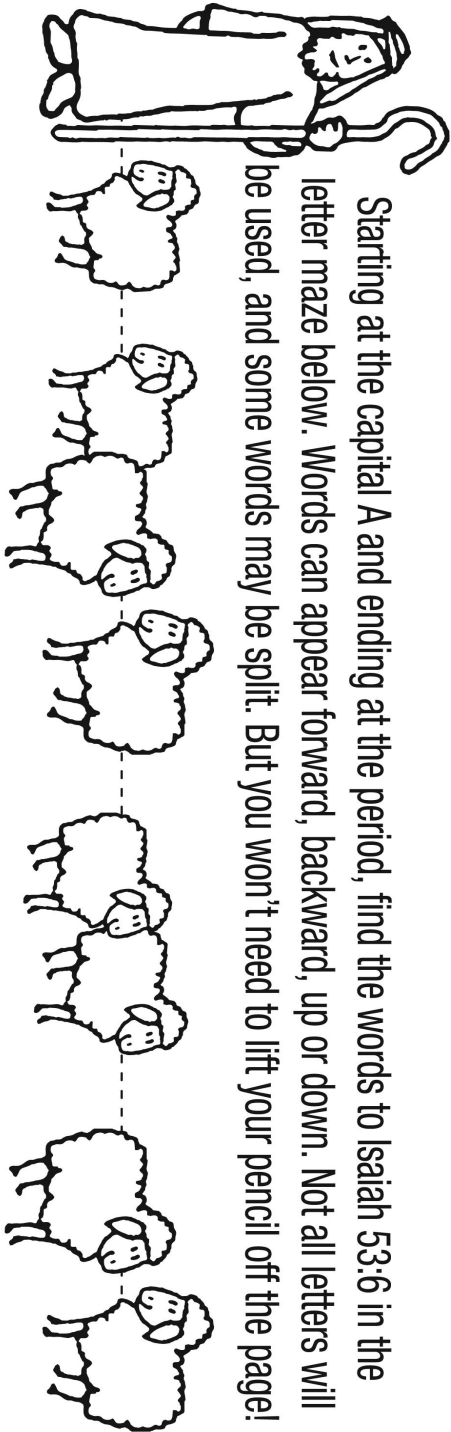


# Puzzle!



All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6, NRSV

Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!

## COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS



### Ministry To The Sick Training

May 9, 16 & 23, 2023

7:00 PM—9:00 PM

If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, contact Deacon Stan to register at [deaconstan4@gmail.com](mailto:deaconstan4@gmail.com) or 276-220-5545.



### Thank You!!!

The Men's Club would like to give all the supporters of our Lenten Fish Fries a Shout-Out of thanks.

If you came or you sent your neighbors and friends, we want you to know that we appreciate that and every meal served helps support not only special projects in our parish, but special needs in our community and the school children in Haiti.

Some say that this year's fish was the best ever, but we know we always have the best fish available. See y'all next Easter Season and don't miss our picnics, chili dinners and pancake suppers.



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

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes clear how different he is from other religious leaders: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

He is the good shepherd, and our Annual Diocesan Appeal exists so that more find comfort in His fold. We, His sheep, have His voice to guide us. In moments of darkness, He guides us. He gives us clarity, peace, and confidence as His peace is more potent than any earthly trouble. Please consider supporting our Appeal so we can help other souls gain peace.

#### As of 4/24/2023:

Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 19,169.00
% of Goal	116%
Donors	42

We would like to thank all those who have already donated to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal and assisting us with meeting our goal. Donations are still being accepted. See the thank you message to Good Shepherd on social media through the CCF's facebook page ([facebook@rvaccf](https://www.facebook.com/rvaccf)).

## FAITH FORMATION

### Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 19-23, 2023



Shine a light on Jesus' love!

It is going to be out-of-this-world!

Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/>

### Works of Mary Book Club

The next gatherings for the Works of Mary Book Club will be:

Part 1—May 3 & 17

June 7 & 21

July 5 & 19

from 7:15PM-8:15PM to discuss:

**Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God**  
by Scott Hahn

(ISBN:978-0385501699)

If you have any questions, please see Johanna Arocho.



### Baptisms

We would like to welcome into our Catholic faith family, *Elizabeth Lynn Dorsey and Violet Eve Freestrom*, who became children of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this weekend. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith and love all the days of their life. Congratulations and God bless!

### Adult Faith Formation "Apologetics for non-dummies"



AFF has resumed and will continue on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM through May 15th. Come and join us as we discuss our faith.



### Mother's Day Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their 2nd Annual Mother's Day Breakfast fundraiser on **Sunday, May 14th**. Tickets are being sold in the Commons after Mass, or contact any Knights of Columbus member.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

May 5, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.

Come and spend some time with Jesus!



### Food Pantry Needs for the Week of April 30 MAC-N-CHEESE





# 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)  
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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.



April 30, 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Pt 2:20b-25 | Jn 10:1-10

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

There is much we could ponder in today's Scriptures, but the verses that stood out for me are these: "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called." I have a hard enough time keeping my inner child under wraps when I suffer due to my own sinfulness or incompetence, and Peter is telling me to be patient when I suffer for *doing what is good*? Well, yes – "because Christ also suffered for [us], leaving an example that [we] should follow in his footsteps." And the clarity of this truth hits me smack in the face. Doing what is good means we are loving another, in some way; we are doing good, *for good*. We are engaging in self-sacrifice, and some form of suffering is inherent to that. But here's the thing: it's an oddly joyful kind of suffering because it produces good fruit and directs our thoughts and vision to the one who is present among us as "the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls." Let us pray for the ability to see each moment of suffering for doing good as "a grace before God."

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At this point in the Easter season, we might think, "Why can't we focus more on the joy of Jesus' resurrection and less on the suffering that preceded it?" Well, we certainly can ... but we would lose a great part of the Paschal Mystery. We don't embrace the cross for the sake of suffering in itself. We come to the crucifixion to pass *through* it. We are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world. There's no avoiding suffering in our lives, but the Good News of Jesus Christ is that he has redeemed that suffering. He has given us victory over death and is – quite literally – the way to eternal life. In the Gospel Jesus says, "Whoever enters through me will be saved ... I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." He is our shepherd and we know his voice. During this Eastertide we have an extraordinary opportunity to attend to that voice in a particular way, and to think about how we might be hearing it in a new way this year.

**ACT** Is there a charity you have been meaning to call to volunteer your time? Is there a neighbor who might be able to use a helping hand? Is there a friend or family member who has fallen out of favor and you just know it's the right thing to do to get in touch? Act this week. Sacrifice just a bit for the sake of good.

## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

### Today's Readings:

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling us today. He is present, leading us. Christ does not speak only in miraculous visions or through powerful movements of the heart. God speaks through Scripture and through his disciples. Just as Christ sent Peter to preach, he sends his faithful out to call his sheep today.

### Gospel Focus:

The sheep follow Christ because they recognize his voice.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are engaged in works of charity and justice.

### FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

**Adults:** How are you a shepherd to those in your care?

**Children:** What will you do this week to show you are a Christian?

## PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of April



**Evangelization:** For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### Pope Tweets:

"Our wounds can be passages, openings that, in imitating the wounds of the Lord, allow God's mercy to enter. His grace changes our lives and makes us artisans of peace and reconciliation."

### Please Remember in Prayer:

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

### The Good Shepherd

Jesus often illustrated his teaching by referring to shepherds and sheep. He sees himself as the Good Shepherd foretold by the prophets. Today's Gospel considers the relationship between the Good Shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old. The message is topical. It is relevant to us. By faith we accept Jesus. Our relationship is a deeply personal one. The bond of love uniting us is based on the love that unites the Father and Jesus. Our new existence is founded on God's unbreakable love and faithfulness.

