



# St. Christopher's and Good Shepherd Parish

## Weekend of June 24th & 25th 2023

### Masses for Weekend June 24 & 25

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

4pm- Edward & 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- Grady & Fregosi Families by The Grady Family

11:45am-Christine Kocik by Gina & Kevin McCrudden

### Tuesday

8:00am- Paul Bede Johnson by The Wood Family

9:00am- Connie Marsh by May Leonard & Family

### Wednesday

8:00am- Sandy Brocchetti by The Traudt Family

9:00am- Sebastiamma by Ray & Lorraine Ricci

### Thursday

8am- Msgr. Richard Larocque by The Hctor Family

9:00am- Shirley Fingar by Joan & Bernard Dolan

### Friday

8am-Rogelio Del Rosario by Bart Del Rosario

9am- Robert Doherty by John & Kathleen Kelly

### Masses for Weekend of July 1 & 2

4pm- Patrick Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy

5:30pm- Louisa Cavagno by Mangiamiele Family

7:45am- Intentions of Our Lady's Guild

8:30am- For The People of The Parish

9:45am- John Kennedy by Gina & Kevin McCrudden

10:30am- Browne & Gavin Families by Browne Family

11:45am- Marie Hand by Riley Family

### SERVED BY

Rev. Jeffrey Maurer,  
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**9am St Chris Daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday will be at the school b/c of Vacation Bible Camp.**

### St Christopher's Campus (Office Closed on Fridays)

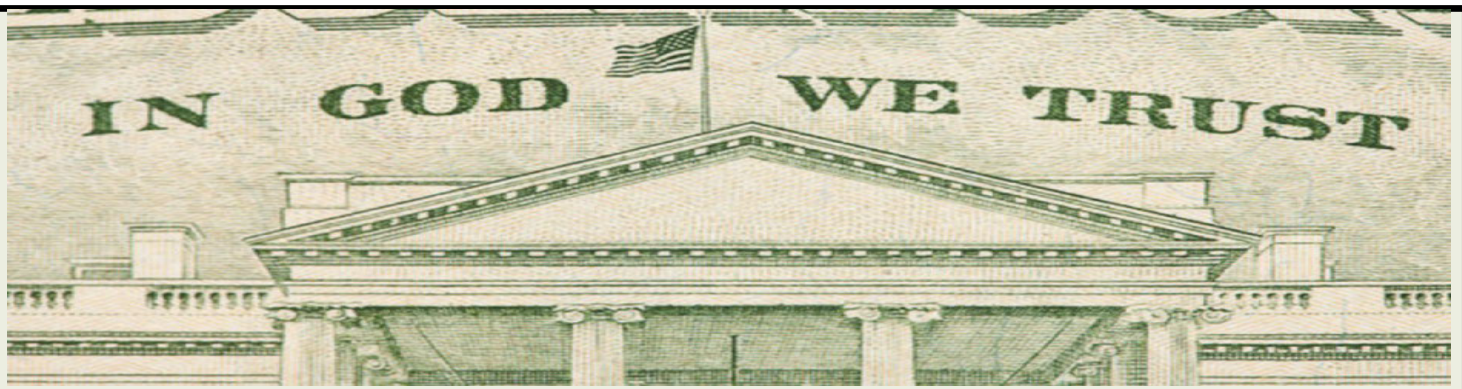
Sat Vigil 530pm Sunday 745, 945, and 1145am Daily Mass at 9am (*Tuesday thru Friday*)

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



**“How’d you do it?,” a longtime St Chris parishioner on the finance council said. “For years—all we heard about was deficits at St Chris, the need for more fundraising and how we are always behind the 8 ball. Now I read in the bulletin that (basically) we’re good?”**

**I replied to him that when we had the chance to consolidate we did, when a few staff retired we split remaining duties and gave some slight raises instead of new employees, and we brought Mass attendance up. In the end, lower expenses in costs, lay salaries, no other full time priests (not always optimal, ha) and also higher collections did it at St Chris—not me.**

**While there is some room for occasional fundraisers – many parishes go out of control – they sap energy from our primary job of worshiping God, forming disciples, and serving others. Jesus never said, “Go out to all the world....and take a second collection” Jesus told His followers – “Make disciples...” not money. Providentially, when we do worship, formation, and service of others right, we will do just fine. Studies show if God has our heart....He’ll have our wallet. If he doesn’t he’ll get the change in the pocket.**

**We had a finance meeting in May 2022 when the accountant said we need \$9,200 a week” at St Christopher’s to cover everything without relying on fundraisers. Generally, we are halfway there (roughly \$8,400 avg from \$7,700 last year avg).**

**The remaining gap can be bridged by our younger parents and CCD population. Without envelopes or WeShare we lose out because many younger folks & families, including middle aged folks like me, just simply don’t carry cash anymore or haven’t written a check in years. Please consider – especially if you’re 50 or younger—to help the parish by enrolling in WeShare – and then “set it and forget it” to focus on making and being the disciples He calls us to be.”**

