



The Parish of
ST. CHRISTOPHER & ST. SYLVIA
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October 31, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASSES

Saturday

9:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (Family Mass),
11:00 AM

**Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday**

9:00 AM

(No Wednesday Mass)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30—4:30 PM

at the church or by appointment.

ADORATION

First Fridays after 9 AM Mass
until Noon and Wednesday
7:00—8:00 PM

BAPTISM

Sundays at 1:00 PM. Contact the
rectory to make arrangements, and
go to our website for baptismal
information and forms.

MARRIAGE

Contact the rectory at least
six months in advance. Visit our
website for information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners in need of the
Sacrament of Anointing of the
Sick, please call the rectory.
Do not wait until the last moment.



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 Welcome to the Parish of St. Christopher & St. Sylvia! We hope that all new residents to the Red Hook area will feel at home in our Parish and strive to become an active member of our faith community. Please take a moment to stop by the rectory office to fill out a new parishioner form and meet a member of the Parish staff!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

| | Intentions | Requested by: |
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| Sat., October 30 | | |
| Ordinary Time | | |
| 5:00pm | Intentions of Seniors | |
| Sun., October 31 | | |
| Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
| 7:30am | Mark Langridge † | Sharon and Harold Sanger |
| 9:00am | <i>Pro Populo</i> | |
| 11:00am | Marjorie Hart † George Salchert † | John and Mary O'Haire Salchert Family |
| Mon., November 1 | | |
| All Saints | | |
| 9:00am | Intentions of Michael and Julia Biechler † | Patricia Butler |
| 7:00pm | <i>Pro Populo</i> | |
| Tues., November 2 | | |
| All Souls' Day | | |
| 9:00am | All Souls' Novena † | |
| Wed., November 3 | | |
| St. Martin de Porres | | |
| No Mass | | |
| Thurs., November 4 | | |
| St. Charles Borromeo | | |
| 9:00am | All Souls' Novena † | |
| Fri., November 5 | | |
| First Friday | | |
| 9:00am | All Souls' Novena † | |
| Sat., November 6 | | |
| Ordinary Time | | |
| 9:00am | All Souls' Novena † | |
| 5:00pm | Deceased Members of Council 5632, Knights of Columbus † | Knights of Columbus |
| Sun., November 7 | | |
| Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
| 7:30am | All Deceased Members of Our Lady's Guild † | |
| 9:00am | All Souls' Novena † | |
| 11:00am | Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus † | Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus Ecumenical Council #5632 |

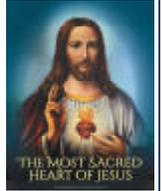
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

On Friday, November 5th

Adoration will take place after the 9:00 am Mass until Noon.

Please come participate in this special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sign up is in the back of the church



ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Monday, November 1, 2021

9:00am and 7:00pm

ALL SOULS' DAY NOVENA

To remember those whom we love and have passed, fill out an All Souls' Novena Envelope and return to the office by Monday, November 1st. The envelopes can be found in the back of the church or in the envelopes sent to you. Envelopes are placed on the altar for 9 days of Masses dedicated to those noted.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

October is Respect Life Month and our parish is participating in the Baby Bottle Collection campaign.

 Pick up a baby bottle in the basket at the back of the church. All bottles need to be returned the weekend of November 13th-14th. All donations will benefit the Alight Pregnancy Center in Hudson, NY.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 24, 2021

Regular Collection-\$5,384.

WeShare-\$2,368.

World Mission Collection-\$1,378.

Thank you for your continued financial support.

Our Cultural Confusions about Men and Women by Anthony Esolen

I've said this many times. All you need to do to corrupt any group of human beings is to let them know that, as a group, they will be beyond criticism. Shake well, and wait ten minutes. This rule has particular relevance in our culture's confused assumptions about men and women, because the good of each sex is so inextricably bound with the good of the other, that they stand or stoop or fall together.

Consider the following statements:

- Women are made in the image and likeness of God, no more and no less than men are.
- Men are in dire need of the grace of God, no more and no less than women are.
- Women, as a sex, have characteristic strengths and weaknesses, as do men, and these strengths and weaknesses are easily observable across all human cultures, in every climate, under every political and religious regime, and at all stages of technological development.
- Men have their ways of making the lives of others miserable, no more and no less than women do.

We may argue about whether the statements above are true. What cannot be reasonably argued is that they are *misogynist*. Suppose I say, "John is a bad man in one way that is typical of bad men. He cannot stay out of the casino." Gambling addicts are far more often male than female. Men have invented every form of gambling there is, nor does it appear that they are going to stop.

