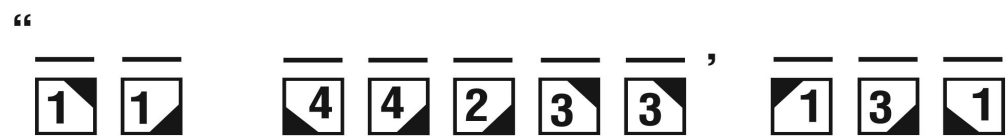


# Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message and Bible verse, using the code below.



Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

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## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

### Knights of Columbus News

The Father Michael McGivney Guild, which promotes the sainthood cause for the founder of the Knights of Columbus, invites all Catholics and their families to join this thriving community of prayer and spiritual support. Membership is FREE. The benefits include a quarterly newsletter with updates on the canonization cause and a weekly Mass offered for your intentions. Blessed Michael McGivney was beatified in 2020 and needs a second miracle attributed to his intercession to be raised to sainthood. To join the Guild, visit [fathermcgivney.org](http://fathermcgivney.org) where you can also submit your petitions and report any favors received. Use this QR code to assist with your registration.



### August is National Make-a-Will Month

Everyone should have an estate plan to act as a steward of God's blessings, protect what they love, and pass their faith and values on to the next generation. **Sunday, August 20th has been designated Make-a-Will Sunday.** The Diocese of Richmond has partnered with FreeWill again this year to provide an opportunity for you to create or update a will in just 20 minutes for free and put all your intentions into action.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Make-a-Will Sunday! Flyers are available at the entrance to the church with more information.



### Volunteers Needed!

Riverside At Home is in need of Hospice Care Volunteers. With specialized training, the volunteers assist the teams in a variety of areas including:

- +Patient companionship
- +Family and caregiver respite
- +Pet therapy
- +Team member and clerical support
- +Bereavement support

To learn more about volunteering with Riverside Hospice, please call us at 757-594-2745 or 757-782-6110, visit us online at [riversideonline.com/hospice](http://riversideonline.com/hospice).

At Riverside Hospice, their focus is on living life to its fullest, regardless of the diagnosis.



**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of August 13**  
CEREAL OR OATMEAL

## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation / Eucharistic Revival

#### Want to Learn More about Eucharistic Miracles?

Come, have a transformational experience, and see the importance, centrality, and literal awe and wonder of Eucharistic miracles as historical testimony to the power of God's real presence in the sacrament. Renew your devotion to the Eucharist and realize the incredible truth and key importance of His physical presence as a profound foundation for your faith. The short video and discussions take place **after Mass on August 19, 20 & 22.** Sign-ups will be in the Commons.

Let's pray for the inner conversion of those who doubt the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist that they too may one day soon say like the doubting St. Thomas: "My Lord and My God".



### This is My Body



The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Take time to learn more about the center of our Catholic faith by reading *This is My Body, A Call to Eucharistic Revival* by Bishop Robert Barron. Copies are still available in the Commons are yours to take with or without a donation.

**Book discussions will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 19 & 26 at 12:30 pm and 7 pm.**



### CATECHISTS NEEDED

Are you searching for a way to increase your faith? Are you looking for a path to sainthood by performing a spiritual act of mercy each week? Are you eager to learn and great with patience? If this describes you, then you are being called to be a catechist! Our parish K-8 primary grade children are in need of those who would willingly devote just an hour of your Sunday to discovering what it is we love about God. Are you willing to participate in God's plan for you?

Contact Lara Detrich at [formation@cqsparish.org](mailto:formation@cqsparish.org) for more information.



### 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.



# The Roman Catholic 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](mailto:pastor@cgsparish.org)

**Admin Assistant** - Vicki Dobbins, [admin@cgsparish.org](mailto:admin@cgsparish.org)

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**Youth Ministry** – Scott Watterson, [youthministry@cgsparish.org](mailto: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** - Lisa & Aine Lewandowski

**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** - Shawn Huffaker, [gk17335@vakofc.org](mailto:gk17335@vakofc.org)

**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.

August 13, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

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

Unlike with our other important relationships, God isn't exactly someone we can meet for coffee and look into his eyes while having a conversation. Whether we talk to God in our mind or out loud, we recognize that even with a good prayer life it can sometimes be difficult to cultivate and maintain a relationship with God. Doubters and unbelievers are quick to remind us how impossible it is to believe what we cannot see or hear, but today's readings also remind us that God doesn't speak to us as another human being would. Maybe he doesn't speak with the booming voice of a preacher or a politician, and maybe he doesn't write direct messages for us in the sky or sand, but God does speak. Perhaps, like Elijah, we tend to expect God to communicate with huge gestures, such as strong wind that crushes rocks, or earthquakes or fires; but we hear today that God spoke to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound." It's not unlike a very good teacher who doesn't need to raise her voice to get her students' attention when they lose focus - she has their respect and simply needs to speak normally and calmly and the students quiet down, pay attention, and listen. When we still our hearts and minds and listen, in prayer, let us be confident we will hear God's voice.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Perhaps in order to hear God's voice in our lives we need to fine-tune our "hearing." First, how can we hear if we do not have faith? Jesus called Peter out of the boat and into stormy waters, and though he was able to walk on water for a time, Peter began to sink because he became afraid. Doubt or fear can hamper our ability to listen to the Lord clearly; don't let it cloud your love for Christ! Second, we must keep in mind the many ways God speaks to us: his Word (the Bible), the writings of the saints and Church Fathers, our Catholic Tradition, other people God has placed in our lives, and the "tiny whispering sound" we might hear only within our heart. Stay attuned to God's voice; the rewards are heavenly.

