

# Good Shepherd & St Christopher

## September 17th 2023 - Ordinary Time



**Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant follows directly after His "seventy times seven" speech, driving home the point that if we are forgiven the enormous debt of sin against a holy God, how much more should we be eager to forgive those who sin against us, who are just as sinful as they? Paul parallels this example in Ephesians 4:32 where he admonishes us to forgive one another "even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." Clearly, forgiveness is not to be meted out in a limited fashion but is to be abundant, overflowing, and available to all, just as the measureless grace of God is poured out upon us.**

### 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

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# Saturday Oct. 7th NYC Walking Trip

10am-10pm Benner Rd \$40 for bus ticket  
RSVP to office & reservations a must as space is tight

## CCD was HOT HOT HOT last week!

Thanks to our teachers and parents for a good first week with wiped out little people with of the crazy temps. Father shortened the Confirmation meeting in half and Hillary even handed out ice pops for the littles in the afternoons. Let's pray those temps are over until summer!



### Step

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12

“

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human  
being the exact nature of our wrongs

”

Folks within our community and parish may be using the 12 steps to sustain their sobriety from drugs, booze, porn, sex, food, or other addictions. These hurt others too...not just the user and so part of recovery is a “5th Step” which also aligns perfectly with a Sacrament which God gives us for the forgiveness Jesus speaks of in the Gospel. The lesson of our faith is that we are all in recovery—from the wounds of our sins. We don't have to tell a room of strangers but merely expressing our sorrow to the Father who waits (and wants) to forgive through the Sacrament of Confession. Thurs @ SC 7-8pm and Sat 3-345pm @ GS



## Confirmation Class Requirements

*only for those who didn't go to Camp*

September 21st 630pm Class—"The Power of the Eucharist" —  
Gabriel Castillo on You Tube (watch at home first)

September 28th 630pm Class AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH—  
Adoration, Testimony and Confession (Parents welcome) ends at 8pm

October 5th 630pm Class—"The Rosary Testimony" - You Tube—  
Gabriel Castillo (watch at home first)

October 7th Saturday— Trip to NYC—Kids and Chaperones—  
and other parishioners. See cover....

October 12th 630pm—Class "Saints and More" -  
Diving Deep into Godly Heroism

October 19th 630pm—Class "The Upper Room & Pentecost" -

October 26th 630pm Class AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH—  
Rehearsal, Testimony & Confession (Parents welcome) ending at 8pm

October 27th Confirmation Ceremony —School—  
6pm with optional big party afterwards.

## Confirmation Party

Why not celebrate in the St Chris School right after the ceremony in the backyard w/ your family and kids friends w/ hotdogs, hamburgers, and pizza for kids and a nicer catered dinner for adults with a DJ, Bouncehouse, gagaball, lasertag & other games at 730-930pm?

\$15 bucks per person would certainly be more reasonable price wise than heading out. RSVP with as many people as you'd like by October 20th by emailing to

[rectory@stchrisredhook.org](mailto:rectory@stchrisredhook.org)

## HELPING HANDS FOR OTHERS

# H2O

"I was thirsty and you  
gave me to drink..."  
Matthew 25:35

Do you have a small home repair or odd job you're not able to do? Maybe a handrail is needed or a small area needs patching or paint? A garden may need to be cleaned and raked out, a bulb changed in a ceiling fixture, or furniture moved....you know – jobs that are too small to call in a professional. Our organization may be able to help! Contact us and we will discuss what's possible and a couple of our volunteers will help get the job done.

Some jobs may require you to pay for parts or supplies but our volunteer services are free.

Finally, if anyone would like to become an H2O volunteer, please give us a call. Come experience why we are involved in this mission.

Jim: 914-388-1736  
Rick: 845-235-5985



# Back to School with Saint Alphonsus

## On dealing with annoyances and burdens....which are many



O the supreme folly of those who resist the divine will! In God's providence, no one can escape hardship: "Who resists His will?" A person who rails at God in adversity, suffers without merit; moreover by his lack of resignation he adds to his punishment in the next life & experiences greater disquietude of mind in this life: "Who resists God & has had peace?" The screaming rage of the sick man in his pain, the whining complaints of the poor man in his destitution; what will they avail these people, except increase their unhappiness & bring them no relief? "Little man," says St. Augustine, "grow up. What are you seeking in your search for happiness? Seek the one good that embraces all others." Whom do you seek, friend, if you seek not God? Seek him, find him, cleave to him; bind your will to his with bands of steel & you will live always at peace in this life and in the next.

