April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

Parish 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.”

Celebrating the Eucharist at Saint Christopher’s

Sunday Masses
- Saturday: 5:00pm
- Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am (Family Mass), 11:30am (Choir), 5:00pm, 7:00pm Spanish Mass

Weekdays
- Mon thru Fri: 7:00am (Convent Chapel) and 9:00am (Church)
- Saturday: 9:00am

Holyday Masses
Please consult the weekly Bulletin on the Sunday before the holyday.

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Devotions
- Rosary: Monday thru Saturday after 9:00am
- Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after 9:00am Mass
- First Friday Benediction: 7:45pm

Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Rectory Phone: (516) 223-0723
Rectory Fax: (516) 867-5678

Bulletin E-Mail: bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org
Parish Web Site: www.stchris.com
School Web Site: www.stchris-school.org

Rectory
Office: 223-0723
Parish
School: 223-4404
Religious
Education: 223-5813
Social
Ministry: 442-0932
Adult & Youth
Ministry: 223-5813
**Baptism**

Second, third, and fourth Sundays of each month at 1PM and the second and third Saturdays at 1PM. The required Baptismal Preparation class is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30AM, with Mass in the Church and class to follow in the Buckley Room. Pre-registration is required two months before Baptism for the preparation class and the actual date of Baptism. Contact the Rectory beforehand.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

This is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their Sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Deacon Anthony Banno at the Rectory at 223-0723.

**Reconciliation (Confession, Penance)**

Saturdays 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.

**Matrimony**

Please make an appointment with one of our priests or deacons at least nine months before an anticipated wedding date to begin preparations for marriage and to obtain information regarding the required Pre-Cana conferences. Either the bride or groom or the immediate family must be resident parishioners.

**Communion for the Sick**

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.

**Parish Membership**

Every family in the parish should be registered. Census registration forms are available at the Rectory.

**Bereavement Support**

We focus on the emotional turmoil of the bereaved with understanding and experience to provide support and reassurance to one another. Please call the Rectory at 223-0723 for an appointment.

**Ministry of Consolation**

The ministry assists families in the planning of funeral liturgies. Deacon Anthony Banno is the moderator.

**Adoration - Convent Chapel**

Exposition, First Friday of the month after 7AM Mass
Rosary For Life at 6PM
Prayers at 7PM, Benediction at 7:45PM
First Saturday of the month at 8AM in the Church.
Please pray for all Parishioner born into eternal life. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Virginia Geraci

The Living Flame of the Sanctuary Light will burn in prayer for:

That scientists will find vaccines and treatments to put an end to the pandemic and heal the sick.

Please Pray

Parish Schedule

The Church will be open:
Monday through Friday from 10AM until 7PM
Saturday from 10AM until 5PM
Sunday from 12 noon until 5PM

Confessions will take place in the cry-room in the vestibule of the church on Saturdays from 3PM until 4:30PM.

All events are cancelled until further notice.

Mass Intentions

Week of April 6th

Monday  April 6 - Monday of Holy Week
7AM    Dorothy Shaughnessy-Southard, Mary Chabus
9AM    Kathleen Bonafede

Tuesday  April 7 - Tuesday of Holy Week
7AM    Frances DeStefano
9AM    Estelle Abrams

Wednesday  April 8 - Wednesday of Holy Week
7AM    James Tucker & Jacky Hodgskin
9AM    Dr. Oscar DeVera

Thursday  April 9 - Holy Thursday
7AM    No Mass
9AM    No Mass
7:30PM For all deceased priests that have served at St. Christopher’s

Friday  April 10 - Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
7AM    No Mass
9AM    No Mass

Saturday  April 11 - Holy Saturday
9AM    No Mass
8PM    For all living priests that have served at St. Christopher’s

Sunday  April 12 - Easter Sunday
7:30AM Parishioner’s of St. Christopher’s
9:30AM Norbert Smith
11:30AM Robert Sheppard
11:30AM Dorothy Boe-Healy downstairs
5PM    Frances DeStafano

Eucharistic Offering of Bread & Wine

The Eucharistic offering of Bread and Wine is offered this week for:
All those who are helping us make it through this difficult time: Medical, Police, Food, Transportation, Sanitation and so many others, may God protect them.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

“What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given to me?”

Collection for the 5th Sunday of Lent

2019    $15,975.50
2020    $ 9,295.93
+/-    - $6,679.27

Thank You as always, for your generosity to St. Christopher’s!

