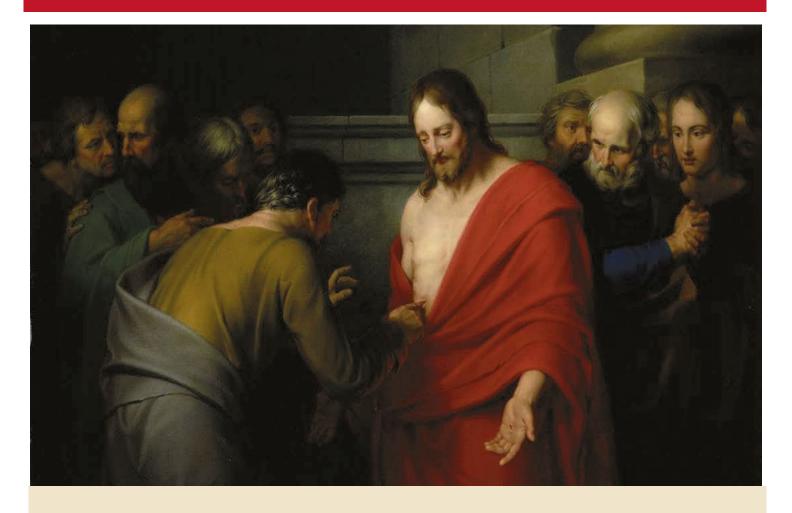
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Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Mass intentions for the coming week.....

Weekend of April 15 & 16th Divine Mercy

4:00pm-Dux Family- by Barbara Ruger 5:30pm- Intentions of the Holy Name

> Tuesday 8am- Augustine Wang by Pomichter Family 9am- Dan Quinlan by Robert & Nancy Rogers

Wednesday 8am- Ethel Ryan by Teri & Bill Olson 9am- Eileen Zinnanti (L) by Jim & Margaret Mary Cayea

Thursday 8am- Betty Lutz by the Prayer Shawl Ministry 9am- Fr. Giorgio (L) by Arleen Gartland & Lynda Jutton

> Friday 8am- John Grady by The Grady Family 9am- Linda Greenblatt by Joan Swift

Masses for Weekend of April 22 & 23

4pm- Betty Lutz by Laurie Walters 5:30pm- Gonzalez Minero Family by The Alvarez Family

7:45am- Gregory Remenek by Fran Remenek 8:30am- Special Intentions by The Lococo Family 9:45am- Samuel J. Lore by Joan Swift 10:30am- People of our Parish 11:45- Fr. Harold Theriault by The Morrow Family

> Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Edward & Imadean Seliga by Theresa & Carl Dowden Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Carlos Eduardo Roubicek by Thom Christopher

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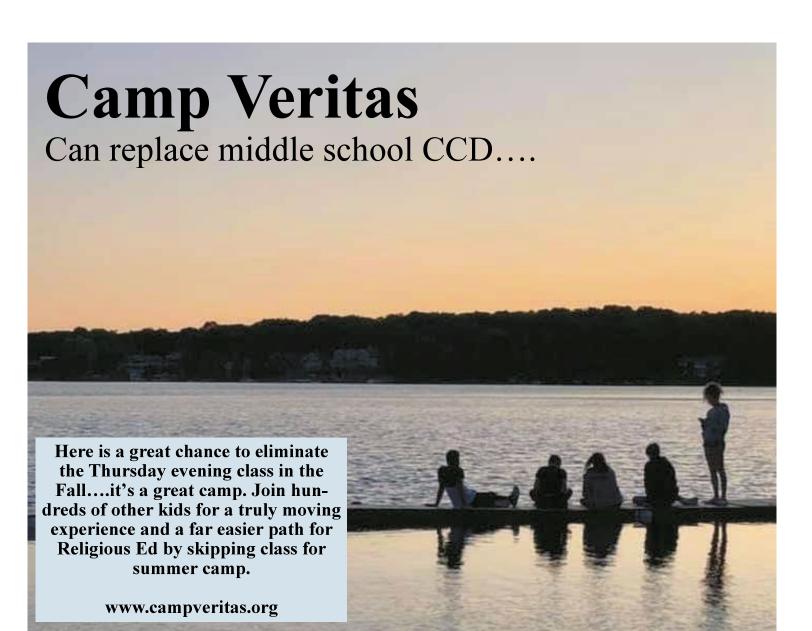
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A lot of folks fall away simply because of distance from Mass, prayer or a sense of failure....they get scared and stay away.

STOP IT! It is never too late as long as you draw breath to come home to the Lord who loves you.

