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APRIL 24, 2022

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9:00 AM Mass
 until Noon and Wednesdays from
 7:00—8:00 PM

BAPTISM

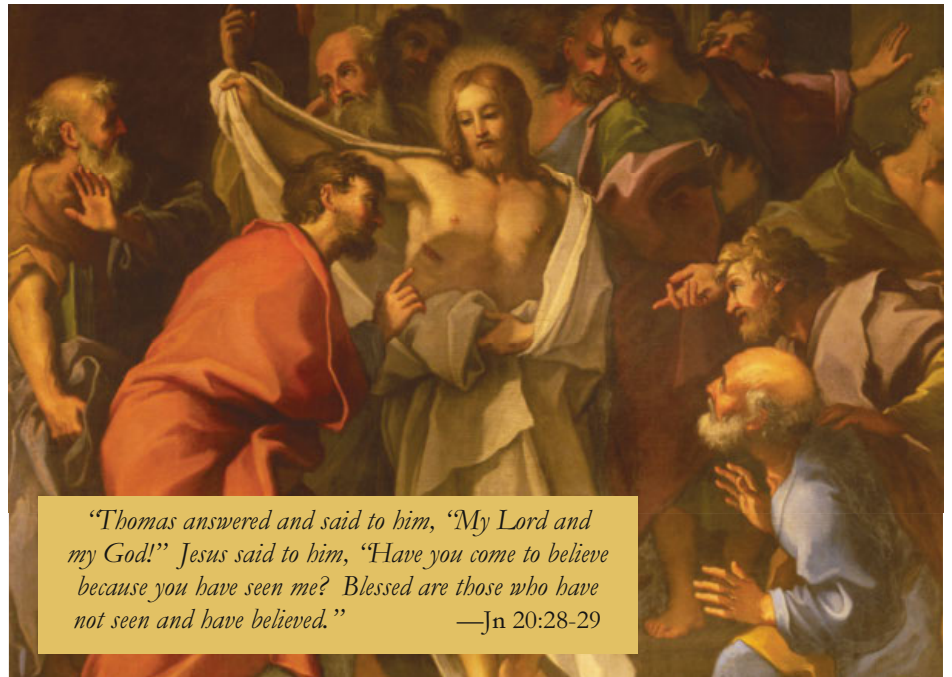
Sundays at 1:00 PM. Contact the
 rectory to make arrangements, and
 go to our website for baptismal
 information and forms.

MARRIAGE

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



“Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” —Jn 20:28-29

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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:
Sat., April 23	Easter Octave	
9:00 am	Art Bader †	Betty Bader
5:00 pm	Intentions of Holy Name Society	
Sun., April 24	Sunday of Divine Mercy	
7:30 am	Jean Dobson †	Rick & Barbara Rizzolo
9:00 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Hammill family †	Ruth Jennings
Mon., April 25	St. Mark	
9:00 am	Ronald Harrison †	Rick & Barbara Rizzolo
Tues., April 26	Easter Weekday	
9:00 am	Kathleen Costello †	Kathleen & John Kelly
Wed., April 27	Easter Weekday	
No Mass	_____	
Thurs., April 28	St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignon	
9:00 am	Peter Groll †	Rich & Eileen Zinnanti
Fri., April 29	St. Catherine of Siena	
9:00 am	Edward Sandfort †	Linda Glowienka
Sat., April 30	St. Pius V	
9:00 am	Edward Sandfort †	Linda Glowienka
5:00 pm	John Cayea †	Rob & Lisa Dolan
Sun., May 1	Third Sunday of Easter	
7:30 am	Intentions of Our Lady's Guild	
9:00 am	Lydia Grima †	Charles Grima
11:00 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>	

April 23rd— April 29th

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On Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday gives us the opportunity to continue to celebrate the great feast of Easter by acknowledging Jesus as "Divine Mercy". Come participate in a Holy Hour dedicated to Divine Mercy with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a reading from St. Faustina's Diary and reflection. **The celebration begins at 2:30 pm at Good Shepherd Church.**

This Weekend

FUEL COLLECTION



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 3, 2022

Weekly Collection \$ 5,613

WeShare \$ 2,258

April 10, 2022

Weekly Collection \$ 4,794

WeShare \$ 4,048

Our parish greatly depends on your consistent financial support. Thank you!

Francis says Benedict is right that future Church will be smaller, more authentic

By Kathleen N. Hattrup

Speaking with Jesuits in Malta, Francis said that Benedict's vision of the future of the Church is one of his "richest intuitions."

Pope Francis agrees with his immediate predecessor, Benedict XVI, that the future of the Church will be "smaller," more "humble and authentic," with "energy for the essential."

