

St Christopher & Good Shepherd

September 28th 2025

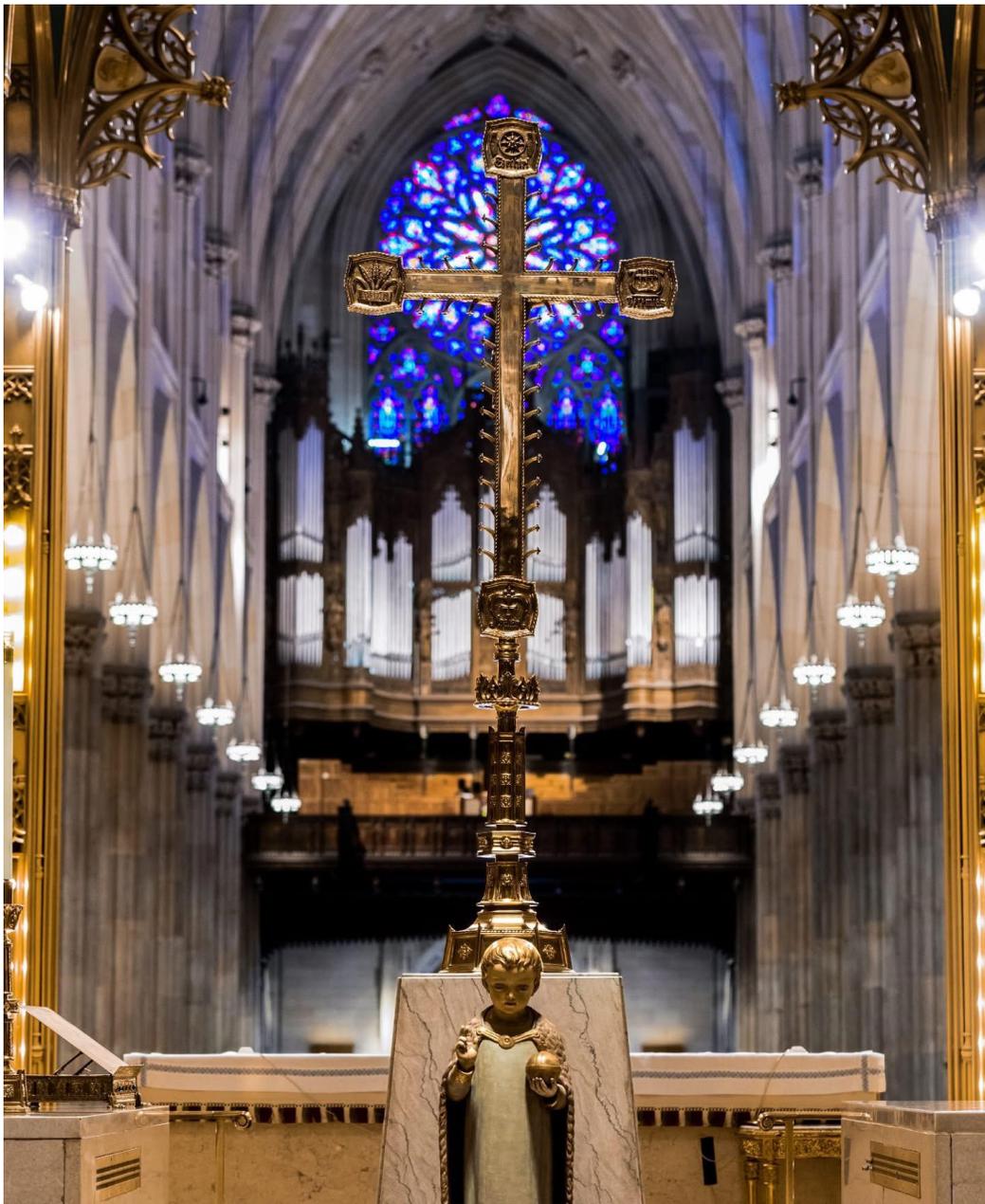


It's only when we stop trying to outrun the crosses Our Lord sends and simply accept, submit and carry them that our load becomes lighter because then and only then will He help to carry them because we let Him.

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
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6pm St Christopher's Church Sunday evening



Years ago Cardinal O'Connor preached a sermon remarking on the difference between the approach of the secular world and the Church. A life without or with a palpable trusting Faith in God.

He pointed to the famous statue of Atlas directly across the street from the front doors of the Cathedral. This majestic art deco statue of the Atlas, the man of great strength who while carrying the world—was crushed and burdened. Literally the weight of the world of his shoulders.