There is no way that women would ever have come up with *fantasy football*, that vast system of betting on the statistics of quarterbacks, running backs, and receivers, complete with leagues and trades and payrolls and so forth – a black hole for many a man's attention.

Am I a hater of men for saying so?

Am I a hater of women for saying so?

If I say that men are far more likely to be murderers than women are, I am speaking the truth. But what if I say that women are more likely to engage in emotional extortion? The person who beats you up is most likely a man. The person who informs the authorities when you say a disapproved thing is most likely a woman. John yells at you and calls you an idiot. Mary turns her head away and waits on the sly for an opportunity to wreak vengeance. Some Johns do that. Men despise them.

If I say that more men than women fall into dangerous ideological abstraction, and miss the trees for the forest, I believe that history will bear me out. But if I say that more women than men will fail to see the long-range implications of a policy or an idea, and miss the distant forest for the nearby trees, have I said anything that women themselves do not bear witness to?

When Nancy Pelosi was asked about the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, which for the first time in American history would penalize a citizen for *not purchasing a product* that the government wants him to purchase, she glared, as if the question were irrelevant. It is as if there were never some next move on the chessboard.

What I say implies that men and women tend to go daft in different ways, even in opposite directions, so that they need one another as complements and correctives. That should not be controversial.

But it is controversial. And that is a peril, for both sexes.

As usual, the Church can give us a good bracing splash of cold water. Wake up! Jesus was always gentle when he spoke with women, and even his apparent brush-off of the Canaanite woman was meant to elicit her act of faith; it was a rhetorical move. But Jesus never says anything about the inherent goodness of women, or the inherent badness of men, or vice versa; nor do Paul, James, Peter, and John.

Perhaps we Christians can begin to heal the open wound of mutual suspicion, resentment, blaming, and anger between the sexes, thus. Consider it a form of prayer, inspired in turns by gratitude and humility.

Begin by thinking about the *strengths* and the *gifts* of the other sex.

Be honest. Don't sneer at "tradition," as if it were not the distilled wisdom of mankind, always and everywhere. Gratitude is liberating. It is the virtue whereby the receiver participates in the generosity of the giver. Fall to your knees, men, and thank God for women—and mean it. Likewise for you, women; thank God for men, no more and no less.

Then think about the *weaknesses* and *characteristic selfishness* of your own sex. Again, be honest. Humility also is liberating. What a strain it is, what a heavy burden, always to be pretending to strength when you are weak, to wisdom when you are foolish, and to goodness when you are a sinner! Give it up.

Those two exercises alone should leave you with no time to spare. If you do go on, think about the weaknesses of the other sex, and keep your own always in mind. Think about those weaknesses in a forgiving and generous

THIS WEEK AT ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST. SYLVIA

Sunday, October 31

RCIA 9am Parish Center, 30 Benner

Monday, November 1

Bible and the Virgin Mary 6:30pm Parish Center, 30 Benner

All Saints Day Mass 7:00pm Church

Tuesday, November 2

Prayers for Life 9:30am Church

Our Lady's Guild Meeting 7:00pm Parish Center

Wednesday, November 3

Prison Ministry Meeting 3:30pm Parish Center

Religious Ed. K-6 4:30pm School, 30 Benner Rd.

Our Lady Queen of Peace 7:00pm Church
Holy Hour

Thursday, November 4

Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 4:30pm School, 30 Benner Rd.

Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Church

Friday, November 5

Adoration 9:30am Church

Saturday, November 6

Blood Drive 8am-2pm Gym, 30 Benner Rd.

