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August 8, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am (Family Mass),
10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Monday — Friday

9:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30 — 4:30 pm

at the church or by appointment

ADORATION

First Fridays after 9 am Mass
until Noon & Wednesday nights
7:00—8:00 pm

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 2:00 pm. Contact the
rectory to make arrangements, and
go to our website for baptismal
information and forms.

MARRIAGES

Contact the rectory at least six
months in advance. Visit our
website for information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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Sacrament of Anointing of the
Sick, please call the rectory. Do
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Welcome to the Parish of St. Christopher & St. Sylvia! We hope that all new residents to the Red Hook area will feel at home in our parish and strive to become an active member of our faith community. Please take a moment to stop by the rectory office to fill out a membership form and meet a member of the Pastoral Staff!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	Intentions	Requested by:
Sat., August 7	St. Sixtus II St. Cajetan	
5:00pm	Thomas Budd †	Prayer Shawl
Sun., August 8	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30am	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
9:00am	Lydia Grima †	Charles Grima
10:30am	Bartolo Raffaele †	Francesca & Family
12:00pm	Nick LaCourte †	Barbara & Marc Vandewater
Mon., August 9	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	
9:00am	Russell Mania †	Tina & Jody Nero
Tues., August 10	St. Lawrence	
9:00am	Artie Voetsch †	Rossi Family
Wed., August 11	Saint Clare	
Thurs., August 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal	
9:00am	Peter Intervallo †	Frank & Letty Intervallo
Fri., August 13	St. Pontian, St. Hippolytus	
9:00am	Consecration to Sacred Heart of Mary	Chris & Jane Hillery
	Lilo Trimarco †	Anthony, Gene, Debbie, Sean, & Maddie
Sat., August 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe	
9:00am	Vincent Campo †	Jane Campo
5:00pm	Intentions of Seniors	
Sun., August 8	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
7:30am	Gladys Fell †	Sharon & Harold Sanger
9:00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
10:30am	Joseph Plapukis †	Turchetti Family
12:00pm	Dorothy Wengler †	Mary, Martha, & Maryann

WEDDING BANNS II



**Silas Crawford
&
Rebecca Sardaro**

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATES

Beginning the weekend of August 8th, the Wednesday 9:00 am Masses will be permanently suspended. The Wednesday Mass intentions already scheduled for the remainder of the year will be combined with the Friday 9:00am Mass of that week.

Wednesday 9:00 am daily Mass is offered at Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck.

Beginning in September, the 7:00 am Tuesday/Thursday Masses at the Holy Spirit Chapel will be permanently suspended. The Mass intentions will be added to the 9:00 am Mass of the same day for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your understanding.

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On Not Giving Up

by Regis Martin

Someone asked me the other day which saint to turn to when one is struck by a migraine. Since I've never had one, I didn't know. So, I suggested we do a Google search so that we'd both know. Turns out there are two intercessory experts, Gemma Galgani and Teresa of Avila, both of whom were frequently beset with severe, even crippling headaches.

But then I thought of another saint, one whose example of courage—"grace under pressure" is how Hemingway once put it—makes him the perfect, if unofficial, patron for all who suffer from afflictions of the head. And while he may never have suffered this particular malady himself, it scarcely matters in light of the story I'm about to tell.

It's about Francis de Sales, the saintly bishop of Geneva, who, as he lay dying in the last hours of his life, knowing that the end was near, asked for the Last Rites; they were duly administered but without benefit of *Vaticum* owing to the unsettled state of his stomach. He was given a rosary instead, which, at his request, was wrapped around his wrist. He lasted through the night. On the following day, his doctors, having gathered around the sick bed to confer, agreed that *extreme measures* would be necessary in order to save his life. What did they have in mind? *Repeated applications of a red-hot poker to the temple* was their considered recommendation. Was that, one wonders, what the medical experts back then would have called "*following the science*"?

It didn't work, of course, despite having inflicted it three times and leaving poor Francis in a state of excruciating torment. Concerning which, by the way, he did not utter a single word of complaint; instead, he repeated over and over the sacred words of Jesus and Mary. Shortly thereafter, the Litany of the Saints was recited and, while invoking the Holy Innocents, whose feast fell on that day, Francis breathed his last. It was December 28, 1622.

Can you think of a more inspiring example of patient endurance while suffering afflictions of the head?

