

The Parish of

ST. CHRISTOPHER & ST. SYLVIA

Red Hook, New York

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October 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASSES

Saturday

9:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (Family Mass),

11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM

(No Wednesday Mass)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30—4:00 PM at the church or by appointment.

ADORATION

First Fridays after 9 AM Mass until Noon and Wednesday 7:00—8:00 PM

BAPTISM

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

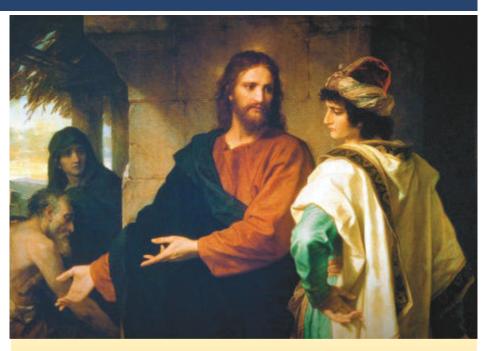
MARRIAGE

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.

Do not wait until the last moment.



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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 new parishioner form and meet a member of the Parish staff!

Mass	INTENTIONS FOR TH	IE WEEK
	Intentions	Requested by:
Sat., October 9	St. Denis and Companions, St. John Leonardi	
5:00pm	Christopher Stehling†	Theresa and Gordon Sherland and Family
Sun., October 10	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30am	Pro Populo	
9:00am	Wilhelm Kortbus †	Kortbus Family
11:00am	Nikola Rebraca†	Mike Williams
	Tommaso Canale † Giuseppe Canale †	Del Vecchio Family
Mon., October 11	St. John XXIII	
9:00am	Elizabeth Conforti†	Aunt Alice
Tues., October 12	Ordinary Time	
9:00am	Michael Gerald Yannette†	Lauren, Trish, Maureen
Wed., October 13	Ordinary Time	
No Mass		
Thurs., October 14	St. Callistus I	
9:00am	Joseph Rossi†	Harriet Rossi
Fri., October 15	Ordinary Time	
9:00am	Dan Rinaldi † Mae Winters †	Bautista Family Rick and Barb Rizzolo
Sat., October 16	St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	
9:00am	Jack Gilfeather †	Mary Ann Dalmer
5:00pm	Intentions of the Holy Name Society	
Sun., October 17	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30am	Pro Populo	
9:00am	Francis Coppola †	Ricci Family
11:00am	Richard DuHaine †	Tom and Sharon Sullivan
	Gennaro and Vincenzo Del Vecchio †	Del Vecchio Family

October 9th—October 15th

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Nicholas Karchmer



2021 ROSARY COAST TO COAST—TODAY

The 2021 Rosary Coast to Coast will take place **today**, Sunday, October 10th, with Rosary Rallies held across the country.

Today, we will gather outside our Church at 4pm in the Rosary Garden to pray the Rosary for our nation. All are welcome.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is Respect Life Month and our parish will participate in the Baby Bottle Collection campaign. Pick up your baby bottle in the basket at the back of the church. All bottles need to be returned the weekend of November 13th-14th. All donations will benefit the Alight Pregnancy Center in Hudson, NY.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

October 15-17 For Single Women (18-40) A weekend of Prayer, Peace, and Relaxation to discern where God is leading you. At St. Teresa's Motherhouse, Germantown, NY Contact Sr. Mary O'Donovan at srmaryod@stmhcs.org or call 518-537-5000

THIS week's second collection is for Catholic NY Newspaper. This collection provides Catholic NY free to parishioners. You can find them in the back of our church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 3, 2021—5,043.81 WeShare for September 2021-\$10,043.29

Thank you for your continued financial support.

This priest saved a girl from an SS soldier, only to be killed by him the next day by Larry Peterson

29-year-old Don Giovanni Fornasini loved his parishioners so much it cost him his life.

Giovanni Fornasini was born on February 23, 1915, in Pianaccio, a small suburb of Belvedere in the Bologna province of Italy. His father, Angelo, was a charcoal burner, one of the people who manufactured charcoal. His mom, Maria Gucci, and his older brother, Luigi, made up the family.



Angelo was injured in World War I and could no longer work at his trade. The family moved to Poretta Terme, about 50 miles away but still in Bologna Province. Here Angelo managed to get a job as a postman. Maria got a job as well and the family settled in. Giovanni attended the local school but did not graduate. Whether or not he completed his elementary education is not known. It is documented that after leaving school, he managed to get a job as a lift operator at the Grand Hotel in Bologna.

