann

Christina Celano—Anthony Mazzocchi

Sacred Heart, Merrick, NY—St. Claire

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

Blessed Easter to you all.

My dear friends, as we celebrate the Paschal Mysteries—the Greatest of all Mysteries and the Greatest Feast in our Liturgical calendar—it is an opportunity to reflect and ask ourselves: *What does the Paschal Mystery mean to me*? How often have I said, "Jesus is the Lamb of God," or seen images of the Paschal Lamb, especially around this time of Easter? So, let us take time this Easter season to prayerfully reflect on Jesus, as the ***Paschal Lamb***.

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." This is a direct quote from John 1:29 where John the Baptist says this as he points out Jesus to his disciples. We are so used to calling Jesus the Lamb of God that we can miss the whole point of focus that the first people who heard it understood. Lambs were featured most predominantly for the Passover, the central celebration of the Jewish Year. A perfect lamb, without spot or blemish, was sacrificed as a substitute for the first-born of the Israelite family that offered the sacrifice. It was a costly offering, since the wealth of a family was counted in terms of its livestock. This was the yearly remembrance of the greatest act of salvation in the Old Testament, the deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian slavery.

The Israelites celebrated this saving event each year, with hundreds of thousands of Jews coming to Jerusalem to sacrifice their lambs and to eat the Passover supper in the Holy City. It was no coincidence that Jesus was arrested and put to death during Passover. In the Gospel according to John, Jesus breathes his last at the very same moment he Passover lambs were being sacrificed in the Temple.

All the words and events of the Old Covenant had great value, meaning, and dignity in and of themselves—but they also pointed forward to a greater covenant, to a person who was the Word made flesh. To a Lamb who saved Israel from a deeper slavery than Pharaoh's, to an event that would be the culminating moment in human history. The Word came as a spotless Lamb to offer the perfect sacrifice of love that would outweigh all human evil and therefore take away all sins. The Shepherd offered his blood for our sins and his body as our new Passover meal, to give his sheep the strength to become lambs like him who offer their lives for the life of the world - Romans 12:2.

Jesus is called the Lamb of God because he is the perfect sacrifice offered to God. In *1 Peter 1:18-19* we are told:

"You were ransomed...not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished Lamb."

A prophecy about the Messiah states:

"Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7). After Jesus' crucifixion, soldiers did not break his legs to kill him because he was already dead. Like the Passover lamb, his bones were unbroken.

Paul writes, **"Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed"** (1 Corinthians 5:7). Jesus' death on the cross was a Passover from death to life; **for all of us**. By his blood we are saved from death. Jesus made it possible for us to break out of the slavery of sin and death. He gave us the hope of reaching our promised land, heaven. The Gospel according to John clearly compares Jesus to the Passover lamb by saying that Jesus was crucified the same day that the Passover lambs were being sacrificed in the Temple - John 19:31.

The Book of Revelation speaks of the Lamb at least 29 times. In a vision John sees a lamb. Four living creatures and 24 elders fall before the Lamb and sing praise because he purchased all people with his blood (Revelation 5:9).
† Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!

Many Blessings & Peace of the Risen Christ to all Families and Friends. God bless you all.

Fr. Johnny Mendonca

Carta del Pastor a la Comunidad

¡Feliz Pascua para todos!
Mis queridos amigos, al celebrar los Misterios Pascuales, el más grande de todos los Misterios y la Fiesta más importante de nuestro calendario litúrgico, se nos presenta una oportunidad para reflexionar y preguntarnos: ¿Qué significa para mí el Misterio Pascual? ¿Cuántas veces he dicho que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios o visto imágenes del Cordero Pascual, especialmente durante esta época de Pascua? Así que tomémonos un tiempo en esta temporada pascual para reflexionar en oración sobre **Jesús, el Cordero Pascual.**

