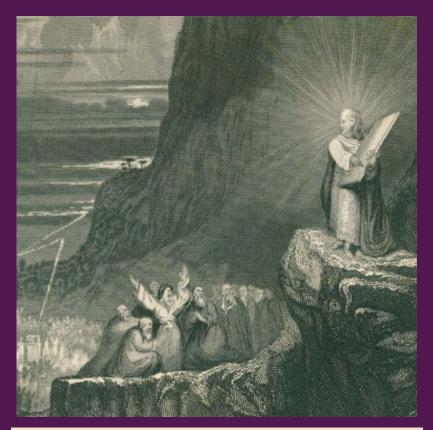
# St Christopher & Good Shepherd



Mt Sinai is our place of focus today in the sermon. It was a place of salvation, yes, a place of revelation, a place of power & fear, but also a place of testing & place of condemnation.

Like the 40 days and nights of Noah, Moses listened to God, who displayed His awe-filled majesty as a red glow over the mountain day & night as God revealed the commandments.

The people had a holy fear of approaching but sadly a forgetfulness of what God had done for them. They saw the miracles in Egypt, witnessed the water parted, and yet they wanted God on their terms.

No different than us, our sinful nature, time and time again, so often forgets, neglects, and tests God as those people did with the Golden Calf. Let's truly say for our sins:

Lord Have Mercy on us!

**Mountains of the Lenten Season** 

Mt Sinai 1st Reading Today

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:
"I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.
You shall not have other gods besides me.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy
the sabbath day.
Honor your father
and your mother,
that you may have
a long life in the land
which the Lord,
your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave,

Nor shall you covet nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."



# Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent 4pm St Christopher's 7pm Good Shepherd

"The Chosen" may be playing at local venues but it can be streamed too. It's a quite good presentation of the life of Christ in the gospels and particularly good for Lent. Honestly, we've been blessed to have Cabrini and the Chosen debut during the season of Lent.





# Not sure you were going to have time to spend with Our Lord in the Eucharist?

Even if you didn't commit to a time please know we want you to feel that you are encouraged to come for something as small as 15 minutes to be away from phones, kids, distractions, and just in tune with the Lord who loves you enough to wait for you in the Eucharist.

Wednesdays & Thursdays SC Church 4-8pm Fridays GS Church 4-8pm Stations at 7pm

Meatless Fridays means a chance to enjoy Stations & treats at St Chris' Gym - the Fish Fry on Fridays put on by the Holy Name from 5-7pm— Eat in and enjoy some community

with other folks from our parish
Prices vary..... 3/8 & 3/22



The next meeting of the Prison Ministry group is Wednesday, March 6 at 3:30 in the school's first class room. It's important that we finish up the Easter cards at this meeting. We'll also include the larger parish in these cards.

Bring your completed cards to the next meeting (along with manila envelopes) or you can mail them by March 14.

Thank you for all that you do. Have a blessed Lent.

# Palm Sunday

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



2-8pm St Christopher's Church only—we had just Good Shepherd in Advent so....

# Holy Thursday

Saint Christopher's Church 7pm followed by Adoration in Hall until 10pm

# **Good Friday**

Good Shepherd Church 1230pm Procession and Stations Followed by light lunch then 3pm Liturgy of the Passion

# **Easter Sunday Masses**

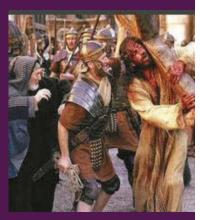
Easter Vigil 7pm at St Christopher School GYM

Good Shepherd—830am & 1030am

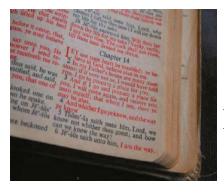
St Christopher's—745am, 945 and 1145 at the GYM











Scripture study continues on Saturday mornings at St Chris School from 9-945am w coffee, donuts & more. Father Maurer gets ready for the readings for the weekend.



## St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Foundress of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Friends: I'm thrilled to be able to share a movie that will be out soon and will chronicle the life and the astounding faith of an amazing and literally miraculous woman who died in 1917 and was buried right across the river below Kingston.

