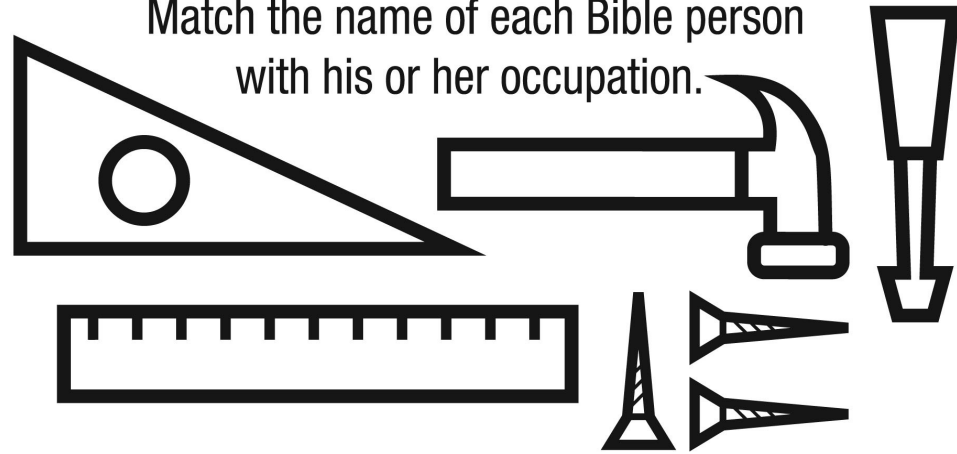


Puzzle!

Match the name of each Bible person with his or her occupation.



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| 1. Nehemiah | A. soldier |
| 2. Luke | B. carpenter |
| 3. Demetrius | C. cupbearer |
| 4. Matthew | D. clothseller |
| 5. Lydia | E. fisherman |
| 6. Joseph | F. shepherd |
| 7. Paul | G. tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. tailor |
| 9. Tabitha | I. silversmith |
| 10. Amos | J. priest |
| 11. Eli | K. tentmaker |
| 12. Peter | L. physician |

Answers: 1. C, 2. L, 3. I, 4. G, 5. D, 6. B, 7. K, 8. A, 9. H, 10. F, 11. J, 12. E

@ChurchArt Online

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 or 276-220-5545.



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.

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or an anniversary in the month of **MAY** a day filled with joy and wonderful surprises.



May you be blessed with good health and happiness in the coming year.

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



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

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains where he's taking us: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2).

What security to know that the *good* shepherd has prepared homes unique for each of us. Such knowledge gives us the freedom to let go of worry since he's already taken care of our needs. With that freedom, we can serve his kingdom first.

Even more exciting is that he gave us power in his service: "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). He gave our parish the gift of a mission to carry out his works here. Please give to our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Through it, we can do His works!

As of 5/4/2023:

Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 19,591.00
% of Goal	118%
Donors	43

We would like to thank all those who have already donated so generously to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of May 7 CANNED OR DRIED FRUIT

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Please join us in praying for the newest members to join our Eucharistic table on May 7, 2023.



Jaime Arocho
Anthony Bordino
Margaret Bordino
Lane Flemming
Leland Hall
Luke Hodges
Jocelyn Melms
Addyson Spady

May God's light guide you as you continue to grow in faith and love throughout the coming years.



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/goodshepherdvbs2023>

Rosary Making Class

May 20, 2023

10:00 AM—12:00 PM



Adults and children 10 years old and up are welcome to join us for a rosary making class. Younger, mature children with parental assistance are also welcome. All supplies and tools will be provided. A sign up sheet is located in the commons.



Works of Mary

The Ladies of the Works of Mary would like to thank our loving faith community for your prayers and support of our new ministry. With your donations, we've supplied rosaries to service members and civilians stationed in Iraq. We've begun a program for our children to learn prayers and learn about the saints through the holy cards you've supplies. We've repaired and restored broken rosaries for people, and we've grown closer to Our Lady as we seek to emulate her quiet and faithful way that leads us to fellowship with Our Lord. We are keeping you all in our prayers. Your continued donations of holy cards and rosaries (whole or broken—no piece is too small) will be most appreciated and put to good use.

ATTENTION!

The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd is launching its' new website on Friday, May 12, 2023. Go to cgsparish.org and check it out this Friday!



The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/cgsparish
Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org
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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

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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
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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.



