





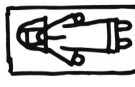







PUZZLE

IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.

	blind	hear	
	leprosy	walk	
	lame	raised	
	deaf	sight	
	dead	cleansed	

The _____ receive _____, the _____, those
 who have _____ are _____, the _____
 _____, the _____ are _____ ...

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV

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



ALL EGG ORDERS MUST BE PLACED 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.

Don't forget to pick up and pay for your order if it is ready!



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

Sight is easy to take for granted. For the Pharisees in today's Gospel, the possibility that they might be missing something, despite having sight, authority, and education bothers them: "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" (John 9:40)

When we walk through a house, we automatically look for the light switch if it's dark. It's difficult to do anything in the dark. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day," Jesus said in John 9:4. "Night is coming when no one can work."

The works of God cry out to be accomplished, including the ministries supported by our Annual Diocesan Appeal. We must not delay. Christ is here. He is the daylight only by which we can work. We need him, and we need you. We ask him to guide our efforts throughout the Appeal. Please support our Appeal. We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal!

As of 8/2/2022:	
Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 10,140.00
% of Goal	61%
Donors	19

We would like to thank all those who have already donated to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 19 PASTA

FAITH FORMATION

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.

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.



Easter Egg Collection

We are collecting plastic Easter eggs! Please donate and drop off any plastic eggs you may have and no longer need in the basket in the Commons. We will be stuffing them here at the church on Saturday, April 1st at 10 AM. Email Lara Detrich at formation@cgsparish.org if you would like to help.

Children's Easter Play

The Children's Easter Play will be on Friday, April 23 at 6:30 PM. Please join us for a wonderful lesson on evangelization as well as a moving retelling of the Resurrection story. A small reception will follow. Thank you for supporting the young members of our faith community.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Any announcements for April 2 & 9 bulletins **must be in the office by 10 AM on Monday, March 27th** if you would like them included.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE IS COMING!

A new parish website is under construction. We ask that you be patient as we work with the diocese on its rollout which will take place in the upcoming days/weeks. It will evolve in steps, but we hope to have a more welcoming and vibrant website in the near future. Please continue to pick up a bulletin for important information. Thank you for your understanding.



The Church of the Good Shepherd

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 Facebook: www.facebook.com/cgsparish
 Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org
 Office: (757) 365-0579 Fax: (757) 365-0994 Rectory: (757) 542-3879
 Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10 AM to 3 PM
 Mass Times: Saturday—5PM & Sunday—9AM
 Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon
 Adoration is on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.

Staff

Pastor - Fr. Tony Yllana, pastor@cgsparish.org
Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@cgsparish.org
Religious Education - Lara Detrich, formation@cgsparish.org
Music Director - Katarina Hackney, music@cgsparish.org
Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

Ministries

Ministry to the Sick - Deacon Stanley Stefanowicz
Pastoral Council - Joe Campo
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
Ushers - Steve Reznick
Knights of Columbus - Brendan Wesdock, bwesdock@gmail.com
Ladies' Guild - Margaret Hickman
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.