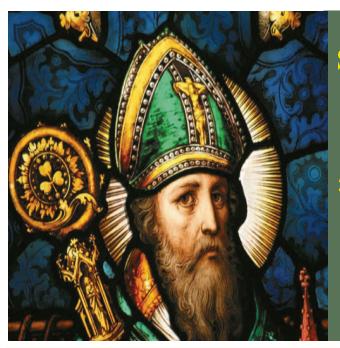
Born in Lombardy she almost accidently drowned as a child...yet she crossed the ocean 67 times.

Physically beautiful, blonde haired blue eyed northern Italian she vowed her heart to His: Christ's Sacred Heart. Originally she entered an order and founded a small band of women to teach and care for children. Sensing God was calling her to more, she went to Rome, pleaded to go to China to spread the Gospel but was told by Pope Leo XIII (who was effectively the prisoner in the Vatican of Italian Unification) "not East but West" to address Italian immigrants fleeing Italy, in North and even South America at the time. So she crossed the ocean, lived in New York, travelled to Chicago, went to Oregon, and explored the Andes Mountains on a mule.

While this travel log may sound like someone's bucket list in retirement but she did it for God not herself. This incredibly powerful and faithful woman, had a work output that by the end of her life had seen 5,000 sisters on three continents before planes were ever flown. She continued even after death to perform verified miracles which defy explanation. She was the first American naturalized citizen to be canonized a saint in 1946.

She was voted recently in a poll of historians to be one of the most impactful women in the history of NYC. But far more important than what men and women think is what God saw in her...He saw in her a soul who loved Him most and then poured that love out for His Children, old and young.

In fact, although initially brushed off in New York, later Cardinal McCloskey (the first American Cardinal) would literally pay for her first orphanage in West Park (below Kingston) - just like then and now—the Church's treasure had provided for God's plan. It's no different today when we think about that next week with the Cardinal's Appeal pledge weekend.



St Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday March 16th cooked by the O'Brien Family from Good Shepherd at the St Chris Gym.

5-730pm with a performance by Celtic Heels.

\$20 for adults, \$10 for kids

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The hallways will be painted.

The old vinyl flooring which is cracking will be replaced.

Honestly, I was lucky too, Good Shepherd was pretty darn perfect—thanks to Father Crawford, everything gleamed—it was so well maintained that just a little love will keep it there.

I anticipate that this summer we'll just sit back and enjoy. It'll be all done. Whew! I owe everything in this department to David Whelly & Joe Scala who oversee and do the work, those who made pledges to Renew and Rebuild and especially to a single benefactor who honestly made almost 80% of this all happen. Thank you.

## Masses For Weekend Of March 2 & 3

GS Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Mary & Gerard Kipp by The Browne Family

4:00-Betty Sturm (L) by Laurie Walters 5:30-Christopher Cayea by "Your Church Family"

7:45-Intentions Of Our Lady's Guild /Christopher Cayea by Rick & Barbara Rizzolo 8:30-Mass For The People Of The Parish 9:45-John & Grace Alesi by The Radman Family 10:30- The Browne Family (L) by William & Geraldine Browne 11:45-Eliseo Razon by The Razon Family

Tuesday

8am-Gary O'Brien by Bruce & Linda Tripp 9am-James Gibbons by Leonard & Jeanne Campbell

Wednesday
8am-John Dorrian
by Friends of Hudson Valley Protection
9am-Eileen Costello by John & Kathleen Kelly

Thursday 8am-John M Kennedy by Wm & Donna McGann 9am-Bernard Campbell by Leonard & Jeanne Campbell

Friday
8am-Ruth Anello by Elaine & Barbara
9am-Gerard Campbell
by Leonard & Jeanne Campbell

## Masses for Weekend of March 9 & 10

GS Lamp In Memory Of Mary & Gerard Kipp by The Browne Family

4pm-Shannon, Patrick & Katharine Murray by The Murray Family 5:30- Arthur & Marie Hand by The Praino Family

7:45-Christopher Cayea by Maria & Jon Barsa 8:30-Margaret & Ryan Hackett by Ann Lehane 9:45-Mass For The People Of The Parish 10:30-Sandy Brochetti by Mary Beth Sweeney 11:45-Mrs. Mary Hayes by Wendy & Walter Smith Served by
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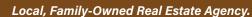


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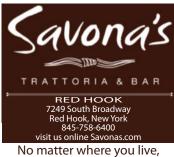


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