

Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



See! The winter is _ _ _ _ ; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

“Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _ _ _ _ , it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.” (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _ _ _ _ , which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _ _ _ _ _ , each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _ _ _ _ _ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints

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COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS

Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday of Lent

5:00-7:00 PM

Take Out / Drive Thru Only

Meal consists of:

Fish, French fries, Coleslaw & Hushpuppies

Cost: \$10.00



**THE EASTER EGGS ARE BACK!!!
COME TO THE DISPLAY AND PLACE YOUR
ORDER BY MARCH 26, 2023!**

Cost is \$8.00 for each handmade one
half pound egg.

Flavors: Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Chocolate
Cream, Cherry Nut, Marshmallow, Coconut Toasted
Almond and the special edition—Salted Caramel.



The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal "Sharing His Love with Others"

In TODAY'S Gospel story, the woman at the well meets Jesus. Jesus moves her so much that she goes into the village, no longer abashed by her bad reputation, and tells everyone that she found the Messiah. Dramatic, to be sure.

Others in the town immediately began to believe in Jesus because of her. The Samaritan woman's stark transformation gave her words credibility. Soon after, the townspeople deepened their faith in Jesus by directly encountering him.

Jesus used the Samaritan woman's words to introduce a whole village to him. Our parish can spread faith in the same way through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. This Lent, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help meet the mission of our Church and be a light for others through your heartfelt support. Together, we can demonstrate to our local neighborhood how wonderful He truly is. Through our actions, they will believe our word that He is alive. Jesus, lead us!



The parish office will
CLOSE at NOON
on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Try something NEW this Lent!

We now have outdoor Stations of the Cross for you to walk anytime. They are located outside the entrance to the church. Use your phone to locate a prayer you would like to use or go to usccb.org/prayers/scriptural-stations-cross.



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of March 12
CEREAL/OATMEAL**

FAITH FORMATION



Our sincere "Congratulations" goes out to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past **Thursday, March 9, 2023** by The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout at Church of the Resurrection in Portsmouth.

Thank you to our Youth Minister, Scott Watterson, who helped to prepare our youth for this Sacrament of Initiation.

Please keep our newly confirmed in your prayers:

**Jeremias Arocho
Madelyn Berry
Versipius Detrich
Addison Enderlin
Tristan Freestrom
Matthew Otzelberger
Victoria Otzelberger
Joeli Pruett
Melanie Spainhower
Blake Thompson
Daniel White
Nicholas White**

May God bless you and guide you as you continue to learn and grow in your faith.

HOPPING FOR HAITI!

Our CGS children will be participating in a Lenten Service Project to benefit the kids in Haiti.



On Sunday, March 26, 2023 after Mass our kids will be "Hopping for Haiti".

The children will need sponsors with a recommended donation of \$0.10 per hop or a flat donation of \$20.00. The goal is 250 hops.

If you can't bring yourself to sponsor just one or two children; there is a decorated box in the commons for your anonymous donation.

Works of Mary Rosary Makers Update!

We would like to "thank" all those who have donated rosaries to this important ministry. We were able to ship a few dozen rosaries to



Al Asad Air Base in Iraq to support the troops and civilians who are stationed there. This will continue to be an ongoing ministry to support the base chapel and to spread the devotion of *Our Blessed Mother's Holy Rosary* to others.

If you have any extra rosaries or rosaries that need repair, bring them in and drop them in the basket in the Commons. Thanks again for your support.



The Church of the Good Shepherd

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 Mass Times: Saturday—5PM & Sunday—9AM
 Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon
 Adoration is on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.

Staff

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Ministries

Ministry to the Sick - Deacon Stanley Stefanowicz
Pastoral Council - Tom Quick
Finance Council - Dan Falbe
Money Counters - Margaret Hickman
Building - Hart Smith and Tom Quick
Grounds - Tom Quick
Liturgical Ministries Head - Mark Lieberman
Altar Servers - Joshua Arocho
Children's Liturgy – Kathleen Day
Eucharistic Min (Sat) - Joan Nagy
Eucharistic Min (Sun) - Mark Lieberman
Funeral Mass Coordinator—Joan Nagy
Lectors - Michelle Romanello
Sacristan - Hart Smith
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Men's Club - Bill Knapp, billknapp1985@yahoo.com
Parish Community Life - Debbi Gatti and Pearl Stokes
Justice & Peace - Mary Ellen Bebermeyer
Haiti Committee & E-Bulletin Board - Dave Maltby
Divine Mercy Cenacle - Dara Murphy
Special Needs Ministry - Sue Ellebracht
 *If you are interested in any Ministries, please contact the parish office.

Mission Statement

We, as diverse members of the Body of Christ, come together to serve God, the Catholic Church, and our community. We celebrate God in the Eucharist and the word, as we help each other in the growth of our faith, share our gifts and welcome everyone.

Vision Statement

To know and love God and grow in the Kingdom Of God together.

Inclement Weather - Fr. Tony plans to be at church to celebrate Mass. However, you are not obligated to come if travel is unsafe for you.

Parish Registration and Changes – Registration forms are available on the Church website. You may notify the office if you wish to register with, or be removed from the parish records, or if you have a change of address, telephone number, or email.

Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

Funerals — Contact the office if you would like to schedule a Funeral Service. The date and time must be approved by the priest.

Marriage – Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

Reconciliation – Before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

Visitation of the Sick – Please call the office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick, or when someone is ill or hospitalized.