**Thanks to all of you as we continue to make progress in our parish life after COVID. It’s also important to say a big thank you to our senior citizens – who “pound for pound” brought us through the worst of that time by their attendance at Mass and fidelity to our parish in the envelopes. Know that I & our parishioners—owe you a huge debt of gratitude. Bravo!**

**PS—Next week I’ll be putting in the Good Shepherd analysis, which is fine and a bit improved from last year because of more folks at Mass with CCD. Thanks to your goodness and Fr Crawford’s stewardship it’s less a turnaround but a “steady as she goes” report. Since this is the turnaround and good news that many waited a long time for I wanted to share it first.**



# You're invited!

**Join us on Saturday evening July 22nd as we celebrate the Feast of St Christopher, a parish pig roast and picnic, begin Hispanic outreach, celebrating our official merger, and installation of Father Maurer as Pastor of Good Shepherd - St Christopher. It'll be all ready by 5pm at 30 Benner Road & Mass will begin at 530pm w/ food, games, music & more afterwards!**

**Candlelight procession with Adoration concludes the party at 930pm!**



**If you heard the sermon about the adolescent elephants remember they aren't the only ones who need true fatherhood. If you're a dad and reading this...bravo. Your faith and your presence here makes a big difference.**





**“Roger’s Run” last Saturday was a great event locally in Red Hook for one of our religious ed kids and faithful Mass-goer and all around inspiration Roger!**

**Hundreds showed and most ran....I walked. The benefit though was getting to pray the rosary on the way with Jim Schwab.**



## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Wednesday evenings w Confessions  
7pm St Christopher’s Church**

**Para el ministerio a hispanos— Saludos a todos,**

**Mi nombre es Eddy Biombe Mwamba. Soy un estudiante de segundo año en Bard College con especialización en Estudios Globales e Internacionales. Me complace anunciarles a todos que usaré este verano como una oportunidad de coordinación para planificar, comunicar, sondear, promover y conectarme con ustedes dentro de nuestra parroquia (San Cristóbal y el Buen Pastor) y sus programas bajo las instrucciones del Padre Maurer.**

**Por favor comuníquese conmigo, si tiene alguna pregunta a este numero (678) 876-7492, estaré feliz de ayudarle.**

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# Comings & Goings

Recently with our immigration laws for R-1 and Tourist Visas we've experienced a revolving door—we're grateful but I'm sure you're looking forward to having things settle—I sure am—Fr Raj headed back home to India —Father Xavier is here for the summer, Fr Tom Fowler (although retired) will swing by over various Masses in July and it looks like Fr Giorgio will be returning for a longer period of time, praise God!

I want to thank Fr Isaac who helped us these past three months —not just get over the hump—but brought a sense of joy and scholarship to the daily and Sunday Masses, as well as to his Bible class.

It looks like he'll be teaching at a higher ed post this coming year so I know he'll do great!

It'll be a relief to have a stable, perhaps three to five year assignment of an assistant priest to finally bring a more steady speed of life here and begin to plan growth based on a full time priestly helper.



It is with mixed emotions that I bid farewell to you all after a pleasant and productive experience with you in the last three months.

It was my first encounter and experience of an American parish and these experiences have left a deep and positive impression on me. I would have wished to do a longer time here with you, but destiny beckons, I have to move on to the next stage of my mission.

It is against this backdrop that I would like to thank Fr. Maurer, the Deacons, and Staff, and all the parishioners of the St. Christopher & Good Shepherd Parish for your warm reception., loving generosity, sincere kindness, and the opportunity to serve you during this period.

Thank you for your support in the publication of my doctoral dissertation (the books will be made available to you when they are ready). I will leave the parish on June 30th, 2023 and spend one month at St. Columbanus Catholic Parish in Cortlandt Manor, NY and eventually move to Columbus, Ohio to assume a Teaching Position.

Please know of my daily prayers and fraternal affection and closeness to you. Thank you very much and God bless you all. God be with you till we meet again. I love you all!!! Peace and Blessings! Fr. Isaac



**Vacation Bible Camp starts Monday! It's going to be great! Over 70 folks and kids are involved this year and will be exploring miracles and stories from the gospels, celebrating Mass and Adoration, playing outside and more.**





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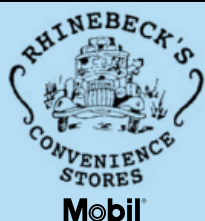
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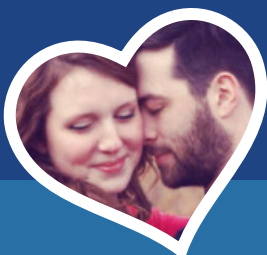
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