As a teenager, he knew he was called to the priesthood

Giovanni knew he was called to the priesthood and at age 16, he was accepted into the minor seminary in Borg Capanne. That school closed in 1932, and he transferred to the Pontifical Seminary located in Bologna. On June 28, 1942, he was ordained a priest.

He began his ministry as an assistant priest in Sperticano in Bologna Province. The parish had about 400 people, and Father Giovanni took a particular interest in all of them. They were his "children," and he took that responsibility seriously. His first Solemn High Mass was on July 12, 1942, at St. Thomas Church in Sperticano. In his homily, he told the people, "The Lord has chosen me to be an urchin among the urchins." (He was simply telling the people he was just like one of them).

On July 25, 1943, the young priest, only one year after his ordination, made the church bells ring when Benito Mussolini was deposed from power. (Mussolini was executed on April 28, 1945.)

The Nazis were watching him

The Nazis were aware of Father Giovanni's involvement with the partisans and were watching him closely. The young priest defended the defenseless parishioners from the cruelty and oppression of the Nazis. He had saved many lives, and after escaping the initial Nazi massacres, he continued risking his life to save others.

On October 12, 1944, a German commander's birthday was celebrated in a school in Spertcano. The party-goers were drinking heavily, entertained by loud music as prostitutes moved about the dance floor. In the corner sat the young priest, doing his best to contain his anger. But why would he be there? Because he was trying to save one of his own.

During the day, an SS officer had seen a girl in the rectory mixed in with other evacuees. He decided he wanted this innocent young woman to be part of the evening's festivities. Don Giovanni has rescued many of his people from the Nazi killers. He now has another to save, this young woman from the rectory, brought to the "party" by the Nazi officer.

He stared them down all evening

Father Giovanni made his presence known at the event. To the dismay of the party-goers, he stared them down all evening. The Nazis did not want to incite the local parishioners so, incredibly, the commander ordered the priest to return to the church with the girl he came for. Don Giovanni sighed relief and together, he and the young woman left. The priest had saved her.

But the next morning Don Giovanni, carrying his bag filled with the necessary oils and holy water for burying the dead, climbed up the rock-covered road that lead to where bodies of those executed or killed had been left, intending to bury as many as he could. As he reached the top of the hill, he saw the same SS officer who wanted the young girl the day before. The German soldier pulled out his gun, smiled at Don Giovanni, and promptly placed a bullet in his head.

That is how the life of 29-year-old Don Giovanni Fornasini ended. He died in "oblatio vitae" (offering one's life). He knew the consequences of his actions and embraced those consequences for the love of God and neighbor. He died on October 13, 1944.

On January 21, 2021, Pope Francis approved Don Giovanni's cause for beatification. He was beatified on September 26, 2021.

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, October 17th 8:30am-12:30pm School Gym, 30 Benner Rd.

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ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF HEALING

Jesus promised, "These signs will accompany those who believe...They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." (Mark 16:17)

Encounter School of Healing / October 29-30, presented by

Community of the Franciscan Friars Of The Renewal at Sacred Heart Parish, Monroe, NY.

Jesus has called us to do what he did, and that includes healing the sick. The Encounter School of Healing is a two-day conference led by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau and Dr. Kerry Mcmahon to teach, impart and activate Catholics to be a more effective minister of Jesus' healing in the world! Jesus wants to use you as an instrument of his divine healing. Are you going to give him the chance? Learn more and register at: encounterministries.us/calendar/school-of-healing-monroe-ny/

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday evenings 6:00pm, in the Good Shepherd Church Hall, Rhinebeck. Learn the fundamentals of using and praying, "The Fourweek Psalter. We also read and discuss the next Sunday's readings, and pray for the spiritual needs of the family, parish, and community. Find support to grow your faith, strengthen your marriage, promote family values and be engaged in your community. For more info. contact: Lew Gardner, 876-2178.

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

ATTENTION: 4TH GRADE STUDENTS & UP!!!

Are you interesting in Altar Serving at Mass? Altar Servers serve an important role during Mass and it is a privilege to serve. Servers assist the priest at the altar and help the parish community worship. Servers learn more about the Mass and the Catholic Faith. Share your time and talents in the service of God and the Church!

Altar Serving Meeting Tuesday, October 12 - 4:30-5:30 at St. Christopher-St. Sylvia Church

RSVP 845-758-5227 or stchristopheraltarservers@gmail.com

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS-Helping the Homeless in Dutchess

County There will be a collection bin located in St. Christopher's School Lobby from October 13th-20th. The following items are needed: Winter Clothing: coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, boots-any size-clean-new or gently used.

Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, healthy snacks, soft granola/snack bars, hotel-sized soaps, lotion, boxed juices, bottled water, hand sanitizer, individual-sized tissues, Emergen-C 1000g, a hand written note of encouragement.

Matthew 25: 35-36 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Lady's Guild Annual Christmas Fair will be Saturday, November 20th –10am-4pm at St. Christopher's School, 30 Brenner Rd. Shop for Christmas gifts and decorations, take a chance on great items, take a break at The Holly Café!

SOCIETIES & CONTACTS

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H2O (Helping Hands for Others), Rick & Barbara Rizzolo		

THIS WEEK AT ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST. SYLVIA

Sunday, October 10

Monday, October 11		
Office Closed		
Prayer Shawl Meeting	2:00pm	Parish Center, 30 Benner
Bible and the Virgin Mary	6:30pm	Parish Center, 30 Benner
Tuesday, October 12		
Prayers for Life	9:30am	Church
Altar Server Meeting	4:30pm	Church
Holy Name Meeting	7:00pm	Parish Center
Wednesday, October 13		
Religious Ed. K-6	4:30pm	School, 30 Benner
Our Lady Queen of Peace Holy Hour	7:00pm	Church
Thursday, October 14		
Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6	4:30pm	School, 30 Benner
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm	Church
Friday, October 15		
Saturday, October 16		
Food Pantry	10:00am-11:00am	Parish Center
Confessions	3:30pm-4:30pm	Church
Sunday, October 17		
Holy Name Breakfast	8:30am-12:30pm	Gym, 30 Benner Rd.
RCIA Meeting	9am	Parish Center

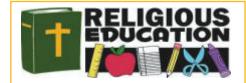
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 2nd we celebrated the Blessing of the Animals. Each year the blessing is done in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, October 4th.

Thank you Deacon Keith White!







GRADES 1-6

Next Class: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Thursday, October 14, 2021

YOUTH ALIVE Grades 7 & 8

Next Class:

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Thursday, October 14, 2021

BOYS ONLY!

(Girls do not attend!)

CONFIRMATION MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Confirmation Trip:

Monday, October 11, 2021 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Mariapolis Luminosa

ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND and have a permission slip on file! *****

REHEARSAL:

St. Christopher

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm -Church

Good Shepherd

Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm-Church *****

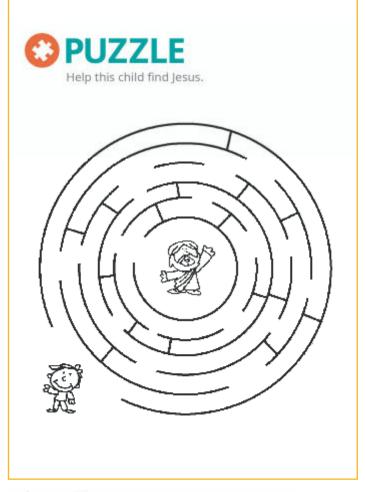
CONFIRMATION DAY:

St. Christopher

Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11:00 am St. Christopher's Church (Please arrive by 10:40 am!)

Good Shepherd

Saturday October 23, 2021 at 2:00 pm Good Shepherd Church (Please arrive by 1:40 pm!)





September 22nd - October 31st

You can be part of this life-saving effort:

- -Pray during these 40 days for the end to abortion and the closing of Poughkeepsie Planned Parenthood.
- -Offer a fast to the Lord for this intention...fast from a favorite food, drink, tv show, activity, etc.
- -Be a peaceful, prayerful presence of God's love at the Poughkeepsie Planned Parenthood. For more info. dutchess4life@gmail.com or 845-853-6529 www.40daysforlife.com/poughkeepsie

SICK LIST REQUEST FOR PARISH BULLETIN

Requests for the bulletin sick list are accepted only from the sick person or an immediate family member and remains for six (6)weeks. To repeat, please resubmit.

Please include my name in the Parish Bulletin Sick List and give my permission to do so.

Name	
Date	Please return to the parish office.



BLOOD DRIVE—NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER

November 6th—8am-2pm

St. Christopher's School Gym, 30 Benner Rd. Sign-ups are preferred, however, walk-ins are welcome if space permits.

Sign-up nybc.org or call 1-800-933-2566

PRAYER SHAWLS

Are you or someone you know going through a difficult time, and feel that you would like a Prayer Shawl?
Call Celine Turchetti at 845-758-8083.

If you feel that you would like a little extra spiritual support to place in your pocket, **Prayer Squares** are located in back of the church.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember the sick, especially:

Kathleen Mahoney • Eleanor McMahon Jimmy Wolfe

Please complete the request form on the left, in order to be added to it. Thank you!





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