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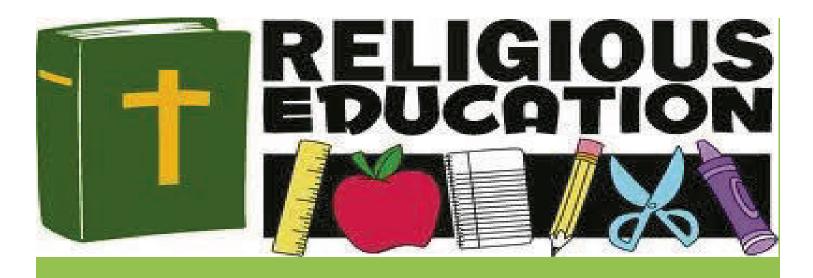
# **GOOD SHEPHERD MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am • 10:30 am
Daily Mass at 8:00 am (Tuesday thru Friday)

# ST CHRISTOPHER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:45 am • 9:45 am • 11:45 am
Daily Mass at 9amm (Tuesday thru Friday)

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm



# Required CCD Meeting

We've had a good year so this isn't an emergency just an important update on first Communion, activities, report cards and Confirmation prep. We don't "over meeting" people and so it is expected that at least one parent to be there. We'll hold them three different times in both churches because we respect the schedules and distances people have. Feel free to bring other kids (if not at class) to these we'll have an activity for them so you can focus on the content. Please choose one:

January 17th 445pm Wednesday SC Church January 18th 445pm Thursday SC Church January 18th 715pm Thursday GS Church



# **Prep for Lenten Adoration**

This Lent we will have 12 hours of Eucharistic Adoration per week. We are going to ask every parish organization to commit to covering silent time wit the Lord. It's a time to quietly read Scripture, pray the Rosary in silence, listen to the Lord in prayer, offer to God your concerns, and more. We're going to have a pledge form for hour slots in Lent coming soon in the bulletin.

Wednesdays 4-8pm St Christopher Thursdays 4-8pm St Christopher Fridays 4-8pm at Good Shepherd Masses For Weekend Of January 13 & 14

GS Lamp in Mem Pat Durham by Eileen Kelleher SC Lamp in Memory Of Vincent Scaffidi Sr. by Nick & Vinny & Family

4:00-Betty, Barry, Gary, Raymond Lutz by Mike & Laurie Walters 5:30-Intentions Of The Holy Name Society

7:45-Christopher Cayea by Matt & Nicole Rizzolo 8:30-Hattie B. Hechler by Robert J Hechler 9:45- Jim Hegstetter by Betty Bader 10:30-Maureadh Dimarco by Barbara Joyce 11:45-Mary Danna by Red Hook HS Family

## Tuesday

8am-Edward Jones by Kathleen Kennedy 9am- Jimmy Wolfe by Harriet Rossi

## Wednesdav

8am- Nancy Mellott by Robert Hechler 9am- Andrew Graffia by Cecilia Chlystun

### **Thursday**

8am-John Meade by The Ceglio Family 9am- Dolores Putorti by Fr. Jeffrey Maurer

## Friday

Mahoney by Her Family

8am-James Horan by Bob Hechler 9am-Maureen Jeffreys by Putorti & Ricci Family

Weekend Of January 20 & 21 GS Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of Raymond Heady by Rose Heady SC Sanctuary Lamp (Lvg Intention) For Therese

4pm- Elaine Hughes by Laurie Walters 5:30pm- Christopher Cayea by The Clark Family

7:45-Ann Gilfeather by Rick & Barbara Rizzolo 8:30-Mark McGann by Donna & Bill McGann 9:45-Dolores Putorti

by Good Shepherd/St Christopher's 10:30- Lenore Lorenc by Alan & Debbie Shaffer 11:45- Richard Mahoney by His Family

Collections—printed early so more to come next week.

