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**January 23, 2022**

**THIRD 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.*

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Noon and Wednesday from  
7:00—8:00 PM

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go to our website for baptismal  
information and forms.

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Sacrament of Anointing of the  
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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:
<b>Sat., January 22</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b>	
9:00 am	Desiree Mullen †	Her Family
5:00 pm	Richard White †	Maureen & Charles Rinaldi
<b>Sun., January 23</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Ecumenical Sunday</b>	
7:30 am	Bruce Franconi †	Tom & Sharon Sullivan
9:00 am	Aidan Sullivan †	Lowry Family
11:00 am	Jack Gilfeather †	Betty Bader
<b>Mon., January 24</b>	<b>St. Francis de Sales</b>	
9:00 am	Frank Rhatigan †	Sipperley Family
<b>Tues., January 25</b>	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	
9:00 am	Benita Migliorelli. †	Barb & Rick Rizzolo
<b>Wed., January 26</b>	<b>Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	
No Mass	_____	
<b>Thurs., January 27</b>	<b>St. Angela Merici</b>	
9:00 am	Helen O'Connor †	Barb & Rick Rizzolo
<b>Fri., January 28</b>	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	
9:00 am	Pro Populo	
<b>Sat., January 29</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	
9:00 am	Pro Populo	
5:00 pm	Richard White †	Connie
<b>Sun., January 30</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
7:30 am	Richard White †	Barbara & Rick Rizzolo
9:00 am	Richard White †	Gina & Kevin McCrudden
11:00 am	Anna Weber †	The Das Family

**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.

### THIS WEEKEND IS OUR FUEL COLLECTION

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



### IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you cannot attend Mass due to inclement winter weather or 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.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*January 9, 2022*

**Weekly Collection \$2,713**

**WeShare \$3,123**

**Catholic Communications  
& Catholic University \$532**

*2021 Christmas Collection \$20,545*

*The January 16th Collection will be published in the next bulletin*

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# St. Jane Frances de Chantal's perfect advice for parents

*By Theresa Civantos Barber*

***“Be brave then, dearest daughter,”***  
the saintly mother of four wrote ...

Often the words of the saints seem to reach across time and space to speak directly to our hearts. That's how I felt when I read a letter St. Jane Frances de Chantal wrote to her daughter.

St. Jane was in her 50s and the superior of a religious order when she wrote the letter. **But she had not forgotten what it was like to be a mother of little ones.**

In this letter, she spoke directly to her daughter's state in life, and through her, to all anxious parents. (You can find the full text of the letter free online: It's Letter 60, To the Countess de Toulonjon.)

## **1. Be at peace about your children's safety and future**

St. Jane begins by addressing her daughter's anxieties about the future of her children:

“You are too much attached to the things of this life and take them too much to heart. **What have you to fear?** Is it that the fact of having so many children deprives you of the means of providing for and educating them according to their birth and your ambition? Have no such apprehensions, I beg of you, for in this you wrong the Providence of Him who gives them to you, and who is good enough and rich enough to nourish them and provide for them as is expedient to His glory and their salvation. That is all that we should desire for our children ...”

When we feel worried about our children and their future, **St. Jane reminds us to turn our hearts toward trust in God instead.** He loves our children more than we do and will take care of them.

## **2. Dedicate your energy to mothering well**

Instead of worrying needlessly about the future, St. Jane says, put all that thought into being the best parent you can be. **Spend your energy on your children right now instead of worrying about things that may or may not happen down the road.**

“Now my dearest daughter, lovingly look upon all these little creatures as entrusted to you by God, who has given them to you; **care for them, cherish them tenderly, and bring them up not in vanity, but faithfully in the fear of God.** So doing, and trustfully leaving all these anxieties of yours to divine Providence, you will see how sweetly and tenderly it will provide for all, so that you will have good reason to bless and rely wholly upon it.”

