

# St Christopher & Good Shepherd

## October 5th 2025



## St Francis of Assisi

He lived from 1181 and entered the arms of God in 1226, and while he's often seen just as "The Animal guy" this man changed the course of the church in one of its darkest periods. His solution wasn't in talking to pets but in listening to God. Listening, learning, and loving Him with an intensity which drew thousands of followers from all over Italy and central Europe at a time when most people never traveled to two towns beyond where they lived. He revered God's creation not because he was a "new age" guy but because it belonged to God. Even his love of poverty wasn't because wealth was bad but because poverty freed him to completely depend on God alone. His feast day was Saturday—October 4th and while some places bless pets, Francis' real goal was for us to experience and live the blessing of God through a robust and vibrant Catholic faith like he did.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**4pm Good Shepherd Church (Sat)**  
*with Confessions afterward*

**730am St Christopher Church**

**9am Good Shepherd Church**

**1045am St Chris & 1045am Good Shepherd**

**6pm St Christopher's Church**



**Friday, October 31st we'll have a 4pm Mass for All Saints' Day and then a 5-7pm yard party at Good Shepherd for anyone who is walking by or trick or treating around the neighborhood. Kids at CCD and all of their friends and our neighbors are welcome to come and be part of it. There will be games, candy, and "scary saints" like St. Sebastian, St. Lucy, and St Gennaro**



## **Guys' Gathering at Good Shepherd after 4pm Mass on October 18th**

**After a great response we're going to do what we did at Linwood this summer but in a place that's a bit more convenient after Mass especially since it's getting darker earlier. We'll have drinks, dinner and discussion on discipleship especially in light of some social trends toward faith.**

**Music Director  
Alyssa McCabe  
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**Holy Name Society  
Rob DuPont  
Holyname  
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**Our Lady's Guild  
Barbara Rizzolo  
Ladysguild  
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**Queen of Peace Prayer  
Group  
845-758-3732**

**St Chris Food Pantry,  
Dave & Lynda Jutton  
845-758-3732**

**Prison Ministry  
Rosemary Molloy  
845-758-3732**

**H2O  
(Small tasks for  
Seniors)  
Rick & Barbara Rizzolo  
845-235-5985**

**Women's Society  
Geraldine Browne  
845.876.4569**

**Men of St Joseph  
Lew Gardner  
845.758.3732**

**St Chris Prayer Shawls  
Celine Turchetti  
845.758.8083**

**Good Shepherd Shawls  
Bette Sturm  
bette.sturm@gmail.com**

**New to You Thrift Shop  
845.758.3732**

**Knights of Columbus  
Bob Lawless**

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society was formed to better serve the needy in our community. One of our main programs is support for Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

**For Thanksgiving starting October 18, we will have a signup sheet in the back of church for those wishing to purchase Hannaford gift cards for needy families. You may choose to adopt an entire family or simply buy any denomination of grocery gift card. The purchased gift cards may be turned into the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory office every week but we ask that all be returned by November 8.**

**Starting November 22, we will be collecting gift cards for Christmas food and gifts through the Christ Tree Project. For over 25 years the Christ Tree has been an outstanding example of your generosity. There will be paper "angels" at the back of church. The angels will have a suggested gift card on it for members of the needy families in our area. Please purchase the gift card and tape the angel to it. The following week drop the gift card/angel into the collection basket or bring to the office. All gift cards need to be returned by December 6. We know these dates seem early for but we need to have time to distribute these gift cards to the recipients and they need time to shop.**

**These gifts are evidence of your love and compassion. We hear time and time again how generous the people of our parish are. You don't know how profoundly your simple acts of kindness influence those in need. We thank you for your generosity, making holidays happier for others.**

**Any questions please call Barb or Rick Rizzolo at 845-235-5985.**



## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



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

# 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.



## The value of human life

**God makes it very clear that there is no “disposable” human life. However, each one of us is capable of throwing back the gift of life from God in His Face.**

**The deliberate taking of any human life is a mortal sin unless you’re being attacked for self defense. Taking your own or others, either way it’s wrong, period.**

**Whenever we cheapen or devalue the gift of life that God gives it sends us on a path to Hell. Join me in praying for the protection of human life from start to finish.**

**We are the tenants and not the landlords of our (& others’) lives. We will have to answer to God for this one day, so let’s do the very most we can to protect all human life from start to finish.**

**Coffee Hour at Good Shepherd follows the 9am Mass today. 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**



Recently, our staff joked that we should become modified sports coaches so that our folks would feel compelled to do everything we say, no matter the cost. Ha!

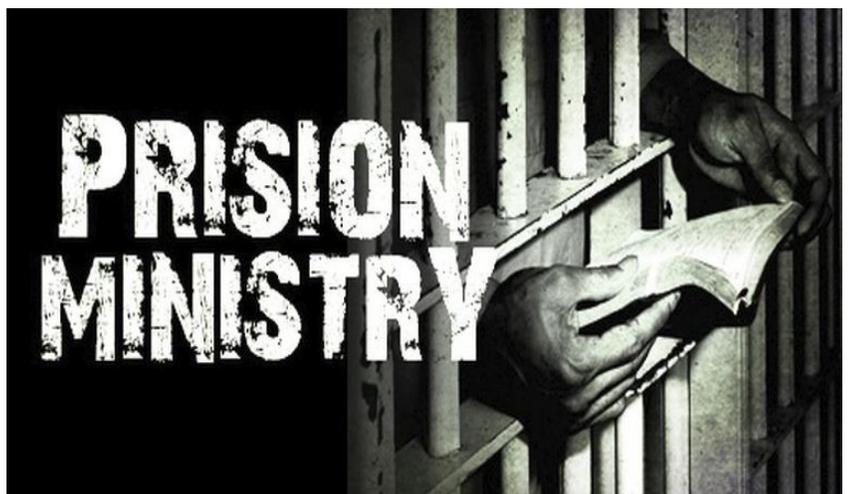
We know we will be deeper disciples when coaches hear, “Yeah, we’ll have to skip your game because we have church.”

Our parish, after a great response last year, has committed again to host a warming center for folks who may need it from December 28 until spring time. We had folks use it last year and Hudson River housing was able to find housing for some of the folks who used the shelter at St Christophers. Perhaps God’s calling you to serve as a helper one night a week? Call the office to find out more.



The Food Pantry operates next Saturday from 10-11am at 30 Benner Road. If you are in need or want to help why not call? The number is on the inside cover of the bulletin.

The Prison Ministry will meet this Wednesday at St Christopher’s School at 330pm



**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**

**Tuesday**

**8am-Victor Pociask by Church Family  
9am-Rita Dee by Joan Swift**

**Wednesday**

**8am-Katherine T. Gardes by Robert Hechler  
9am-Thomas Wooton by Alyce**

**Thursday**

**8am-Beatrice Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy  
9am-Fr. Thomas Curley by Maureen T**

**Friday**

**8am-Veronica Kenny by Kathleen Kennedy  
9am-Maureen McKenna by Kitty Taaffe**

**Mass Intentions For October 11 & 12th**

**SC Sanctuary Lamp for Prayers to St. Anthony for Safe  
Travel by Scaffidi Family**

**William & Mayme Nish by Mary Grace Collins  
Lutz Family by Dana & Erin**

**Rusher & Doell Families by The Browne Family**

**Ellen Donnelly by Donna & John Radman**

**Maureen McKenna by Kitty Taaffe**

**Mass For The People**



**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer  
Pastor**

**Rev Giorgio Thoman**

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

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

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closed Fridays & weekends**

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