Website

Visit website: Stchris.com
For Video of Sunday Mass From St. Christopher’s
Link to FORMED
And updated information.
Readings for the weekend of April 11th - 12th

Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34A, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Pray for our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Brian Kevin Carroll
Ryan Reilly
Michael Catalano
Lt.Cmdr. Frank Walter
Cona
Gregory McGlynn
Thomas R. Petit
James Harris
Lt. Cmndr. Christopher F.
Mercurio USCG
Cmr. James D. Grant USN
Eric McDermott
Lt. Cmdr. Frank Walter
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If you (or a family member) are listed on the “Please Pray” list and have been returned to good health, please call the Rectory at 223-0723, to make room for others. Thank you.

Please Pray

Parish Outreach

The Pantry will be Closed
Until further notice.

However, those that are in need may still pick up food at the rectory.

Next Sunday’s Readings

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Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34A, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Religious Education

All classes are suspended until April 14th.
Communion Retreat is cancelled.
Watch for re-registration in your email.
The office is also closed.
Dear Parishioners,

As the world makes its way through the “Lent” of coronavirus, we continue to pray for each other and for the world. Many are sick, near the point of dying, many have lost their jobs, and many are just plain depressed. Despite the darkness, the light of Christ is with us, and we must never forget that.

First, a word of sincere thanks for those of who have been able to make your offertory contributions, some of which are quite generous. All of the good momentum we had before the crisis is gone and now we find ourselves in difficult circumstances again. As I have said and continue to say, every contribution is appreciated, no matter how large or small. And our online donation system is working very well - please consider this.

Today is Palm Sunday, when we commemorate the Passion of Christ. We think of the suffering that Jesus went through for our salvation. This is a time to appreciate the importance of our faith, which has as its core the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Without Christ, we would not be saved and all those who die would be in peril of eternal loss. Instead, Jesus paid the price for our sins with his own life. I invite you to take a crucifix into your hands today and study it. Look at the nails in his hands and feet. Look at the crown of thorns. Look at his pierced side. Look… and remember.

What is our plan for Holy Week?

1) Per the directives of the diocese, our church will be open on Palm Sunday 12:00-5:00, but we are not permitted to distribute palms at this time, we are very sorry.

2) Due to distancing restrictions in the confessionals we cannot hold “Confession Monday” as we usually do. However, you can make appointments for individual confessions with safe distancing. Kindly call the rectory and we can set something up: 516-223-0723.

3) On Holy Thursday we will have Eucharistic Adoration all day, from 10:00am to 7:00pm here in the church. Please remember social distancing and the other usual health precautions. There will be no benediction; just exposition the whole time.

4) On Good Friday we will have the cross on display for visual veneration—no touching or other physical acts of reverence are permitted. But please come and pray and remember what HE did for us. Again, please remember social distancing.

5) On Easter Sunday, the church will be open for personal prayer 12:00-5:00pm. The church will be decorated for Easter, but in moderation, being prudent with our budget.

6) I’ll be recording Mass and meditations for all of you to watch with your families. We may even have the opportunity to live-stream some celebrations. Please occasionally check our website for the latest information: www.stchris.com
Please know that we have moved our Palm Sunday 50-50 raffle to Easter Sunday. The yellow raffle tickets may be mailed in or dropped off at the rectory. The winner stands to win over $2000, so send in your raffle tickets. Proceeds benefit the HSA of St. Christopher’s School. If you need tickets, please let us know and we will mail them to you or you can pick them up!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of two long-time parishioners, Rosemary Mensching and Virginia Geraci. Sadly, we were not permitted to hold public funerals for them, but it was my privilege to do a graveside liturgy for both of them. We hope to have public memorial Masses for them after things get up and running.

The state and the diocese have informed us that school might re-open on April 20th. The original date for re-opening the church is April 14th. However, given that we are still very much in the middle of the “corona storm” it seems unlikely that these things may happen. But, we shall see. A lot can happen in a few weeks!

Finally, all of us priests are in the same boat you are - tired of listening to nonstop corona information and depressed about things. With our staff all at their homes, I tend to be a one-man-operation here at the rectory... answering phones, doing the mail, addressing the various problems that come up, rescheduling things, celebrating the Masses privately, opening and closing the church, and so on. So I’m keeping quite busy. However, it’s depressingly quiet here and we all miss the presence of our parishioners and the events that would go on here every day of the week. All of us pray for healing, health, and better days ahead. As Christ was once crucified with nails and thorns, so the human race is being crucified now with the corona virus. But as He rose, we look forward to our resurrection!

