

Good Shepherd & St Christopher

September 10th 2023 - Ordinary Time



Parish of St Christopher & Good Shepherd

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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

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 Thursday 7-8pm

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8th date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

To Hell & Back: Dante's Divine Comedy

September 13th at Good Shepherd at 7pm

Father Maurer will teach 7 weekly Wednesday sessions of one hour each to explore the content, history and theological themes of this classic of Western Literature.



Prison Ministry

will meet on Wednesday, September 13th at 3:30 in the classroom next to the Religious Ed office in the school building. We will be writing Christmas cards at this meeting. All materials will be provided. Please pray for all prisoners, especially on death row, their families, the families of their victims and corrections officers who work along them.

Welcome back Fr. Giorgio!

In the spring I wrote to you we were applying for an R-1 Visa for Father and we weren't sure what was going to happen with immigration. Well thanks be to God we will have a full time priest now. I am forever grateful for Father Raj, Father Isaac, and Father Xavier who helped cobble together my first year and a half here. Now we can actually depend on having someone here for two to three years! While it will mean an increase of a full time salary plus benefits—it will keep us better served and your pastor sane. Ha!



Saturday Oct 7th

***NYC walking tour &
Mass at St Patrick's***

RSVP to parish office

***\$40 for bus round trip
10am to 10pm
30 Benner Road***

BACK TO SCHOOL



Welcome back to Religious Ed!

We're also thrilled to see folks bring friends to register —if you bring two new families we'll refund your tuition ! Also this year, faithful Catholics, having & faithfully using the Mass cards will also receive cash back this year at CYO too.

Optional party for Confirmation

After talking to about 20 parents we're going to offer a big parish party for your kids and families. Since it's a Friday night at 6 PM bc the Bishop's schedule - I thought why don't we have a big throw down after? Folks can choose to celebrate in the backyard w/ families ww/ hotdogs, hamburgers, and pizza for kids and a catered dinner for adults with a DJ & games at 730pm?

It'd be easier for parents, keep the festive atmosphere, saves folks frantically running at 7:30 to find a restaurant and \$15 bucks per person would certainly be more reasonable price wise.

People are free to opt out or come, and then have another party the next day with a large amount of family, but info in an email.
RSVPs required.

Back to School with Saint Alphonsus

(Dealing with annoyance or anxiety?)



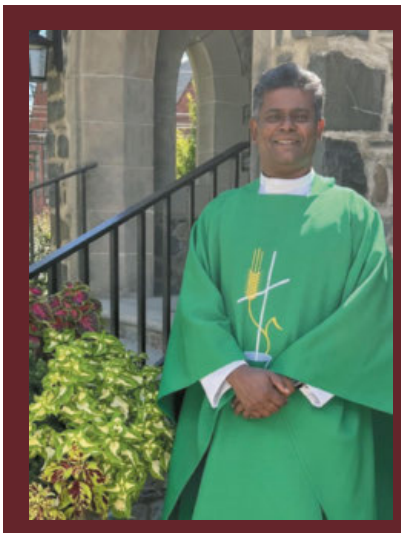
“To those that love God, all things work together unto good.” Those who love God are always happy, because their whole happiness is to fulfill, even in adversity, the will of God. Afflictions do not mar their serenity, because by accepting misfortune, they know they give pleasure to their beloved Lord: “Whatever shall befall the just man, it shall not make him sad.” Indeed, what can be more satisfactory to a person than to experience the fulfillment of all his desires? This is the happy lot of the man who wills only what God wills, because everything that happens, save sin, happens through the will of God.” - Uniformity with God’s Will

The Holy Name Society & Our Lady’s Guild will be present at Hardscrabble Day cooking up a storm in the church lawn and serving tasty treats. Join them and the rest of the community as we enjoy a day together & help support our parish.



My gratitude to God for so many of our cleaners, volunteers, those who bring Communion to the homebound, lectors, ushers, coaches, coordinators, cleaners of churches, our cooks, coffee makers, our gardeners, our catechists and all of you who simply lend a hand. In an age when help is hard to find you go above and beyond.

You’re the best! - Father Maurer



Bon Voyage Father Xavier!

When the school year starts up our summer help packs up...our friend Father Xavier soon heads home to India where he runs an orphanage and school. I'm always grateful for his time with us, we wish him well. God bless you Father X!



Coffee Hours & Breakfasts

Coffee Hours at Good Shepherd are on the 2nd & 4th weekend of the month.

In light of Hardscrabble Day the First Holy Name Breakfast at St Christopher's is the 3rd weekend of October

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

**Saturday, Sept 16th
from 8am—3pm**

**St. Christopher School,
30 Benner Rd.
Red Hook NY**

**To register contact
Bill Owens at
845-756-2481**

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 New to You Thrift Shop—1.838.218.7713—Thurs 11-4 & Sat 10-2



Leftover legos? Give them to CCD where our 5th and 6th grade catechists are going to using them for a big project.



We'll be starting soon on the installation of our new school boiler. Thanks for your increase in generosity which helps us to keep a \$65,000 project like this a possibility to keep an older building of this size going.

Masses For Weekend of Sept 9th & 10th

4:00- Augustine Wang by The Wang Family
5:30- Linda DiStefano by Theresa DiBenedetto & Family

7:45- Richard Dedrick by Sharon & Harold Sanger
8:30- Scott Shaffer by The Dolen Family
9:45- Lydia Grima by Charles Grima
10:30- For the People of the Parish
11:45- Dr. Kenneth Appell by Barbara & Ray Litra

Tuesday

8am- Christopher Cayea by William & Donna McGann
9am- Christopher Cayea by The DeStefano Family

Wednesday

8am- Marion & Gene Vago by The Naglieri Family
9am- Shirley McCord by Friends at Red Hook School

Thursday

8am- James Torpy by The Rifenburgh Family
9am- Christopher Cayea by The Radman Family

Friday

8am- Hertha & Robert Love by The Schroeder Family
9am- Angela Plante by Tom Stash

Masses for Weekend of Sept 16th & 17th

GS- Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of Linda Kozloski
Sabo by Alex Sabo

4:00pm- Ralph L. Torsone by Ilina & Marshall Cordelle
5:30pm- Intentions Of The Holy Name

7:45am- Connie Marsh by Joan Swift
8:30am- Alex & Elizabeth Sabo by Alex Linda Sabo
9:45am- Shirley Fingar by Richard & Deb Clements
10:30am- Grady & Fregosi Families by Grady Family
11:45am- Mass For The People Of The Parish

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**





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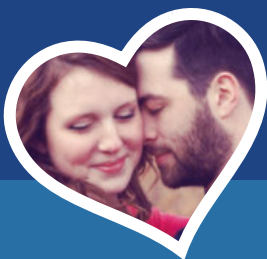
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