March 12, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Even St. Teresa of Calcutta experienced a period of “spiritual dryness.” We pray, we go to Mass faithfully, we serve others – yet at times God’s presence may seem elusive. Like the Israelites, we may ask, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” As we enter the third Sunday of Lent, today’s readings assure us that God remains with us even during those times we may feel spiritually parched. In Exodus, water flows from a rock to satisfy the people. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman, a sinner and an outcast, recognizes Jesus as Messiah, and it changes her life. Even when we don’t “feel” God’s presence, we can rest assured that Jesus stands beside us. He is our redemption and our Hope, and “Hope does not disappoint.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus breaks with custom by talking to a woman – a Samaritan woman, no less. He “sees” her – knowing she has been married five times before and is living with a man not her husband. Yet he chooses to reveal to her his identity as the Messiah and offers her “living water.” But it doesn’t end there. The woman at the well goes forth and shares her experience with others. Many more came to believe in the Messiah based on her testimony. What an unlikely disciple! We may feel that we, too, are unlikely disciples: We are sinners, we’ve made mistakes, perhaps we feel we are unworthy to “represent” Jesus to others. But nothing is further from the truth. Jesus invites us not only to partake of the living water but to share it with others so that all may believe.

ACTION Put a note on your mirror or bedside: “Hope does not disappoint.” Each morning, remind yourself that Jesus is the source of our hope, and try to think of ways to share this hope with others.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Just as Jesus approaches the outcast Samaritan woman at the well with intimate knowledge of her history and her heart, so, too, does Christ approach us. He comes with the offer of living water that will forever satiate our thirst if only we soften our hearts to hear his voice.

Gospel Focus:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Have lives that have changed due to their relationship with Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

Children: When has your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger?

Prayer

My Lord God, help me understand that you are my God, the limitless source of unconditional love and mercy, who fashioned and created me in my mother's womb. You alone knit together every fabric of my being and gave me life in this time and place. May I have the faith and courage to put aside my dependencies on created things and to see utter dependency of my life, my soul, and the very blood that flows through my veins as being on You.

You love me more than any earthly love and more that I love myself.

This love alone sustains my life both now and in the world to come.

As attached as I am to this world, help me know that this world is only my ship and not my home.

I am on an exciting journey to other times and other places with new unfolding surprises You have in store for me.

My true home is found with You.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(4lpi.com/blog/sacred-illusions?)



St. Patrick's Day and Abstinence from Meat

For those who have a strong devotion to St. Patrick and the festivities that surround this particular memorial, which falls on a Friday of Lent this year, you may request a dispensation from our priest by offering a distinct prayer or pious work in place of abstaining from meat. See the parish website for the full recommendation from the Office of Worship/CDR.



LENTE RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Tuesday, March 14 @ 7PM—Good Shepherd

Tuesday, March 21 @ 7PM—St. Jude, Franklin



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

March 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.
Come and spend some time with Jesus!



Considering a call to the priesthood?

"I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent



Readings for the Week

Monday, March 13

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 19 —Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	March 13	No Mass	
Tues.	March 14	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 15	Noon	Available
Thurs.	March 16	Noon	Available
Fri.	March 17	Noon	Available
Sat	March 18	5:00 pm	+Julie Albrecht
Sun.	March 19	9:00 am	Good Shepherd Comm.

Parishioners are invited to remember their loved ones in a special way through prayers. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one or a special intention, please contact the parish office. **Stipends may be turned in with the collection or mailed to the office. Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd. Please write "mass intention" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.**



Church open for personal prayer:

Tuesday – Friday 10AM to 2PM



We invite you to check out our

On-Line Giving Program.

Visit our parish website: www.cgsparish.org

click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

Upcoming Special Collections

March 19—Catholic Relief Services

March 26—Catholic Virginian

April 2—Mortgage



Parish Life This Week

Monday, March 13

5:00 PM Good Grief!!!

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Living the Eucharist

Tuesday, March 14

12:30 PM Living the Eucharist

6:00 PM K of C Mtg.

7:00 PM Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 15

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

6:00 PM OCIA

6:00 PM Shadow Stations Practice

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:00 PM Ladies' Guild & Men's Club Mtgs.

7:15 PM Works of Mary Book Club

Thursday, March 16

6:00 PM Finance Council

Friday, March 17

11:30 AM Adoration

5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry

5-8:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Individual & Family)

Saturday, March 18

4:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Easter Egg Orders

Sunday, March 12

8:30 AM Stations of the Cross

10:00 AM Easter Egg Orders

10:10 AM Religious Education

Weekly Offering for:

March 4 & 5, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory	\$ 6,728.66
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 1,520.50
Haiti	\$ 160.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 25.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 30.00
Men's Club	\$ 1,688.00
Roof Repair	\$ 100.00
Other	\$ 20.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 30,304.01

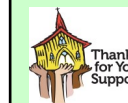
MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 127

Sunday 166

Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of March



Evangelization: For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Pope Tweets:

"Lent is the 'favorable time' to return to what is essential, to divest ourselves of all that weighs us down, to be reconciled with God, and to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit hidden beneath the ashes of our frail humanity."

Please Remember in Prayer:



Barbara & Jim Bonney, Gene Chappell, Leila Chevalier, Justin Evans, Ann Fjell, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Anne Miller, Christopher Morris, Shirley Mutter, Regina Pencola, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Marilyn Wise, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras