

# The Parish of St Christopher & Good Shepherd



## Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**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 held at both Churches**

**Sunday 6pm St Christopher's Church**

**Thank you to all who helped to set up, take down and cleanup from the various events as well as the wonderful Masses this Christmas.**

**Your faith, your dedication, your confessions, your prayers and your “yes” to what God asks of you (and all of us at the parish) is the ultimate gift that inspires me.**

**Blessings on a wonderful and grace-filled 2026.**



**In most of the Catholic world the Epiphany is just as big as Christmas, it's especially important to our friends in Latino cultures. On Sunday, Jan 4th at 1045am Mass at Good Shepherd we'll have a Mass with some parts in Spanish to celebrate the “Tres Reyes” like Guadalupe we hope many of our folks from all backgrounds will join us in the Hall afterwards for some food and fun.**



## **A Christmas Surprise from Pope Leo XIV**

**Just in case the lead up week to Christmas wasn't filled up enough with events we received word a week before that the letter of resignation which His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, submitted last February was accepted. Our new—almost Archbishop Ronald Hicks will assumed the office of Archbishop of New York on February 6th—like any transition there are moments of sadness, gratitude, change and excitement. Above all this should be a time of prayer for both men especially for the grace of God to guide both these bishops and you and I as Catholics. In some ways our own individual salvation doesn't fall on who occupies the throne at St Patrick's but who is enthroned in our minds, our hearts, our souls. And if Our Lord isn't there, no hierarchy appointments will matter much. Please, let's pray for one another and for Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop-Designate Hicks that the Good Shepherd, Christ Himself, will be the model for their "Shepherding" in the Archdiocese of New York.**

**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 differ-  
ence is the WHY: to help our-  
selves & 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 chal-  
lenge our parish organiza-  
tions to ask the question: why  
do we do what we do? Is it  
helping people come to expe-  
rience God? Does our organi-  
zation 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.**



# Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Dec 31st—Jan 1st)

4pm Good Shepherd  
9am St Christopher's  
6pm St Christopher's



The Mass Intention book for the second half of 2026 is open.....and we'll be working on the schedules for the parish groups soon as well.

Training will be coming soon—during CCD classes so it's convenient for parents.



## The New2U Thrift Shop

30 Benner Road—Red Hook  
Reopens Saturday Jan 3rd

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

**Mass Intentions for December 27 & 28th**

**Carmella Roberts by Ed Roberts  
The Lutz Family by Dana & Erin  
Venaida Del Rosario by Bart Del Rosario  
Elizabeth Kennedy by Dave & Lynda Jutton  
John Odendahl by Joseph Scala & Family  
Mass For The People Of The Parish**

**Tuesday**

**8am-Maria Ceglio by The Ceglio Family  
9am- Russell Maurer—Father Maurer**

**Wednesday New Years Eve**

**4pm- Mass For The People GS**

**Thursday New Years Day**

**9am-Edward & Muriel O’Neill by Patricia Butler SC  
6pm-Steven Barton by Peter & Deb Barton SC**

**Friday**

**8am-Anthony Filipowicz by Catherine Filipowicz  
9am-Andrew Peters by Ray & Barbara Litra**

**Mass Intentions For January 3 & 4 2026**

**9am-First Saturday-St Joseph  
James Rosell by Anthony Putorti**

**Robert Bartalotta by His Family  
Intentions Of Our Lady’s Guild  
Thaddeus & Andrea Jescavage by Janet Del Rosario  
Mass For The People Of The Parish**

**Because of the early print dates here are the collections from the first two weeks of December**

**December 7th—\$18,106**

**December 14th \$12,120**

**Our attendance was roughly the same but more people do a one month drop with WeShare on the “First Sunday.” The 14th was also snowy but we had nice numbers.**

**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer,  
Pastor**

**Rev Giorgio Thoman,  
Asst**

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

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

**Lori Pociask,  
Bookkeeper**

**David Whelley, Facilities**

**Hillary Gaddis-Clegg,  
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**FRIDAY SAT SUN**