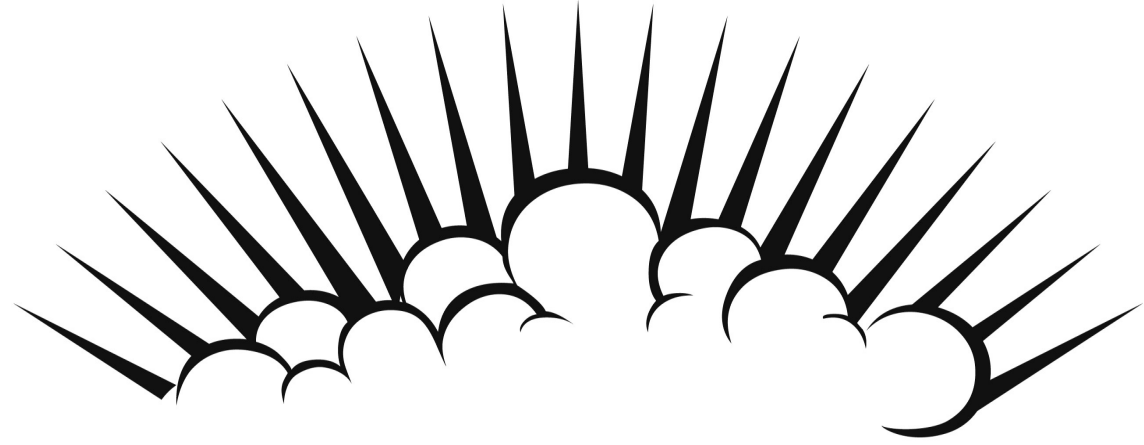




Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,
 'Y_ _ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_
 G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r.'"

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

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COMMUNITY LIFE, NEWS & EVENTS

Annual Haiti Fund Drive

The annual Haiti Fund Drive to support our twin parish in Croix Fer, Haiti runs through the end of June. Your gracious donations help Good Shepherd support our twin parish's schools by providing teacher salaries and the only meal of the day for most of the students. One hundred percent of the funds collected go directly to Haiti. The easiest way to donate is through our parish e-giving page on the parish website. Father Camy, the students and teachers appreciate our loyal support to St. Anthony of Padua. Can you spare \$100.00? \$50? Please see Mary Ellen Bebermeyer or Dave Maltby for further



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

Have you made your pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal? Donations are still being accepted. Visit the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal website at: <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal-2/> to make your donation today.



As of 6/12/2023:

Goal	\$ 16,540.00
Pledges & Cash	\$ 21,595.00
% of Goal	131%
Donors	45

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



"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER".

(Pope John Paul II)

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Only 25 couples per weekend so register soon! Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are the remaining local experiences for 2023:

- September 22-24 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon
- November 17-19 at Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach

Check out our new website at cgsparish.org for updates and more information!



FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

What is God saying to you?



Adult Faith is happening every Sunday after Mass. Come and take a "Deeper Dive" into the Sunday Gospel readings with Michael Matthews. Our summer schedule will meet in the classroom across from the kitchen.

Works of Mary Book Club announces *The Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux* will be discussed



- June 7 & 21
- July 5 & 19
- August 2 & 16
- September 6 & 20
- October 4 & 18
- November 8
- 7:15 PM-8:15 PM

Contact Johanna Arocho at worksofmary@gmail.com

Prayer for Fathers

God Our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.



We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

(thecatholictelegraph.com/a-prayer-for-dad-on-fathers-day/14841. Prayer source Lordcalls.com)



**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of June 18
 BAKED BEANS/KIDNEY BEANS**

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





The Church of the Good Shepherd

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Summer Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 10 AM to 4 PM,
Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Friday—CLOSED
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
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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.



June 18, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36–10:8

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

As a teenager, I was someone you might call “Suzy high school.” I played sports, was president of my class, had many friends, etc. But there were times I made some bad choices and ended up having to face my parents with the truth. I remember being afraid of what they would think, even wondering if my actions would make them love me less. Thankfully, I was blessed with incredible parents whose loving lessons throughout my life pointed me toward our Father’s love. St. Paul gives us a glimpse of how deep the love of our Father is in the second reading: “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” God loves us so completely that even before we approach him to ask for forgiveness, his arms are open wide. Look up at the cross and let that abundant, unending love wash over you. Reflect on what is said in the first reading from the Book of Exodus: “Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we respond to this great love we have been shown by our heavenly Father? Jesus is pretty clear on this topic, isn't he? “Love one another as I have loved you.” Not a lot of ambiguity or nuance there. Daunting? Doesn't need to be. The words of today's responsorial psalm proclaim: “Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.” His flock is all of us - including the poor, the depressed, the lonely. Perhaps we can challenge ourselves this summer to step out in service to God's flock by calling on someone in our own lives who may feel marginalized, frightened, or anxious, and be the hands and feet of our Father to them. Perhaps they do not know the depth of our Father's love and we can reassure them of this. In today's Gospel Jesus says: “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” We have been blessed by the sacrifice of the Lamb, and it is our responsibility to share that blessing with others.

