

ST. CHRISTOPHER & GOOD SHEPHERD



A new beginning:

is what every new day promises us. However, we all know that most of the time we wrestle with the same stuff: family, work, schedules, even the same weakness & sins.

This year let's not worry about our bellies but our souls. A resolution to pray each day in a focused way will actually do more to set the heart, the mind, and the soul into a better space to grow as people in general but more importantly as disciples of Jesus. This bulletin is largely a schedule of the next six months to help you to align your resolutions with concrete steps to take and take part in to make the desires you have into decisions you make, and things you actually do. Fill the Lenten stuff into the calendar now, begin to already sense how you, or even your organization can fit and serve the parish not just host events, perhaps will use the groups to help with VBS, the Holy Week liturgies, and even use the summer schedule as a means of getting to know one another after Mass.

This year can offer new beginnings in Christ. But it must be what we desire, must be what we decide and what we do! God bless you in the year ahead! Fr Maurer & Staff



I can't tell you how nice it was to baptize a one month old! That's when many of us were baptized and they are so quiet and easy to pray with. You know I always say it's never too late...but it's also nice to have an "on time." If you're expecting set the date now by calling us.



If folks are interested in assisting once a month on Tuesdays for an hour or less at 4pm at the Baptist Home with rosary, occasional crafts & Adoration let us know.

There are a lot of offerings in the bulletin to help you make a focused choice for faith this upcoming year—however, first and most importantly is a genuine life of prayer. We will always have people who want First Communion, play basketball, go to classes, visit hospitals, cook breakfasts, sell stuff and organize service activities but before any of that comes a vibrant life of faith. Without a living faith and it's priority in the lives of the groups we have we simply become busy but not effective, without an underlying pronounced Catholic faith:

Father Maurer could just teach his classes at a public library
CYO could become AAU or Modified Public School Basketball
Breakfasts & Coffees could be done at a firehouse or VFW
Charity could be done by social workers

What should make the difference is the **WHY** of our intentions: to help ourselves and others know, love and serve God. Let's make a genuine effort to invite and pray for everyone we serve, work, eat, play and pray with to experience the call of God to go deeper and follow Him, not just keep doing the same old thing.

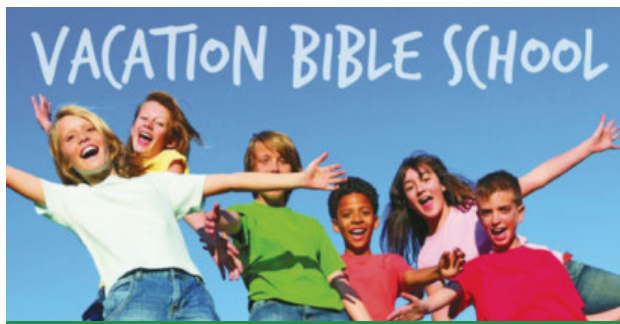
The Prison Ministry group will be meeting on Wednesday, January 10 at 3:30 in the classroom next to CCD at St Christopher's School. We encourage everyone to feel welcome to join us in writing birthday cards for death row prisoners. A big thank you to our parish family for your support of this ongoing project, especially in the volume of Christmas cards! You may never know the impact

VOLUNTEERS FOR BREADS PLUS?

Each Monday morning, we package and deliver food which is donated by Hannaford Supermarket, the Hudson Valley Food Bank, and Salvatore's Pizzeria to needy families & delivered by volunteer teams from the parish. Each of the seven teams take a turn every 7th Monday, and the work involves about 5 hours of volunteer time. If you would like to know more about this corporal work of mercy and would consider helping every 7 weeks on Mondays, please contact Mike Yannette, cell: 914-466-4447.



Camp Veritas is a great chance to eliminate the Thursday evening class in the Fall....a great camp, a truly moving experience, & a way easier path for CCD.



**June 24, 25, 26, and 27th
from 8:30-1pm
at St. Christopher's School!**



Are you sick or seriously home-bound especially in the winter? Call us at the office and a priest/deacon would be happy to arrange a monthly visit for Confession, Communion, or the Anointing of the Sick.



Did you get some gift cards for Christmas ? If so use them online to get a St Joseph's Sunday Missal—it'll be a great tool to grow in the readings and the prayers at Mass.

Weekends in July & August ONLY

In the summer crowds dip & people take vacations. After two years of "three days" here off here and there I'm going to schedule things so I can get away for retreat for ten days, as well as make use of the air conditioning in the SC gym & use that chance to have some time after the 1045am "Mega-Mass" of 400 people to use our field in the back of school for games and fellowship and meals.

**4pm Good Shepherd
With Adoration &
Confessions after till 6pm**

**730am St Christopher's Church
9am Good Shepherd
1045am St Christopher's GYM
(with weekly group sponsoring
a fellowship afterwards)**

This will allow the visa issues with priests and allow time for the staff to focus and still have priestly availability for the numbers we get at daily Mass and for funerals in either church.



Wing Night

We have breakfasts, we have coffee hour - now come to 4pm Mass at Good Shepherd on Saturday Feb 10th and stay for wings & beer with snacks & soda— this is free of charge and is put on by the Knights of Columbus. Fathers & sons especially from CCD or CYO are encouraged to come.

