

St Christopher & Good Shepherd

3rd Sunday of Easter 2025



I think it's safe to say that we have been thinking a lot about St Peter recently. The death of Pope Francis reminds us of the chain of men who have been tasked with “feeding my sheep” as Jesus commends Peter to do in the Gospel this Sunday. The episode in today's reading reminds us that Peter is not perfect but is repentant, reparative, and faithful.

Isn't that what God calls us to be? Peter didn't deny his “three denials,” he didn't explain it away or just consider it a “life lesson.” He wept at his running away, he had to say he loved the Lord three times, and then he was tasked with feeding the sheep that would become the very first manifestation of the Catholic Church.

Peter ultimately grew to become a strong saint and shepherd. The first Bishop of Rome, he was crucified upside down and his burial place revered from the start—he was a hero and a holy man. His bones are today under the main altar of St Peter's in Rome.

Because of timing we may not know who our new “Peter” is by this weekend but let us implore God that he will be a man who will profess loudly and with credibility “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you” in faith—rather than “I do not know the man” in fear or desire for the world's approval. Let's pray for whomever is elected that he will continue to follow the Lord's command to Peter to “Feed his sheep”

Friends:

This past week probably two billion people watched, recorded or streamed the Papal Funeral. In one way this brings to mind the old adage of Oscar Wilde, “there is no such thing as bad press” after all, the world doesn’t stop when the head of the world Methodist confederation passes away - Presidents don’t fly to kneel at the funeral of the Grand Imam of Mecca, and I bet you can’t even name the head of the Presbyterians.

However, just eyes on screens only goes so far. After all—probably the same number watched a part of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and almost none of the viewers became Monarchists by watching it. Likewise I wonder if the cultural curiosity of these days past and certainly these days ahead....won’t be the exact same.

Yet, the Catholic Faith, isn’t meant to be footnoted, observed and admired for it’s antiquity alone...it’s meant to convert, convict and challenge us to be real followers of Jesus.

That conviction, challenge and conversion, is actually what has made the Church so durable. It defeated the Roman Empire, held back heresy and paganism, it crowned Kings and Queens, outlasted Napoleon, was there to bury the Soviet Union and will slowly and securely beat the poison of apathy and secularism today with a message of hope and the spiritual richness of the Faith. She doesn’t adapt to the world—she changes it.

While historic—the Church continues to make history because she is the instrument by which Our Blessed Lord governs, sanctifies and testifies to the faithful and to the world, this life changing message, power and presence of God. She doesn’t change just history but also our eternal destiny should we choose to say and live a “YES” to God.

Let’s pray that the world won’t just watch, wonder and maybe even have a “favorite” Cardinal for election but truly dive in deep for conviction, challenge and ultimately conversion to the Lord who appointed St Peter (the First Pope) to “Feed My Sheep” -

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First Communion & Confirmation

**4pm Saturday Mass at St Christopher's GYM
May 10th 2025 with kids present from 3:15 onwards....**

**Bishop Colacicco will offer the Mass and Confirm the older children and also give First Communion to our kids who are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the First Time.
We'll have an optional large celebration dinner after like we did last year with Confirmation.
\$30 per person so invite as many folks as you'd like & enjoy not having to cook or clean up!**

Name _____

Guests _____ **X \$30** _____

Drop in collection or mail to office.



**God's Blessings to
Mr & Mrs Ryan Garafine
Mr & Mrs Nicholas Whelly
Mr & Mrs Omar Perez**

Men's Prayer Group: A good number of guys show up each week to pray, listen and share on Thursdays at 615am. You can have the screen on or off or just listen. It's easy just log onto ZOOM & type in this

**Meeting ID 867 7869 8602
Passcode 1Q3q9R**



BABY SHOWER MAY 13TH

Baby Shower in support for the Bravo Pregnancy Center in Kingston and the Alight Center in Hudson as well as help to parish families experiencing a new baby (expected or not) Pampers sensitive baby wipes, diapers sizes 4,5,6 baby body wash & shampoo fragrance free, socks newborn to toddler, wash clothes, towels, onesies and PJ (newborns) Gift cards from Walmart for formula, gallon & quart ziplock bags, receiving blankets, preemie clothing for boy or girl's pacifiers. Drop off at shower that night at the school or thrift shop the week before.



Important -

**The Mass Book
for the first six
months of 2026
will be opening
on June 1st.**

New2U Thrift Shop
30 Benner Rd Red Hook
Thursdays 11-4 Saturdays 10-2
Donations on Saturday only



**We will need member of the ushers & parish societies
for a little bit of elbow grease at the big event on May
10th at the school starting at 3pm and then helping
during the Mass and meal afterwards.**

“He who sings prays twice!”- St. Augustine

**Parishioners who enjoy singing from the pews are invited to come and
join the Good Shepherd Parish Choir or St. Christopher's Parish
Choir. The choirs sing every Sunday at the 10:45AM Mass at both
Good Shepherd and St. Christopher's Church and for any special litur-
gies, Christmas and Easter Masses. Rehearsal is once a week. High
school age and up are welcome to join! If you are interested, contact
our Music Director, Alyssa: a.mccabe.m@gmail.com**

Mass Intentions For May 3 & 4th

9am– 1st Sat St J Kate Kennedy by Phyliss Marsteller

**Patrice Davidson by Kathleen Kennedy
Linda Dempsey by Rick & Barbara Rizzolo
Bill Hutchins by The Mangiamele Family
Intentions Of Our Lady's Guild
Irene & John Carroll by Patrick & Peggy O'Farrell
The Lutz Family by Dana & Erin
Mass For The People**

Tuesday

**8am-Bill & Donna McGann 58 Wedding Annv
9am-Mary Stanczyk by The Stanczyk Family**

Wednesday

**8am-Beth Kelly by Rose Heady
9am-David Handford by Dave & Lynda Jutton**

Thursday

**8am-Nicholas Karchmer by The Pociask Family
9am-Maureen McKenna by Kathleen Kennedy**

Friday

**8am-Mary Lynn Vierling(Lvg) by Robert Wood
9am-Mackenzie & Walker Hemp by Jn & Kathleen Kelly**

Mass Intentions For May 10 & 11th

**Anne Heywood by The Heywood Family
The People of the Parish
Mother's Day Novena**

Collections for the past few weeks:

**Whenever a holiday hits like Holy Week and Easter
we get a bit thrown but the printing schedules.
Here are the offerings from the past few weeks:**

**Palm Sunday \$14,086
Good Friday for the Holy Land \$1,354
Easter Sunday \$29,077**



**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer
Pastor**

Rev Giorgio Thoman

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Anthony Silvestro,
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