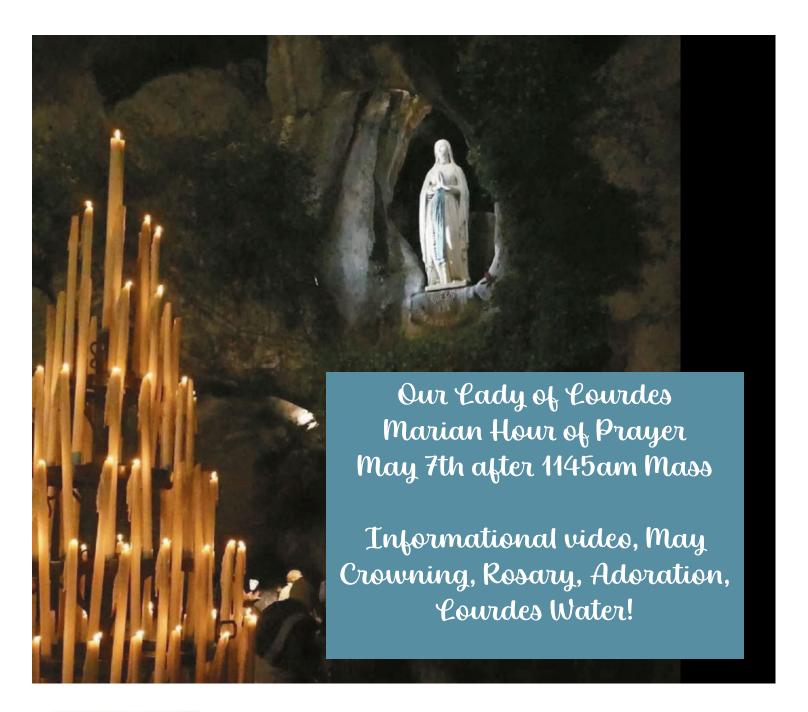


St Christopher's Campus (Office Closed on Fridays)

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

Adoration and Confessions Wednesday 7-8pm

Good Shepherd Campus (Office Closed Fridays)
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





CYO FOLKS... Aim higher than a hoop!

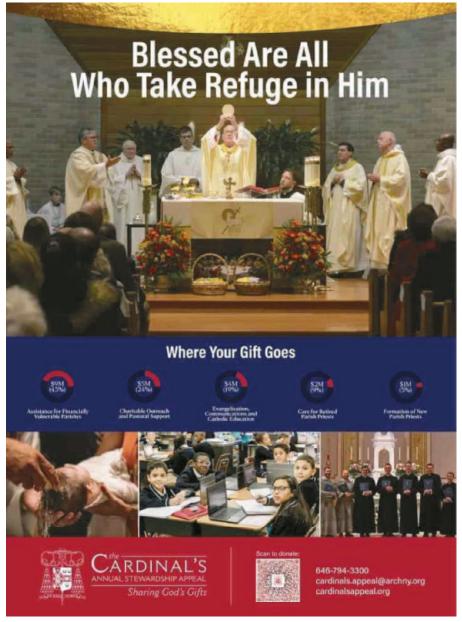
Kids of all ages from CYO (or not) are welcome and encouraged – especially, but not only if you're Catholic, to find friendship with God, build your families faith, and have them aim for more than a trophy.

Even if they are older, we will put them into our religious ed sessions at their grade level, this coming year only, & welcome you to the "Real St Chris" not just a basketball court.

We have a weeklong summer camp, an older kids (7th and up) stay away in August for Confirmation catch up, and the weekly chance to deepen their knowledge of who they are in God's eyes.

Holy Name Breakfast Sunday April 16th 8-11am St Christopher's GYM





The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal is headed toward 75% of goal and that's with a small percentage of our folks giving. Please use an envelope or be on the lookout for a follow up letter from me...be well and God love you.



Eucharistic Adoration occurs at 7-8pm in the evening on Wednesdays at St. Christopher's Church with confessions





First Holy Communions

Please pray for the children who this coming week receive the Eucharist for the first time...we invite them to wear their outfits to the weekend Mass after the celebration. We just celebrated the final week of religious education this past week!



A few years ago I watched the "First Communion" episode of Cake Boss....our "flour-y friend" was cooking up the cake of all cakes for his daughter's First Communion party. With no sense of irony or faith he announces in a thick Jersey accent, "We're gonna blow this thing out because this day....is ALL about HER...next to her wedding this is her biggest day to shine! Cuz she's like a really big deal!"

It was like watching a slow motion theological train wreck.

I can understand a man being proud of his daughter and being excited but I have to correct "the Cake Boss" - this day is not about her but HIM! Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is the BIG DEAL...His true presence, not a symbol or reminder like a model or a flag is what makes this day and every Mass a big deal. That Our Lord wishes to remain with us on the altar, in the tabernacle, and most crucially in our souls after receiving Him worthily—is the big deal. We are made—not the center of attention—but the apple of His eye...and the desire of His Sacred Heart.

Let's continue to pray for the little (and not so little) people who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist this weekend and every weekend. We've seen a great turnaround this year and I'm thrilled you are with us at the "Big Deal" the Mass—each weekend now. Peace be with you and all of your families during this continued Sacred Season of His Resurrection

Father Maurer, Father Raj, Father Issac, our Deacons Keith, Tony and Ray, and Dave, Villary, Lori and Maureen



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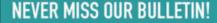
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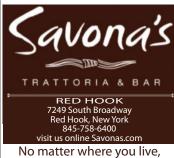


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