-Fr. Zientarski
March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we carry the cross together, facing the devastating effects of COVID-19, please join me in thanking and praying for our first responders, dedicated doctors, nurses, staff and volunteers at Catholic Health Services and all of our wonderful hospitals across Long Island. Their sacrificial and heroic dedication during this unprecedented time is an inspiration and a sign of hope. Please join me in also praying for the incredible team at Catholic Charities who is on the front line of our response to the surge in need from the people of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. All of these brave men and women carrying out the Corporal Works of Mercy are a sign of the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives.

We must remember that, although we are being asked to distance ourselves physically, from each other, we remain joined, deeply in faith, to our brothers and sisters in Christ and in the mission of mercy of the Church we love.

I received an email from Auxiliary Bishop Richard Henning that I would like to share with you: “I am speaking with pastors and seeing an explosion of efforts to share, communicate and practice the Faith. God does indeed work in strange ways, and this terrible, grievous moment appears to be shaking many of us out of complacency. There is an energy and urgency that lifts my spirit.” Seeing the number of faithful who are now virtually participating in Mass, Holy Hours and Lenten retreats through their local parish and via the Catholic Faith Network is inspiring and I encourage you to continue to do so. I am also inspired by the rapid response of our pastors and parish leadership to care for the needs of their parish and to make this a reality. Our dedicated pastors and priests are serving in countless ways, never imagined in their seminary training.

We hear of so many special acts of kindness: people collecting food for outreach programs and needed medical equipment for our hospitals; stories of parishioners shopping and checking in on their elderly neighbors, and reaching out to Catholic Charities to help financially or by volunteering their time.

Pope Francis tells us to “remain united - to make our closeness felt to those who are alone and to those who are most stricken”. So many of you are exemplifying that call and I thank you.

From the beginning of the outbreak, our Diocese has monitored our procedures for our parishes, schools and ministries. We have adhered to all directives by the authorities and our health organizations. The spiritual wellbeing and safety of our community is our main priority.
Just as you and your family are now struggling with new challenges, our parishes are as well. Now, perhaps more than ever, your parish needs your help. It cannot survive without you. Appreciating the anxieties you are facing, we urge you to please continue supporting your parish with weekly offertory donations. These funds are critical for the continued operation of your parish. Every day, your parish provides for the pastoral and spiritual care of its parishioners. It is there in the happiest moments in your life - weddings, baptisms, first Communions - and is a source of comfort during the most challenging times such as our current crisis or the death of a loved one. There are senior services, food pantries, youth ministries, schools, and on-going religious education. All of this depends on you! We ask that you please consider making the sacrifice, at a minimum, to continue your current weekly level of support.

One easy way to do so is through your parish's online giving provider. Your parish may have an online giving account that can be accessed through the parish website. We have also developed a “Text to Give” option for each of our parishes enabling you to make a weekly donation on your smart phone. To access information regarding this innovative form of giving, please go to the following website https://www.drvcmissionarygrowth.org/text2give.

At the same time, I ask our loyal supporters of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, who aid our ministries including Catholic Charities, to continue to support us if you are able. We are so grateful to those of you who continue to send in your pledge payments. We are seeing many of our ministries pivot to support those most impacted by COVID-19 and we rely on your support both in the short-term and long-term. All gifts - no matter the size - make a difference to those in need. I truly hesitated in sending a request for support at this time, knowing the anxieties we are all facing. But as the needs of our community grow, we must ensure that our Church can continue to meet the needs of our people throughout this crisis. We must also prepare to fully reemerge when the crisis is over and we are able to join together again as the Body of Christ. I know that the faithful on Long Island understand this and will and respond as you always do in times of crisis. If you or a family member is in need of assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at (516) 733-7045. Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. May the Holy Spirit lift our spirits so that we may see with supernatural vision the opportunities to share our Catholic Faith in these challenging times. You and your family are remembered in my daily prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

Bishop of Rockville Centre
St. Christopher School News

Happy Palm Sunday!

Today we begin Holy Week, a very special week in our Catholic faith, where we recall the events leading to Jesus’ Passion, Death, and joyful Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As we enter this holiest of weeks, and cannot be together as a school family, there are still ways we can observe Holy Week at home. We know that no matter where we may be, we are always in the presence of God.