**Holy Family Sunday—\$16,077** 

Additional Christmas—\$3,632

# July & August ONLY

In the summer crowds dip & people take vacations. We can make use of the newly installed air conditioning in the St Christopher's gym & use that chance to have some time after the 1045am w/ 400 people to use our field in the back of school for games, fellowship and meals with one another. Each 1045am-can be like a mini-picnic w/ coffee hour.

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

730am St Christopher's Church

9am Good Shepherd

1045am St Christopher's GYM with air conditioning

(with groups sponsoring parish fellowship afterwards)



# Wing & Hoops Night

Come to 4pm Mass at Good Shepherd on Saturday Feb 10th and stay for wings, beer, snacks & soda— \$10 per family and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Catholic families we hope you enjoy the snack bar vouchers for the games.

Families who are registered in CCD & go to Mass received them 3 weeks ago as a way to put the C back in CYO.





# **Friends:**

In addition to a cash bonus, the gift I got the staff for Christmas was the above long sleeve tee shirt produced by Timely Signs. It has our crest on the front, and the words, "We'll get there!" on the back. It was inside joke & of a line I use over & over again when people get worried, anxious, or just plain nutty about aspects of one thing or another in parish life.

I started saying this phrase in March 2022 when staff would say, after COVID, "No one is at Mass!" or "the merger" or "we're in a big deficit!" or "How to we schedule these 37 things in one week" when some very demanding people would demand that their "group" had ultimate claim on our facilities. It became a way of saying, "relax, it's not that important", "it's only folks who'll be demanding next week too", and to trust that there was a plan but it would take time, so that, with God's help & our planning, we'd "get there" kind like the Wise Men despite, bumps, detours and sometimes "slow going."

Together we see attendance up, deficits gone, renovated a church and streamlined CCD so kids come early now! The night of the big Confirmation party one looked at me, smiled and said, "we got there!" They meant well enough but I just smirked and said, "no, we just got started!"

While external metrics are important they are not the most important. There is still much to do to bring us all (me included) into a closer friendship with God through prayer, Adoration, confession, works of mercy, love and understanding both in the parish, marriages, friendships, groups, teams and right in our homes. We can still find space to let the gospel marinate in our lives so that it actually flavors our whole life more than just happening to go to Mass.

So next week we'll explore ways to continue "getting there" to the life of growing disciples and not just be happy we're doing slightly better than bad in terms of numbers or activities.

Ask any demographer on faith and they'll tell you the Churches that are growing are actually more reverent in worship, orthodox in preaching, loving even through trials and welcoming while at the same time challenging and rooted in the truth of the Church's teachings. Take time and really ask God, "where, how and in what way can I be more: reverent, more accepting of Church teaching, more loving of others, and more inviting to folks to find Christ in the Catholic Church?"

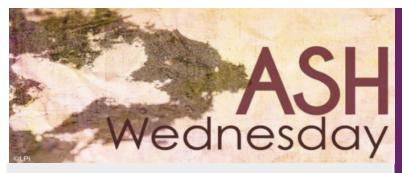
So with the growth of our parish in mind, rooted in God and modeling from places that show life & growth, what can we do? Plan, pray and put ourselves in a slightly uncomfortable position to progress into where God is calling us. More to come....but "we'll get there!"

# **DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS**

from 830am—3pm
St. Christopher School
30 Benner Rd.
Snow date is February 17th.
To register contact
Bill Owens at 845-756-2481.

Are you sick or seriously homebound 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.

Father Maurer



# 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

# Satur-Day Breakers

9-945am at St Christopher's School for the Saturdays of Lent...

Study scriptures with Father Maurer and enjoy coffee & donuts.

# 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

Easter at St Christopher's GYM 7:45, 9:45, and 11:45am

# 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
Good Shepherd Church
3pm Liturgy of the Passion
6:30pm Stations of the Cross
at Linwood





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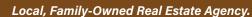


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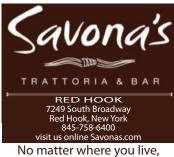


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