

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



As the end of the Christmas season draws near let's give thanks to God for one another and the progress that God has called us to in recalling our response to His Son's arrival....we can be like Ben—with a resounding “Sure, come on in!” or “There's no room” in a way those are the only options in our lives of faith. May this Christmas continue to resound as we open the door to Christ and not slam it shut.

Christmas continues today! In the US we've heard carols since October and by Dec 26th a ton of trees were on the curb....Americans overdo the leadup and the minute Christmas actually comes we are sick of it, but a Catholic heart is different.

In most of the Catholic world the Epiphany is just as big as Christmas, it's especially important to our friends in Latino cultures. Today, 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.

These gifts of the Wise Men tell us of the mission of the Messiah

1. Gold—The Tribute brought to a King

We recognize that there is NO ONE to whom we subject our will, life, and soul for....no political leader, no boss, no trend, no sport, or anything other than God first. He must rule.

2. Frankincense—used by the high priest to be offered to God.

We recall that if we stop worshiping God we will worship something in His place. The human heart is built to worship...let us offer our first and best worship to God, and may our lives arise like the pleasing fragrance of incense before Him.

3. Myrrh—a thick heavy scented paste for embalming.

While used for Christ after the Cross—it is a reminder that to truly live for Him means to die to everything else.



Baptism of the Lord—Next Sunday
We've had a lot of babies be brought into
God's family this year...we're inviting the
families to bring them to 1045am at Good
Shepherd next Sunday for Mass and then a
brunch to celebrate. RSVP to office #
845.758.3732

Music Director
Alyssa McCabe
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Holy Name Society
Rob DuPont
Holyname
@stchrisredhook.org

Our Lady's Guild
Ladysguild
Barbara Rizzolo
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Queen of Peace
Prayer Group
Barbara Totman
845-758-3732

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

Prison Ministry
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

**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.**



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



**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.**

**The Food Pantry & Breads
Plus can always use a helping
hand—call them ahead and see
how you can help? The next
Food Pantry date is next Sat-
urday morning & Breads Plus
moves groceries on every
Monday morning.**



Mass Intentions For January 3 & 4th

**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**

Tuesday

**8am-Renee Parks by Leona Homic
9am-John & Betty Kennedy by The Hare Family**

Wednesday

**8am-Mary Ellen Fuoco by Maggie & Scott Burud
9am-Paul Marsh by Joan Swift**

**Thursday 8am-Jennifer Mililo by Roberta Puglisi
9am-Mary Kelly by Donna & John Radman**

**Friday 8am-Mary Byrns by Eileen Connolly
9am-Sylvia Shami by Michael & Adrienne Bautista**

Mass Intentions For January 10 & 11th

**SC Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Vincent Scaffidi Sr.
by The Scaffidi Family**

**Mass For The People Of The Parish
Betty Kennedy by Rick & Barbara Rizzolo
Lutz Family by Dana & Erin
Intentions Of The Holy Name
Hilary Elliot by Regina Armstrong
John McDonald by Mike Williams**

**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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845-758-5506 •**

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**December 7th \$18,106
December 14th \$12,120
December 21st 13,906**

PARISH OFFICES

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