"He aquí el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo." Esta es una cita directa de Juan 1:29, donde Juan el Bautista dice esto al señalar a Jesús a sus discípulos. Estamos tan acostumbrados a llamar a Jesús el Cordero de Dios que podemos perder de vista el significado que tenían esas palabras para los primeros que las escucharon.
Los corderos eran una parte central de la Pascua, la celebración más importante del año judío. Se sacrificaba un cordero perfecto, sin mancha ni defecto. Este cordero era un sustituto por el primogénito de la familia israelita que ofrecía el sacrificio. Era una ofrenda costosa, ya que la riqueza de una familia se contaba en términos de sus animales. Esta era la conmemoración anual del mayor acto de salvación del Antiguo Testamento: la liberación del pueblo judío de la esclavitud en Egipto.
Los israelitas celebraban este acontecimiento salvador cada año, con cientos de miles de judíos que acudían a Jerusalén para sacrificar sus corderos y celebrar la cena pascual en la Ciudad Santa. No fue coincidencia que Jesús fuera arrestado y ejecutado durante la Pascua. En el Evangelio según San Juan, Jesús exhaló su último aliento en el mismo momento en que se sacrificaban los corderos pascuales en el Templo.

Todas las palabras y acontecimientos de la Antigua Alianza tenían gran valor, significado y dignidad por sí mismos. Pero también apuntaban hacia una Alianza mayor, hacia una persona que era el Verbo hecho carne, hacia un Cordero que salvaría a Israel de una esclavitud más profunda que la del faraón, hacia un acontecimiento que sería el momento culminante de la historia humana. El Verbo vino como un Cordero sin mancha para ofrecer el sacrificio perfecto de amor que superaría todo el mal humano y, por lo tanto, quitaría todos los pecados. El Pastor ofreció su sangre por nuestros pecados y su cuerpo como nuestra nueva cena pascual, para dar a sus ovejas la fuerza de convertirse en corderos como Él, que ofrecen sus vidas por la vida del mundo — Romanos 12:2.

Jesús es llamado el Cordero de Dios porque es el sacrificio perfecto ofrecido a Dios. En 1 Pedro 1:18-19 se nos dice: ***"Ustedes fueron rescatados... no con cosas perecederas como el oro o la plata, sino con la sangre preciosa de Cristo, como de un cordero sin mancha ni defecto."*** Una profecía sobre el Mesías declara: ***"Maltratado, se humilló y no abrió la boca; como cordero fue llevado al matadero"*** — Isaías 53:7. Después de la crucifixión de Jesús, los soldados no le rompieron las piernas para matarlo porque ya estaba muerto. Como el cordero pascual, sus huesos no fueron quebrados. San Pablo afirma: ***"Cristo, nuestro cordero pascual, ha sido inmolado"*** — 1 Corintios 5:7.

La muerte de Jesús en la cruz fue una Pascua, un paso de la muerte a la vida, para todos nosotros. Por su sangre, somos salvados de la muerte. Jesús hizo posible que rompiéramos las cadenas de la esclavitud del pecado y la muerte. Nos dio la esperanza de alcanzar nuestra tierra prometida, el cielo. El Evangelio según San Juan compara claramente a Jesús con el cordero pascual al decir que fue crucificado el mismo día en que se sacrificaban los corderos pascuales en el Templo — Juan 19:31.

El Libro del Apocalipsis menciona al Cordero al menos 29 veces. En una visión, Juan ve a un cordero. Cuatro seres vivientes y veinticuatro ancianos se postran ante el Cordero y cantan alabanzas porque con su sangre compró para Dios a hombres de toda nación — Apocalipsis 5:9.
† Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo, ¡ten piedad de nosotros!
Muchas bendiciones y la paz de Cristo Resucitado para todas sus familias y amigos. Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

Padre Johnny Mendonca

Next Sunday's Readings

Readings for the weekend of April 27th
Divine Mercy Sunday
Year C

Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Revelations 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Mass Ordinaries

Sanctus	#304
Save Us	#217
Three Amens	#218
Agnus Dei	#311

Stewardship

Weekly Numbers: "What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given to me?"

