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**MAY 15, 2022**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*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**

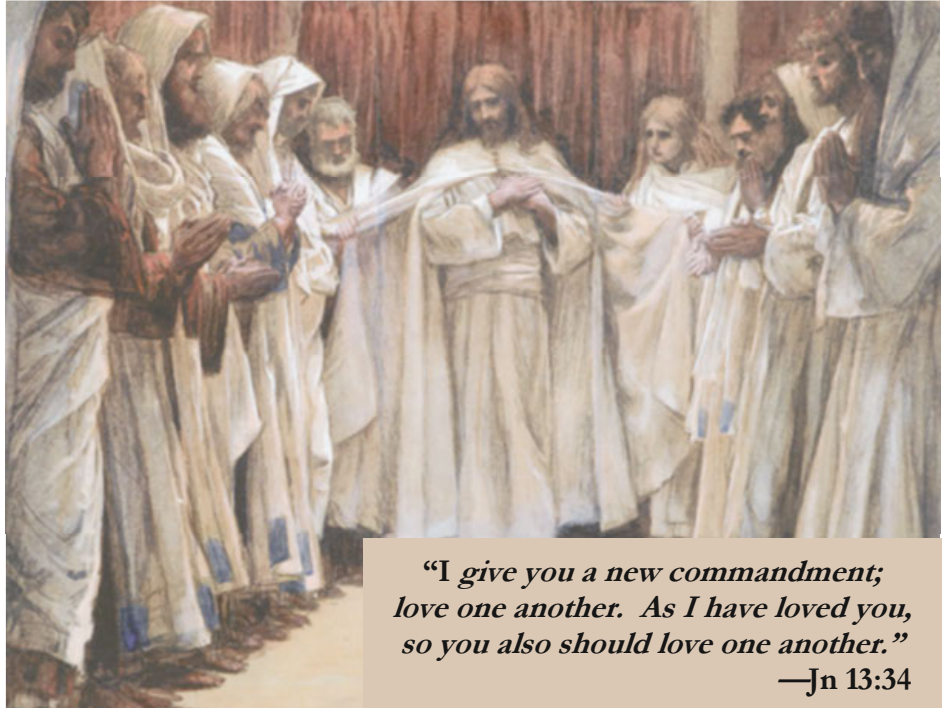
Sundays at 1:00 PM. Contact the  
 rectory to make arrangements, and  
 go to our website for baptismal  
 information and forms.

**MARRIAGE**

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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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



*“I give you a new commandment;  
 love one another. As I have loved you,  
 so you also should love one another.”*

—Jn 13:34

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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:
<b>Sat., May 14</b>	<b>St. Matthias</b>	
9:00 am	Bill Conley †	Rick & Barbara Rizzolo
5:00 pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
<b>Sun., May 15</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
7:30 am	John Cayea †	Joan Swift
9:00 am	Vinko Djurkinjak †	Franca Djurkinjak
11:00 am	Steven Warmuth †	Betty & John Kennedy
<b>Mon., May 16</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
9:00 am	Edward Sandfort †	Prayer Shawl Group
<b>Tues., May 17</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
9:00 am	Raymond Sullivan †	Joan Swift
<b>Wed., May 18</b>	<b>St. John</b>	
No Mass	_____	
<b>Thurs., May 19</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
9:00 am	Alan Chlystun †	Joan Swift
<b>Fri., May 20</b>	<b>St. Bernadine of Siena</b>	
9:00 am	Shannon Denise †	Rick & Barbara Rizzolo
<b>Sat., May 21</b>	<b>St. Christopher Magallanes</b>	
9:00 am	John Carroll †	Marie Hand
5:00 pm	Intentions of Holy Name Society	
<b>Sun., May 22</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
7:30 am	John Cayea †	Rossi Family
9:00 am	Desiree Mullen †	Mullen Family
11:00 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>	



*This Weekend*  
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*May 8, 2022*

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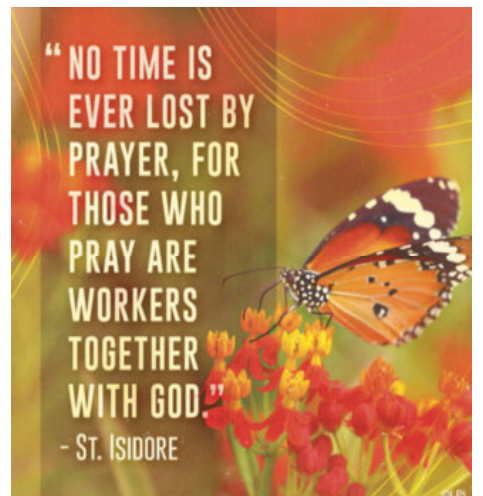
WeShare \$2,817

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 on your consistent financial  
 support. Thank you!*

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We currently have 80% pledged and need your participation to meet our parish goal of \$78,000.

