

St Christopher & Good Shepherd

July 13th 2025



“Which of these do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The Pharisee replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

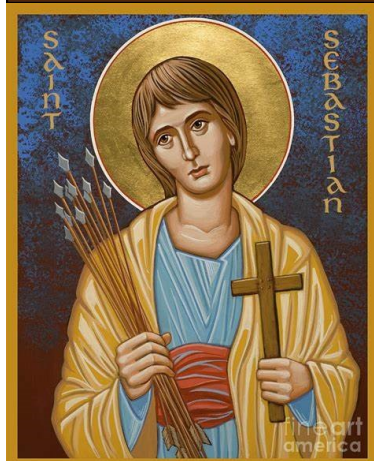
Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

4pm Good Shepherd Church Saturday evening
with Confessions afterward

730am St Christopher Church Sunday morning
9am Good Shepherd Church Sunday morning
1045am St Christopher Church Sunday morning
6pm St Christopher's Church Sunday evening



Two weeks ago, early printing from the holiday—we had a great week of Vacation Bible Camp—almost 100 folks helped to discover more about the Superheroes of our Catholic Faith. St Peter, Paul, St Mary, St Joseph, St Sebastian and St Cecilia. All were given super power because they were connected to the power, presence and peace that only God can give to us through Christ. Thank you to amazing helpers, priests, nuns, staff, campers young and not so young and of course to the best leaders, Liz, Eileen, Kitty, and the amazing Hillary and Lori!





We've had a nice rebound in Baptisms but that is only the beginning. You see, Baptism begins our deepening relationship with God. But like anything that we start we take care to continue to nurture it. Planting corn is not the same as harvesting it.

If you know folks who might have baptized their kids and want to do them & their kids a great favor—invite them back here to CCD and Mass.

If we had all the Italian, Irish, Latino and Polish last names at CYO alone - we'd have a real foothold into changing lives not just scheduling games.

So first let's just pray to ask God who he may have in our lives to help lead back to Him. Then figure out a plan to bring someone you care for back and help to continue what God began at their Baptism.

At the risk of sounding disrespectful—Pope Francis never took vacations & never used Castel Gandolfo the Papal Summer Residence. I think it sent a bad message. Like any CEO or world leader there is always some stuff to do but ironically it took an American, often workaholics, to teach us a great lesson. His Holiness has made clear, he's taking a month long vacation. It's a great message for us—and me. No one, including a pope, is that important. We all need rest & renewal and in fact, it's a commandment. The third commandment is for WORSHIP & REST. Perhaps more people are lost to the faith for “busyness” than doubt or disbelief. Learn from Leo and be more because you did less.



Guys' Night



**2 Saturday evenings -
7/19 & 8/9 * 7-9pm**

**Bring a friend... Firepit, smokes
(optional), grub & more as we take
two nights during the summer to
regroup from the retreat or simply
& simply hang with other guys
from the parish at
Linwood in Rhinebeck.**

**2 people talking
Stops 20 people praying**

Sadly, churches can be places of more distraction than focused prayer, and often it's our own fault. One of the nicest things about the 6pm Mass, people tell me, is that you can go there and actually pray beforehand. It's been my experience too.

Perhaps we can check ourselves and focus in on the Eucharistic Lord in the Tabernacle, pray a decade of the rosary quietly, kneel, or just silently read the readings ahead of the Mass. Leave the phone in the car. After Mass there is often time to chat and gather—especially at our parish but beforehand let's try not to frustrate folk's attempts for some peace & prayer with God.

La Misa en Espanol

Nuestra próxima misa en español será el 1 de agosto en San Cristóbal a las 7 p.m.

Our next Spanish Mass will be August 1st at St Christopher at 7pm

When my ancestors came they settled in St Peter's in Kingston (whose Communion rail we now have) when Bismark decided to persecute the Catholic Church in the 1870's—they settled in a German church and while the Mass was Latin the sermons were German and they taught it in the parish school while learning English.

Almost everyone of the Spanish Mass folks on Fridays come to Sunday Mass in English here but they deserve the same easy entry for prayer that my family had with the occasional German sermon but I have to applaud our folks for being so welcoming—whatever other things may be happening—my job is to help people pray and serve the soul & your support helps us all to do that.





**Adoration on
Wednesday Evenings
will move to the school
chapel in the months of
July & August—it will
allow a smaller, more
ac'd environment in a
beautiful chapel—
it will also provide a
place to more privacy
during Confession
while the Confessional
in the church is being
renovated for
sound security.**

**Wednesday evenings at
7-8pm—join us.**

Save the Date....Saturday November 8th

4pm Mass at St Christopher's

**530pm Happy Hour and Hors d'oeuvres at SC GYM with parish
history from 1925 onward in lobby hallways.**

**630pm Formal Gala Dinner
catered by The Grove**

**Kids will be \$5 a head
Adults \$75 a head & \$125 per couple**

RSVP details after Labor Day

***After Mass ends everyone will proceed to the school—we'll
have games outside in the backyard and pizza, chicken
nuggets & fries with movies in the classrooms so parents
can leave their kids here in a separate area and still
celebrate one of our churches' anniversary.***

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Mass Intentions For July 12 & 13th

The People of the Parish
Shelby Harris by Deb Salvino
Miller Family by The Lutz Family
Brian Rowan by Sharon & Harold Sanger
John Odendahl by The Holy Name
Jennifer Weishaupt (Lvg) by Kevin & Wendy Dorrian
Katherine Kiernan by Mary Hare & Family

Tuesday 8am-People Of The Parish
9am-Linda DiStefano by The DiStefano Family

Wednesday 8am-Anthony Cutola Jr Barbara & Ray Litra
9am-Dominic Putorti by Anthony Putorti

Thursday 8am-Paul & Betty Zader by Nancy Nielsen
9am-Frank Synan by Mary Hare & Family

Friday 8am-Emery Ruger by Barbara Ruger
9am-Joan Daugherty by Kathleen & John Kelly

Mass Intentions For July 19 & 20th

The People of the Parish
Mary C. O'Connell by Helen O'Connell
Mayme Nish by Mary Grace Collins
Patrick Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy
David C. Adamian by The Spagnoli Family
Barbara Ackerman by The Lowry Family
John & Moira Hegarty by Mary Hare & Family

**Remember that the goal of parish life isn't busy-
ness is holiness. One of the lovely things about
the summer is that have chosen to slow down.**

**Obviously, we still have Mass, visit the sick, bury
the dead, baptize, confess, and more but it's ok in
parish life and in your life to cut things out for
the summer.**

**Maybe cut a scheduled "busy" thing out of your
family life to focus on God and one another?**



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