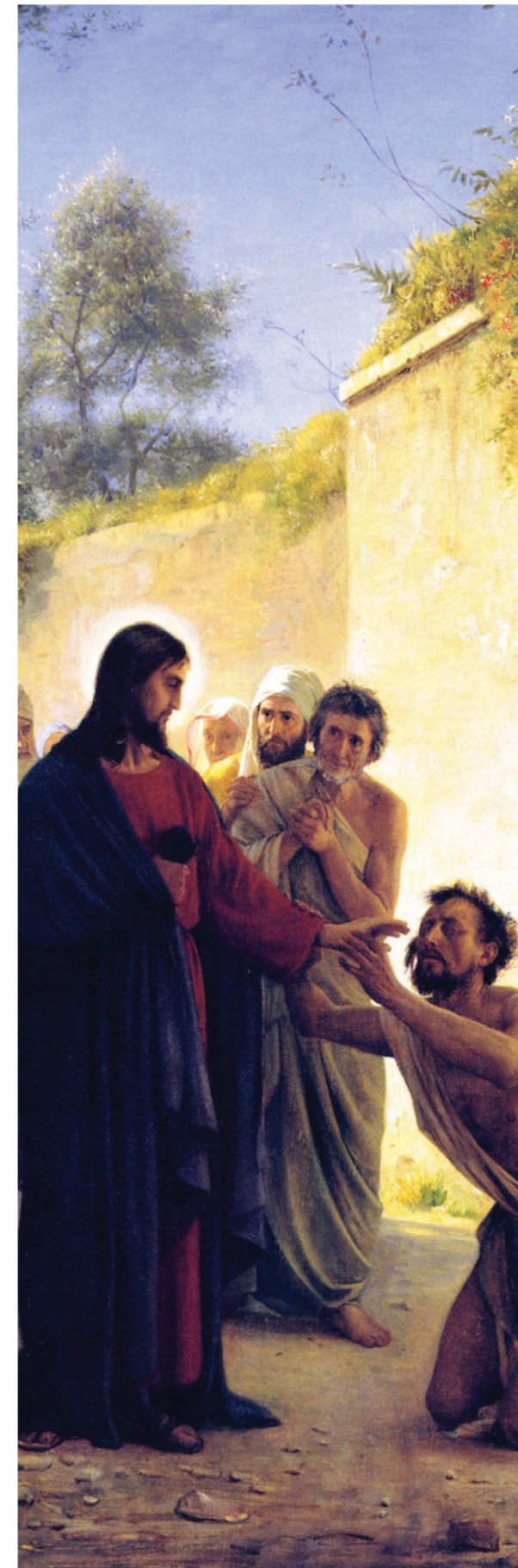
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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 19, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day - in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind - or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

PRAY

Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
 beside restful waters he leads me;
 he refreshes my soul.*

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Sometimes doing God's will can seem strange, foolish, or even wrong to others. Jesse assumed his youngest son couldn't be the next king, so David was left to care for the sheep when Samuel came. The Pharisees thought Jesus sinned by healing on the sabbath. Are we preoccupied with what others will think, or are we focusing on doing God's will?

Gospel Focus:

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are continuously changing and repenting.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Children: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

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:

"Every baptized person is sent to announce the Good News by loving and serving others. We cannot remain mere spectators. Apostolic zeal impels us to always seek new ways of proclaiming and witnessing to God's love."

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, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Marilyn Wise, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

Prayer



By your grace,
O Lord,
make us stick to our resolutions,
act with courage,
remain constant in devotion,
extend forgiveness without measure,
love without ceasing,
and live ever in your friendship.
Enable us, with your help,
to put on Christ,
and to manifest him to others
and bear witness to him in the world.
Amen.

(from *The New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book*, Catholic Book Publishing Company)
(4lpi.com/blog/sacred-illusions?)



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

Regina Pencola

who passed away on March 10, 2023.

May the Lord grant eternal rest unto her and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Prayer Candles



To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that the prayer continues on! A candle stand is located in the front of the Sanctuary.

Considering a call to the priesthood?

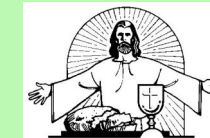
"I am the light of the world, says the Lord." Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Arrangements for visits to the sick and homebound are to be made only by family members of the person needing the visit or by that person themselves. Please make your request to Deacon Stan (276) 220-5545 or through the office.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." (Psalm 23)

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent



Readings for the Week

Monday, March 20—Solemnity of St. Joseph
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday, March 21
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 22
Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 23
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 24
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 25—Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday, March 26—**Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	March 20	No Mass	
Tues.	March 21	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 22	Noon	Victoria Iraneta
Thurs.	March 23	Noon	+Fr. Cavey
Fri.	March 24	Noon	Available
Sat.	March 25	5:00 pm	+Vincent Alberghine
Sun.	March 26	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:

Monday – 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 26—*Catholic Virginian*

April 2—*Mortgage*

April 7—*Holy Land*



Parish Life This Week



Monday, March 20

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Living the Eucharist

Tuesday, March 21

12:30 PM Living the Eucharist

Wednesday, March 22

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

6:00 PM OCIA

6:00 PM Shadow Stations Practice

7:00 PM Youth Group

Friday, March 24

5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry

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

Saturday, March 25

4:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Easter Egg Orders

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM Stations of the Cross

10:00 AM Easter Egg Orders

10:10 AM Religious Education

Weekly Offering for:

March 11 & 12, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory	\$ 4,711.68
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 320.00
Haiti	\$ 60.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 27.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Men's Club	\$ 2,111.00
Other	\$ 25.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 2.00
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Mortgage Balance \$ 30,304.01

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	116
Sunday	162



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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!