The Parish of

ST. CHRISTOPHER & GOOD SHEPHERD

March 12th 2023 * Third Sunday of Lent

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Excerpt from St Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward; the word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard. Against the demon snares of sin, the vice that gives temptation force, the natural lusts that war within, the hostile men that mar my course; of few or many, far or nigh, in every place, and in all hours against their fierce hostility, Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation:

Salvation is of Christ the Lord.



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The parish offices are closed on Fridays - you are free to leave messages & they will be answered on Monday.

Good Shepherd Sacraments

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am • 10:30 am Daily Mass at 8:00 am (Tuesday thru Friday)

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 3:00-3:45 pm

St Christopher's Sacraments

Sat Vigil 530pm Sunday 745, 945, and 1145am Daily Mass at 9am (Tuesday thru Friday)

Adoration and Confessions Wednesday 7-8pm

Masses for Weekend of March 11 & 12th

4pm-Grace Gough by Dentico Family 5:30-Richard Maiorana by Boyd Family

7:45-Grace Alessi by Barb & Rick Rizzolo 8:30-Pro Populo 9:45-Lydia Grima by Charles Grima 10:30-Jill Roger by Brian & Kim Orcutt 11:45-Frank Lovallo by Brenda & Jerry Brockett

> Tuesday 8am-Alberta Merritt by Judy Merritt 9am-Richard Biezynski by Joe & Peggy Licitra

Wednesday 8am-Veronica Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy 9am-Elizabeth Whitmer by Joan Swift

Thursday 8am-Augustine Wang by Morning Mass Parishioners 9am-Brian McGlynn by JoAnn & Alfred Woisin

Friday 8am-Betty Lutz by Marie Riordan 9am-John & Pat Preston & Fr Geisler by Butler Family

Masses for Weekend of March 18 & 19th

4pm-Rev Laurence Xavier by Robert & Doreen Campbell 5:30-Intentions of Holy Name Society

7:45-Sally Riley & Ronald Dylewski by Ricci family 8:30-Pete Williams by Trudy Halbert 9:45-Geraldine & Eugene Sicignamo & John Connolly by Raymond & Family

10:30-John Grady by Grady Family 11:45-People of Good Shepherd and St. Christopher's

Weekend Collection

St Christopher—\$7,342 Good Shepherd—\$5,041

Ash Wednesday total \$3354



Stations of the Cross

4pm St Christopher's Church 7pm at Good Shepherd



Being present at the Mass daily is something that can draw you closer to God in ways you'd never imagine. Maybe select a day to go during the Lent and be faithful to it and experience the quiet and the peace that many find elusive.

The online giving option of WeShare is a great way to simplify your busy life and also help your parish! Visit the website for our parish and sign up. It's easy, routine and for those of us who never carry cash or checks the only way to give. Your generosity is always appreciated and needed.

Friday Night Lenten Dinners 5-7 pm

St. Christopher's School 30 Benner Road, Red Hook, NY



*Dispensation granted as per Archdiocese!

March 17, 2023, 5-7 pm

\$5 for Kids - 12 and under \$10 for Adults RSVP the # attending to: rectory@stchrisredhook.org



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Nadalina Balacic Glenn Barrows Alice Bonargent Ron Cagliostro Bernie Cambalik Christopher Cavea Joseph Clements Scott Clements Al Conklin Mary-Ellen Cox Mary Doherty Nora Oates Frato Vincent Gallagher Ann Godesky Allen Hendrickson Katherine Kiernan Sylvia Ledenko Kathleen Mahoney Connie Marsh Kathryn Elizabeth McCloskey Maureen McKenna Eleanor McMahon Roger Miller Audrey Mondello Maryann Moul Sharon Perrier Daniel Trusz Salvatore Sorrentino Joel Schneider Jimmy Wolfe



It's not so sure that Ireland had any snakes for Patrick to drive out but we do know that Christ in confession rids our "snakes" and sins.

Wednesdays 7-8pm At St. Christopher's

Saturdays 3-345pm At Good Shepherd

Friends:

Having an overarching theme in our sermons, especially during an important season like Lent, allows our whole parish focus on a specific topic or focal point. The theme of renovation coincides with the work at St Christopher's to renew and make more reverent an environment which is our reason for being, our church.

