



The Parish of Good Shepherd & St Christopher

**Saturday 4pm Mass at Good Shepherd
with Confessions til 530pm**

**Sunday 730am Mass St Christopher's Church
Sunday 9am Good Shepherd Church
Sunday 1045am 2 Masses held at both Churches
Sunday 6pm St Christopher's Church**

**Daily Mass
Good Shepherd Tues-Friday 8am
St Christopher Tues-Friday 9am**

**Confession is recommended at least 2X a year
445-530pm at Good Shepherd on Saturdays
at St Christopher 7-8pm Wed during Eucharistic Adoration**



**Starting Dec 4th 630pm Rosary Novena each night at
Saint Christopher's Church**

**Morning prayer Dec 12th at 6am at St Christopher's then
Mass for Guadalupe at St Christopher's Church at 7pm
then procession & fiesta with mariachi and more!**

**Empezamos el 4 de Diciembre con El rosario
siempre noche 6.30**

**Mananitas a 6am el 12 de Diciembre y finalmente La
Santa Misa a 7pm con una fiesta despues en la es-
cuela con mariachi y mas! Todas la oraciones en San
Cristobal en Red Hook.**



A big word of gratitude for all of those who at Thanksgiving or Christmas or both helped to provide for folks who can use a little extra help through the gift card program. Our St Vincent DePaul Society along with our Food Pantry and Breads Plus Delivery Program is supported by you and other parishioners. It helps put action behind our words on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception
December 8th—Monday
8am Good Shepherd
9am St Christopher
7pm St Christopher



COFFEE HOUR

After 9am Mass at Good Shepherd

**Without real faith
much of what we do
isn't worth
doing...**

**Father Maurer could just as
easily teach his classes at a
public library**

**CYO could easily become
AAU or Modified Public
School Basketball**

**Breakfasts & Coffees could
be done at
firehouses or VFWs**

**Charity and gift cards could
be done by social workers**

What should make the difference is the WHY: to help ourselves & others know, love and serve God. Let's make a genuine effort to invite and pray for everyone we serve, work, eat, play and pray with to experience the call of God to go deeper and follow Him, not just keep doing the same old thing. I'd like to challenge our parish organizations to ask the question: why do we do what we do? Is it helping people come to experience God? Does our organization do what we like or ask "what does the parish need?"

Let's pray for some great progress again this year in having our organizations be effective transmitters of Catholic faith not just venues for sports, food, fundraisers or money.



St. Nicholas of Myra—(c. 270–343 A.D.) was a 4th-century bishop known for his holiness, generosity, and defense of the faith. Born in modern-day Turkey to wealthy Christian parents, Nicholas inherited their fortune after their early deaths & dedicated himself to serving God and others.

As bishop of Myra, he became famous for his charity and miracles. One well-known story tells how he secretly provided dowries for three impoverished sisters, saving them from slavery or destitution. His reputation as a protector of the poor, sailors, and children grew widely, earning him the title “Nicholas the Wonderworker.”

Nicholas also played an important role at the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), where he defended the doctrine of Christ's divinity against the Arian heresy. He had a crucial role in the creed that we say on Sundays that starts “I Believe in One God, the Father the Almighty....”

He continued to shepherd his flock with compassion and boldness until his death around 343 A.D. in Myra. His relics were later moved to Bari, Italy, and became a center of Christian pilgrimage. His feast day is December 6th.

Perhaps it's understandable that kids ask Santa for what they want...but maybe this year—we adult Catholic Christians can ask God what He wants of us this year? That is a far more important “ask”



Advent & Christmas Special Events 2025

Friday December 12th

Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe—7pm at St Christopher & Fiesta afterwards

Monday December 15th—Confessions at both Churches 3-7pm

**Wednesday December 17th—BOTH DAYS CCD on Wednesday
Christmas Nativity Play at CCD, all parishioners are welcome for Christmas
card making for NDH, Ferncliff, Brookmeade and Livingston Hills.**

**Sunday December 21st—Holy Name Christmas Breakfast—8-11am at GYM
then setting up the GYM for Christmas Mass afterwards**

Christmas EVE & DAY Masses

EVE 330pm SC GYM

EVE 5pm Mass Good Shepherd

EVE 10pm Candlelight Mass at SC GYM

DAY 730am at SC Church

DAY 9am Good Shepherd

DAY 1045am SC GYM

Mass Intentions For December 6 & 7th

**9am-First Saturday-St Joseph
Jeanne Campbell by Lenny Campbell
SC Sanctuary Lamp In Memory Of Judith Scaffidi
by The Scaffidi Family**

**Barbara Salvino by Deb Salvino
Grady-Fregosi Families by Joan Grady
Victor Pociask by Church Family
Jeanne Campbell by The Butler Family
Joan Lewis by Sandra Martin
People Of The Parish**

**Monday Immaculate Conception
8am- GS Margaret Schroeder by the Schroeder's
9am-SC Rita Dee by Dave & Lynda Jutton
7pm SC—People of the Parish**

**Tuesday
8am-Margaret Schroeder by The Schroeder Family
9am-Elizabeth Kennedy by Ray & Lorraine Ricci**

**Wednesday
8am-Victor Pociask by Dave & Lynda Jutton
9am-Jeanne Campbell by Tom & Celine Turchetti**

**Thursday
8am-Souls in Purgatory by Kevin McCloskey
9am-Jennifer Aierstok by Dave & Lynda Jutton**

**Friday
8am-John Nielsen by The Nielsen Family
9am- Msgr Charles Coen by the Staff of SC**

**Mass Intentions For December 13 & 14th
SC Lamp for Safe Travel by The Scaffidi Family**

**Robert Bartolotta by His Family
The Hines Family by The McCauley Family
Hilary Elliot (Lvg) by Mike Williams
Intentions Of The Holy Name
Jeanne Campbell by Joan Swift
Jim Marino by Sandra Martin
The People Of The Parish**

**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer,
Pastor**

**Rev Giorgio Thoman,
Asst**

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

**Maureen Terranova &
Frances Remenek,
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Bookkeeper**

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PARISH OFFICES

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FRIDAY SAT SUN