

# Good Shepherd & St. Christopher's Parish

## June 18th 2023



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A special thank you to many people who at Good Shepherd & St Christopher's who participated in either the processions or extended Adoration before or after the Masses. You could sense the difference from the norm. A spirit of prayer pervaded both churches and I want to thank the extra servers and musicians who made it a sacred time to be together.



**Years ago a very “new agey” priest who conducts retreats for a living wrote an article based on almost 50 years of his experience. Even though I generally find him a bit “out there” he did raise something I found powerful. He wrote that he found that for 95% percent of people their default operating image of God was their own dad.**

**It doesn’t make it a true image of God but it certainly effects people for good or for bad. If they lived with someone controlling, abusive or angry—God seems often like someone merely to be kept at bay or appeased. If they grew up with a absent father or distant—their image of God is maybe like a divine watchmaker who creates but doesn’t care or is even non-existent. Sadly, warped relationships result in warped images of God.**

**However, if a dad models real presence, faith, love and forgiveness the likelihood that a child, but particularly a son will have a model and image of God which is closer to the truth and much more beneficial.**

**Chances are that all of us have a bit all of this. No one is perfect, even the best parent has weaknesses and even the worst of us isn’t without virtue. Nevertheless many people are in need of healing that image of God in their life. May our time of silent prayer, scripture reading and sacramental life (especially the Eucharist & Confession) helps us develop a healthier & holier friendship and sonship with God—Our Father. Blessed Father’s Day men....you have a noble calling and a great responsibility in how you model the virtues of faith to your kids and grandkids.**



A few quick notes...

All parish groups will be invited to sit down over the summer to look at their calendars. We are a more complicated operation now since the merger and have to take into consideration two venues and twice as many things at the same time. Nothing on the groups calendar will be considered set in stone until getting cleared by the office. Communicate with us and we'll be in good shape.

A big thanks to Bread Alone and the Rhinebeck Bagel Shop for providing us a seemingly endless supply of end of the day carbs.

Thanks again to Hannaford who ensures our Breads Plus program can serve folks needs.

You may have noticed we've reduced everything to one collection. We then separate the "second" envelopes later. It's easier for ushers and frankly takes less time.

Two ceiling panels at St Christopher are drawing a lot of eyes. They became warped when the roof was last replaced a few years ago but they are dry as a bone so trying to screw them in or bend them back will only crack them. Because they are original it's a strange product with a different texture so a replacement might draw even more attention.

St Sylvia's Cemetery will be weed-whacked in addition to being mowed but objects may need to be moved sometimes. Be careful with nick-knacks which impede the place looking better.

Holy Name and Our Lady's Guild had their breakfasts on the past two Sunday mornings—we hope they were enjoyable and productive for the members.

## **BRAVO TO BRAVO!**



**Our Lady's Guild and our parishioners came together last Tuesday to support the Bravo Pregnancy Center in Kingston. As a Church we are blessed by our firm and unflinching defense for the right of every life, born and unborn. Over 50 women gathered to collect, bundle and donate supplies to help the moms and kids helped by them.**

**Often people will ridicule Jesus & His Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life and accuse us of being pro-birth not pro-life. This type of of ministry and your generosity proves them wrong.**

**May God continue to bless our efforts to help us all "choose" and support life from a "very little one's" first moment in the womb to someone's last heartbeat.**



## Fiesta de San Cristobal

Sabado el 22nd de Julio  
Misa en Espanol a 530pm

Despues de La Misa en Espanol temenos un gran fiesta con comidas, musica y juegos para los ninos. Esta neustra fiesta patronal y un oportunidad a a celebrar nuestra fe y la parte importante que hispanos aqui estan a la futura de la parroquia.

# Our parish picnic at Saint Christopher's is on July 22nd. Games, food, Mass & more. Good Shepherd folks encouraged to come.

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June 23-25, 2023 in Germantown, NY  
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I would like to thank all the workers from the Women's Society and others for all the work they have done the past year for our parish – flowers and linens for the altar, hospitality at our activities and meetings, etc. A thanks also goes out to folks who came to our healing mass, and wine tasting day, and purchased poinsettias at Christmas time. Because of your support we were able to give funds for flowers at Christmas and Easter, supply gift cards for the poor to Good Shepherd Church.—Geraldine Browne

**Blessings  
on  
Mr & Mrs.  
Jacob &  
Kate Moyer  
on their  
marriage this  
weekend!**

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## Sacred Liturgy and Sacred Music Notes

We welcome back Alyssa Muzzo-McCabe as she begins to cantor at 4pm—945 (during July and August) and 1145am Masses.

In the fall we're looking at setting up a schola to do hymns and chant at 1145am Mass under Alyssa's guidance.

Others at all Masses are encouraged to join the 1030am Choir at Good Shepherd or the 945am choir at St Christopher's during the year.

I want to thank our organists, Theo Gressler, Frank Venezia, Rick Wirt and Dick Totman along with many of the singers who've helped to bring us back to "normal" after the Rona.



This year we saw an increase of folks in our student population—we've decided in consultation with (and support of) parents to extend the "amnesty" program for one more year.

The "amnesty" program is basically an opportunity for folks who either dropped out or never were here to bring their kids and their family back to the practice of the Faith through an open door.

This is very helpful for CYO folks who maybe aren't currently practicing but who "are Catholic" and for those who may have no church home, which is an increasing number of people in the community.