But a consistent focus is even more important for a parish as it lives its daily life. Renovation is great but it's regular care that keeps it going. So I'd like to use the Saint on many people's minds this week as an example: St Patrick.

Patrick converted an island from paganism to the one true faith: the Catholic Church. However, it would be a mistake to think it's one and done. For all we celebrate this week the stark and scary reality is that Ireland is a Catholic basket case. The same nation that invokes the Trinity in its constitution now rarely transmits the Faith to it's own people. When I was born, 1979, Mass attendance was near 85% on any given Sunday on the Emerald Isle, now it is closer to 15%! They share priests like we do now...two or three churches with one Sunday Mass maybe in so-called "Catholic Ireland".

Don't you get enough bad news watching the TV? Yes. But it's good to receive a wake up call to focus on what is most crucial. You see when we make Christ, the focus of a parish, families, and activities - it will be only a matter of time before we see things pick up steam. While I and our staff have worked hard at trying to build back a sense of community with events, teams, dinners, shops, and even charitable work - if we don't bring people to God - we'll quickly lose the heart of our parish.

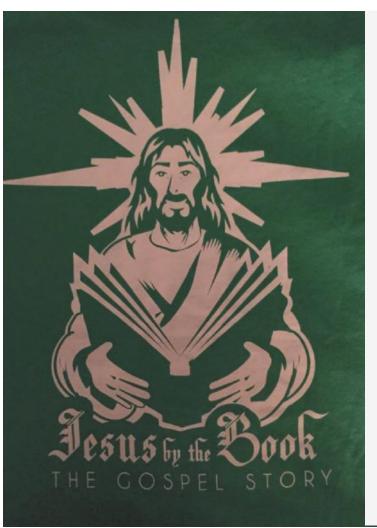
Perhaps you can help be a "Patrick" to someone - and to our parish. Thankfully we have many already but we can all do and be more - that's why I think the merger has gone so well (more attendance, good collections, increased participation) is because we made the Mass the touchstone. Full churches don't close - growing parishes expand - it's more than the priest shortage - the reason why some places across the river are sharing, closing and reducing is because frankly, they currently have a third of who used to be there in 1979 too.

Let's resolve not just to renovate but maintain and grow - as disciples of Jesus Christ who gives us the only true purpose of our lives. God bless you and keep you and may St Patrick intercede for our inner parish renovation and keep us inspired not just busy to bring the gospel - not just dinners, not just sales, and not just games.

- Father Maurer

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Vacation Bible Camp for Kids

June 26-29th 830-1pm

Registration starts soon....

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Holy Name Society's
Fish Fry
March 25th from
5-7pm
St Christopher's Gym



The Sacrament of Marriage is the foundation of family life—not simply the stamp of a state license. If you were never married "in the Church" call us and we'll see what can be done to help get God's blessing on those rings and on you!

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday All St. Chris Masses at the school Good Shepherd remains at Church

Reconciliation Monday 2-8pm

Holy Thursday (St Christopher's Church)
Saint Christopher's Church 7pm
Adoration in Church Hall
until 10pm

Good Friday (Good Shepherd)
1:30pm Soup and Salad
3pm Liturgy of the Passion
4:30pm Soup and Salad
6:30pm Stations of the Cross
at Linwood Retreat House

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm St. Christopher's Gym

Easter at Good Shepherd 8:30am and 10:30am (both at GS Church) Egg Hunt after the 10:30am Mass

Easter at St Christopher's 7:45, 9:45, and 11:45am Egg Hunt after the 9:45am



Special thanks to Aaron Pethic & all parishioners and others who played, coached, kept score and showed up for the basketball part of CYO. A lot of effort goes in & we are grateful for it.

We're also going to be expanding CYO to include Catholic youth groups and camps so stay tuned.

Bard College Kids

A number of Bard students take the bus to come to St Christopher's for Mass, Adoration and even breakfasts! Please let us know who you are. We're planning a monthly "St Stephen's Society" in the Fall named for the original patron of the college which will provide community and lectures from professors and others to explore topics of Faith and Reason.



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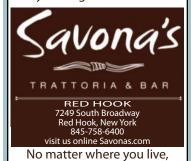


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