



The Church of the Good Shepherd

300 Smithfield Boulevard, Smithfield, Virginia 23430
Website: www.cgsparish.org E-mail: admin@cgsparish.org
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.

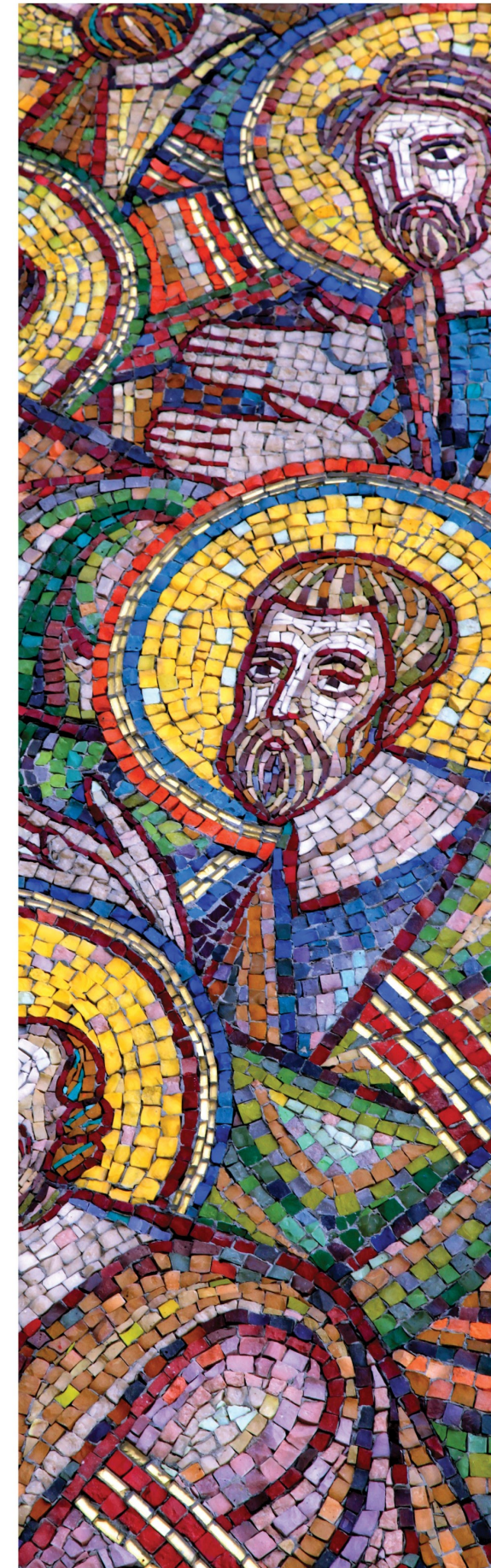
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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.



May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I know a few people whose method of book buying is to read the last few pages of a book first. They want to know if buying, or reading, the book is going to be worth it. As an avid bibliophile I find this to be something I could never do, but I understand their impulse. After all, it makes sense to want to have some kind of assurance that the journey one is taking – whether physical, spiritual, or literary – has a decent “payoff,” as it were. In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that when he leaves he will provide “another Advocate” for them. We see this truth in action in the first reading, as with the laying on of hands by the apostles, those who had been baptized in Jesus’ name “received the Holy Spirit.” Christ’s life, death, and resurrection not only conquered death and brought us new life, it made way for the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell among and within us. The Lord has not left us alone. So while we may have a sense of what the sequel to our journey is, we trust the author of our story to help us write the ending of this one.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The love of God and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit brought the earliest disciples, and us, to the journey – to our own story of a life of discipleship. And while the Bible is indeed “a book,” it is also a compilation of books, letters, and events, and more, that give words to a living history of salvation that began before time and is outside of time and eternal. The Good News cannot be contained in pages – it must be lived, shared, and loved. And yes, it is good to know how it ends, but even that pales in relation to the joy and worthiness of the reading and living of the Word. That is for us to experience, and to share! As much gratification as there is in sharing our favorite new bestseller, we need to double and revamp our efforts when it comes to the Gospel. Give it away freely, to everyone, and shout out the ending. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit sets us free to love him and one another.

STUDY In order to truly live the Word and spread it to others as Jesus commanded, we must be familiar with the Scriptures. The *Word on Fire Bible*, featuring the Gospels only, is well-designed and includes commentary from Bishop Robert Barron as well as Church Fathers and recent saints and Catholic authors.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

All three readings today mention the reception and action of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation in the Spirit completes Christian initiation in Samaria. Jesus, the model of Christian behavior, was brought to risen life in the Spirit. He bestows the Spirit of Truth on those who keep his commandments. As we approach the Eucharist, let us thank God for his gracious gift.

Gospel Focus:

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to those who follow him.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are intentional about developing their relationship with the triune God.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What difficulties have you overcome because of your belief in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Children: When are some times you need the help of the Holy Spirit?

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:

"Faith was passed down from generation to generation through life, through witnesses who brought the flame of the Gospel, the joy of the saving love of Jesus, and the hope of his promise. Faith grows through witness."

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

A Mother's Day Prayer

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb. You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others—of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

~Prayer from MothersDayCelebration.com



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
May 19, 2023 at 11:30 AM

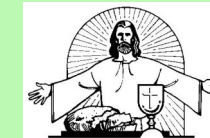
Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.
Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Considering a call to the priesthood?

"Whoever loves me will keep my word." Are you called to bring the word of Christ to his flock? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Readings for the Week

Monday, May 15

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 16

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 17

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 18*

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 19

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 20

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 21—The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	May 15	No Mass	
Tues.	May 16	Noon	Available
Wed.	May 17	Noon	Available
Thurs.	May 18	Noon	+Tom Gatti
Fri.	May 19	Noon	+Courtney Horvath
Sat.	May 20	5:00 pm	+Carl Trentham
Sun.	May 21	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

May 21—Diocesan Home Missions

May 28—Barron Dempsey Fund

June 4—Mortgage

*Your donations are needed and appreciated.



Parish Life This Week

Monday, May 15

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF—Apologetics

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 PM Ministry to the Sick Training

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 AM Divine Mercy

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Ladies' Guild

7:00 PM Men's Club

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 18

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, May 19

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, May 20

10:00 AM Rosary Making Class

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Cookies

Sunday, May 21

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Doughnuts

Weekly Offering for:

May 6 & 7, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular/Holy Day Offertory \$ 7,718.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 1,632.00

Haiti \$ 635.00

Altar Flowers \$ 100.00

Catholic Virginian \$ 5.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 17.00

Other \$ 20.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Home Missions \$ 2.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 27,750.83

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 105

Sunday 243



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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Happy Mother's Day!