St Christopher & Good Shepherd

October 22nd 2023 - Ordinary Time



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. ~Amen.

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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

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

Confirmation & Party

All at ST CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

October 26th Rehearsal—Parents and Sponsor if possible 630-8pm w/ Adoration

October 27th must be there by 515pm 6pm Ceremony

7pm Optional Party (See Below) For everyone in the parish

London Broil, Grilled Chicken Potatoes, Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Salad & Rollsm, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese. Jane's Ice Cream and games, bounce house, firepit, and more.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Masses for Weekend October 21 & 22

GS Sanctuary Lamp + Howard & Delores Tubbs 4:00- Howard & Delores Tubbs by Browne Fam. 5:30 –Linda DiStefano by The Hopkins Family

7:45-Sebastiamma by Joan Swift 8:30 –Maureen Jeffreys by Alison Greene 9:45 –Christopher Cayea by Knights Of Columbus 10:30-John Grady by The Grady Family 11:45-Nancy Walsh DeAngelis by Liz Mezzacappa

Tuesday 8am- Susan Rodriguez by Bob Valdes 9am- Michael Hurley & Ellichael Growley by Olivene Hurley

Wednesday 8am- Howard Lucketti by Bob Valdes 9am- James Brennan by His Children

Thursday 8am-Maverick Matos by Bob Valdes 9am-James Brennan by His Children

Friday 8am-Glenn Barrows by Patti Murphy 9am-+The Eichler Family by Betty Bader

Masses for Weekend of October 28 & 29

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

4:00 –Beatrice Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy 5:30- Christopher Cayea by The Mangiamele Family

7:45- Constance Marsh by Ray & Lorraine Ricci 8:30- Lois Stets by Mike Williams 9:45-Mary Damrath by Ray & Barbara Litra 10:30-Gary, Barry and Raymond by Betty Lutz 11:45- Jean Lesko by Wendy & Walter Smith

> Collection for Columbus Day Weekend \$15,138 Thank you as always!



Sat. November 18th Come to Our Lady's Guild's Annual Christmas Fair at 30 Benner Road—Shop cute Christmas crafts, candles, support your parish, and enjoy great food with your family or friends.



Please keep our parishioners who are at Ferncliff, Brookmeade or homebound you are very much in our prayers.

And if you are there at home or at these places reading this as I know many are: we love you and ask that you pray for us.

The Latino Day of the Dead is essentially Catholic. While movies sometimes "Disney" it up...Coco is about praying for the souls in Purgatory. Join us on November 2nd to pray..... see right.





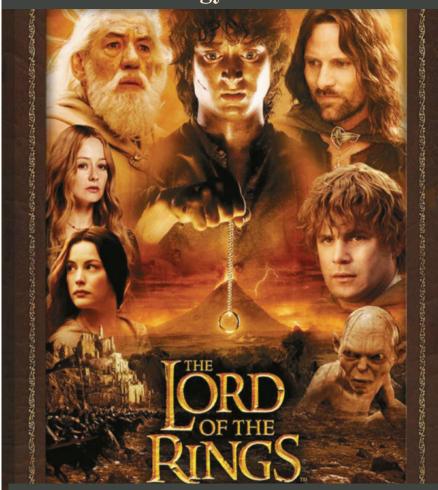
All Soul's Day

November 2nd 8am St Joseph's Rhinecliff

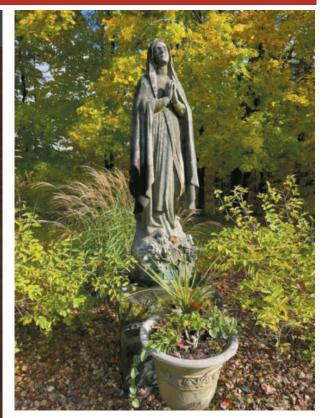
November 2nd 9am St Christopher's

November 2nd 7pm Good Shepherd (parts of Mass in Spanish for El Dia de Los Muertos)

Advent Theology Series Nov 29th



Wednesdays Good Shepherd @ 7pm
We'll take three weeks off from Dante and then
plunge into JRR Tolkien's greatest work.



The Rosary is prayed before daily Mass at 730am at Good Shepherd and after the 9am at 930am after the daily Mass at St Christopher. Perhaps if your schedule doesn't permit Mass maybe duck in early for the prayer Our Lady gave us to draw us closer to her Son.

In 2008 I remember being asked to do something I knew would backfire: ask Confirmation kids to stand so we could congratulate them the weekend AFTER Confirmation. Why?

