

# The Parish of St Christopher & Good Shepherd



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
GAUDETE SUNDAY

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

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**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**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

**Confessions 3-7pm**

**BOTH CHURCHES**

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Holy Name Society  
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Our Lady's Guild  
Ladysguild  
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Queen of Peace  
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St Chris Food Pantry,  
Dave & Lynda Jutton  
845-758-3732

Prison Ministry  
Jim Wing  
845-758-3732

H2O  
(Small tasks for Seniors)  
Rick & Barbara Rizzolo  
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Women's Society  
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Men of St Joseph  
Lew Gardner  
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New to You Thrift Shop  
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# Monday both churches 3-7pm



**Saint Joseph would have no doubt overturned and knocked out the nasty stuff in the manger—animal spit, old straw, maybe or mouse or his droppings before he placed Jesus in it. Why not use the one means Jesus gives us to do the same for our souls.**

## How to go to Confession

- 1. You always have the option to go to confession anonymously, that is, behind a screen or face to face, if you so desire.**
- 2. After the priest greets you in the name of Christ, make the sign of the cross. He may choose to recite a reading from Scripture, after which you say: "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last confession. These are my sins."**
- 3. Tell your sins simply and honestly to the priest. You might even want to discuss the circumstances and the root causes of your sins and ask the priest for advice or direction.**
- 4. Listen to the advice the priest gives you and accept the penance from him. Then make an Act of Contrition for your sins.**
- 5. The priest will then pray the words of forgiveness—at the end he will say "I absolve you from sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" - cross yourself and say "AMEN" then leave the confessional and do your penance in the church.**
- 6. Spend some time with Our Lord thanking and praising Him for the gift of His mercy. Try to perform your penance as soon as possible.**

## 10 Commandments Examination

1. -Do I give God time every day in prayer?

-Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?

-Have I been involved with superstitious practices or the occult, tarot, crystals, etc?

-Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?

-Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?

-Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

-Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. -Have I used God's name in vain?

-Have I been angry with God?

-Have I wished evil upon any other person?

-Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. -Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?

-Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?

-Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. -Do I honor and obey my parents?

-Have I neglected duties to my spouse or kids? -Have I given my family good example? -Do I try to bring peace into my home life? -Do I care for or visit my aged and infirm relatives?

5. -Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion?

-Have I physically harmed anyone?

-Have I abused alcohol or drugs?

-Did I give scandal to anyone?

-Have I been angry or resentful?

-Have I harbored hatred in my heart?

-Have I encouraged or been sterilized?

-Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as IVF?

-Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?

6. -Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action? Am I married in the church?

-Have I engaged in sexual activity outside of marriage, others or self?

-Have I used contraception in my marriage?

-Do I control my thoughts,?

-Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?

-Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. -Have I stolen what is not mine?

-Have I made restitution for what I take?

-Do I waste time at work, school, and home? -Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?

-Do I pay my debts promptly?

-Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?

-Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, even gov't, taxes, or bills.

8. -Have I lied? Have I gossiped?

-Do I speak badly behind folks' backs?

-Am I sincere in my dealings with others?

-Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?

-Do I keep secret what should be kept secret?

-Have I injured the reputation of others by slander?

9. -Have I consented to impure thoughts?

-Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity? -Do I pray at once to banish impure temptations?

-Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with others: flirting, etc. ?

10. -Am I jealous of what other people have? -Do I envy the families or possessions of others? -Am I greedy or selfish?

-Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

# St Christopher's Christmas Basketball Skills Camp With Tyler Lydon

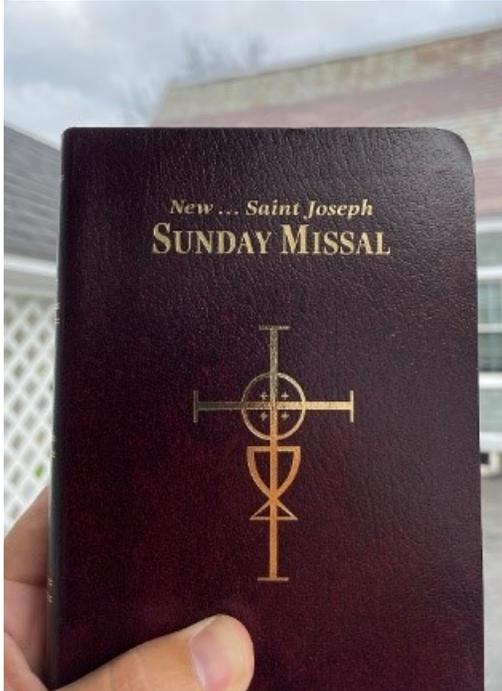


**Monday-Friday AM  
of Christmas Break**

**Information will be  
emailed to parents.**

**This is an easy gift for yourself and  
family this Christmas and one you  
will use all year round....  
it's around 35 dollars online.**

**Go online now to get a St Joseph's  
Sunday Missal—it's a great tool to  
grow your faith, in the readings &  
prayers at Mass & as a personal  
prayer book.**



## **The New2U Thrift Shop**

**30 Benner Road—Red Hook**

**is currently swamped & cannot accept new donations  
until after new years...thanks for understanding.**



## Advent & Christmas Special Events 2025

**Wednesday December 17th—BOTH DAYS CCD on Wednesday with Christmas Nativity Play at CCD, all parishioners are welcome for Christmas card making for NDH, Ferncliff, Brookmeade and Livingston Hills. 430pm**

**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 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**

**This week's Mass intentions will be in the churches because some type of internet monster attacked the document making it impossible for me to open it in Microsoft Publisher. Sorry about that. Have a blessed week.**



**Nativity and Christmas Tree Blessing at Good Shepherd last week and the men of the Holy Name Society who assembled the life sized Manger in front of St Christopher's. Snow & Santa are nice but this is what Christmas is about: Jesus!**

**Thank You Thank You Thank You**

**Thanks to your generosity our parish was able to help others to the tune of \$42,000 providing meals and support for Christmas & Thanksgiving.**

**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer,  
Pastor**

**Rev Giorgio Thoman,  
Asst**

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

**Maureen Terranova &  
Frances Remenek,  
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**Lori Pociask,  
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**PARISH OFFICES**

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**FRIDAY SAT SUN**