One of the best ways we can think more deeply about the events of this week is to pray the Rosary. Set aside time each day to pray a decade of the Rosary. Another activity that can be done as a family is to Walk the Stations of the Cross. Look for pictures that represent each Station and place them around the house, or if the weather is nice around your yard. As a family you can walk the Stations together and pray together. Take time to pray together as a family and begin new family traditions.

Mrs. Carberry continues to record morning prayers each day. In addition to the Morning Offering, she reads a daily Scripture reading. Afterwards the children are given a question to silently reflect upon in their hearts. It is a small way in which she continues to come together with the children each day. Teachers have been using Zoom to check in with their students. They invite students to join a class meeting where the teachers may present a lesson, go over assignments, and answer any questions students may have. As we continue to navigate this new way of teaching, teachers will be encouraged to use the class meetings more frequently. Of course if students have questions they can always reach out to their teacher through email and the question will be answered.

Please send us pictures of the children learning at home. We love seeing them! I know the teachers miss the children as much as I do!

Easter vacation will take place as scheduled from Thursday, April 9th through Sunday, April 19th. There will be no assignments given during this time. As of right now, our anticipated reopen date is Monday, April 20th. If there is any change to this date I will notify parents immediately.

Father, as we remember how Your son, Jesus, entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise You every day, by living always in Him. Amen

I wish you a Blessed Holy Week and will continue to keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Carberry
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for you and your family?  
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**Vida Parroquia Y Sacramentos**

**Misa en Espanol** los domingos a las 7PM

**Bautizo:** El Segundo Sabado del mes
Clase de preparacion de Bautismo, el tercer sabado del mes a las 6:30PM
Para matricularse llame a Regina DeJesus (516) 445-9780

**Formacion para Ninos y Adolescencia**
Primera Communion y Confirmacion llame a la Hermana Joan Klimski
Directora de Educacion Religiosa (516) 223-5813

**Escuela de St. Christopher**
Anne Lederer, Directora de la escuela
Para mas informacion llame la oficina (516) 223-4404

**Matrimonio**
Por favor llame a la oficina parroquiar para mas informacion (516) 223-0723.

**R.I.C.A.: (Rito de Inciacion Cristiana para adultos)**
Para adultos que desean convertirse al Catolicismo o completar los sacramentos
Para mas informacion llame Regina DeJesus (516) 445-9780

**Adoracion De la Eucaristia**
En la Capilla del Convento
Primer viernes del mes, despues de la misa de las 7AM
Benedicion a las 7PM

**Grupo de Oracion Renovacion Carismatica**
Todos los Sabados a las 7PM
en la cafetera de la escuela
Para mas informacion llame Jose Molina (516) 455-3930
Reina Argumedo (516) 554-7785

**Communion Para los Enfermos**
Si no puede asistir a la misa por enfermedad, puede recibir la CommunionSagrada en su hogar. Llame a la oficina parroquiar (516) 223-0723

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**Ministerio Mariano Español**

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros en la capilla del convento todos los jueves a las 7 p.m. Iniciaremos el primer ministerio mariano de esta comunidad en español. Con la recitacion del Santo Rosario, canciones y la reflexion del Evangelio del dia. Los esperamos para esta Gran Bendicion.

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**Asistencia de Inmigración de Catholic Charities**

Catholic Charity ofrece orientacion, asistencia y estabilizacion para los inmigrantes hasta que se vuelvan autosuficientes algunos de los servicios prestados a un costo minimo: Asesoramiento legal Reasentamiento de refugiados Abogacia Para mas informacion, contacte al 631-789-5210

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**Campana**

[Imagery of a campana with text in Spanish]

"La Campana es un tiempo propicio para abrir la puerta a cualquier necesitado y reconocer en el a su vez el rostro de Cristo. Cada uno de nosotros encontramos en aquellos que vienen a nuestra parroquia, un invitación a nos acercar a otros para compartir con ellos nuestra fe, nuestras esperanzas y promover la paz."

-Papa Francisco

**Estudiantes**

En esta Comunión, queremos hacer un pedido especial: queremos que todos los nietos que han contribuido o no, sean bendecidos por este tiempo de unión y compartir con otros nuestros momentos de compartir y crecimiento como una familia.

**Familia**

Pueden ustedes asistir a la Capilla de la Parroquia el primer viernes del mes, para recibir la Sagrada Comunion.