April 13th Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
2025	$ 18,431	$ 16,055	$ 2,376
2024	$14,314	$ 13,747	$ 567
+/-	$ 4,117		

Ministry Appeal - 2025
Goal - $90,000.00

# of Gifts		94
Pledged	$	51,807.00
Paid	$	40,879.75
Average gift	$	484.18

57.56% of Goal

Thank You

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY EACH WEEK

We are so appreciative of your support to our parish! As of late, we have been finding it difficult to keep accurate records of the correct amounts for your income tax records.
To make things easier for us, please consider the following suggestions:

1. Please put the amount you are donating on your envelope.
2. Please do not tape or staple your envelope
3. Please state clearly how you want your donation divided if you are writing one check for different donation categories.

And finally, if you do not have envelopes and wish to receive them, you may call us at the office to request them or place a note with your name and address in the collection baskets

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Thank you to our donors for supporting our 2025 Ministry Appeal campaign!

For 2025 the St. Christopher's Parish Catholic Ministries Goal is $90,000. Many thanks to the families who are pledging for the 2025 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.*

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal! **Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.**

Parish: _____

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Pledge $ _____

Down Payment $ _____

Balance $_____

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

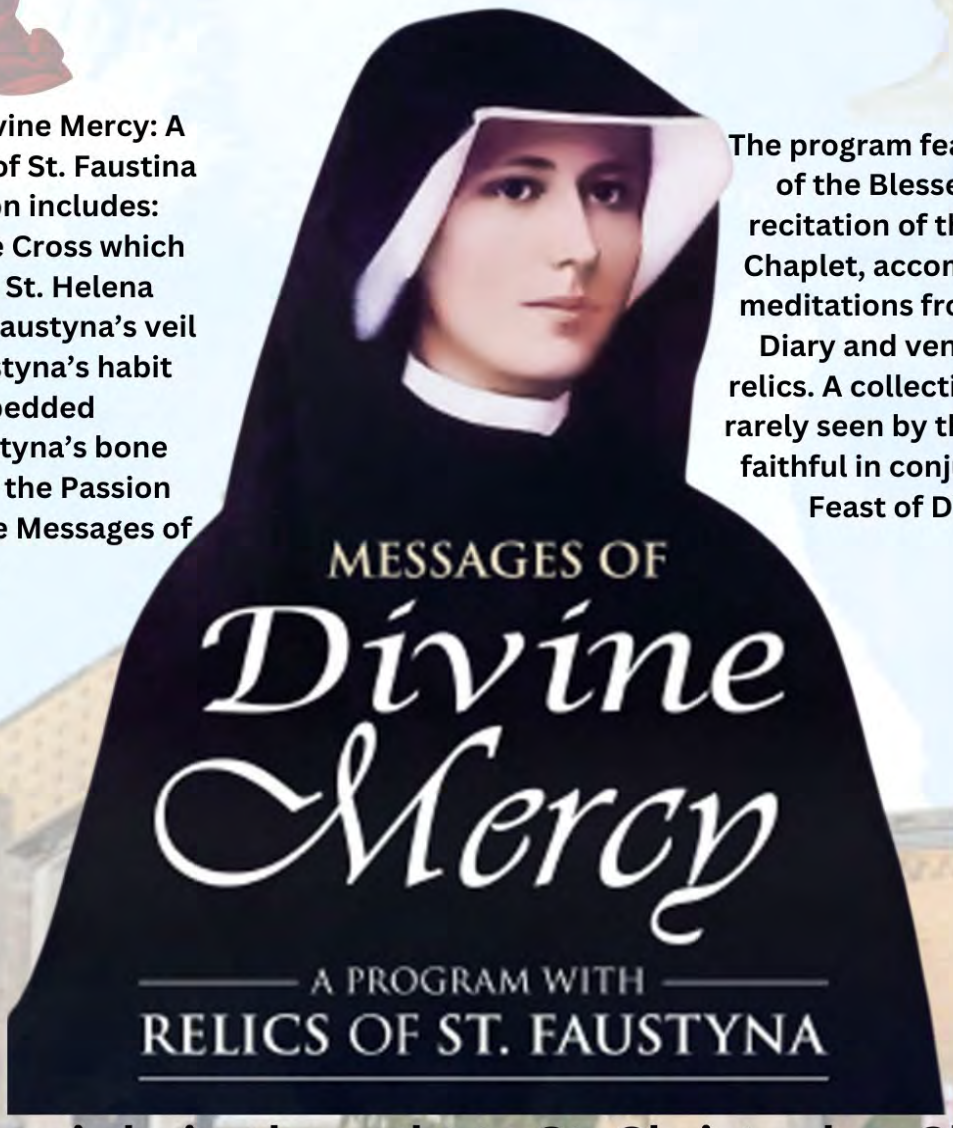
DIVINE MERCY

THURSDAY, APRIL 24th
7:00 PM
in the Church

Join us at St Christopher Church for a presentation celebrating Divine Mercy and the Messages of Mercy as given by St. Faustina Kowalska. The event includes a presentation of Messages of Divine Mercy: A Program with Relics of St. Faustina. This is an opportunity for you to enhance your devotional experience with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Messages of Divine Mercy: A Program with Relics of St. Faustina Kowalska collection includes:

- **A piece of the True Cross which was discovered by St. Helena**
- **A 2x4" piece of St. Faustyna's veil**
- **A piece of St. Faustyna's habit with bone imbedded**
- **A piece of St. Faustyna's bone**
- **Selected Relics of the Passion that complement the Messages of Mercy**



The program features Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, accompanying music, meditations from St. Faustina's Diary and veneration of holy relics. A collection such as this is rarely seen by the majority of the faithful in conjunction with the Feast of Divine Mercy

This program is being brought to St. Christopher Church by the Apostolate for Holy Relics.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

- ◊ Jelly/Jam
- ◊ Pancake mix
- ◊ Syrup
- ◊ Pasta Sauce
- ◊ Oatmeal
- ◊ Cookies