ACTION One of the ministries I enjoy contributing to in my area is a Foster Closet. It stocks blankets, clothing, backpacks, toys, and many other products to allow foster children to have quality shopping experiences. If there is one near you, you might find that supporting these vulnerable children is a simple way to let them know they are infinitely worthy of God's love.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

God's heart has been *moved with pity* for us throughout salvation history. God sees us in our wanderings, like sheep without a shepherd. Our readings today weave together a tender saga of God's loving care as he works to gather us back unto himself.

Gospel Focus:

The kingdom of heaven is at hand.



"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: What responsibility do you have to the less fortunate, and how actively are you meeting it?

Children: In what ways can you be generous to others this week?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of June



Evangelization: For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Pope Tweets:

"If we live like sons and daughters, brothers and sisters on earth, people will come to know that all of us have a Father in heaven."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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



Today's Reflection

Communitarian Church

At a time when the role of Church is sometimes confusedly understood even by Christians, our Scriptures remind us that Christianity from the beginning was communitarian in nature. Jesus never intended an individualistic do-it-yourself approach to salvation.

Paul tells us that we are called and brought into a special relationship with God not because of anything we have done. We are justified and reconciled with God because of the death and resurrection of Christ. It is not something we can do on our own. Exodus also assures us that it was God who brought Israel to Sinai. It was on God's initiative that salvation or the freeing of Israel from the slavery of Egypt was accomplished. Jesus too had compassion and pity and sent the apostles forth to continue his work of preaching the Good News.

We are reminded also of our new relationship with God because of what God has done for us. The beautiful images in our first reading and Gospel recall this intimacy. "I bore you on eagle wings," "You shall be my special possession," and "his heart was moved to pity" are all ways of telling us how God has loved us. Paul reminds us that Christ's death is a sign of that love. That love too, he tells us, is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

We live today in that special relationship, with the corresponding obligations that we have as God's people. The message of Good News is not meant only for ourselves. God reminded Israel that "all the earth is mine." Like the apostles, we too are sent forth with power to proclaim the goodness of our God.

(verbatim from: associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/18-june-2023-11th-sunday-a/)

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW -
AND HE IS CALLING YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!**



The Year of Parish Revival
June 11, 2023—July 17, 2024
"Behold, I make all things new."
(Rev. 21:5)

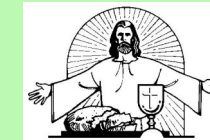
Visit eucharisticrevival.org for more information and to find out what you can do.

Considering a call to the priesthood

How do you hope to share in God's glory ... as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Father Brian W. Capuano or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**June 18, 2023
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Readings for the Week

- Monday, June 19**
2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday, June 20**
2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday, June 21**—St. Aloysius Gonzaga
2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday, June 22**
2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15
- Friday, June 23**
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday, June 24**—Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Sunday, June 25**—**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	June 19	No Mass	
Tues.	June 20	Noon	Available
Wed.	June 21	Noon	Available
Thurs.	June 22	Noon	Available
Fri.	June 23	Noon	Available
Sat	June 24	5:00 pm	+Kathy Lash
Sun.	June 25	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 – Thursday 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

- July 2—Mortgage**
- July 23—Altar Flowers**

*Your donations are needed and appreciated.



PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Parish Life This Week



- Monday, June 19**
1:00 PM VBS
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- Tuesday, June 20**
10:30 AM AFF—The Eucharist
1:00 PM VBS
7:00 PM AFF—The Eucharist
- Wednesday, June 21**
1:00 PM VBS
6:00 PM OCIA
7:00 PM Men's Club & Ladies' Guild
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM Works of Mary Book Club
- Thursday, June 22**
1:00 PM VBS
6:00 PM Finance Council
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday, June 23**
1:00 PM VBS
- Saturday, June 24**
4:30 PM Rosary
6:00 PM KOVAR collection
- Sunday, June 25**
8:30 AM Rosary
10:00 AM KOVAR collection

Weekly Offering for:

June 10 & 11, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 5,865.38

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular/Holy Day Offertory \$ 5,005.81

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 355.00
Haiti \$ 610.00
Barron Dempsey \$ 55.60
Religious Ed—VBS donations \$ 300.00
Other \$ 30.00

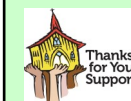
DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Peter's Pence \$ 769.14

Mortgage Balance \$ 27,750.83

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 109
Sunday 201



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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!