May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Recently, I went through a period of spiritual dryness, and I questioned my ability to make faith the central tenet of my life. Although I had always loved reading Scripture, I felt I needed reassurance that God was truly present with me. So I did what many people do: I asked God for a sign that he was real. Nothing happened. The sky didn't open; doves and rays of light didn't magically appear announcing God's presence. Although I didn't receive what I envisioned as a "heavenly sign," I looked down at the Bible in my hands and realized that God's word, handed down through the millennia, had been my companion all this time and was indeed the "sign" I was looking for. Which is why Jesus' question to Philip in today's Gospel struck a chord with me: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" If Jesus asked me this same question, I want to be able to answer, "Yes, Lord, I know you through your sacred word, through partaking of the Eucharist and through the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit who is with me each and every day."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does "knowing Jesus" mean for me in my everyday life? It means hearing his words and acting on them: "I am the way and the truth and the life ... If you know me, then you will also know my Father." In following Christ, we know that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in him. Jesus Christ is God! And as we heard in the second reading from Peter, we are not Christians on a lonely road; we are living stones that form a spiritual house. We are "called out of darkness into his wonderful light," as he describes it. Therefore, let us not be afraid to lean on our fellow Christians when we need support. And then, of course, we turn to Jesus, the cornerstone, the bedrock of our faith, and rejoice in his love for us.

ACTION Faith is rarely a straight path – sometimes there are sharp curves, steep hills, or roadblocks. If you feel lost or could use someone to talk to about faith, reach out to your parish and ask about contacting a spiritual director. *Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your grace.*

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

How can we walk alongside the way and the truth and the life? We can be Christ to each other. As the body of Christ, we do his works. We offer our time, talent, or treasure to those in need. Let us ask Jesus how we can continue to build his kingdom on earth.

Gospel Focus:

Let us truly be the body of Christ by demonstrating the Father's love to others.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are continuously working toward putting on the mind of Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

Children: What are some ways you can imitate Jesus when you are on the playground or on a sports team?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of May



Evangelization: For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Pope Tweets:

"If you have dreams of true glory, not the glory of this passing world, but of the glory of God, this is the path to follow: the works of mercy give glory to God more than any other thing."

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

Building up the house of God

Acts 6 shows how differences and disputes were resolved in the church's early days. The Hellenist (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church.

The solution shows two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbors; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony.

As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers. We may wonder how this kind of growth in the church could be revived in our day. Is the word of the Lord still spreading or the number of disciples increasing? In St. Peter's letter, the church is imagined as a spiritual temple, with ourselves as living stones making up a living house of God. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'thy kingdom come'. This implies taking some responsibility for spreading the word and doing something to build up the church? We can work for God's kingdom by our daily conduct and attitudes.

The cornerstone of the church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, which has many rooms. So, there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each person has gifts of nature and grace, each should have a say in church life, as exemplified by the apostles in the first reading.

Many people today regard faith as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or distorted. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him.

(associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/7-may-2023-5th-Sunday-of-easter-a/)



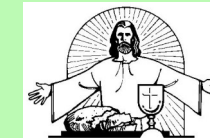
May is the Month of Our Lady

Considering a call to the priesthood?

"Love one another." "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest. Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Readings for the Week

Monday, May 8

Acts 14:5-8; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 10

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 11

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 12

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 14—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	May 8	No Mass	
Tues.	May 9	Noon	+Nancy Falbe
Wed.	May 10	Noon	Available
Thurs.	May 11	Noon	Available
Fri.	May 12	Noon	Available
Sat.	May 13	5:00 pm	Charles Hartig (Healing)
Sun.	May 14	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
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

Upcoming Special Collections

May 21—Catholic Home Missions

May 28—Barron Dempsey Fund

June 4—Mortgage

Your donations are needed and appreciated.



Parish Life This Week

Monday, May 8

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF—Apologetics

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

7:00 PM Ministry to the Sick Training

Wednesday, May 10

6:00 PM Liturgical Ministries Mtg.

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 11

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, May 13

1:30 PM Boy Scouts

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, May 14

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Mother's Day Breakfast



This week at our Church



Weekly Offering for:

April 29 & 30, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular/Holy Day Offertory \$ 5,367.56

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 145.00

Haiti \$ 35.00

Altar Flowers \$ 80.00

Catholic Virginian \$ 55.00

R.E. Fundraiser—Hopping for Haiti \$ 220.00

Roof Repair Fund \$ 100.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Catholic Relief Services \$ 50.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 27,750.83

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 120

Sunday 184



Thanks for Your Support!

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.