- ◊ Canned Mixed Veggies
- ◊ Diapers size 4-6
- ◊ Toilet paper
- ◊ Chips

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

God Bless you all

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 Deacon Paul Cavanagh will be in touch with you.

"For I was ill and you cared for me" Matthew 25:36

New: Garden Club

Join our new Church Garden Club and help us grow fresh, healthy produce for our community! Through the summer, we'll plant, nurture, and harvest fruits and vegetables to stock our pantry and serve those in need. We have currently started some seedling process and are looking for volunteers to help water and nurture the plants. No green thumb required– just a willing heart and a love for growing together!

Thank You!

Thank you for your help and generosity in filling the Easter baskets! They were distributed at pantry and we will continue to distribute in the next week to more families.

Faith Formation

Happy Easter!

Last Days of Class
Monday, April 21, Tuesday, April 22, Wednesday, April 23

Communion Retreat
Saturday, April 26 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (drop-off in cafeteria)

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Communion Rehearsals
Group 1 (Tuesday classes) Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. in McGoldrick Hall
Group 2 (Mon. & Wed. classes) Wed., April 30th at 7:00 p.m. in McGoldrick Hall

First Holy Communion masses
Saturday, May 3rd at 12:00 p.m. (Tuesday classes) 11:15 a.m. arrival
Saturday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. (Monday & Wednesday classes) 1:15 p.m. arrival

Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27th)

- Jesus said to St. Faustina, "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open… The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment… **Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.**

Easter Gala

Easter Gala

"SPRING INTO HOPE"

SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2025 7:00 PM

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION
OF CHRIST
AND THE SPRING SEASON!

FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • RAFFLES • DJ

TICKETS $100 PER PERSON
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER 'S
SCHOOL GYM

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Our celebration of Easter rekindles our hope each year.

The Tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen!

A wealthy man and a member of the Sanhedrin, St. Joseph of Arimathea is one of those Gospel characters with a very brief but very important role.

In John 19:38-42, we see that after Jesus' Crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for permission to take away Our Lord's Body. This was a bold and courageous act of faith from a man "seeking the Kingdom of God." (Mark 15:43)

Joseph and Nicodemus together place our Lord's Body reverently in linen cloths prepared with myrrh, aloes and spices: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there."