We will open up Vacation Bible Camp, Camp Veritas and even Religious Ed to them in hope that they will find the fullness of Faith here in the Catholic Church or at the least and welcome environment of faith and friendship with some of the kids they know from school or sports. So in order to encourage folks to evangelize—the family who brings in the most "new folks" will win free CCD for the year.

## Sick List

Nadalina Balacic

Glenn Barrows

Alice Bonargent

Bernie Cambalik

Christopher Cayea

Joseph Clements

Scott Clements

Mary-Ellen Cox

Mary Doherty

Jeanne Duntz

Nora Oates Frato

Bobby Ferrusi

Vincent Gallagher

Ann Godesky

Katherine Kiernan

Sylvia Ledenko

Kathleen Mahoney

Maureen McKenna

Eleanor McMahon

Roger Miller

Audrey Mondello

Maryann Moul

Sharon Perrier

Daniel Trusz

Sal Sorrentino

Joel Schneider

Jimmy Wolfe

## 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

## Mass Intentions for the Week Ahead...

Weekend of June 17 & 18th

GS Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of  
Danielle McManus by Eileen Kelleher  
4pm- Lucille Reinsdorf  
by Susan Sausto

5:30pm- Intentions Of The Holy Name  
7:45-Thomas Mayerhofer by The Boyd Family  
8:30-Mark McGann by William & Donna McGann  
9:45-John Kennedy by Tom & Sharon Sullivan  
10:30-For The People Of The Parish  
11:45- Raymond Sutton  
by Richard & Rosemary Bialek

### Tuesday

8:00am- Emilia & Edward Mathe  
by Robert & Doreen Campbell  
9:00am- Connie Marsh by Gwen McCann & Family

### Wednesday

8:00am- Ethel Schmitt by Donna & Bill McGann  
9:00am- Al Conklin by Ray & Lorraine Ricci

### Thursday

8am Helen & Frederick Wood by The Wood Family  
9:00am- Sebastiamma by John & Kathleen Kelly

### Friday

8am-John Grady by The Grady Family  
9am- Connie Marsh by Pamela Ericson

### Masses for Weekend June 24 & 25th

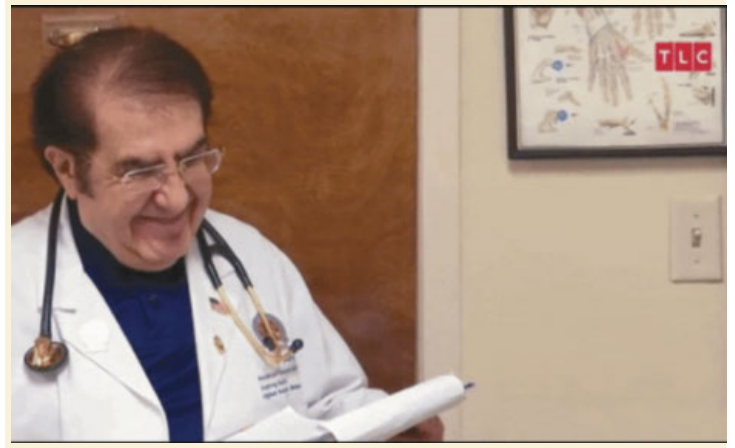
GS Sanctuary Lamp in memory of the Holsapple  
Family by The Browne Family

4pm- Ed & Helen Kozloski by Alex & Linda Sabo  
5:30pm-Lilian Villavicencio by The Alvarez Family

7:45am- Carl Kropp by Harold & Sharon Sanger  
8:30am-William McGann by Donna & Bill McGann  
9:45am- For the People of The Parish  
10:30am- The Grady's & Fregosi's by Grady Family  
11:45am-Christine Kocik  
by Gina & Kevin McCrudden

Memorial Day Weekend Collection \$13,237  
June 3rd Weekend Collection \$18,022  
June 10th Weekend Collection \$12,618

The swings are pretty big but are explained by the  
bigger WeShare at the start of the month.



## My 600lb Life....

*Developing a healthy relationship with the  
Food of Faith: The Eucharist*

*Genuflect when you enter and exit your pew  
to remind yourself of the honor our Eucha-  
ristic Lord is due.*

*Say "Amen" as a means of saying "I Believe"  
when you are presented with the reality of  
Who is in front of you as the priest gives you  
Holy Communion.*

*Don't receive if you are after of a serious sin  
until you have gone to confession first.*

*Be smarter than a demon—Jesus is truly pre-  
sent—even demons know this, for example  
when exorcists go to possessed people they  
will often convulse if they sense the Eucharist  
is near the priest.*

*After Communion—close your eyes—and ask  
Him—Lord, give me Your comfort, give me  
Your courage and give me Your presence al-  
ways.*

*Resolve to come to Mass 15 minutes early—to  
pray, to prepare, to settle before the most im-  
portant prayer of your week begins.*

*Stay after, visit during the week, come to  
Adoration, drop into the church regularly.*



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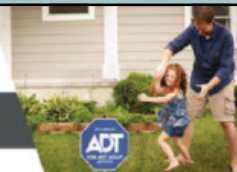
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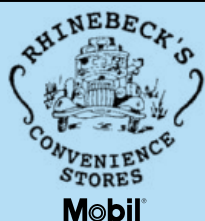
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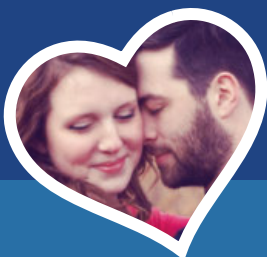
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