

Good Shepherd & St Christopher

First Sunday of Advent

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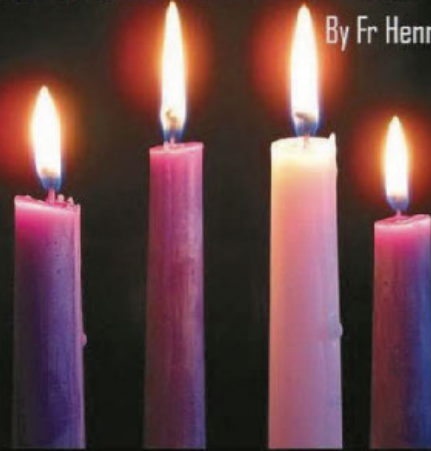
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St Christopher's Campus
(Office Closed on Fridays)
Sat Vigil 530pm Sunday 745, 945, and 1145am
Daily Mass at 9am (*Tuesday thru Friday*)
Adoration and Confessions Thursday 7-8pm

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

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER

By Fr Henri JM Nouwen



Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
to hear Your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to Your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of Your presence.
We are Your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Theresa Paul



RECONCILIATION

It's only when we admit our faults and be
lightened and forgiven by God that we can
really begin to change. And if nothing
Changes, nothing changes.

Saturdays 3-345pm at Good Shepherd

Thursdays 7-8pm St Christopher's

Reconciliation Monday Dec 18th 3-8pm
Good Shepherd

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Masses for Weekend Of December 2 & 3rd
GS Lamp in Mem of Rose Leverone by Thom Christopher &
Judith Leverone Christopher
SC Lamp in Mem of Judith Scaffidi by Scaffidi Family

***530pm only at St Christopher's because of Sinterklaas
Anthony William Casino Jr. By Lou & Helen Gardner
and Christopher Cayea by Rob & Lisa Dolan***

7:45- Intention of Our Lady's Guild
8:30- John McKay by The Michaluk Family
9:45- Shirley McCord by Her Friends
10:30- Delores Putorti by Carlo & Bette Scagnelli
11:45-Julio Gonzalez by The Alvarez Family

Tuesday

8am-Sarah Gavin by Donna McGann
9am- Jack & Ann Gilfeather by Mary Hare

Wednesday

8am- Colleen Berrigan by William & Donna McGann
9am- Paul Frances McDonald by Jeanette McDonald

Thursday

8am- Pat Daly by Eileen Kelleher
9am- Margarita Ticas by The Alvarez Family

445pm Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at
CCD in the St Christopher's Gym (All welcome to come)

Friday

Mass of The Immaculate Conception December 8, 2023

8am-Margaret Scafariello by Michele & Rob Makowicki
9am-Dec. of the O'Neill Family by the Butler Family
7:00PM- People of the Parish at Good Shepherd

Weekend of December 9 & 10th

GS- Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Margaret Schroeder
by Veronica Schroeder

4:00- Margaret Schroeder by Veronica Schroeder
5:30- Christopher Cayea by John & Kathleen Kelly

7:45- Mary Marcotte by The MacHugh Family
8:30- James O'Connor by the Forrester & O'Connor Fam
9:45- The People of the Parish
10:30-Garry & Barry Raymond by Betty Lutz
11:45- Catherine & Ed Elliott by John & Mary
O'Haire

**Since we've been publishing early recently I have no
idea what the collection was for the weekend. Ha!
Like always we'll do a few weeks in a row soon.**

**Just a reminder that because of
Sinterklaas in Rhinebeck next
weekend we will have no parking
anywhere for a 4pm Saturday
Mass.... We'll only offer the
530pm on Saturday.**

**I apologize for the inconvenience
but you won't be able to get near
the area of Market & Mulberry
Street so see you either at St
Christopher or just wait till the
morning. God love ya!**