In his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, Fr. Simeon Leiva-Merikakis gives tribute to Joseph of Arimathea. He writes: "And how can we fail to do homage to Joseph of Arimathea? In performing a very humane corporal work of mercy by seeking out and burying the corpse of his beloved Teacher, Joseph becomes for all time a living icon of the eternal Father himself, stooping with compassion to enfold within his throbbing breast the mangled body of his beloved, Son, whom he himself handed over to sinners out of love for mankind. At long last, the Son of God on earth has fallen into the hands, not of a sinner, but of a just and compassionate man! Joseph of Arimathea enacts the justice and love of God himself."[1]

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season, let us remember and ask the intercession of the great Joseph of Arimathea who prepared the Tomb of Christ and the Body of Christ with such sensitive care and compassion, such faith, courage and reverence. The Tomb is Empty! He is Risen!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

[1] Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, 564. *Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word:Meditations on the Gospel According to St. Matthew.*

Parish Events

An Evening of Prayer for Priests

St. Christopher's Adoration Chapel

April 29, 2025
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

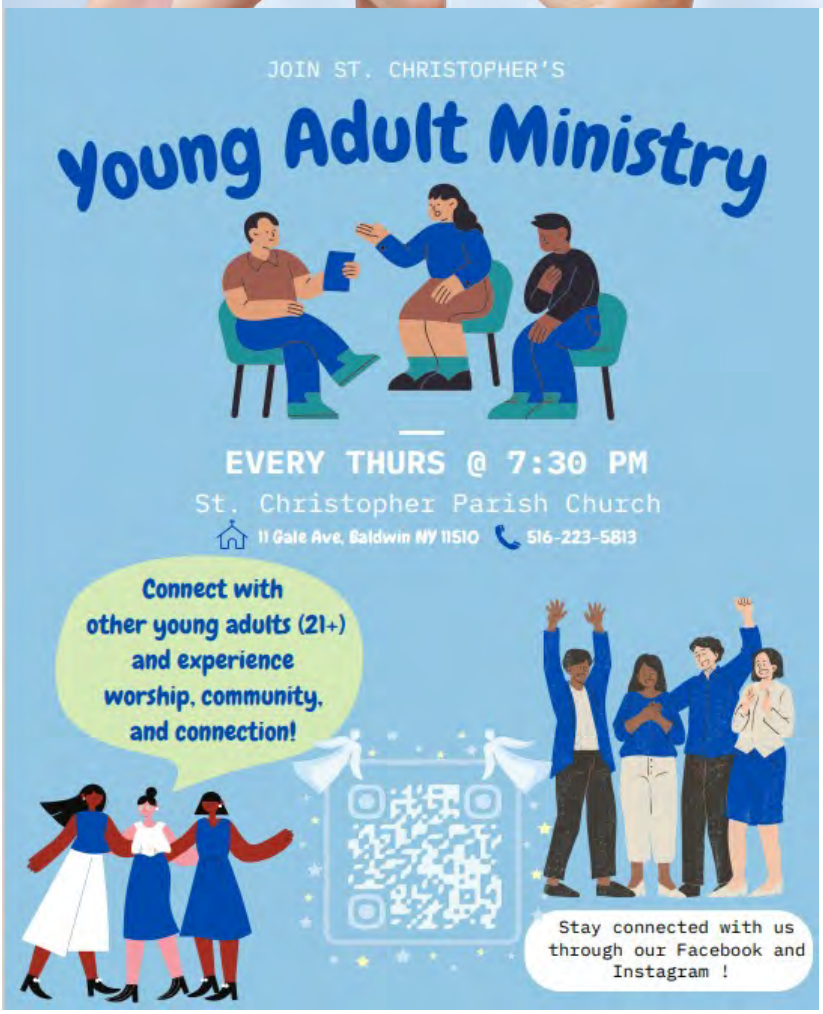
Please join us in praying for all the priests of the Rockville Centre Diocese. Come for an hour, a half hour or just fifteen minutes. Let us pray for their holiness, faithfulness, their protection from the evil one, and for their strength as they serve us, the body of Christ. Without our priests we would have no Eucharist, no sacrament of Reconciliation.

