



# PUZZLE

## Lamb of God

 John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus. 


*Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.*

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### COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS

**Last Fish Fry is March 31st!**  
**Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry**  
 5:00-7:00 PM  
 Take Out / Drive Thru Only  
 Cost: \$10.00



 **ALL EGG ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY MARCH 26, 2023!**  
 Cost is \$8.00 for each handmade one half pound egg.  
**Don't forget to pick up and pay for your order by April 2!**

**15TH EASTERN VICARIATE HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY GATHERING**  
 Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church.  
 The guest speaker will be Maggie Keenan / Ed. D, Director of Planned Giving, Catholic Community. We will be sharing fellowship, formation, and news pertaining to twinning. There is a \$10.00 donation at the door to defray the cost of breakfast and lunch refreshments.  
 RSVP by April 9th to [dave.maltby@gmail.com](mailto:dave.maltby@gmail.com)

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


In today's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In doing so, he forecasts two events: his return from the dead and ours.

As difficult as death is, the Resurrection is our hope and Lent is our time to pray, give and spread the word! "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says Jesus (John 11:25). When you support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, you enable us to deliver this same hope and mercy to those in need.


**As of 3/21/2023:**


Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 12,045.00
% of Goal	73%
Donors	24

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

 **It's time to turn in your CRS RICE BOWL DONATIONS!**  
 The collection box is in the Commons. Please convert all coins to cash or check. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in need.


### 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. All donations must be turned in by April 16th! Thank you for your generosity.

**Children's Easter Play**   
 The Children's Easter Play will be on Friday, April 21 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.

 **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](mailto:formation@cgsparish.org) if you would like to help.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 There is an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9 after Mass for all children grades 5 and younger. Older children are welcome to help hide the eggs before Mass. We will have Easter bags for the first 50 children who sign up. Sign up sheets will be available in the Commons on Easter day.

**Adult Faith Formation "Apologetics for non-dummies"**   
 AFF will resume on Monday, April 17, 2023 from 7-8:15 PM. There will be a total of **JOIN OUR STUDY** five weeks for this topic. Sign up sheets will be available in the commons for those who are interested in attending this formation.

 **The parish office will be CLOSED from Noon Thursday, April 6—Monday, April 10 for Easter.**

**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 26 CANNED MEAT/FISH** 



# The Church of the Good Shepherd

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 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](mailto:pastor@cgsparish.org)  
**Admin Assistant** - Vicki Dobbins, [admin@cgsparish.org](mailto:admin@cgsparish.org)  
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## 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](mailto:bwesdock@gmail.com)  
**Ladies' Guild** - Margaret Hickman  
**Men's Club** - Bill Knapp, [billknapp1985@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

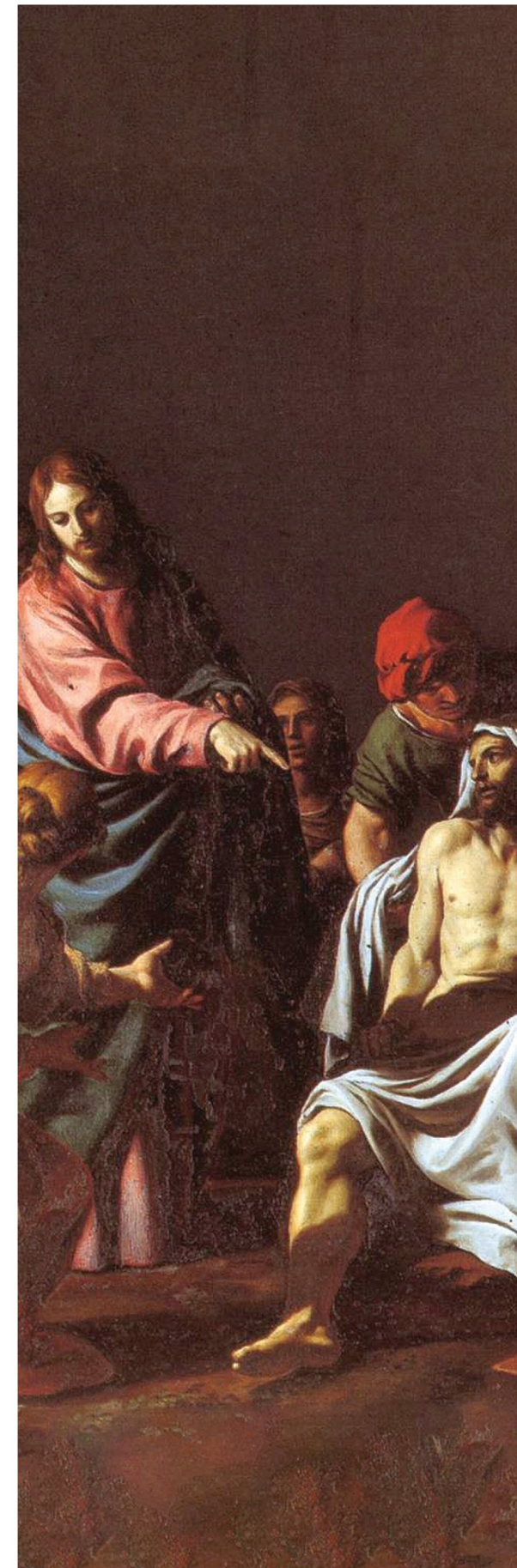
**Baptisms** – A preparation class for parents is required. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