***December 9th is the next Food Pantry
at St Christopher's School Building.***

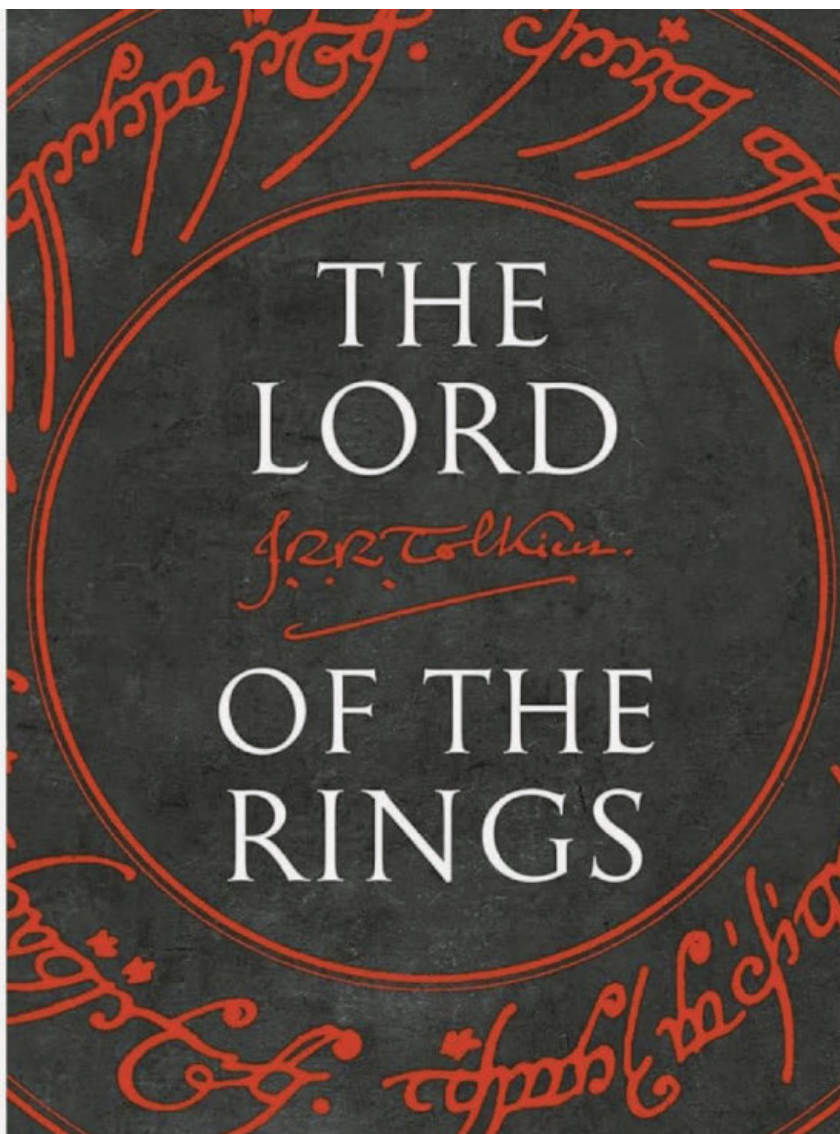
***Maybe come by and see about volun-
teering—some folks may just want a
smile and conversation.***

Welcome back to Fr Tom Fowler!

**Fr Tom is from Red Hook originally and family in
the parish at St Christopher's. Now retired from
full time ministry in New Brunswick Canada, he
comes back for a few weeks in the Winter and the
Summer.**

**Many of the Red Hook folks know him well and he
has helped here during the past but it's always
great to see him again. He'll also be helping in
Rhinebeck too.**

Thanks a million Father Tom and welcome home!



Thanks to the hard work of our parishioners who are a part of the Our Lady's Guild — the Christmas Fair was a great success! Bravo and thank you.

New to You Thrift Shop

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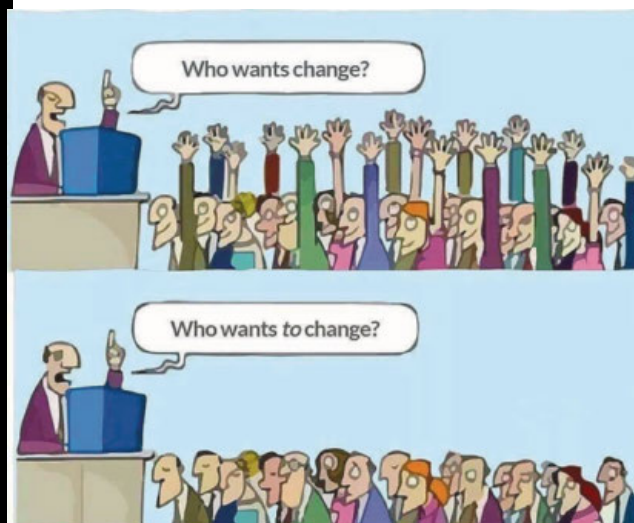
Thursdays from 11am-4pm
& Sat 10am -2pm