Ministry News

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Saint Christopher's Parish Social Ministry involves many parishioners who offer assistance and support to those in need. New volunteers are welcome! No matter how much or how little time you have, we welcome your participation. You never know whose life you will touch as you put your faith into action. Volunteers are needed to serve in these ministries:

Homebound Pantry Consolation Garden Club



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Our Spanish Community

INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL

Iglesia St. Christopher - Baldwin NY

Domingo 20 de Abril, 2025

MUERTOS CON CRISTO PARA RESUCITAR CON ÉL

"Hermanos: Ya que han resucitado con Cristo, busquen los bienes de allá arriba, donde está Cristo, sentado a la derecha de Dios; aspiren a los bienes de arriba, no a los de la tierra. Porque han muerto, y su vida está con Cristo escondida en Dios". (Colosenses 3, 1-3)

Estos versículos son parte de la segunda lectura de este Domingo de Resurrección. Tratan de la vida nueva en Cristo que el cristiano simboliza con el sacramento del bautismo: morir con Cristo para resucitar con él. El bautismo es símbolo del acontecimiento salvador de Cristo resucitado en la vida de sus seguidores.

El Espíritu de Cristo resucitado, que es el Espíritu Santo, capacita al discípulo para vivir de otra manera enteramente nueva.

La experiencia de Cristo resucitado es un hecho único que transforma sustancialmente la vida del creyente. Con razón la liturgia de la noche de Pascua y este día, Domingo de resurrección,prevé nuestra renovación bautismal. El bautismo simboliza la muerte del hombre viejo -queda ahogado bajo las aguas- y el surgimiento del hombre nuevo: muertos con Cristo para resucitar con él. Esto tiene su consecuencia. Es precisamente lo que nos transmite nuestro texto: "*Ya que han resucitado con Cristo, busquen los bienes de allá arriba, donde está Cristo*". Esto solo es posible, según el apóstol Pablo, si el creyente vive el evangelio de la cruz: quien entrega la vida como hizo el mismo Jesús queda en condición de ser resucitado como él. El creyente pasa a ser otro Cristo crucificado que llega a ser resucitado por el mismo Espíritu de Cristo. (Padre Miguel Marte)

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Pascua 2025

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz Pascua para ustedes y sus familias en este Año Jubilar de la Esperanza! Nuestra celebración de la Pascua reaviva cada año nuestra esperanza.

¡La Tumba está vacía! ¡Jesús ha resucitado!

Un hombre adinerado y miembro del Sanedrín, San José de Arimatea es uno de esos personajes del Evangelio con un papel muy breve pero muy importante.

En Juan 19:38-42, vemos que después de la Crucifixión de Jesús, José de Arimatea pide permiso a Pilato para llevarse el Cuerpo de Nuestro Señor. Este fue un acto audaz y valiente de fe de parte de un hombre que "esperaba el Reino de Dios." (Marcos 15:43)

José y Nicodemo juntos colocan el Cuerpo de nuestro Señor con reverencia en lienzos de lino preparados con mirra, áloe y especias: "En el lugar donde fue crucificado había un huerto, y en el huerto un sepulcro nuevo en el que aún no habían puesto a nadie. Como era el día de la Preparación de los judíos, y el sepulcro estaba cerca, pusieron allí a Jesús."

