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February 5, 2023 * *Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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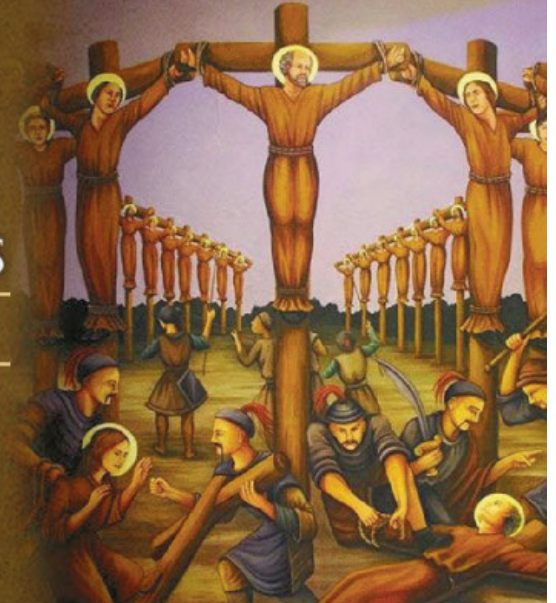
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**ST. PAUL MIKI
AND COMPANIONS**

MARTYRS

February 6th



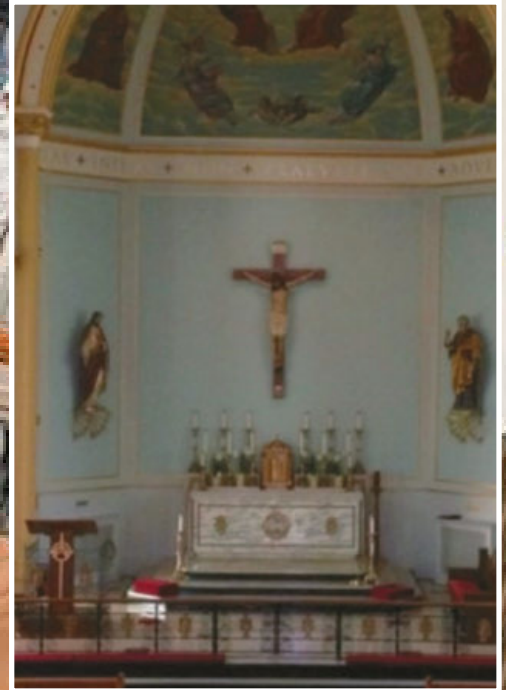
While there were many more martyrs, the first 26 missionary and convert martyrs came to be especially revered, the most celebrated of whom was Paul Miki. The Martyrs of Japan were canonized by the Catholic Church on June 8, 1862, by Pope Pius IX, and are listed on the calendar as Sts. Paul Miki and his Companions, commemorated on February 6, since February 5, the date of their death, is the feast of St. Agatha.

On February 5, 1597, Paul and his companions were bound to crosses on a hill, like Christ, and pierced with lances. An eyewitness described the scene: Our brother, Paul Miki, saw himself standing in the noblest pulpit he had ever filled. To his “congregation” he began by proclaiming himself a Japanese and a Jesuit... “My religion teaches me to pardon my enemies and all who have offended me. I do gladly pardon the Emperor and all who have sought my death. I beg them to seek baptism and be Christians themselves.”

Then he looked at his comrades and began to encourage them in their final struggle. According to Japanese custom, the four executioners began to unsheath their spears. The executioners killed them one by one. One thrust of the spear, then a second blow. It was over in a short time. The executions did nothing to stop the Church. Persecution only fanned the flames of faith. By 1614 about 300,000 Japanese were Catholics. So more intense persecutions followed.

Japanese leaders eventually chose to seal off their ports and borders from virtually all foreign penetration, a policy that would last until the nineteenth century. Only in 1854 was Japan forcibly opened to foreign trade and Western visitors. Then, thousands of Japanese Catholics suddenly came out of hiding, mostly near Nagasaki. They bore the names of the Japanese martyrs, spoke some Latin and Portuguese, asked their new guests for statues of Jesus and Mary, and sought to verify if a French priest was legitimate with two questions: 1) Are you celibate?; and 2) Do you come from the Pope in Rome?

