

St Christopher's & Good Shepherd Parish



Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.”

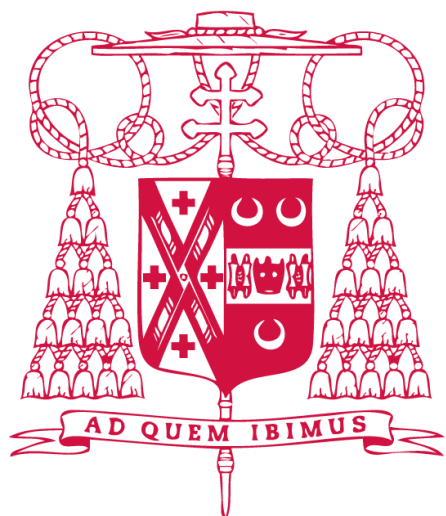
When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.

Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

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

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**Sunday 730am Mass St Christopher's Church
Confessions also available after 730am Mass
Sunday 9am Good Shepherd Church
Sunday 1045am held at both Churches
Sunday 6pm St Christopher's Church**



the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

Next week is in pew commitment weekend

As has been our practice the last several years I want to thank and recognize by name the folks who help us meet our Cardinal's Appeal each year. This stellar fund helps parishes to continue to thrive, charities to operate, priests' healthcare, retirement and formation, and it funds ministries that keep New York Catholic. Please consider a gift when you receive a request in the mail and more importantly thank you for your weekly fidelity to Mass because if we get God right—we'll get everything else right.



At the 4pm & 9am at Good Shepherd some of our local sisters will share a bit about their ministry and who they are. You may see them around the area now find out who they are & what they do.

We are consecrated religious in the Catholic Church and members of a Congregation founded by Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa. We dedicate our lives, service and care of those who are aged and infirm in the spirit and tradition of the Carmelite Order.

We are women who share a vision where love makes a difference in the world. We may be diverse in many ways but we are all united in our belief that life is precious from the moment of conception to its natural end. We have learned that life is full of memories pieced together to form God's hand-woven tapestry. As Sisters we believe our story is tied to the story of every man and woman who is experiencing the autumn of their life. This includes their joys and sorrows, their pains and consolations, their love of family, their hopes and dreams, their search for God and finding that He is always near. Our life as Carmelites is all about holding the hand of an aged person and giving meaning to their lives. It's truly about being a mother, a sister, a daughter and a friend to someone who is another's mother, sister, friend and loved one.

Coffee Hour after 9am Mass today at Good Shepherd



Last Fish Fry
on Friday March 20th
St Christopher's GYM
5-7pm

Two weeks ago the kids at CCD prayed the Stations of the Cross with some parents and teachers at St Christopher's Church. Stations are also prayed each Friday at 4pm SC, 7pm GS and 7pm SC en Espanol.



CCD Parents

Since we announced the possibility of only one day next year a few folks have stepped forward to say "Yes" for helping including some teachers who are parents.

We'd like to save the two day option but in the next three weeks we'd need this commitment before we plan out next year.

Think about how God may be asking you to deepen your faith not just drop off your kid?

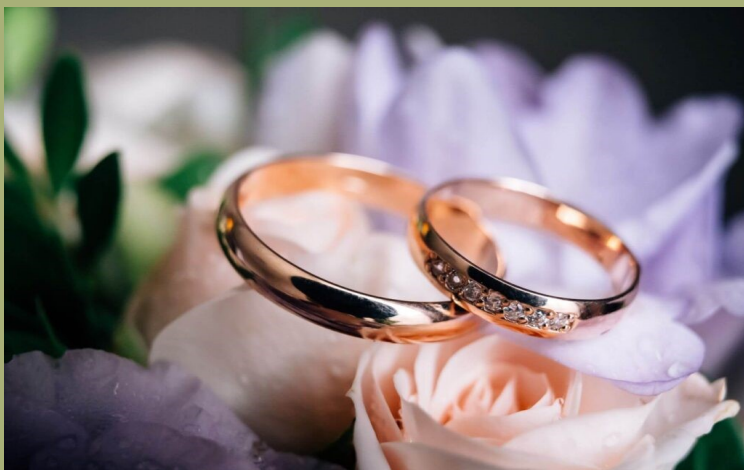
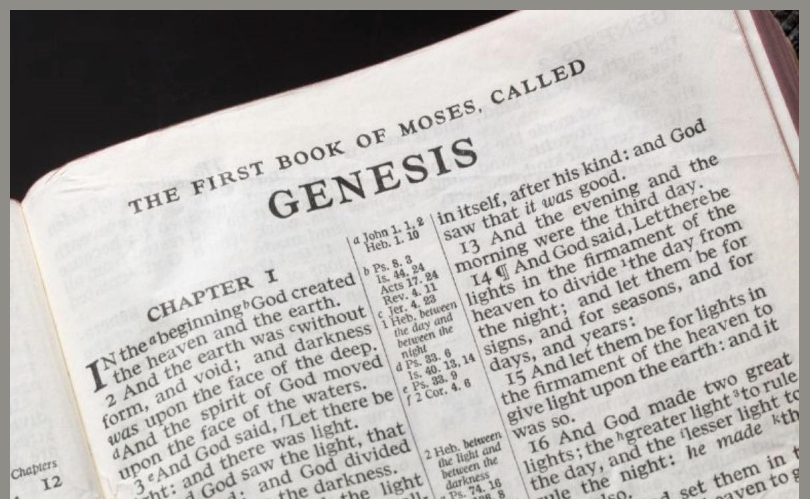
We'll help you train with a one night workshop and your tuition will be free.