Well, because the staff and CCD teachers spent months (not kidding) prepping, re-writing and re-working the 8 week Confirmation program for CCD. They were a wonderful group of people who really, really worked hard. There were 164 kids to be confirmed in this large suburban parish and we had classes, pottery workshops, banner making, a costly retreat, a talent show, & a "light service" with candles made to look like tongues of fire which actually looked like candy corn)! All of these things were all mandatory topped of by service hours, and interviews where priests sat with the kid & the poor parent who "had" to go.

So, that following Sunday I did as the Pastor asked & sadly only 18 kids rose and received the restrained "golf claps" of the folks. Only 18 of 164. It was a disaster and the pastor was crushed—and because he was a friend I held back from saying, "I told you not to."

Despite all the planning, workshops and good intentions of these wonderful volunteers they had missed the one requirement that God asks of us: the Eucharist. We'd see kids climb the steps of the school building each week out of their minivans adorned with the stickers of the sports that actually ruled their weekends and never saw them climb the steps of the altar. No small wonder that they didn't return because they never actually were "here". They were students with parents not disciples with guides.

In many parishes there is a sadness to Confirmation among staff, catechists, deacons, and even priests because folks recognize that it would be the last time one would see about 85% of them. I'm thrilled because we have seen a real turnaround here. Folks are devoted and accustomed to being with the Lord in the Eucharist—rather than just going to school or meeting some arbitrary benchmark to "earn" a sacrament.

St Peter and the apostles didn't do a single service hour, they didn't go to the "light service", they never even made a felt banner! They listened to Jesus' words, witnessed miracles, spent time with Him, & were with Him in the Upper Room as He gave them the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is what makes us Catholics & keeps us Catholic. I'd venture to guess that with God's help and the Holy Spirit's aid we'll see way more than 10% of these young disciples again. Keep praying for them.

We have a lot to be optimistic about, an increase of families at Mass, not just kids at class, Adoration changing hearts of kids and parents, and the chance to serve in some of our ministries to the needy not because it's required to "graduate" but because it is how He taught us to live.

Let's keep praying that we can build on this as we develop our new CYO youth group with our new director Liz Lowney with a team of some college kids & parents will start helping in the building up and growing of disciples after the ceremony ends! We'll have trips, retreats, Camp Veritas, lock ins, Adoration, service opportunities, visiting the homebound and nursing homes at holidays, pantry work, open gyms and scripture study.

All you Saints and Angels, especially our Confirmation saints, pray for us! May God bless you all and let's pray for them this week and beyond. Holy Spirit, light the fire in our hearts once again! - Father Maurer and the staff of Good Shepherd-St Christopher's

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Coffee Hour this weekend after the morning Masses at 830 & 1030am at Good Shepherd Hall.

Wednesday November 1st

All Saint's Day

Holy Day of Obligation

8am Good Shepherd Church 9am St Christopher's Church 445pm St Christopher's GYM 7pm Good Shepherd Church



Thanks to the members of the Holy Name Society who helped make our first big breakfast of the season a reality. We're looking forward to Thursday November 9th when all members are encouraged to join us for some finger foods and fellowship (no meeting, yay!) at 630pm downstairs at St Christopher's Church before we attend Adoration together as a group.

Ceremony for First Penance

will take place on November 4th after the 4pm Mass at Good Shepherd. We'll have some games, youth group, Chinese buffet for everyone, and then Adoration with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The kids will also hear the story, "You are Special" by Max Lucado read to them which gives a lovely preparation for this sacrament. Perhaps begin to read it to your littles ahead of time....you can buy it on Amazon.



An Examination of Conscience for Children

Responsibilities to God:

Have I prayed every day?

Have I prayed my morning prayers and night prayers?

Have I prayed with my parents and family?

Have I been moody and rebellious about praying and going to church on Sunday?

Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me whenever I have been tempted to sin?

Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me do what is right?

Responsibilities to others:

Have I been obedient and respectful to my parents?

Have I lied or been deceitful to them or to others?

Have I been arrogant, stubborn or rebellious?

Have I talked back to parents, teachers or other adults?

Have I pouted and been moody?

Have I been selfish toward my parents, brothers, and

sisters, teachers, or my friends and schoolmates?

Have I gotten angry at them? Have I hit anyone?

Have I held grudges or not forgiven others?

Have I treated other children with respect or have I

made fun of them and called them names?

Have I used bad language?

Have I stolen anything? Have I returned it?

Have I performed my responsibilities, such as

homework and household chores?

Have I been helpful and affectionate

toward my family?

Have I been kind and generous with my friends?

(Composed by Fr. Thomas Weinandy)



O my God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I want to love you above all things.

Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.



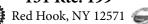
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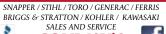
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