TAX STATEMENTS

Be aware most people if they haven't given more than \$15,000 do not need them because (with the current tax laws for 2022) the standard deduction is \$12,950 for single filers and \$25,900 for married couples.

Good Shepherd's Coffee Hour!

Sunday, January 14th after
8:30 & 10:30 Masses



Special thanks to Aaron Pethic who along with the CYO Advisory Board leads up the massive effort of coordinating, vetting, scheduling and working with coaches, refs and parents to provide a great experience this year. I also want to thank all those who behind the scenes make it happen. I'd also love to challenge folks to bring their family to the court, the stands, the snack bar AND the church. Let's really put the "C" back in CYO! Have a great season...



The Sacrament of Marriage is the foundation of family life—not simply the stamp of a state license. If you were never married “in the Church” call us and we’ll see what can be done to help get God’s blessing on those rings and on you!



Lent starts Feb 14th

6:45am St Chris' GYM *Ceremony*

8am Good Shepherd Church *Mass*

12:15pm St Christopher GYM *Mass*

4:45pm St Christopher's GYM *Mass*

7pm Good Shepherd Church *Mass*



Easter Vigil Mass

7pm St. Christopher's Gym

It'll be beautiful and will be brief enough for both families and kids to attend. Sometimes people feel the Vigil is three hours...it's not. It's a profound way to celebrate Easter especially if you are looking to travel on Easter day itself.

Easter at Good Shepherd Church

8:30am and 10:30am

Egg Hunt after the 10:30am Mass

Easter at St Christopher's GYM

7:45, 9:45, and 11:45am

Egg Hunt after the 9:45am

LENT & HOLY WEEK

Fridays 4pm Stations of the Cross
at St. Christopher's

Fridays 7pm Stations of the Cross
at Good Shepherd

Lenten Fish Fry's

5pm -7pm

St Christopher's GYM

2/23, 3/8, 3/23

Soup and Stations

5-7pm Good Shepherd 3/1

St Patrick's Party

Saturday 3/16 5pm-7pm

St Christopher's GYM

Palm Sunday

All St. Chris Masses at the school
Good Shepherd remains at Church

Reconciliation Monday

2-8pm both churches

Holy Thursday

Saint Christopher's Church 7pm

Adoration in Don Bosco Hall

until 10pm

Good Friday 4/7/2023

3pm Liturgy of the Passion

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

at Linwood

GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE

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 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:45 am • 9:45 am • 11:45 am

Daily Mass at 9am (*Tuesday thru Friday*)

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm

Thank you for your generosity over the past few weeks, the gift cards, the lovely regular cards to me and the staff, your thoughtful notes and words in person. You are very thoughtful and gracious. I hope your Christmas last week was joyous, prayerful and a chance to relax, reconnect, and be restored by the Lord who bring joy to the world then and now.

Rev. Jeffrey Maurer, Pastor

Rev Giorgio Thoman,

Raymond Ricci,

Anthony Silvestro,

& Keith White, *Permanent Deacons*

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Mass Intentions for Weekend of December 30 & 31
GS Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of Judith Leverone
Christopher by Thom Christopher

4:00- Resko Family by Alex & Linda Sabo

5:30- Jack Misasi by Keith & Maryann White

7:45-Sebastiamma by Jeanne & Leonard Campbell

8:30-Zenaida Del Rosario by Bart Del Rosario

9:45- Lydia Grima by Charles Grima

10:30-Frederick Christian Wood by The Wood Family

11:45-John & Peggy O'Haire

by John & Mary O'Haire

Monday

12 Noon- Solemnity Of Mary St Christopher's Church

Tuesday

8am-Thaddeus L Jescavage by Janet Del Rosario

9am-William Moore by Lynda Jutton

Wednesday

8am-Anthony Roberts Sr. By Ed Roberts

9am- Christopher Cayea by Bette & Carlo Scagnelli

Thursday

8am-Martin & Mary Hctor by The Hctor Family

9am- Ray Swift by Joan Swift

Friday

8am-John Hackett by Ann Lehane

9am-Eileen Costello by Lynda & Dave Jutton

Mass Intentions For Weekend Of January 6 & 7
GS Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of Holsapple Family
by The Browne Family

4:00-Anna Varlaro(Lvg Int) Laurie Walters

5:30- Joan White by Maryann & Keith White

7:45-Intention Of Our Lady's Guild

8:30- Pat Norton by Kathleen Kennedy

9:45-James Hegstetter by Joseph Scala & Family

10:30-Anna Morrissey Devane by Mary Hunt Blauvelt

11:45-Billy Totten by The Totten Family

Collection corner.....last month or so....
With the printer's deadlines Father had the
bulletins ready a month ahead. So here's
some of the numbers from the last month.

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Dec 3 \$12,290

Dec 10 \$14,632

Dec 17 \$16,219



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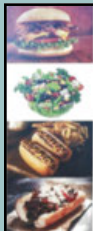
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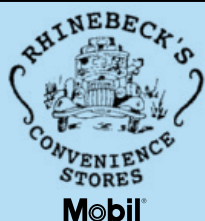
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