This came to light when Pope Francis was asked about the changing situation of the Church in a recent dialogue with fellow religious.

As has become customary on the Pope's international trips, earlier this month in Malta, the Holy Father had an informal meeting with local members of his own religious family, the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits.

A transcription of this informal conversation of about 40 minutes, held on the morning of Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the Apostolic Nunciature in the presence of 38 Maltese religious, was posted online by *La Civiltà Cattolica*, the Italian Jesuit magazine, before its publication in paper format on April 16.



Where is the Church going?

The Pope was asked what the future of the Church will be like, as it becomes smaller in secular Europe, while it develops quickly in Asia and Africa. "Where is it going," he was asked.

To answer the question, the Pope stated immediately that "Pope Benedict was a prophet of this Church of the future, a Church that will become smaller, lose many privileges, be more humble and authentic, and find energy for the essential. It will be a Church that is more spiritual, poorer, and less political: a Church of the little ones. As a bishop, Benedict had said: Let us prepare ourselves to be a smaller Church."

Pope Francis went so far as to say that this is one of Benedict XVI's "richest intuitions." The Holy Father acknowledged the problem of a lack of vocations for many religious orders, linking it to the fact that there are simply fewer young people, as families have perhaps only one child. "Marriages are decreasing, while people think about growing in their profession," he added.

Respect in vocational issues

Such a situation also brings the risk of "wanting to seek vocations without adequate discernment," a danger that the Pope has warned about on other occasions.

I remember that a Synod on consecrated life was held in 1994. I came as a delegate from Argentina. At the time, the scandal of novices in the Philippines had broken out: the religious congregations went there in search of vocations to "import" into Europe. This is terrible.

The Pope has brought attention to this issue before, for example in the post-synodal apostolic exhortation after the synod on the Amazon. There he pointed out: "It is noteworthy that, in some countries of the Amazon Basin, more missionaries go to Europe or the United States than remain to assist their own Vicariates in the Amazon region."

"Europe has aged. We have to get used to this, but we have to do it creatively, so as to take for vocations the qualities that you mentioned in general for the Church in your question: humility, service, authenticity," the Pope told the Jesuits.

We've moved forward and there's no going back

He also addressed the questioner's query about the synodal journey of the Church. Then you also mentioned the synodal journey. And this is a further step. We are learning to speak and write "in Synod." It was Paul VI who resumed the synodal discourse, which had been lost. Since then we have moved forward in understanding, in understanding what the Synod is. I remember that in 2001 I was the relator for the Synod of Bishops. Actually, the relator was Cardinal Egan, but because of the tragedy of the Twin Towers, he had to go back to New York, his diocese. I was

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THIS WEEK AT ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST. SYLVIA

Sunday, April 24

Holy Name Breakfast	8:00 –11:00 am	School
O CIA Neophyte Mass	9:00 am	Cathedral/NYC
Divine Mercy Holy Hour	2:30 pm	Good Shepherd Church

Monday, April 25

Tuesday, April 26

Prayers for Life	9:30 am	Church
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Wed., April 27

Holy Hour	7:00 pm	Church
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Thursday, April 28

Choir Practice	7:00 pm	Church
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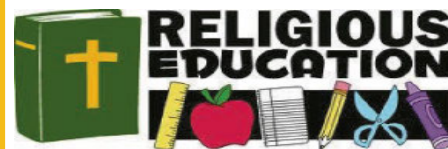
Friday, April 29

Friday Night Hoops	5:00—7:00 pm	Gym
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Saturday, April 30

Blood Drive	8:00 am-2:00 pm	PC
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Sunday, May 1



GRADES 1-6

Next Class:

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Thursday, April 28, 2022

All Second Graders

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Blessing Cup Retreat



Good Shepherd Children

Sat., April 30, 2022 at 11:00 am

*Rehearsal on Friday, April 29th
at 6:00 pm*

St. Christopher Children

Sat., May 7th, 2022 at 11:00 am

*Rehearsal on Friday, May 6th
at 6:00 pm*

YOUTH ALIVE

Grades 7 & 8

Next Class:

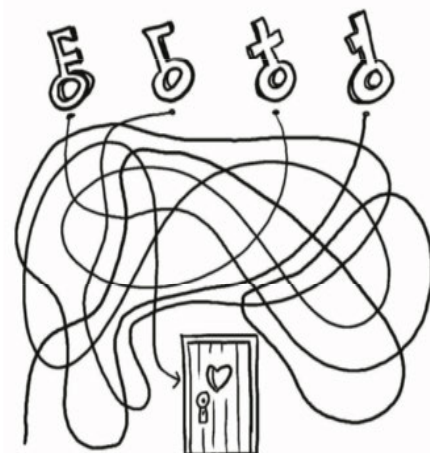
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Thursday, May 5, 2022

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



Which key can unlock the Door?