Confession 3:30pm Church

Sunday, November 7

RCIA Meeting 9am Parish Center



GRADES 1-6

Next Class: Wed., November 3

Thurs. November 4

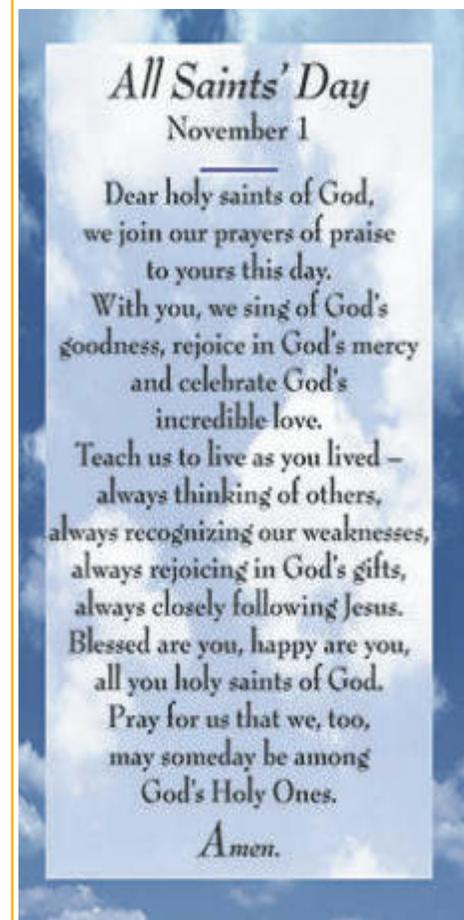
YOUTH ALIVE

Grades 7 & 8

Next Class: Tues., November 2

Thurs., November 4

**All 7th & 8th Grade Students
attend class**



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way, as they are often but strengths misapplied, or the price that we finite and imperfect creatures must pay for a strength – as, for example, the greater size and efficiency of the man's physical heart makes it the more vulnerable to a fatal attack.

And if you have any time at the end of a year's meditations on the above, you may then think about the strengths and gifts of your own sex, but always acknowledging that they are gifts from God, and that they are meant to be used, most particularly *for the benefit of the other sex*.

Maybe then we might see more marriages and fewer divorces. And maybe we would again be able to laugh at ourselves. What fun it is, after all, that there are two sexes and not some vague spectrum, or some universal gray!

Anthony Esolen is a lecturer, translator, and writer. He is a professor and writer in residence at Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts, in Warner, New Hampshire.

TAG SALE NEWS

Thank s to all those who helped make our 2021 Tag Sale a success. Our net revenue was \$21,500.

BAPTISM UPDATE

Beginning in November, Baptisms will be scheduled for 1:00pm on Sundays. This does not affect any Baptisms that have already been scheduled.

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/CHRIST TREE THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

The sign-up sheet for adopting a family is available in the back of the church. Please fill in your name and phone number and take the tab from the sheet. Please drop your Hannaford gift cards in the collection basket with the family number on it, **clearly marked** for the Thanksgiving program **no later than Sunday Nov. 14th** Or drop it off at the rectory office.

If you choose not to adopt a family but would like to contribute, any denomination of gift cards are greatly appreciated. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity, helping make the holidays happier for others.

If you or someone you know (in this area) is in need, please email us: SVDP@StChrisRedHook.org
Any questions please call Barb or Rick Rizzolo at 845-235-5985.

ANNUAL VETERANS' DINNER-SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH



This year's Veterans' Dinner is Sunday, November 14th at 3pm - School parking lot, 30 Benner Rd.

Teen Fusion is holding their annual Veterans' Day Dinner to honor those that have served our country. All veterans are welcome to attend with one guest. For the safety of all, this year's dinner will be a drive-up/takeout event. Please enter the parking lot and remain in your vehicles. Take-out dinners will be brought to the vehicles following a brief ceremony.

To attend, please RSVP to:

teenfusion@stchrisredhook.org or call 848-835-8009

BLOOD DRIVE—NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER

November 6th—8am-2pm St. Christopher's School Gym, 30 Benner Rd.

Sign-ups are preferred, however, walk-ins are welcome if space permits.

Sign-up nybc.org or call 1-800-933-2566

PRISON MINISTRY

This Wednesday November 3rd, Prison Ministry meets at 3:30pm in the Parish Center. We will continue to write Christmas cards for 170 prisoners on death row in Alabama.



Everyone is welcome to help with this compassionate and life-giving project. We never know whose heart a Christmas card will touch! Thank you for your help.

From Patricia, a death row inmate in Alabama: *"Every morning I stand in the mirror giving God praise and reminding myself who I am in Christ!"* and *"May God open the window of heaven and flood you with his favor, grace and mercy."*



CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Our Lady's Guild
Annual Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 20th—
10am-4pm at St. Christopher's
School, 30 Brenner Rd.

Shop for Christmas gifts and
decorations, buy raffle tickets to
win great prizes, take a break at
The Holly Café!