**INVITATION** Ignatian spirituality – meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices – may help us recognize and truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. The Daily Examen is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day which might help us identify the movement of the Holy Spirit in those moments. Give it a try.



**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

It was in the tiny, whispering sound that Elijah experienced the Lord's presence. It is a good reminder for us that sometimes God is in the storm, sometimes he is in the whisper, sometimes he is the calming presence walking on the water. His love and mercy abound, and we need simply to keep our eyes on him and reach out our hand when we need help.

**Gospel Focus:**

The Lord is abounding in love and mercy, but he isn't always "loud."



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**

Are willing to publicly profess their faith in Christ and their love for Him.

**FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** When have you doubted God's loving care for you?

**Children:** What helps you keep trying even when you are afraid?

**PRAYER AND VOCATIONS**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of August**



**Evangelization: For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**Pope Tweets:**

"God does not call those who feel capable, but those He calls, He makes capable."

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

Barbara & Jim Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Shirley Mutter, Betty Nagy, Elizabeth Perry, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." (Psalm 85)

**PRAYER & VOCATIONS**

**Try the Daily Examen** by Mark Thibodeaux, SJ

Ignatius provides a simple five-step routine for our daily Examen:



**\*Give thanksgiving.** I begin by giving God thanks for all the things I'm grateful for today. I allow my mind to wander as I reflect on the ways God has blessed me on this particular day. I allow big things and small things to arise—everything from the gift of my faith, to the gift of my marriage, to the easy commute to work today.

**\*Ask for the Spirit.** Next, I want to look at the moments in my day when I did not act so well. However, before doing so, I ask God to fill me with his Spirit so that the Spirit can lead me through this difficult soul-searching. Otherwise, I'm liable to hide in denial, wallow in self-pity, or seethe in self-loathing.

**\*Review and recognize failures.** I look back at my day and ask the Lord to point out to me the moments when I have failed in big ways or small. I take a sobering look at the mistakes I've made this day.

**\*Ask for forgiveness and healing.** If I have sinned, I ask God to forgive me and set me straight again. If I have not sinned but simply made a mistake, I ask for healing of any harm that might have been done. I ask for help to get over it and move on. I also ask for wisdom to discern how I might better handle such tricky moments in the future.

**\*Pray about the next day.** I ask God to show me how tomorrow might go. I imagine the things I'll be doing, the people I'll see, and the decisions I'll be milling over. I ask for help with any moments I foresee that might be difficult. I especially ask for help in moments when I might be tempted to fail in the way I did today.

(loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/ignation-spirituality/examen-and-ignation-prayer/how-can-i-pray-try-the-daily-examen/)

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

(Holyday of Obligation)

**Mass Times: Monday, August 14 @ 7PM (Vigil)**

**Tuesday, August 15 @ NOON**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**August 18, 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**

Are you called to lead the Lord's people to the eternal city that he has prepared for them as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

**August 13, 2023**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, August 14**—St. Maximilian Kolbe

Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 15**—*The Assumption of Mary*

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday, August 16**

Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday, August 17**

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday, August 18**

Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday, August 19**

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday, August 20**—*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	August 14	7:00 pm	Available
Tues.	August 15	Noon	Available
Wed.	August 16	Noon	+Janet Kneisel
Thurs.	August 17	Noon	+Betty Dougan
Fri.	August 18	Noon	Family of St. Monica Guild
Sat.	August 19	5:00 pm	+Mary Horning
Sun.	August 20	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](http://www.cgsparish.org)

click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

**Upcoming Special Collections**

**August 15—Assumption of Mary**

**August 20—Barron Dempsey Fund**



\*Your donations are needed and appreciated.

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



**Parish Life This Week**



**Monday, August 14**

7:00 PM Vigil Mass for the Assumption

**Tuesday, August 15**

*The Assumption of Mary*

12:00 PM Mass

**Wednesday, August 16**

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Ministry

**Thursday, August 17**

9:00 AM Works of Mary

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Friday, August 18**

11:30 AM Adoration

**Saturday, August 19**

4:30 PM Rosary

6:15 PM Eucharistic Miracles

**Sunday, August 20**

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Eucharistic Miracles

**Weekly Offering for:**

**August 5 & 6, 2023**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offertory \$ 7,006.16

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Mortgage \$ 1,771.26

Haiti \$ 135.00

Catholic Virginian \$ 10.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 55.00

Parking Lot Repair \$ 50.00

Roof Repair Fund \$ 100.00

**Mortgage Balance** \$ 23,895.11

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Saturday 113

Sunday 155



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

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**