These hidden Christians also opened their palms to show the priest something else—relics of the martyrs who their remote ancestors had known and honored centuries before. Their memory had never died. Saints Paul Miki, Soan John de Goto and James Kisai were the first of a long line of Jesuits who gave their lives in a literal imitation of their crucified Lord. Miki was also the first Japanese religious to be martyred. Paul Miki is venerated as the Patron Saint of Japan.



While it was very sad to see the Baptismal font where my grandfather and his brothers were baptized in a now closed church we were able to salvage the treasures for our church...where his grandson is the priest. This crucifix was also the one I did my first penance under and where some of the Sisters of St Ursula at Linwood prayed under when they were young women before entering.

Please pray for the people of this now closed parish and for the spiritual legacy we are now honored to continue rather than see it go to a warehouse.

Thanks also to David Whelly, Al Costello, Joe Scala, Ronnie Owen, Dave Jutton and Bob Winnie (the welder), as well as Father who basically just stood around, watched and provided essential moral support.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

3 Mulberry Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm *at Good Shepherd*

Sunday 8:30 am • 10:30 am

Daily Mass at 8:00 am (Tuesday thru Friday)

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 3:00-3:45 pm

ADORATION Fridays 8:30—9:30 am

Weekend Masses for Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00pm Sat. 2/4 James Contarino †
req. Rose Marie Heady

8:30am Sun. 2/5 Deceased Members of Hogan
Family †
req. Lococo Family

10:30am Sun. 2/5 Msgr. Leonard J. Hunt †
req. Mary Hunt Blauvelt

Masses during the Week

8am Tues. 2/7 Kenneth Barlett †
req. Women' Society

8am Wed. 2/8 James Melia †
req. Bill & Donna McGann

8am Thurs. 2/9 Roseann Frederick†
req. Anna Coffey

8am Fri. 2/10 John F. McBride †
req. Wood Family

Weekend Masses for Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00pm Sat. 2/11 Pro Populo

8:30am Sun. 2/12 Deceased Members of Hogan
Family †
req. Lococo Family

10:30am Sun. 2/12 Helen Kennedy †
req. Bart Del Rosario

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

7411 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:45 am • 9:45 am • 11:45 am

Daily Mass at 12:15 pm (Tuesday thru Friday)

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 pm

Weekend Masses for Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:30 pm Sat. 2/4 James & Margaret Brennan †
req. their children

7:45am Sun. 2/5 Intentions of Our Lady's Guild

9:45am Sun. 2/5 Phil Prinz †
req. Prinz Family

11:45am Sun. 2/5 James Arcoleo †
req. Gloria & Family

Masses during the Week

12:15pm Tues. 2/7 Intentions of Vincent & Mary
Gallagher
req. Patrick & Peggy O'Farrell

12:15pm Wed. 2/8 George Mayerhofer †
req. Lynda & Dave Jutton

12:15 pm Thurs. 2/9 Joseph Jozefowicz †
req. Jim, Stephanie, Abigail Jozefowicz

12:15 pm Friday 2/10 Marion DeGruccio †
req. Robert & Lisa Dolan

Weekend Masses for Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:30 pm Sat. 2/11 Vincent Scaffidi Sr. †
req. The Scaffidi Family

7:45am Sun. 2/12 Sam Lown †
Req. Joan Swift

9:45am Sun. 2/12 Frank Lovallo †
req. Holy Name Society

11:45am Sun. 2/12 Domenica Douglass, Gerard Tar
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GOOD SHEPHERD STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 29, 2023

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ST. CHRISTOPHER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 29, 2023

\$8,109

Prison Ministry

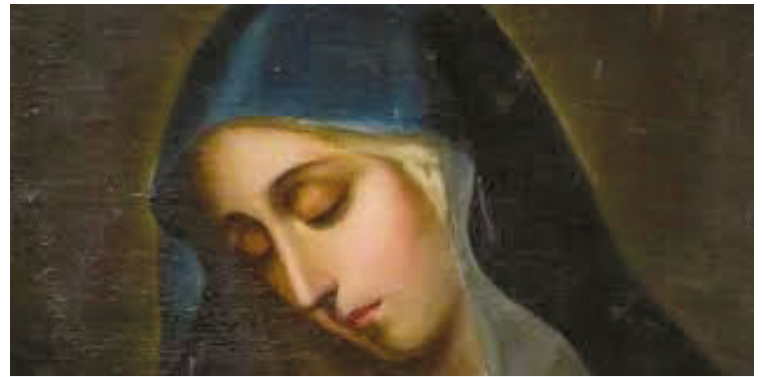
The next meeting of the Prison Ministry is Wednesday, February 8th at 3:30 pm in the Parish Center. We will begin writing Easter cards and look at new, more up to date lists. All are welcome to come and help. Materials provided. Please remember in your prayers all inmates and their families.

