



The Assumption of the Blessed Mother
Aug 15th

8am Good Shepherd & 9am St Chris Church

6pm Mass in the evening at the GYM
With “CCD Open House” with “Bring a friend”
after. Snacks, basketball, legos, gagaball and slip
n’ slide, and registration for parents & kids.

Good Shepherd & St Christopher
August 10th 2025

Before the summer ends I wanted to put a few things down to help us in months ahead—especially as the school inches closer.

First off, thank you to the many groups who work during the year & sometimes through the summer: Food Pantry, Breads Plus, Thrift Shop, church cleaners and others. Consider Holy Name's help at the Blood Drive, the Women's Society helping kids go to Veritas, and Our Lady's Guild members helping plan the Anniversary, the Men's Prayer Group, and the Adoration crew! While groups are good—the lay faithful are most effective at prayer first and not just work.

That's why I want to say how good it is to see good Mass attendance even in the summer. It's not everything but it sure is the foundation of everything else. Almost 850-1000 people each weekend, young and old, make our parish what it is! If we get the weekend right the rest becomes effective.

Speaking of seeing people we like to see at Mass, I'm sure we'll all be sad to say goodbye to Deacon Keith White. Keith converted here through RCIA, with wife Marianne is a great parishioner who lead him here, and personally he grew up next to my mom and her family in Kingston many years ago. He has been transferred to St Mary of the Snow in Saugerties where he's building a new home and the pastor there asked for the transfer. Originally, scheduled for July 20th I asked if we could keep him until at least Labor Day & the Archdiocese agreed. Many blessings to you and Mary Ann—we love you, we will miss you & you're always welcome back anytime.

Transfers like these are hard, almost no one asks for them and sadly we have seen a pretty hard example of that across the River. I just want to say “thank you” to all of you. The parish here, considering mergers and transfers has a wonderful spirit of adaptation & hospitality. You are an wonderful example to others. While we do have a lot to be proud of, we must remember that “pride cometh before the fall.” We must constantly beg God, work, and use the graces God gives to keep our Catholic Faith built up and in working order.

Our St Christopher's 100th Anniversary planning group is really working well and deserves a big thank you from all of us. So as we start a year when we celebrate the 100th of St Chris & next year the 125th of Good Shepherd, I was looking at both church's last "anniversary books" of 2000 and 2001 & asked, where will we be in 25 years? How we live our Catholic faith now and answer the following may determine that.

Are we reaching out to neighbors to invite them to experience a relationship with God or just recruiting to play ball, are we helping our neighbors through our charities here or simply expecting the government to do it. Do we govern our lives by our faith as much as we govern them by jobs, sports schedules, or a seat at the diner? Do we recruit for RCIA more than CYO? Do we look out for who isn't here in the pew or just notice what some squirmy kid did in front us when we're at Mass? The answer may determine the length we sustain our own faith.

In 25 years will you be walking your daughter down an aisle at church for her wedding? In 25 years will you be still hungering for a friendship with God? In 25 years (if you're a kid) will I be baptizing my own children? In 25 years will one of our CCD "kids" be called "Father"? If I'm advanced in age—where will my final destiny be?

These foundational faith questions undergird all we do at a Catholic parish either in Red Hook, Rhinebeck or Reno. Community is nice—but communion with God is essential and that's the job of a parish.

These questions help us to determine what shape we are currently in and where God is calling us. If we live our faith well, people will think "they're in great shape" no matter how old we are, 100, 125 or almost 160 like St Joseph's—because the timeless truth of the Catholic Faith will keep us so. Reflecting on, and living from our relationship with God through the Church that He founded, will always point us to what our real identity and true mission in life and as a parish.

Again my thanks to God for you all, and my prayers for you as we continue with the summer rest. St Christopher...pray for us & may Christ, the Good Shepherd, keep us always in His flock!



**They're both beautiful but the perspective is wrong
—they're meant to be viewed from the inside.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS GOING TO CAMP VERITAS THIS WEEK—IT IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOUNTER OUR LORD IN A REAL AND TANGIBLE WAY.

THEY'LL BE GONE FROM SUNDAY TO SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK—



A genuine thank you to all of the folks who worked and promoted the Spanish Mass and enrollment night for CCD and Baptisms. I'm glad to announce it yielded over 20% increase of our current population in CCD. No matter your language or background—God wants you to be Catholic and we'd love for you to bring your family here. Come on August 15th and enjoy an open gym night with snacks and more after the 6pm Mass at the GYM on the Feast of the Assumption this Friday—more details on the cover.

Go deeper, convert, revert?

Let's do it...starting in September 930-1030am w/coffee before RCIA at St Christopher's—Call us if you are in either church and we'll save a spot for you.

Building up the
church now —
not just the past...



Ways to help most—call 845.758.3732 to inquire about teaching CCD

Come to Adoration one Wednesday evening at 7pm

Read the bulletin— seriously, you wouldn't believe what people ask as they hold the answer in their hand.

Donate/Volunteer at the Food Pantry.

Something simple like sit with someone new at a breakfast or coffee hour

Start to pray the rosary with your family.

Ask a CYO friend to become a church friend...

Invite a friend to Mass, CCD or daily Mass where it's quieter, or more.

Volunteer for Camp Veritas next summer.

Take your family on off hours to pray at either Church in quiet.

Mass Intentions For August 9 & 10th

The People of our Parish

**Mary Ann Cullenane by Kathleen Kennedy
Notine & Jess Burger Families by Joan Grady
Msgr. Charles Coen by The Yannette Family
Walter Novak by The Mangiamele Family
Vincent & Patricia Singleton by Their Children**

Monday

8am only at GS — Those at Camp Veritas this week

**Tuesday 8am-James Gavin by Donna & Bill McGann
9am-Dolores Putorti by Anthony Putorti**

Wednesday

**8am-Doris Myers by Thomas & Theresa Corrigan
9am-Tom Gilbert by Dave & Lynda Jutton**

**Thursday 8am-Sophie Johnson by The Wood Family
9am-Tom Gilbert by Joan Swift**

**Friday Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8am- The People of our Parish
9am-Shirley McCord by The Gilbert Family
6pm- Intentions of Bob Desmond**

Mass Intentions for August 16 & 17th

**Rudesindo Del Rosario by Bart Del Rosario
Theresa Contarino by Rose Heady
Msgr Charles Coen by Rick & Barbara Rizzolo
Joe Neff by Deacon Richard & Pat Santana
The People of our Parish**

Since Easter we received a higher number of calls about becoming Catholic or people who may already be Catholic wanting to complete a Sacrament or just go deeper. Bring someone you love to the God who loves them and the One True Faith that you love. 845.758.3732



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Anthony Silvestro,
& Keith White,
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