**Arrendatarios**

Es un momento especial para todos nosotros, para compartir con las almas de los que viven en este lugar con nosotros.

**Refugiados**

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Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Barres

New Pastoral Letter. The Great Week – A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week.

Bishop John Barres has written a pastoral letter about Holy Week: The Great Week – A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week. This Lent, Bishop Barres invites you to join him in making a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Lord during the last week of His life by attending all the liturgies that take place in your local parish during Holy Week, the final week of Lent just prior to Easter. This pastoral letter will provide you an overview and explanation of the ‘places’ you will visit, the things you will see and the people you will meet on your spiritual journey. To read the letter, visit www.thegreatweek.com. The pastoral letter will also be included in the March edition of The Long Island Catholic Magazine. Printed copies will be available later this month. To subscribe to The Long Island Catholic Magazine visit www.licatholic.org/subscribe/.

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.
That those who thirst for the water of life - the unborn children, the terminally ill, the marginalized and oppressed - may be set free and embrace in love.

This month’s respect life rose devotion is for the grace to see Christ in each person we meet and extend the Lord’s mercy and compassion.

Friend us on Facebook
St. Christopher’s Respect Life

Pregnant? Need Help?

Call 1-800-395-4357
24 hours a day - 7 days a week

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(from St. Alphonsus Ligouri)
ENROLLMENT FORM
for Online Giving

Weekly Offertory Gift: $_________ Please choose how you would like to donate.
   Every Week: ___ Every 2 Weeks _____ Every Month: _____ Twice a Month:______
   Every 3 Months________

START DATE: ________________

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections.

Special Monthly usually 1st Sunday of the Month $_________ Start Date: ____________

Solemnity of Mary in January $_____ Date: ______________
Church in Need in March $_____ Date: ______________
Catholic Relief Services in March $_____ Date: ______________
Easter Flowers in March $_____ Date: ______________
Easter Donation in April $_____ Date: ______________
Holy Land in April $_____ Date: ______________
Catholic Elementary Schools in May $_____ Date: ______________
Mother’s Day in May $_____ Date: ______________
Catholic Communications in May $_____ Date: ______________
Ascension of Our Lord $_____ Date: ______________
Father’s Day in June $_____ Date: ______________
Peter’s Pence in June $_____ Date: ______________
Assumption of Our Lady in August $_____ Date: ______________
Catholic University in September $_____ Date: ______________
St. Pius X in September $_____ Date: ______________
World Missions in October $_____ Date: ______________
Respect Life in October $_____ Date: ______________
Cath. Campaign for Human Development/ $_____ Date: ______________
   Home Missions in October
   Catholic Ministries Appeal in October $_____ Date: ______________
   All Saint’s Day in November $_____ Date: ______________
   All Souls Day in November $_____ Date: ______________
   Thanksgiving SVDP/Outreach $_____ Date: ______________
   Christmas Flowers in November $_____ Date: ______________
   Immaculate Conception in December $_____ Date: ______________
   Religious Retirement in December $_____ Date: ______________
   Christmas Donation $_____ Date: ______________

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Phone: ___________________ Email: _____________________________________________

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For credit/Debit Card, please circle: Visa MastarCard American Express
Credit/Debit Card #: ________________________ Expiration Date: __________ Code: ______

Contribute the cost of the Processing Fee?  Yes  No (Ex. For a $5 donation the fee is $.15)
I understand that my contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account
or credit card. I also understand that I may increase, decrease or suspend my giving by contacting the Rectory at 516-223-0723. Completed form should be brought into the Rectory Office.

Authorization Signature: __________________________________ Date: ______________
“Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day.”

- Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven’t contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2020 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is used to support the ministries of the Appeal that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a $25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider $5 or $10. 

Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish ____________________________ Pledge: $ ______
Name ____________________________ Down payment: $ ______
Address ___________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _______________________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________

To make a donation, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296

Thank You!
**Parishioners** are advised to contact **Mary McMahon** at the Office of Child Protection if they suspect any instances of sexual abuse of minors by anyone on parish property:

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**Have You Considered a Vocation to the Priesthood?**

"Have you considered a vocation to priesthood or religious life?"

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**Hibernians**

McGuinness - Fitzsimons Division 14

Celebrate of your Irish Heritage and Catholic Faith?

Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians

We promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity! We are the oldest and largest Irish Catholic organization in the United States.