Or the heart, for that matter, which brings me to the most difficult and demanding test of all in the life of Francis de Sales. It took place in late December of 1584 when Francis, a young student at the Sorbonne, found himself surrounded by learned professors whose minds had been infected by Calvinist theology. The net effect of their teaching drove the young Francis to the brink of despair, so entirely persuaded was he that hellfire awaited him on the other side of death. In a word, God had *predestined* him from all eternity to a state of everlasting damnation. And there wasn't a blessed thing he could do to avert the dreaded certainty of the sentence. "Damned if you do," as they say, "damned if you don't."

Thus, fixated upon a fate that would separate him forever from the sight of God, from a love on which he had come more and more to depend, Francis could only cry out in anguish, reaching again and again for the words of the Psalmist: "Save me, O my God, because the waters have engulfed my soul!" He knows himself to be at the very end of his rope, feeling the noose as it tightens itself more and more around his neck. "I, miserable as I am," he records in his notes, "should I then be deprived of the grace of him who has made me taste so suavely of his gentleness, and who has shown himself so lovable to me?"

The tension is unbearable, leaving him no resolution whatsoever. Save only this, which he frames in the following heart-felt words: "Whatever it is to be, Lord," he begs, "at least let me love you in this life if I am unable to love you in eternity." And then, as if to ratchet up the request, he adds: "If, because my merits demand it, I must be cursed among the accursed who will not see your most sweet face, grant me, at least, not to be among those who will curse your holy name."

In other words, if he cannot have paradise in the company of God and His angels and saints, and must ineluctably fall into a state of perdition amid the lost souls who languish forever without hope, at least allow the poor man not to despise and detest his God and Judge. It is an absolutely astonishing petition to make to Someone whom you have already convinced yourself is determined to cast you out into the darkness. But there is more to it than dumb resignation. It is, in fact, an act of total abandonment to God, telling Him that whatever eternal decree has been imposed, even were it to send him straight into hell, he will never join with those whose hatred and rejection of God has become their fixed and defining state.

And so, while there appeared to be no way out, no exit at all from the predicament young Francis found himself in, he nevertheless would steel himself to live on the terms God had set, refusing to give way to hatred and revolt. Like the ancient figure of Job, who cries out to God, "Even if you kill me, I will have hope in you," Francis will persist with all his heart in a state of steadfast love of Jesus and Our Lady, determined to unceasingly cry out for a mercy he knows he does not deserve and deeply fears he will never receive.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST. SYLVIA

Sunday, August 8

Monday, August 9

Prayer Shawl 1:00pm Parish Center

Tuesday, August 10

Prayers for Life 9:30am Church

Wednesday, August 11

The Search 5:30pm Don Bosco Hall,
Lower Church

Our Lady Queen of Peace Holy Hour 7:00pm Church

Thursday, August 12

Friday, August 13

Office Closed

Saturday, August 14

Food Panty 10am-11am Parish Center

Confessions 3:30pm-4:30pm Church

Sunday, August 15

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ON NOT GIVING UP

But he is mistaken. Deliverance will most certainly come, and when it does it will effect a complete cure. And so one day, weeks after the crisis had first struck, he wanders into one of the churches in Paris where he would often stop on his way home from the University. It is the Dominican Church of Saint-Étienne-des-Grès, in one of whose side chapels there is a painting called the Black Virgin, before which he kneels in prayer. And seeing the text of the *Memorare*, he recites it "through to the end." And at once, all temptation to despair falls clean away, his soul wholly and permanently restored.

Yes, by all means, invoke the blessed Francis, whom the Church raised to the altar in 1665, later declaring him to be the Doctor of Love. But do so knowing that for all that he was made physically to suffer at the end, the sheer anguish of soul he was made to endure at the beginning was yet worse. And in the triumph of his hope, may we find the consolation of knowing that we, too, are among the chosen of God.

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LECTORS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a Lector for Sunday Masses, please contact the Rectory Office at **845-758-3732**



GRADES 1-6

Registration is well underway. Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Kindergarten is being offered this year!

All Classes on Wednesday are filling up quickly.

Please be aware that 4th Grade on Wednesday is FULL!

2nd and 5th Grades on Wednesday only have one spot left!

Catechists are needed for all Grades! Please call the Religious Education Office for more information at 758-5506

**Youth Alive
Grades 7 & 8**

Please submit all outstanding paperwork.

Please be aware that 8th Grade on Tuesday is FULL!

Confirmation

Please submit all outstanding paperwork.



Enjoy your Summer!

Remember...when traveling, God doesn't take a vacation and can be found in any Catholic Church any place in the world!

BASKET BINGO VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Basket Bingo is the primary fundraiser for the Religious Education Program. The funds are used to off-set the costs of books, classroom supplies, heat, electric, and building maintenance.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to do our Lord's work. Will you step up?

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lauren Kerzner at the rectory at 845-758-3732

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Do you want to make a difference in our youth? Do you want to see them grow in the faith?