En su comentario al Evangelio de Mateo, el P. Simeon Leiva-Merikakis rinde homenaje a José de Arimatea. Escribe: "¿Y cómo no rendir homenaje a José de Arimatea? Al realizar una obra de misericordia corporal muy humana, al buscar y enterrar el cadáver de su amado Maestro, José se convierte para siempre en un icono viviente del Padre eterno, inclinándose con compasión para acoger en su pecho palpitante el cuerpo destrozado de su amado Hijo, a quien él mismo entregó a los pecadores por amor a la humanidad. ¡Por fin, el Hijo de Dios en la tierra ha caído en manos, no de un pecador, sino de un hombre justo y compasivo! José de Arimatea representa la justicia y el amor del mismo Dios."[1]

Al celebrar el Domingo de Pascua, la Octava de Pascua, el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia y el Tiempo Pascual, recordemos y pidamos la intercesión del gran José de Arimatea, quien preparó la Tumba de Cristo y el Cuerpo de Cristo con tan delicado cuidado y compasión, con tanta fe, valentía y reverencia. ¡La Tumba está vacía! ¡Él ha resucitado!

Sinceramente en Cristo,

+John O. Barres

Reverendísimo John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre

[1] Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, 564. *Fuego de Misericordia, Corazón de la Palabra: Meditaciones sobre el Evangelio Según San Mateo.*

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We kindly ask for a donation to help cover the printing costs. A detailed price list will be provided in the coming weeks. Your donations will be greatly appreciated as we create a meaningful and lasting tribute to this milestone.

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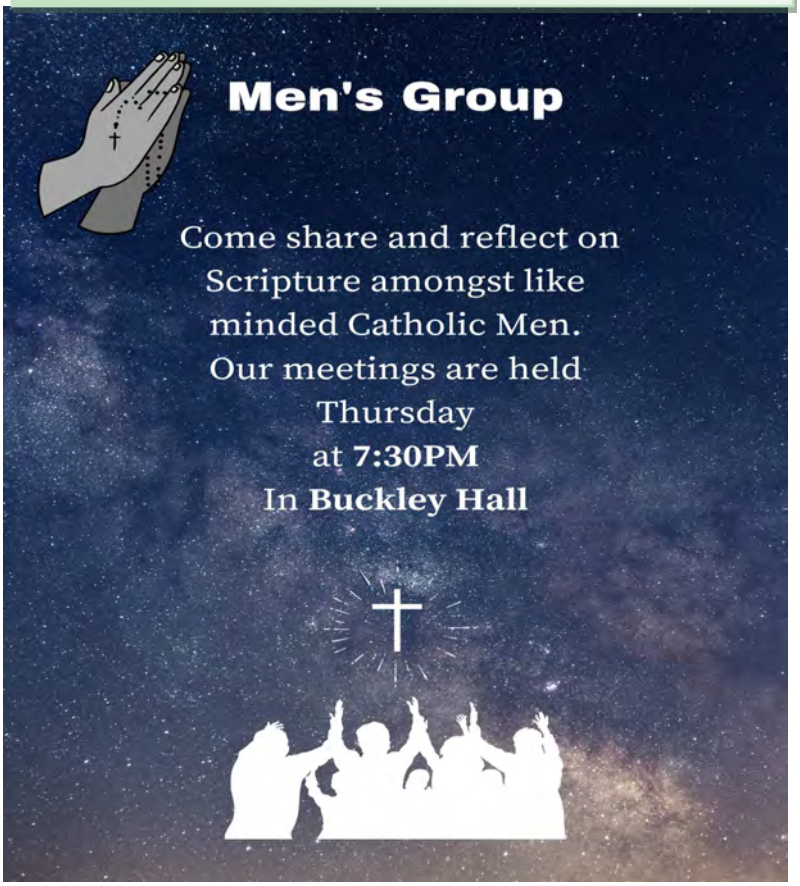

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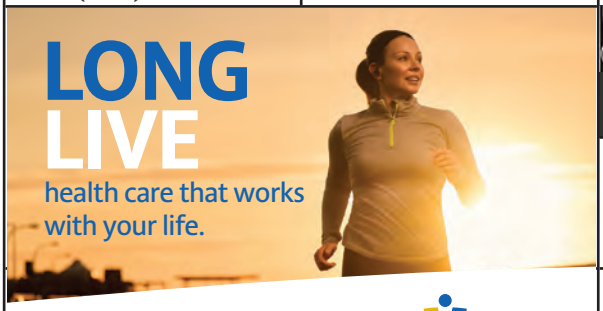

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