**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 26, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

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

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

**ACTION** As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org).

## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

### Today's Readings:

It takes courage to truly believe in God's promises. He promises to raise the dead from their graves and put his own Spirit in us so that we may live. What does this mean for us this Lent, when we journey with Jesus toward his cross? How can our Lenten observance bolster such courageous faith?

### Gospel Focus:

*I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.*



**"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:** How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

**Children:** What do you hope for after your life on Earth is ended?

## 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:

"Is your faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let him love you."

### Please Remember in Prayer:

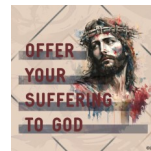
*Barbara & Jim Bonney, Gene Chappell, Leila Chevalier, Justin Evans, Ann Fjell, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Anne Miller, Christopher Morris, Shirley Mutter, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Marilyn Wise, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras*

### Prayer

Gracious and holy Father, grant us the intellect to understand you, reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you. May our ears hear you, may our eyes behold you, and may our tongues proclaim you. Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you, that we may have the patience to wait for you and the perseverance to look for you. Grant us a perfect end—your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and life everlasting. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Prayer of St. Benedict

(4lpi.com/blog/a-god-who-weeps-with-us?)



### Holy Week Schedule

**Sat/Sun, April 1/2 5:00 PM/9:00 AM**  
**Mass—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Thursday, April 6 7:00 PM**  
**Mass—Holy Thursday**

**Friday, April 7 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM**  
**Good Friday Veneration of the Cross**

**Saturday, April 8 8:00 PM**  
**Mass—Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Sunday, April 9 9:00 AM**  
**Mass—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament March 31, 2023 at 11:30 AM

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

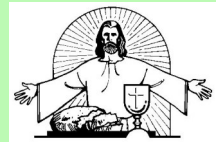
### Considering a call to the priesthood?

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



*"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption." (Psalm 130)*

## March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent



### Readings for the Week

#### Monday, March 27

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

#### Tuesday, March 28

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

#### Wednesday, March 29

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

#### Thursday, March 30

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

#### Friday, March 31

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

#### Saturday, April 1

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

#### Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mt 21:1-11 (Procession)

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66



### Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon.	March 27	No Mass	
Tues.	March 28	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 29	Noon	Available
Thurs.	March 30	Noon	+Charles Arinello
Fri.	March 31	Noon	Available
Sat	April 1	5:00 pm	Fr. Tony (Anniversary)
Sun.	April 2	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](http://www.cgsparish.org)  
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

### Upcoming Special Collections

April 2—Mortgage

April 7—Holy Land

April 9—Easter



### Parish Life This Week

#### Monday, March 27

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Living the Eucharist

#### Tuesday, March 28

12:30 PM Living the Eucharist

#### Wednesday, March 29

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

#### Thursday, March 30

7:00 PM Choir Practice

#### Friday, March 31

11:30 AM Adoration

5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry

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

#### Saturday, April 1

Blessing of the Palms

6:00 PM Last day to pick up Easter Egg Orders

#### Sunday, April 2

Blessing of the Palms

10:00 AM Last day to pick up Easter Egg Orders

10:10 AM Religious Education

### Weekly Offering for:

#### March 18 & 19, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

### OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory \$ 4,491.86

### ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage	\$ 1,140.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 125.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 25.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 792.00
R.E.—"Hopping for Haiti"	\$ 40.00
Other	\$ 69.74

### DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Catholic Relief Services \$ 670.25

Mortgage Balance \$ 30,304.01

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 104

Sunday 298



Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!  
**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**