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January 16, 2022

SECOND 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—4:30 PM

at the church or by appointment.

ADORATION

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

BAPTISM

Sundays at 1:00 PM. Contact the
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go to our website for baptismal
information and forms.

MARRIAGE

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

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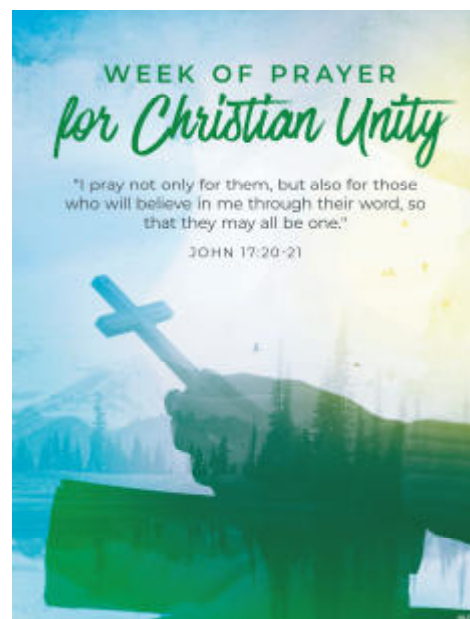
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 Welcome to the Parish of St. Christopher & St. Sylvia! We hope that all new residents to the Red Hook area will feel at home in our Parish and strive to become an active member of our faith community. Please take a moment to stop by the rectory office to fill out a new parishioner form and meet a member of the Parish staff!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

	Intentions	Requested by:
Sat., January 15	Weekday	
9:00 am	Shelby Harris †	Deborah Salvino
5:00 pm	Intentions of Holy Name Society	
Sun., January 16	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 am	Donelda Stover †	Harold & Sharon Sanger
9:00 am	Jerry Bragg †	Barb & Rick Rizzolo
11:00 am	Thomas R. Conley †	Frank Lovallo
Mon., January 17	St. Anthony, Abbot	
9:00 am	Eileen Ryan †	Janet Tulo
Tues., January 18	Weekday	
9:00 am	William Anagnos. †	Anagnos Family
Wed., January 19	Weekday	
No Mass	_____	
Thurs., January 20	St. Fabian & St. Sebastian	
9:00 am	Dorothy Sarna †	Pat Drachunas
Fri., January 21	St. Agnes	
9:00 am	Eileen Ryan †	Month's Mind
Sat., January 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	
9:00 am	Desiree Mullen †	Her Family
5:00 pm	Richard White †	Maureen & Charles Rinaldi
Sun., January 23	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Ecumenical Sunday	
7:30 am	Bruce Franconi †	Tom & Sharon Sullivan
9:00 am	Aidan Sullivan †	Lowry Family
11:00 am	Jack Gilfeather †	Betty Bader



IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT STATE MANDATES, we request that all Mass attendees wear masks inside the church. As a courtesy to your fellow parishioners, anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please come up at the end of the Communion line. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEXT WEEKEND IS OUR FUEL COLLECTION

Your contributions help with the tremendous cost of heating our parish buildings. Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The January 9th collection info. will be published in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Bishop Barron: What are the laity supposed to be?

By Bishop Robert Barron

Dorothy Day had a vision of the Church that Vatican II largely ratified. She rejected the idea that only clergy are called to be spiritual athletes.



Back in the 1950s, Dorothy Day, the co-founder of the *Catholic Worker Movement*, began to articulate a vision that was largely ratified at the Second Vatican Council. She said that the prevailing notion of a “commandments spirituality” for the laity and a “counsels spirituality” for the clergy was dysfunctional. She was referencing the standard view of the period that the laity were called to a kind of least common denominator life of obeying the 10 Commandments—that is to say, avoiding the most fundamental violations of love and justice—whereas priests and religious were called to a heroic life of following the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and

obedience. Lay people were ordinary players, and the clergy were spiritual athletes. To all of this, Dorothy Day said a rather emphatic no. Every baptized person, she insisted, was summoned to heroic sanctity—which is to say, the practice of both the commandments and the counsels.