Opposite, the Cardinal pointed out was the statue above of the child Jesus— carrying the whole world in His hands—light and almost carelessly without any hint of burden.

Perhaps the reason our burdens are heavy is because we are trying to carry them rather than handing them to Him?

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Seniors)
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**New to You Thrift Shop
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**Knights of Columbus
Bob Lawless**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays 7pm at Saint Christopher's School Chapel with the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.

La Santa Misa

Nuestra próxima misa en español será el 3 de Oct en San Cristóbal a las 7 p.m.

Our next Spanish Mass will be October 3rd 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.



Four different gift baskets available for raffle at our parish to benefit Mental Health Charities for Veterans and the Grace Smith House for women with domestic violence challenges.



The sanding, woodwork and painting of St Joseph's the "Mother Church" in Rhinecliff is almost totally finished—the next Mass will be October 4th at 9am. Come and see...28 Loftus Street.

Perhaps this sprucing up might also have us spruce up. We always feel better when we dress up, and yes I know God sees what's in the heart, but perhaps flip flops, crocs and some spaghetti stained tee shirts might stay home. Try "Dressing up for God" when we come to Mass and I bet you will feel spiritually spruced up too.

Divorce, Death or Separation from a Spouse....

Our programs shepherd people through the emotional devastation that remains after death, divorce or separation. All programs are facilitated by volunteer peers who are also along this grief journey. The facilitators share their experiences with personal testimonies and then listen to and accompany those who join the program. This fall, we are hosting a Healing Weekend retreat at the Linwood Spiritual Center in Rhinebeck, NY from October 24 to 26, 2025. For further information or to register, contact Gloria 646 281 4790 or Phyllis 914 261 5812.



Coffee Hour at Good Shepherd follows the 9am Mass next week. Join us for a lovely chance to chat and spend time with one another.

**New2U Thrift Shop
30 Benner Rd
Red Hook**

**Thursdays 11-4
Saturdays 10-2
Donations on
Saturday only**



When John Paul II was shot and almost killed he waited and after a period of time was able to forgive the man who the Soviets used as an assassin. This meeting of Pope and assassin and recent examples of forgiveness like last week's speech by Erika Kirk who publicly forgave her husband's killer and said she doesn't want the death penalty is another powerful example of the power, not the weakness of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not for the weak but the strong....

Forgiveness is not ever earned but freely given by the offended.

Forgiveness does not mean not to face justice.

Forgiveness does not mean excusing.

Forgiveness does not mean forgetting. In fact the remembering is what gives forgiveness it's power because if we could forget we could easily move on and not really need to forgive.

100th Anniversary Mass at St Christopher's Saturday November 8th

**Tickets available at the office
Kids will be \$5 a head
Adults \$75 a head & \$125 per couple**

4pm Mass at St Christopher's Church

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

hallways followed by Gala Dinner catered by The Grove

**Mass Intentions for September 27 & 28th
GS Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of Jasper Woody by
Mary Grace Collins**

**The People of the Parish
Ann(lvg) & Patrick(dec) McCauley by The McCauley's
Mary Ellen Fudco by Lou & Helen Gardner
William & Geraldine Browne (L) by Browne Family
Sharon Lee Blass by Sharon Sanger
Mate Radman by Donna & John Radman
Patricia Finn by The Renneman Family**

Tuesday

**8am-Bud Dadalski by Tom Dadalski
9am-Helen Vidunas by Deacon Ray & Lorraine Ricci**

Wednesday

**8am-Victor Pociask by The Church Family 9am-Sam
Altamura by The Salat Family**

Thursday

**8am-Eileen, Patrick & James Brosnan by Their Family
9am-Rita Dee by Rick & Barbara Rizzolo**

Friday

**8am-Pat Lober by Barbara Ruger & Family
9am-Tom Gilbert by Janet Synan Mass**

Intentions For October 4 & 5th

**9am-St Joseph's First Saturday
Christian & Darcie Nielsen(L) by Nancy Nielsen**

**SC Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Richard Mahoney(D)
& Therese Mahoney(L) by Their Family**

Mass For The People

**Patrick G. Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy
Rheynaldo Del Rosario by Bart Del Rosario
Maureen & Bill O'Farrell by Patrick & Peggy O'Farrell
Daniel Alvarez by The Alvarez Family
Stella Borromeo by The Lenahan Family**



**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer
Pastor**

Rev Giorgio Thoman

**Raymond Ricci,
Anthony Silvestro,
Permanent Deacons**

**Maureen Terranova &
Frances Remenek,
Office Assistants**

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**930-4pm Mon-Thurs &
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