## **3. Work alongside your spouse to build a happy home**

Finally, St. Jane encourages her daughter to use her time and energy on managing her home well alongside her husband. Indeed, our time is better spent working diligently on what we ought to do today than on worrying about the future.

“Take my advice, dearest daughter, and cast yourself into these safe arms: serve God, cast aside vanity, live in perfect harmony with [your husband] whom God has given you, interest yourself in the good government of your household, be active and diligent in applying yourself to that work, and begin from this time forth to live after the manners and customs of a true mother ...

Be brave then, dearest daughter; employ your time and your mind not in worrying and being anxious about the future, but in serving God and your household, for such is the divine will. Act thus, and you will see how blessings will attend your undertakings.”

St. Jane's words, “Be brave then, dearest daughter,” reveal how well she understood the hard realities of motherhood. My book club recently read a selection of St. Jane's writings, and this letter stood out to many of us as especially relevant to our vocations.

“Reading St. Jane's letter to her married daughter was inspiring and refreshing to me as a mom of 3 young children,” said one book club member, Elizabeth. **“I have rarely encountered a saint's advice geared specifically towards motivating me in my vocation as a wife, mother and homemaker.”**

For her, the letter has become a rallying cry for her work in the home. **“I read her letter every morning because it reminds me that our calling as mothers is ordained by God and He will provide for us as we do His work.”** To that we say, Amen!

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST. SYLVIA

### Sunday, January 23

RCIA 9:00 am Parish Center, 30 Benner

### Monday, January 24

### Tuesday, January 25

Prayers for Life 9:30 am Church

### Wed., January 26

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

### Thursday, January 27

Choir Practice cancelled

### Friday, January 28

### Saturday, January 29

### Sunday, January 30

RCIA Meeting 9:00 am Parish Center, 30 Benner

## CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

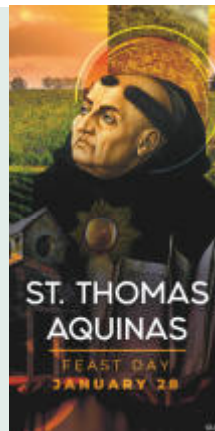
### St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “*The Summa Theologiae*.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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## GRADES 1-6

Next Class:

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Thursday, January 27, 2022

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## YOUTH ALIVE

Grades 7 & 8

Next Class:

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Thursday, February 3, 2022

**All 7th & 8th Grade Students  
attend class!**

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## Confirmation Students



Rite of Enrollment Mass

**All 8th grade students  
must attend with one parent**

Sunday, February 6th, 2022

11:00 am

*St. Christopher Church*

## BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, January 27th  
from 3:00 pm — 7:30 pm

**Knights of Columbus #6111  
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*Appointments are recommended  
but walk-ins are welcome.*

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## PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

*A Renew & Rebuild Project*

### OUR GYMNASIUM RENOVATION IS UNDERWAY!

Tim Haufe and his team are painting the gym a pleasant new color scheme. New maple flooring will later be installed by Tacinelli Flooring. See the progress below.



### *Coming Soon.....***ST. CHRISTOPHER'S THRIFT SHOP!**

In the Spring of 2022, under the direction of Gina McCrudden, we will be opening a Thrift Shop to raise funds for our parish. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend our Planning Meeting to share ideas and recruit volunteers to help with this exciting new project! Many thanks to Gina for coordinating this new parish fundraiser.

#### Planning Meeting

**Monday, January 31st at 2:00 pm  
in the Parish Center, 30 Benner Road**

### 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.

### 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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## PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT  
CHOSEN  
POOR

FREEDOM  
SIGHT  
SUFFERS

LORD  
JESUS  
TRUE

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S	B	C	H	O	S	E	N	V	E
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## COLOR

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Kathleen Capozzi • Joseph Clements  
Scott Clements • William Daniels • Veronica Ellis  
Sylvia Ledenko • Kathleen Mahoney  
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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Date \_\_\_\_\_



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