12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 25th



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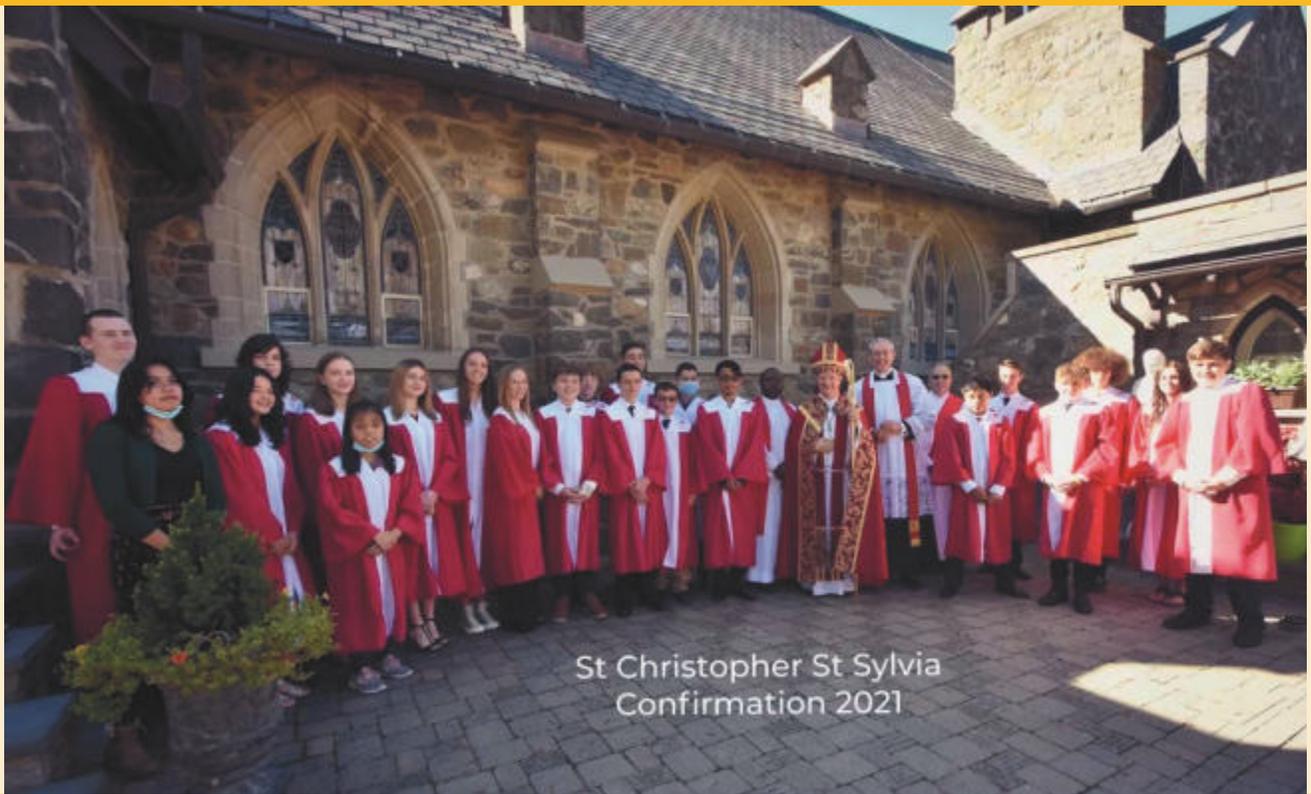
redhookresponds.org between

November 1st-22nd 9am-5pm

Take-Out Meals are to be picked up
at the Red Hook Forehouse,
Firehouse Lane at your assigned
time. Red Hook Responds will
deliver some meals.

SOCIETIES & CONTACTS

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HELP US PUT A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD...



Here is our new nativity set for display in front of the church during Advent season. Often times our Pastor has challenged the Holy Name Society with a specific fund raising task. This past year that task was to replace our more than 50 year old nativity set with a new one. We are happy to say that we successfully completed that task and the new nativity set will be on display after all the Sunday Masses this week. To have this new nativity last the next 50 years, we need to shield it from the elements by building a structure to house the figurines. The Holy Name Society is asking your help to fund the building materials for the structure. Please prayerfully consider a donation as you leave church today. Let's put a roof over their heads! Thank you!

HOLY NAME MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Holy Name Society is also holding a membership drive today after Masses. We are known for our breakfasts, cookouts, and the parish picnic, but we are much more than that. The Holy Name Society is an international, fraternal order that is over 800 members across the world. Our mission is to honor the name of Jesus Christ by putting our faith into action through prayer, acts of charity and by serving our parish and community. We are part of a brotherhood that has been serving people for centuries. As a member, you will become part of a community of brothers. You will make lifelong friends and do good work. Stop by after Mass to learn more about us and be the man God wants you to be! Contact us at [holynam@stchrisredhook.org](mailto:holyname@stchrisredhook.org)

SICK LIST REQUEST FOR PARISH BULLETIN

Requests for the bulletin sick list are accepted only from the sick person or an immediate family member and remains for 6 weeks. To repeat, please resubmit.

Please include my name in the Parish Bulletin Sick List and give my permission to do so.

Name _____

Date _____ Please return to the parish office.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember the sick, especially:

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Please complete the request form to the left in order to be added to it. Thank you!



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