Healing Mass

(for anyone in need of physical, mental, or emotional healing)

Saturday, February 11th at 4pm
at Good Shepherd Church.

Mass will be followed by individual blessing/prayer for those who wish to participate.



Spend this Lenten Season with Our Lady!

Let her teach you about her 7 Sorrows and the promises that are attached to this devotion. We will be listening to a retreat on this subject presented by Fr. Chad Ripperger followed by a group discussion. We will also learn to pray the Servite Rosary dedicated to Our Lady's Seven Sorrows. Classes will run on Mondays beginning February 20 to March 27 at 6:30 pm in St. Christopher's Parish Center, 30 Benner Road. Our Lady is inviting you to accompany her on the way to Calvary!

Where Your Gift Goes



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The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal has begun!

"Blessed are all those who take refuge in Him!" (*Psalms 2*)

In our Archdiocese, 2.8 million Catholics and countless of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters take refuge in the Lord through His Church and her ministries. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal exists to fund the expansive efforts of our Archdiocese to provide every person with an encounter with Jesus and a confidence that He, present in every church in the most Holy Eucharist, is our refuge.

In the upcoming weeks you will receive a pledge card and we will also have them available in the church for you to make your gift. Thank you for your faithful support!



A special word of thanks to our Good Shepherd neighbor Mr. Friedman for renting us his parking lot to counter increasing car traffic at Good Shepherd on Saturday evenings and Sunday . He's also allowing us use of the old Brogan Center gym from time to time.
Thank you!



*Join us TODAY for
**Good Shepherd's
Coffee Hour!***

Today, Sunday, after 8:30 & 10:30 Mass



Despues de la Misa en la iglesia de Buon Pastor en el 22 de Enero—Bienvenidos Adela a la familia de Dios—la Iglesia Catolica!

After Mass in Good Shepherd we welcome Adela to the family of God—the Catholic Church!



Let's give a hand to Hannaford!!

Two weeks ago our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society received a check for \$2,425 from Hannaford to support our food pantry & charitable programs. Hannaford also helps by supplying our "Breads Plus" program with food that our team delivers to needy families in our community. If you are interested in learning more about our Bread's Plus and/or to volunteer, contact Mike Yannette at 914-466-4447.



We have breakfasts, coffee hours - now come to 4pm Mass at Good Shepherd on Saturday Feb 18th and stay for wings & beer with snacks & soda— this is free of charge and is put on by the Knights of Columbus. Fathers & sons especially from CCD or CYO are encouraged to come.



St. Christopher's 945am Choir

We need YOU to join us! New members (as well as seasoned ones) are invited to rehearsals starting on Tuesday, Feb 7th at 7pm in the church choir loft under the direction of Dick Totman. Middle school, high school, and college students are encouraged to come. New members and existing members need to call Dick Totman's office at 845-876-7444 by February 5th. Please provide your name, address, telephone number and email. We start on Sundays beginning March 12th.

Fridays in Lent

Lenten Dinners 5-7pm
*St. Christopher's School,
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2/24 Fish Fry (*Holy Name*)
 3/3 Multiple Meatless Soup
 Supper

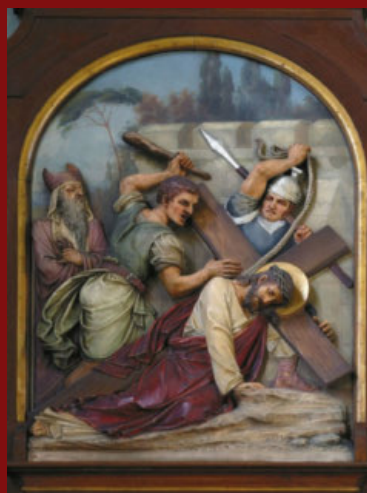
3/10 Fish Fry (*Holy Name*)
 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
 Corned Beef Dinner
(Dispensation granted per Archdiocese)
 3/24 Fish Fry (*Holy Name*)
 3/31 Pizza and Pasta Buffet

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