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# *First Communion*



*Congratulations to Our First Holy Communicants  
on receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on May 7, 2022*

**Angelina Avancena • Hailey Castellanos • Jace Cornell  
Natalie Craft • Keegan Daniels • Teagan Lowry • Miles Lukach  
Daniella Mainiero • Tessa Martin • Vianely Ojeda-Leon  
Kathleen Ryan • Declan Turley**



## THIS WEEK AT ST. CHRISTOPHER-ST. SYLVIA

### Sunday, May 15

### Monday, May 16

“Lectio Divino” Bible Study	6:30 pm	Classroom#7
Parish Merger Meeting	7:00 pm	PC
Basketball Clinics	2:00-8:00 pm	Gym

### Tuesday, May 17

Prayers for Life	9:30 am	Church
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### Wed., May 18

Basketball Clinics	200-8:00 pm	Gym
Holy Hour	7:00 pm	Church

### Thursday, May 19

### Friday, May 20

Friday Night Hoops	8:00—10:00 pm	Gym
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### Saturday, May 21

Defensive Driving	8:30 am-3:00 pm	PC
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### Sunday, May 22

## SAINTS CORNER

### St. Margaret of Cortona | May 16

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn’t start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren’t married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn’t the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.



One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son’s footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728. © LPI



### Registrations are due by May 22nd!

#### “Summer With The Shepherd” Vacation Bible School

June 27th through July 1st from 9:00 am — 12:30 pm at St. Christopher School. For children Pre-K through 6th. Registration forms are located in back of the church or can be printed from the parish website. Adult and teen volunteers are needed for the success of the program. Call Kitty Ghee at 845-876-6798.



### CAMP VERITAS 2022

August 8th—13th (10-12 graders only)

Lake Champion, Glen Spey, NY

August 14th—20th (7-9th graders only)

Camp Lakota, Wurtsboro, NY

Visit [www.campveritas.org](http://www.campveritas.org)



## PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

### LECTIO DIVINO

Are you ready to turn away from the stresses of life and experience the life-giving Word of God? This is not your normal “Bible Study”, but a way to read, meditate, pray and contemplate the Scripture. Each week we will be using the Gospel reading of the next Sunday to explore Scripture in this manner. We will meet on Mondays, beginning April 25th through May 23rd at 6:30 pm in the St. Christopher Parish Center. You don’t have to attend every week to participate. All are welcome!

### GARDEN HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to help care for the small garden at St. Christopher School. If you enjoy gardening and can offer an hour or two of help twice a month, please contact the parish office.

### 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.



### GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING MASS

Couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year are invited to attend the Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass on Sunday, June 5th at 2:30 pm at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be the Celebrant. Anyone unable to attend can request a certificate. Please contact the Parish Office to register before May 16th.



## *Farewell Reception for Father Crawford*

*Sunday, May 22nd at 12:15 pm  
(following the 11:15 am Mass)  
Good Shepherd Parish Hall  
3 Mulberry Street, Rhinebeck*



*On June 1st, Father Crawford will begin a new assignment at The Parish of St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Hastings-on-Hudson.*

*Please join us as we wish him well in his new endeavor!*

### PLEASE NOTE:

**There Will Not Be A Holy Name Breakfast in May.  
See You In September!**

## SOCIETIES & CONTACTS

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

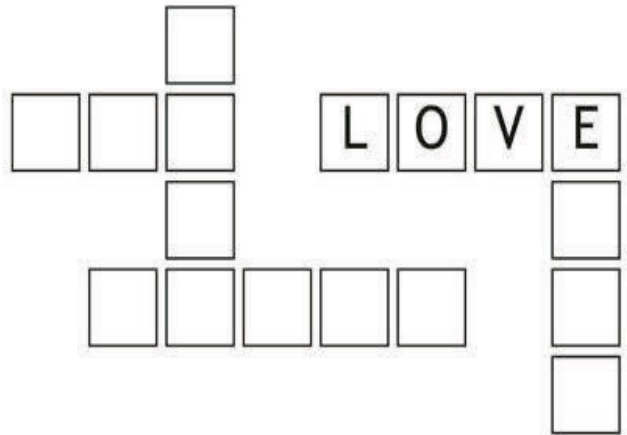
Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You must love each other.



### 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 • Vicki Mainiero  
Eleanor McMahon • Fred Miller  
Maryann Moul • Fred Planthaber  
Salvatore Sorrentino • Jimmy Wolfe

*To be added to the prayer list,  
please complete the form below.*



### SICK LIST 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 return this form to the parish office. Thank you.*

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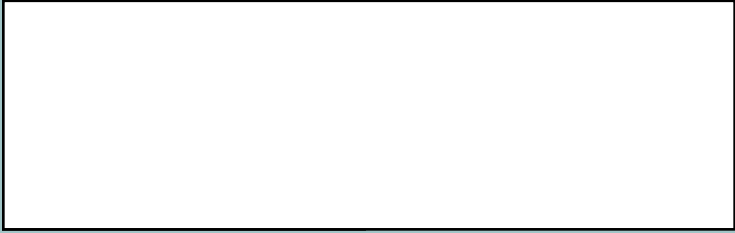
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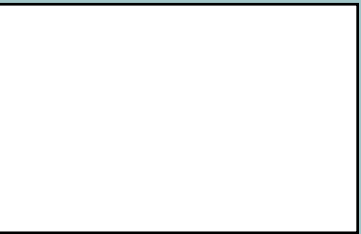
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