Donations only taken on Saturdays

Advent, if it exists anywhere outside of the Church, has been basically limited to some nebulous countdown to Christmas. It is so much more. It's about getting ready for the coming of Christ in the past, the present and the future. When we read the Advent readings of Isaiah the Prophet it read like "The Return of the King" bloody, battles, but hope that the King, the messiah promised, would arise.

You see, Tolkien was not just a great writer but a deeply devoted Catholic convert. He wrote often about how this faith was the key to understanding all of his works but particularly the Lord of the Rings.

Father Maurer will be running 4 classes for one hour each, like Dante, to dive into the Advent and Catholic themes of the LOTR.



Up this week: The Immaculate Conception Holy Day

445pm Thursday Dec 7th—St Christopher's GYM
8am Fri - December 8th Good Shepherd
9am Fri - December 8th St Christopher's
7pm Fri - December 8th at Good Shepherd

Next weekend at Mass at both churches we'll distribute \$25 snack bar vouchers to the kids who play CYO basketball and are at Mass that weekend. We're doing this in order to say thank you for putting the C back in CYO.

It's also not too late to invite friends who play to become friends who pray. Many have no parish or church...invite them on Christmas to experience the real reason St Chris gym exists.



This year Sat/Sun/Monday of Christmas is crazy—here's the schedule

4th Sunday Advent

530pm Only Sat Vigil
at St Chris GYM

Sunday

730 & 10am St Chris
GYM

830am Good Shepherd

Christmas Eve

330 & 530 St Chris GYM

5pm Good Shepherd

Christmas Day

830am Good Shepherd

1030am St Chris GYM





A comedian who used to date Kim Kardashian at the Bardavon recently and they used “Yondr” at his show to keep the audience quiet, attentive, & focused. Yondr is special bag for cell phones which activates a cell blocker! If it’s good for a comedy show I thought maybe I should price out Yondr for here.

Any correction or advice below is meant not to point out or shame but to help us make the most of our time at Mass. With that in mind and heart here’s something that I feel everyone can benefit from. Unless you’re a secret service agent or an EMS dispatcher leave the phone in the car.

The reason why? Most people have them on silent. But even if used to keep kids quiet before church it is actually destroying their budding prayer life.

Even kids YouTube with an ear bud 5 minutes before Mass we are ignoring Christ’s presence in the tabernacle, missing a chance to use a prayer book or missal and even tempted to peek during Mass itself—and that’s just the adults. Kids, sadly, so addicted, will almost immediately bend their necks and check them in the event that there may be the smallest silence in a gathering. It’s not healthy mentally, chemically or spiritually, for them or for us.

There are phones in the sacristy and one on me. In the event that we need it I’m sure we’ll be fine. However, free yourself to pray, to practice being in His Presence without distraction and even after at social hours to have conversations without the crutch of the phone.

Maybe even ask Santa for a flip phone? It might save you more than money but your sanity, your peace and your prayer life.



CYO Youth Group

Caroling & Communion at the Baptist Home & Arbor Ridge

Tuesday December 12th at 4pm

Join us to sing, pray and celebrate with snacks after with folks we bring Communion to and who have been praying for you.



\$11 a poinsettia to benefit the Womens’ Society order forms are in lobby.



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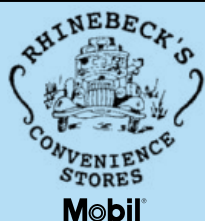
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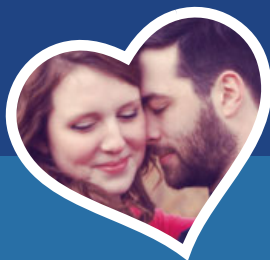


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