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PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

VENDORS NEEDED FOR APPLE BLOSSOM DAY

Apple Blossom Day in the Village of Red Hook will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10-4. Once again we will be renting out space on the lawn of St. Christopher's Church for vendors who wish to sell crafts or other items. If you are interested please contact Barb at 845-235-5985 for info.

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST TODAY!

Sunday, April 24th from 8:00 -11:00 am
at St. Christopher School, 30 Benner Rd.

\$8-adults; \$6-children-ages 5-12; under the age of 5-free.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us for Holy Hour at 2:30 pm today, April 24th at Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck .

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, April 30th from 8am-2pm at the St. Christopher Parish Center, 30 Benner Road. Sign up at nybc.org or call 1-800-933-2566.



PART-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Good Shepherd Parish is currently seeking a part-time **Housekeeper, a Cook, and an Operations Manager.** If interested, please contact the Good Shepherd Parish Office for more information. **845-876-4583.**



DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Saturday, May 21st

St. Christopher Parish Center, 30 Benner Rd. from 8:30 am —3:30 pm. To register, please contact Bill Owens at 845-756-2481.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE HOLY HOUR

Come adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 pm every Wednesday in the church.

"Summer with the Shepherd" Vacation Bible School for children will be held June 27th through July 1st from 9:00 am — 12:30 pm at St. Christopher School. Pre-K through 6th grade can register starting April 1st. Adult and teen volunteers are needed for the success of the program. Call Kitty Ghee at 845-876-6798.

PRAYER SHAWLS

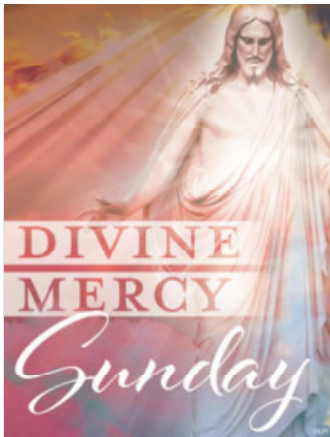
Are you or someone you know going through a difficult time, and feel that you would like a Prayer Shawl? Call Celine Turchetti at **845-758-8083.** If you feel that you would like a little extra spiritual support to place in your pocket, **Prayer Squares** are located in back of the church.



Please help us meet our parish goal of \$78,000. We currently have 65% pledged. *Thank you for your participation.* Visit cardinalsappeal.org/donate

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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the substitute. The opinions of everyone, even of individual groups, were collected and sent to the General Secretariat. I would gather the material and arrange it. The secretary of the Synod would examine it and say to remove this or that thing that had been approved by a vote of the various groups. There were things that he did not consider appropriate. There was, in short, a pre-selection of materials. Clearly there was no understanding of what a Synod is.

Today we have moved forward and there is no going back. At the end of the last Synod, in the survey of topics to be addressed in the next one, the first two were priesthood and synodality. It seemed clear to me that they wanted to reflect on the theology of synodality in order to take a decisive step toward a synodal Church.

The real problem is not if we are few

Then, the Pope returned again to a vision of the Church. Finally, I want to say that we must not forget that jewel that is Paul VI's *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. What is the vocation of the Church? It is not numbers. It is to evangelize. The joy of the Church is to evangelize. The real problem is not if we are few, in other words, but if the Church evangelizes. In the meetings before the Conclave, they talked about the profile of the new pope. It was precisely there, in the General Congregations, that the image of a Church that goes out was used. In Revelation it says, "I stand at the door and knock." But today the Lord is knocking from within so that we may let him go out. This is the need of today, the vocation of the Church today.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember the sick, especially:

Kathleen Capozzi • Joseph Clements
Scott Clements • William Daniels • Veronica Ellis
Vincent Gallagher • Sylvia Ledenko
Kathleen Mahoney • Eleanor McMahon
Fred Miller • Maryann Moul • Fred Planthaber
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Date _____

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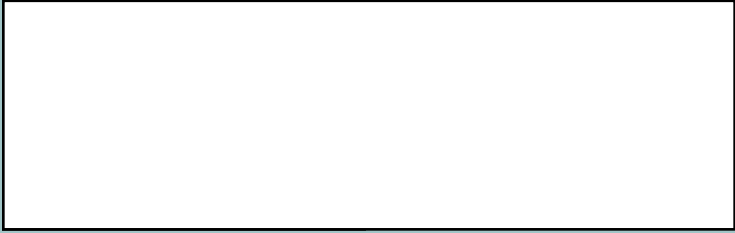
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