In order to enter eternal life we must listen to Jesus and obey Him. The alternative opening prayer puts this in practical terms. We have to tune our minds to the sound of his voice. Self-centeredness can make us deaf to the voice of Jesus. Easy options can draw us into easier paths than the one he has traced. Pressure to abandon Christian principles is inevitable, but God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. No one can drag us away from him. The Father has entrusted us to his Son. The same God who kept faith with Jesus by raising Him from the dead will also raise us by His power.

Paul and Barnabas 'spoke out boldly' and made an impact. A courageous proclamation of the Gospel to our contemporaries can be as fruitful now as it was in apostolic times. All the baptized, particularly those who are confirmed, are bound to spread the faith. Laity as well as priests and religious are in the service of the Risen Lord. Our faith urges us to take personal part in the work of evangelization. Are we doing so? How many evils persist in our society just because good people say nothing and do nothing? A breviary hymn of Eastertide spells out what is expected of us by the Risen Lord: Now He bids us tell abroad/ How the lost may be restored/ How the penitent forgiven/ How we too may enter heaven.

"Good Shepherd Sunday" is a good occasion for us to think and pray about how the Catholic church will fare for priests in the future. In Ireland right now it appears that the average age of ordained priests is about sixty-five, a statistic that demands significant change in how to recruit priests for the future, and what is to be expected of them. Pdraig McCarthy made this point thus, "there is no such thing as a priest less parish. There may not be an *ordained* priest there, but the parish is a *priestly people*. How will this priesthood of the baptized take flesh in the coming decades? What factors which had value in the past are now hindering the mission of the church? What new model of ministerial priesthood is needed?"

Here are three questions worth pondering by us all:

- 1) Who will be the true shepherds in the coming years?
- 2) How will those shepherds carry out the mission to those outside the fold?
- 3) What needs to change so that each community can celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday?

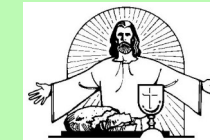
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### Considering a call to the priesthood?

"Sing joyfully to the LORD ...; serve the LORD with gladness." Are you discerning a vocation as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



## April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter



### Readings for the Week

#### Monday, May 1

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

#### Tuesday, May 2—Memorial of St. Athanasius

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday, May 3—Feast of Sts. Philip & James

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

#### Thursday, May 4

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday, May 5

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday, May 6

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

#### Sunday, May 7—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



### Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	May 1	No Mass	
Tues.	May 2	Noon	Available
Wed.	May 3	Noon	Available
Thurs.	May 4	Noon	Available
Fri.	May 5	Noon	Available
Sat.	May 6	5:00 pm	+Brian Soule
Sun.	May 7	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



Online Giving

### 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

May 7—Mortgage

May 21—Catholic Home Missions

May 28—Barron Dempsey Fund

Your donations are needed and appreciated.



This week at our Church

### Parish Life This Week

#### Monday, May 1

5:00 PM Good Grief!!!

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF—Apologetics

#### Tuesday, May 2

7:00 PM Ministry to Sick & Homebound Mtg.

#### Wednesday, May 3

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:15 PM Works of Mary Book Club

#### Thursday, May 4

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

#### Friday, May 5

11:30 AM Adoration

#### Saturday, May 6

4:30 PM Rosary

#### Sunday, May 7

First Eucharist

May Crowning

8:30 AM Rosary

### Weekly Offering for:

April 22 & 23, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

### OFFERTORY:

Regular/Holy Day Offertory \$ 4,362.16

### ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 60.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 20.00

Haiti \$ 135.00

Altar Flowers \$ 348.49

Ladies' Guild \$ 83.84

Men's Club \$ 50.00

R.E. Fundraiser—Hopping for Haiti \$ 295.00

Roof Repair Fund \$ 48.46

Other \$ 51.25

**DIOC. COLLECTION - Rice Bowl \$ 166.00**

**Mortgage Balance \$ 27,750.83**

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 98

Sunday 229



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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The AED is located in the Commons by the fire extinguisher outside the office.