The Catechism (1285) tells us; *by our confirmation, we are "...more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."*

When teaching for Religious Education, you are given a time, a place, supplies, and the children, who desperately need us! Not only do you teach them and help them to grow in our beautiful faith; but your own faith will grow and deepen as well!!! Please consider being a catechist or an aide.

Call Ellen Farina for more information at 845-758-5506. The youth is the future of our church.

JESUS IS CALLING YOU!

Come lay down your joys, burdens, and cares before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! He is the only one with the answers to our daily struggle and worldly problems.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets every

Wednesday from 7pm-8pm in the Church.

Rosary, silent mediation, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the Blessed Sacrament

During the month of August we will offer the Holy Hour for the healing of our Church.

Join us afterwards for a parking lot social (bring your own lawn chair).

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

ANNUAL TAG SALE

AUGUST 27TH, 28TH, & 29TH!

School, 30 Benner Road

Please wear a mask.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 11am during the month of August to help sort and set up for the sale.

Help is also needed during the weekend of the tag sale.

Please contact **Gina at 845-399-0058**

Sturdy boxes needed to pack items in at the end of the sale.

RHINEBECK LEGION BAND CONCERT



Tuesday, August 24th at 6:45pm

on the lawn of St. Christopher's Church.

Bring your own chair, relax, and listen to the music!

NOTICE OF LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. SYLVIA CEMETERY

There are a number of overgrown shrubs and trees that are encroaching on headstones at St. Sylvia's Cemetery. In the coming weeks, we will have the trees and vegetation professionally pruned and/or removed as necessary to improve the landscape and visibility of the headstones.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that the planting of trees and shrubs is prohibited.

SOCIETIES & CONTACTS

- Adult Faith Formation**, Barbara Totman.....
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- Baptismal Coordinator**, Wendy Wajda MacHugh.....845-758-3732
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Find and circle eight things that are different.



LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK

The Lighthouse Kiosk has been relocated to the Don Bosco Hall. (lower church) There are religious publications and videos for adults & children.

To view what is available, take a look after Sunday Masses.

SICK LIST REQUEST FOR PARISH BULLETIN

To all who have a family member on the bulletin sick list, kindly update your request. The request must be updated every six (6) weeks. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE—We will include names on the bulletin list for a period of six (6) weeks. If you wish the name repeated, you must submit it on the form below. Requests will be accepted only from the sick person or from an immediate family member.

Detach and return:

I wish my name to be included in the Parish Bulletin Sick List and give my permission to do so.

NAME (PRINT) _____

DATE _____

Signature & relationship (must be a family member)

PLEASE PUT IN THE DROP-BOX OUTSIDE THE RECTORY OFFICE.

THE SEARCH... for Young Adults (17-22)

Everyone is SEARCHING for something.

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Wed., July 7 - Aug 18 at 5:30 pm,

Don Bosco Hall (lower church)

Come and bring a friend or two, prior attendance is not necessary. The series will be moderated by Annemarie Thimons & Katie Luangkhot.

Pizza & beverages will be served.

Sign up in the back of the church.

For more information call **845-597-5226**

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember the sick, especially:

- Carol Clements ● Joseph Clements
- Scott Clements ● Tim Clements
- John Curzio ● Veronica Ellis ● Nora Frato
- Dolores M. Lesica ● Jimmy Wolfe

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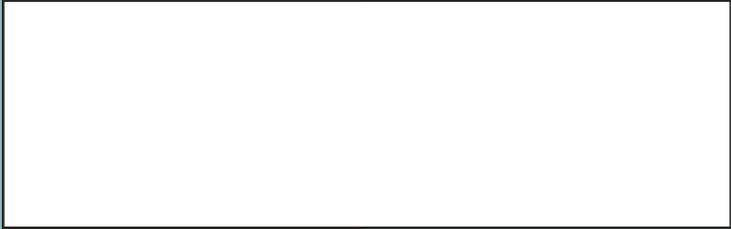
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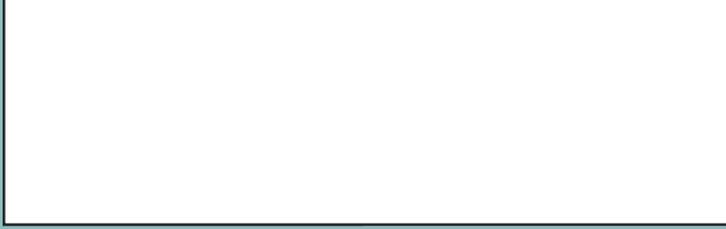


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