

Puzzle!

Starting on the bold word, follow the maze to read a Bible passage. Move from one box to another if the sides or corners touch. Some boxes are used multiple times.

PROVERBS 2:3-5, NIV

Answer: If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5, NIV

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WHAT DO ANGELS HAVE TO DO WITH A DISHWASHER?



The Good Shepherd Ladies' Guild is raising money to purchase a new dishwasher for our church kitchen. If we can raise enough money, we will be able to eat our special parish meals on our good china.

This is where you, our fellow parishioners, come in. BEGINNING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 we will begin raffling off two beautiful Angel Figurines at the Religious Goods Store. We will sell tickets for \$2.00 each and 3 for \$5.00. You will be able to decide which figurine you want to put your ticket on or put some on both. The more you buy, the more chances you have to win.

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT OUR PARISH PICNIC.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of the new dishwasher which will benefit all ministries here at Good Shepherd.



We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **SEPTEMBER** a day filled with goodness, and may you be reminded of God's love and mercy today and all the days of your life.

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



Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Marriage Retreat! Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one." How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.

Upcoming dates:

- September 22-24, 2023—Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon
- November 17-19, 2023—Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach



The parish office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 4, 2023** in observance of the holiday.

FAITH FORMATION



National Eucharistic Revival

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 and 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.



Religious Education Registration For Grades K-8 Has Begun!

Forms are available in the Commons.

First class is September 24th after Mass.

Come and join us as we continue to grow in faith and love.



Missed the first Liturgy of the Hours presentation?

Come to the next one on Sunday, September 17th right after Mass! Repeat attendees are welcome to soak up some more info! Sign-up in the Commons at the audacious stand. The program will last approximately 45 minutes.

See Scott Watterson for more information.

Divine Mercy

The next meeting is **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 10AM—12:00PM (Noon).**

We focus on the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and St. Faustina's Diary. All are welcome to join us!



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the souls of **Jim Bonney, Katherine Brooks & Shirley Mutter** who passed away last week. May the Lord grant eternal rest unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of September 3 CEREAL OR OATMEAL



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10AM-3PM

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 - 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

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

Works of Mary - Johanna Arocho

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.

September 3, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

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

I am glad I was duped. Yep, the illusionist in the show we attended had me fooled into seeing something one way and it turns out it was completely false. The show was entertaining, and worth the time and expense we invested to enjoy it. And ... it may be the only circumstance where the word “duped” can be used in the same sentence as “glad.” That certainly wasn’t Jeremiah’s experience! His prayer reflects frustration and hurt, and even a little bit of disgust at how he has been treated because of the Lord: “I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more.” But then, even in his discontent and disillusion, he holds on to the truth. For right after this rebellious admission, he confesses that the need to prophesy “becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.” He knows he was never really duped – there was no lie from the Lord. And the fact is, he believes and trusts in the Lord enough to pray to him in the first place; even in his prayer of lament he is praising the Lord as God and redeemer. Jeremiah’s example is a good one for us: Never lose sight of the Lord as our God. Pray to him; give over our frustrations to him; and allow him to be the fire burning in our heart that we cannot quench.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Reading today’s Gospel leaves me feeling awkward and even embarrassed for St. Peter. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, calling the first pope Satan and telling Peter to get behind him – *super* embarrassing, especially when Peter had good intentions in trying to protect Jesus. What’s the old saying, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions”? There’s another axiom, a little less dire but just as pointed: “People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg.” Intentions matter – but how we enact and employ those intentions are important, too. Christ tells us in today’s Gospel, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Faith in God, believing in his promises, and wanting to obey his commandments are wonderful and essential – and they are the foundation of a life lived for Christ. But they are not the entirety of it, and while denying ourselves and taking up our cross is never easy, it is necessary. “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” Christ asks. Let’s pray for the grace of pure intentions and the strength to live them in service to the Lord.

PRAY Heavenly Father, uncover my eyes and reveal any obstacles keeping me from thinking as you do. Give me the courage to overcome these obstacles, and grant me the strength to take up my cross and follow you, even in the face of difficulty. I ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.



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LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he would have to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. The disciples did not immediately understand, but we know that those who wish to follow Jesus into eternal life must take up their cross as well. For whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Gospel Focus:

Take up [your] cross, and follow me.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are continuously changing and repenting.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What has it meant to you to take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Children: When has it been hard to be a follower of Jesus?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of September



Evangelization: For People living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Pope Tweets:

"Love alone extinguishes hatred. Love alone ultimately triumphs over injustice. Love alone makes room for others. Love alone is the path towards full communion among us."

Please Remember in Prayer:



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

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." (Psalm 63)

Prayer to Begin a School Year



Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers and staff, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

Follow Your Vocation to Serve



Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves. Qualifications for formation to the permanent diaconate include, but are not limited to the following:

- A Roman Catholic for a minimum of five years at time of application.
- Registered parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond for five years at the time of application, and active in the parish community.
- Between the ages of 30 and 59 at the time of application.
- Committed to and living out values of justice, charity and service.
- Demonstrates grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches, openness to formation and has demonstrated leadership.

Following these sessions, a new cohort of permanent deacons will be formed in 2024. Our permanent deacons are assigned to a parish where they exercise liturgical and catechetical ministries within their parish communities. Deacons hold roles both in their church and in a variety of secular professions, showing how unique this vocation is. Please prayerfully discern whether you may be called to join a thriving and essential vocation to serve the Church in a new way. For those interested, visit the Permanent Diaconate page on richmonddiocese.org or email gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org. If you feel the call, talk to your pastor!

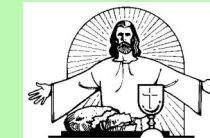


Considering a call to the priesthood

Is God calling you to priesthood? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



September 3, 2023 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the Week

Monday, September 4

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday, September 9—St. Peter Claver

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 10—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	September 4	No Mass	
Tues.	September 5	Noon	Available
Wed.	September 6	Noon	+Jim Bonney
Thurs.	September 7	Noon	Available
Fri.	September 8	Noon	Victoria Iraneta
Sat.	September 9	5:00 pm	+Richard Gutleber
Sun.	September 10	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

September 10—Catholic Virginian

September 17—Religious Education



*Your donations are needed and appreciated.

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



This week at our Church

Parish Life This Week

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 6

10:00 AM Salt & Light

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Ministry

7:15 PM WOM Book Club

Thursday, September 7

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

6:30 PM Boy Scout Comm. Mtg.

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, September 9

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Altar Server Training

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM Rosary

10:30 AM K of C Installation

Weekly Offering for:

August 26 & 27, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory \$ 5,571.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 375.00

Haiti \$ 35.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 108.00

Parking Lot Repair \$ 50.00

Roof Repair \$ 10.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 22,602.33

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 104

Sunday 167

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Thanks for Your Support!

If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website www.cgsparish.org or contact the parish office.



Welcome TO OUR church