Learn to play the bag pipes. Lessons on Monday evenings with the Glor Na nGael Pipe Band. Contact Tom Piderit at Bytshore1@aol.com.

Gentlemen of Irish birth or decent, from either parent, and a practicing catholic over 16 years old are welcome to join.

Please contact Jim Henry at JHenryiii@aol.com or call 516-652-9850.
For additional information please visit; https://www.aohdiv14ny.org/ or https://www.facebook.com/division14ny or https://aoh.com

**Knights of Columbus**

Daniel J. Bradley Council Knights of Columbus

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*Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre has opened a new wing to give comfort to those who are dying: Good Shepherd Hospice Care. Each patient receives a private room and professional, compassionate care is given to them.*  
*For more information or to take a tour: 516-586-1420  www.goodshepherdhsopice.chsli.org* |
| **Gianna**  
*The Long Island*  
*Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility*  
*Catholic Health care for women and men, offering fertility assistance, issues with recurrent miscarriages, and a host of other services.*  
*www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island* |
| **Life Center of Long Island**  
*Saving Lives by Changing Hearts*  
*Unplanned pregnancy? Need help? Care, counseling, and pro-life options for women. Find hope and solutions with the Life Center. Four locations: Deer Park, Massapequa, Riverhead, Hempstead.*  
*www.lifecenterli.org* |
| **Project Rachel**  
*Find hope, healing, forgiveness, and love after abortion. Project Rachel offers women and men opportunities to feel the Father’s love.*  
*Hopeafterabortion.com* |
| **Courage**  
*A national apostolate of the Catholic Church, which ministers to persons with same-sex attractions.*  
*https://courage.org* |
| **Catholic Charities, Talbot House**  
*Talbot House is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence crisis center, providing detox services to adult men and women who are in crisis.*  
*http://www.catholiccharities.cc/our-services/chemical-dependence* |
| **Covenant Eyes**  
*Break free from pornography and live a life of freedom.*  
*www.covenanteyes.com* |
Please consider ways you and your family can financially support our parish so that we can meet our many expenses as a large, non-profit organization.

**Weekly Giving- Collections**

**Sunday and Holy Day Mass collections** keep our parish going. St. Christopher’s relies totally on the generosity of its parishioners *every dollar helps!* Consider using parish envelopes - or Online Giving, this way we can keep track of your donations and give you a statement at the end of the year for tax purposes. Go to stchris.com for more information on scheduled giving.

**Ocean Financial Credit Union**

Many of use credit cards that give us rewards or points for how much money we spend. Ocean Financial Credit Union offers a credit card that gives quarterly dividends to the parish. To date the parish has received over $19,000 from this program! It’s an easy way to help our parish financially—every time you use the card, a percentage is given back to the parish. Sign up today at: www.oceanfinancial.org or visit the office at 45 Atlantic Avenue in Oceanside.

**Bread, Wine, Candles, Masses, and more!**

**Other types of giving** are available here at Saint Christopher’s Parish. Have you considered…..

- Offering Bread and Wine in honor of a loved one.
- Offering a Mass for a loved one.
- Offering the red sanctuary candle in honor of someone.
- Memorializing our new hymnals, bricks, vestments…

Come to the rectory to arrange for one of these!

**600 Club**

St. Christopher’s offers a monthly lottery program called the **“600 Club”**. For $60 per year, you are entered into the “Club” and have a chance of winning a prize each month: $600 for first prize, $100 for second, $50 for third.

Make a check for $60.00, payable to *St. Christopher’s 600 Club*, and we will call you to pick out your lucky number.

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

**TEL. #**

Send the slip above to the Rectory at 11 Gale Ave, Baldwin, NY 11510 or place in the collection basket on Sunday.
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[https://dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections](https://dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections) |
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| **SiriusXM**  
Channel 129 (“Catholic Channel”) | **The Jennifer Fulwiler Show**  
2-4PM Weekdays  
Jennifer is a convert, a wife and mother of 6, and has lots of good ideas and interesting guests on her show! *Note: You must be a SiriusXM subscriber.* |
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Looking for an excellent resource for growing in the Catholic faith as a beloved daughter of God? Try **BLESSED IS SHE**!  
[HTTPS://BLESSEDISSHE.NET](https://www.blessedisshe.net)  
This online resource connects you with other Catholic women, the bible, stories of faith, prayer groups, and conferences. We hope to offer a women’s bible journaling group here at St. Christopher’s in the near future! |