As I say, Vatican II, in its doctrine on the universal call to holiness, endorsed this notion. Though the Council Fathers taught that there is a substantial difference between the *manner* in which clergy and laity incorporate poverty, chastity, and obedience, they clearly instructed all followers of Christ to seek real sanctity by incorporating those ideals.

So, what would this look like? **Let us take poverty first.** Though the laity are not, at least typically, summoned to the sort of radical poverty adopted by, say, a Trappist monk, they are indeed supposed to practice a real detachment from the goods of the world, precisely for the sake of their mission on behalf of the world. Unless a lay person has interior freedom from an addiction to wealth, power, pleasure, rank, honor, etc., she cannot follow the will of God as she ought. Only when the woman at the well put down her water jug, only when she stopped seeking to quench her thirst from the water of the world’s pleasures, was she able to evangelize (John 4). Similarly, only when a baptized person today liberates himself from an addiction to money, authority, or good feelings is he ready to become the saint God wants him to be. So, poverty, in the sense of detachment, is essential to the holiness of the laity.

Chastity, the second of the evangelical counsels, is also crucial to lay spirituality. To be sure, though the way that the clergy and religious practice chastity—namely, as celibates—is unique to them, the virtue itself is just as applicable to the laity. For chastity simply means sexual uprightness or a rightly ordered sexuality. And this implies bringing one’s sexual life under the aegis of love. As Thomas Aquinas taught, love is not a feeling, but rather an act of the will, more precisely, willing the good of the other. It is the ecstatic act by which we break free from the ego, whose gravitational pull wants to draw everything to itself. Like the drive to eat and to drink, sex is a passion related to life itself, which is why it is so powerful and thus so spiritually dangerous, so liable to draw everything and everybody under its control. Notice how the Church’s teaching that sex belongs within the context of marriage is meant to hold off this negative tendency. In saying that our sexuality should be subordinated to unity (the radical devotion to one’s spouse) and procreation (the equally radical devotion to one’s children), the Church is endeavoring to bring our sex lives completely under the umbrella of love. A disordered sexuality is a deeply destabilizing force within a person, which, in time, brings him off-kilter to love.

Finally, the laity are meant to practice obedience, again not in the manner of religious, but in a manner distinctive to the lay state. This is a willingness to follow, not the voice of one’s own ego, but the higher voice of God, to listen (*obedire* in Latin) to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. I have spoken often before of Hans Urs von Balthasar’s distinction between the ego-drama (written, produced, directed by, and starring oneself) and the theo-drama (written, produced, and directed by God). We might say that the entire point of the spiritual life is to break free of the former so as to embrace the latter. Most of us sinners, most of the time, are preoccupied with our own wealth, success, career plans, and personal pleasure. To obey God is to break out of those soul-killing preoccupations and hear the voice of the Shepherd.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST. SYLVIA

Sunday, January 16

RCIA 9:00 am Parish Center, 30 Benner

Monday, January 17

Office Closed /MLK Day

Tuesday, January 18

Prayers for Life 9:30 am Church

Wed., January 19

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

Thursday, January 20

Choir Practice cancelled

Friday, January 21

Movie: "Unplanned" 7:00 pm Parish Center, 30 Benner

Saturday, January 22



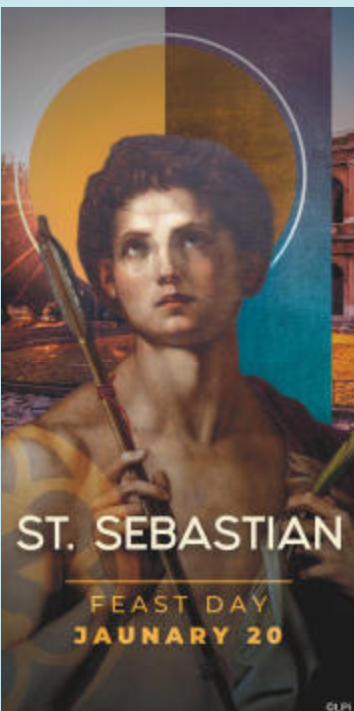
Sunday, January 23

RCIA Meeting 9:00 am Parish Center, 30 Benner

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.



We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes. ©LPi



GRADES 1-6

Next Class:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Thursday, January 20, 2022

YOUTH ALIVE

Grades 7 & 8

Next Class:

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Thursday, January 20, 2022

All 7th & 8th Grade Students attend class!

Confirmation



8th Grade Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

or

Thursday January 27, 2022

6:45 pm

Parish Center

St. Christopher's School

“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II

Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 20th
7:00 pm
Parish Center



“Unplanned”...What she saw changed everything! This story is about one woman’s journey from a Planned Parenthood clinic director to a pro life activist. Join us Friday, January 21st at 7 pm in the Parish Center to view this life changing film. There will be a short discussion following the film. This film is suitable for high school students and adults. Please sign up at the back of the church if you plan to attend.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you were traveling for the holidays or unable to attend Mass due to illness, we gently remind you to please send or drop off your contribution envelopes (or feel free to make your donations through WeShare). Our Parish greatly depends on your consistent support! Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and prayers.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

As tax season approaches, please call or email the rectory if you would like a year-end contribution statement. We will be sending them by request only. If you donate online through WeShare, you can access and print a statement by logging in to your WeShare account. Thank you for your support of our wonderful parish!

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE HOLY HOUR

Come adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at 7 pm every Wednesday in the church. This month we will be praying for the respect of every life from conception to natural death, before the Blessed Sacrament.



Coming Soon....

ST. CHRISTOPHER’S THRIFT SHOP!

Save those unwanted Christmas gifts! In the Spring of 2022, under the direction of Gina McCrudden, we will be opening a Thrift Shop to raise funds for our parish. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon and we will be looking for volunteers to help. See future bulletins for more information.

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.



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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Bishop Barron continued

Catholics make up around 25% of our country. Imagine what would happen if, overnight, every Catholic commenced to live in radical detachment from the goods of the world. How dramatically politics, economics, and the culture would change for the better. Imagine what our country would be like if, today, every Catholic resolved to live chastely. We would make an enormous dent in the pornography business; human trafficking would be dramatically reduced; families would be significantly strengthened; abortions would appreciably decrease. And picture what our country would be like if, right now, every Catholic decided to live in obedience to the voice of God. How much of the suffering caused by self-preoccupation would be diminished!

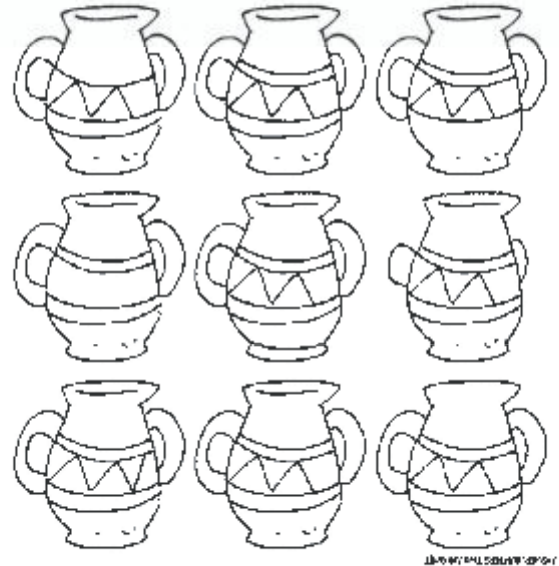
What I am describing in this article is, once again, part of the great Vatican II teaching on the universal call to holiness. Priests and bishops are meant, the Council Fathers taught, to teach and to sanctify the laity who, in turn, are to sanctify the secular order, bringing Christ into politics, finance, entertainment, business, teaching, journalism, etc. And they do so precisely by embracing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*In your prayers, please remember
the sick, especially:*

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Scott Clements • William Daniels • Veronica Ellis
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Eleanor McMahon • Maryann Moul
Jimmy Wolfe

*To be added to the prayer list,
please complete the form below.
Thank you!*



SICK LIST FOR PARISH BULLETIN

Requests for the bulletin sick list are accepted only from the sick person or an immediate family member and remains for 6 weeks. To repeat, please resubmit. *Please return this form to the parish office. Thank you.*

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