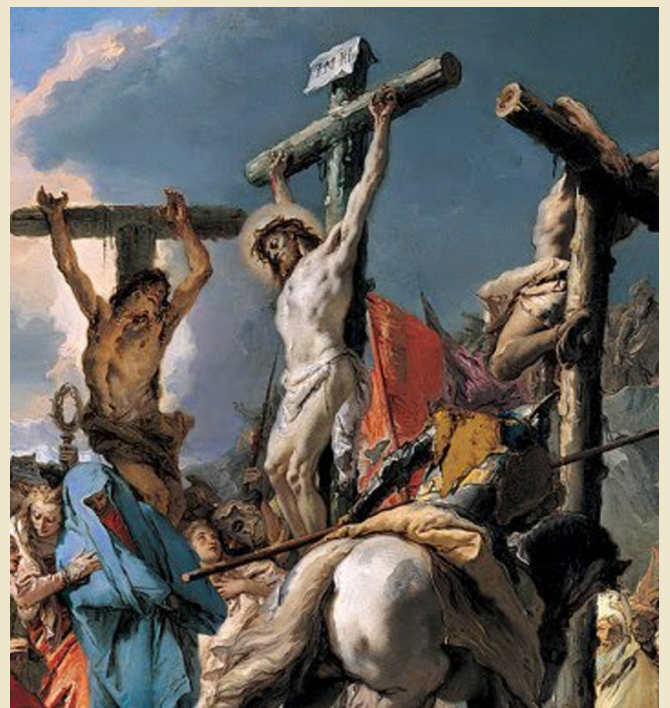
**2026 Men's Retreat
@ Graymoor
April 24th-25th
"Christ's Risen Life
in Your Life"**

\$100 for Holy Name \$140 for men in the parish

I cannot tell you what an amazing experience it is to have around 100 folks go deeper in the spiritual life in our men's and women's groups. You make me really proud to be your pastor!



Blessings on Kevin & Lauren's marriage which took place last Sunday at Good Shepherd. I'm excited for them and for the many marriages coming...





This past Monday we priests serving in parishes and institutions in the Archdiocese of New York had a wonderful meeting with our new Archbishop Ronald Hicks.

Among many of the topics discussed was, I think, the foundational one: making disciples. I almost jumped up in my seat and clapped because I've been saying for years that all other challenges we have as a church come from fewer faithful followers of Jesus. If we get the "God stuff" right everything else falls into place.

In his previous diocese he had just started a program called "MAKE" which is exactly about creating a culture of evangelizing and welcoming people into a real living relationship with the Lord. He invited us not just to think about new programs but to assess ones we currently have. Most parishes, schools, programs have enough "things" going on. The question is—are those things effective in spreading the Gospel?

Perhaps we can look inwards here and say, what programs keep us busy but don't produce believers? What isn't bearing fruit? And like our Lord try to redeem it. So over the next few months we'll be working on a plan to integrate parish groups toward the proclamation of the Gospel to serve God, & others.

The parking lot that Good Shepherd has been renting is basically going to be gone after Easter. It is going to be used in the demolition and renovation of the old Brogan Center. It will then be ripped up entirely after that. Seeing that it holds 24-26 cars we will be in trouble.

Any ideas (I have some) that will help are welcome because it's going to be difficult to deal with.



March 7th and 8th

9am-1st Sat SJ Jeanne Campbell by Len Campbell

**Walter Reysz by Carol Cole
Joseph LaFratta by The Holy Name Society
Mass For The People Of The Parish
Andy Boyd by The Boyd Family
Edward Bush by Matthew Bush
Frank Synan by The Synan Family**

**Tuesday 8am-David Houlihan by Anthony Putorti
9am-Bernard Dolan by Thomas Brennan**

**Wednesday
8am-Maria M Alvarez by Norma Rengifo Kokis
9am-Bernard Dolan by Joan Swift**

**Thursday 8am-
9am-Eleanor DeGruccio by The Dolan Family**

**Friday 8am- For the new converts in OCIA
9am-Ken Umlauf by John & Kathleen Kelly**

Mass Intentions for March 14 & 15th

**Robert Bartolotta by His Family
James Scott Akins by Sharon & Harold Sanger
Lutz Family by Dana & Erin
Aiden Sullivan by Lois, Tim & Kieran Sullivan
Mass For The People
Vincent Gallagher by The Gallagher Family**

**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer,
Pastor**

**Father Raj Putti,
Asst**

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The New to You Thrift Shop

Thursday 11-4pm and Saturday 10-2pm

Donations will begin again on Saturday, March 7 and every Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Unfortunately, kid's clothing, toys, and games are not accepted. Detailed lists outlining acceptable donations can be obtained at the shop.