**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.**



## 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!

## 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 the last year together.

# Dante's Divine Comedy

## Wednesdays @7 Good Shepherd



**T**his poetic masterpiece takes place in 1300 and in the first session we discussed Dante's background as we dipped into the start of the descent into Hell. The gates read, "Abandon All Hope—You Who Enter" & the souls of the damned condemned to roughly four sections of Hell.

### I. Limbo

Virtuous pagans don't suffer bodily but sadly live w/out the hope of eternal life with God

### II. Sins of Weakness

The unprincipled, the lustful, gluttons, & wrathful.

### III. Sins of Malice

Violence against God, others, self and nature.

### IV. Sins of Treachery and Betrayal

Capped off by the Devil chewing the three worst betrayers in history—if you want to know...come next Wednesday.

For Dante, for us as Catholics, the sins are not the final word. It is sloth, laxity or irrepentance at the time of death. These same sins are purged by penance in Purgatory not simply punished forever in Hell. For Dante humility and contrition are key for God's love to save us & only our choices block it.

There's still time—it's open enrollment for this class so if you love to learn about history, theology, literature and the Christian virtue of hope and change then, as Bob Barker used to say, "C'mon down!"



**We need servers and lectors who are in CCD or recently confirmed.**



Baker Brudvig (above) and Elanor Clare Wagner (below) were baptized last weekend.



**Thanks to the Tucker & Karchmer families for inviting me to the Clinton Community Day! What a perfect weather day for an event which brings a community like Clinton together. Maybe next year Good Shepherd will have a booth?**





## Dollars & Sense

As of September 1st— everything under our name is under one account & tracked—there were 17 separate accounts and checkbooks & I was signatory every one. Rather than that lunacy continuing only the cemeteries and “Renew & Rebuild” legally must be separate.

Speaking of accounts they are in good shape compared to some dire predictions from a few years ago. This coming year with an extra priest (salary & healthcare) we should be close to a balanced budget.

Even in a time of inflation we’re seeing \$14,300 on an average weekend in the summer. Hopefully we’ll get close to \$15-\$16K during the school year. I want to thank you for that and I put it to good use.

Collections are the ultimate fundraiser. If they stink we could run the Price is Right, BINGOs and other painful fundraisers which always have oversized thermometers involved every few weeks and it won’t make up for it. A weekly envelope or WeShare is better than an annual raffle.

We’re also going to be allocating some of the savings accounts we currently have to interest bearing safe investments which will help us to cover more charitable outreach.

I’ll say it again, our senior citizens were the ones (by and large) who brought us through COVID financially. They sent in envelopes through months of lockdowns & got us through almost two years of poor attendance. Thank you! Now that our attendance is up I urge all of our younger folks to just “set it and forget it” on WeShare through the link we’ll send via Flocknote this upcoming week.

## 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 Illna & Marshall Cordelle  
5:30pm- Intentions Of The Holy Name Society

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

### Tuesday

8am- Betty, Ray, Garry, Barry Lutz  
by GS Prayer Shawl Ministry  
9am- Ann Gilfeather by Deacon & Mrs Ray Ricci

### Wednesday

8am-Michael Hackett by Ann LeHane  
9am-Christopher Cayea by Joan Swift

### Thursday

8am- Rod Tortarella by Sharon Tortarella  
9am- Margaret Rich by Tom Stash

### Friday

8am-John “Jack” Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy  
9am- Ann Gilfeather by Mr & Mrs Anthony Putorti

## Weekend Of September 23 & 24th

GS Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of  
Judith Leverone Christopher  
by Thom Christopher

4:00- GS Prayer Shawl Ministry by A Parishioner  
5:30- Linda DiStefano by The Hopkins Family  
7:45- Christine Kocik by Mariann Devine  
8:30- For Homebound Parishioners  
9:45- George Whelly by Joseph Scala  
10:30- Gary, Barry, Raymond & Betty Lutz  
11:45- Mass For The People Of The Parish

Wknd of August 27th - D. County Fair	\$13,078
Wknd of September 3rd Labor Day —	\$13,213
Wknd of September 10th—	\$15,616



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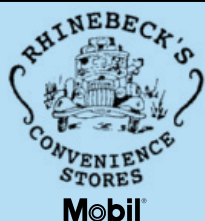
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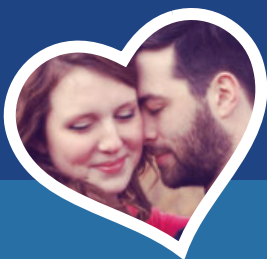
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