

Good Shepherd & St Christopher Parish



"We can study the whole history of salvation, we can study the whole of theology, but without the Holy Spirit we cannot understand. It is the Spirit that makes us realize the truth or—in the words of Our Lord—it is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus."

—Pope Francis

"He does not come down from Heaven each day to stay in the gold chalice. He comes down to find another Heaven He cherishes infinitely more than the first, the Heaven of our souls, made in His image, living temples of the Holy Trinity."

— Saint Therese of Lisieux





To our First Holy Communion & Confirmation friends:

The 7 sacraments are like God's tools for the souls of His sons and daughters. Like our bodies, our souls often need fuel, food, and fix ups.

When you were Baptized you were installed into God's family. You became more than just a "Smith, a Jones, or a Hernandez" you became a Catholic-Christian.

Two weeks ago you were fixed up and forgiven from our failures & sins in Confession. It is the chance that God gives us - to be humble, honest and sad for our sins and experience His Love, Mercy and Forgiveness.

The Eucharist is like the food which feeds & fuels our souls. Some of you receive for the first time today and become tabernacles of the living God in your life. You've heard the saying "You are what you eat!" and that's true here, you become what you receive.

Confirmation does exactly what it says, God confirms the Catholic Faith in you and me by entrusting the Holy Spirit to us more fully so we can start—not stop—being truly Catholic. That's why you chose saints who did it well—not folks who did it poorly. The other sacraments are the same, they each have a point and purpose, different from one another yet toward the same goal.

The people of our parish, your family and we are proud of you, love you and want the very best for you—but none of us can want more for you than God. On this day and always may He bless you always. See you on the weekends at Mass, at basketball Camp, and know we here at our parish staff pray for you & your family personally & at the altar.

Blessings from Father Maurer—Father Raj—Deacons Tony and Ray - and prayers from our staff: Hillary, Lori, Dave, Maureen, Fran, the catechists and more.

**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



**“Catholicism 101”
class at
Good Shepherd**

**Returnees, converts
and follow ups for
RCIA.**

**Sundays
July 12th-Sept 13th
945-1045am**



Catholic Basketball Camp this Summer

**From July 13-17th from 845-1pm
we'll have Vacation Bible Camp alongside a
basketball skills camp run by Tyler Lydon.**

**Grades 1-12th grade—currently Catholics only - daily Mass, skills and
games sessions, teachings, alongside our regular Vacation Bible School.**

**Without Catholic 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.



FOOD PANTRY

**Why not serve others and
lend a hand at 30 Benner
Road? Our food pantry
serves over 100 folks.
Perhaps join us? Help
those who are in need.
845-758-3732**

CCD 2026-2027

**Wednesday - 445-615pm
K thru 5th grade (open GYM at 415pm)**

Snack bar and open gym in between

**Wednesday 645pm-815pm
*Grades 6, 7, and upwards including a bilingual class
& adult education groups***

Call Hillary or Lori at 845.758.3732



**For the next
two weeks
we'll collect
disposable
diapers & non-
scented wipes
for Birthright.**

**If can't bring them on Sundays you can drop
them off to the offices during the week. Thank
you for helping us meet our pro-life words
with pro-life deeds.**

Mass Intentions for May 2 & 3th

**Diane Kocik by The Kocik Family
Intentions of Our Lady's Guild
Mercy & Paul Holtz(Lvg) by Gwen McCann & Family
Mass For The People
James Rogers by Donna & John Radman**

**Tuesday 8am-Emery Ruger by Barbara Ruger
9am-Rose Abbattista by Rob & Lisa Dolan**

**Wednesday
8am-Gerard & Mary Kipp by The Browne Family
9am-Jeanne Campbell by Lenny Campbell**

**Thursday 8am-Anne Heywood by The Heywood's
9am-Lucy Monarchi by Bill & Carol Clements**

**Friday 8am-Beth Kelley by Rose Heady
9am-Phyllis Palumbo by The Renneman Family**

Mass Intentions for May 9 & 10th

SC Lamp - +Judith Scaffidi by The Scaffidi Family

**Mother's Day Novena
The People of the Parish**



**Scan for
electronic
giving**

**Rev. Jeffrey Maurer,
Pastor**

**Father Raj Putti,
Asst**

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

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

**Lori Pociask,
Bookkeeper**

**David Whelly,
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**Hillary Gaddis-Clegg,
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The New to You Thrift Shop

Thursdays 11-4pm and Saturday 10-2pm