

PUZZLE

POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do – any time and anywhere.

Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

1 apple anxious artichoke	2 every eagle emu	3 purple pink prayer	4 Paul petition Peter	5 taste touch thanksgiving
6 rest requests relax	7 God George Greg	8 puddle peace pond	9 transcends train truck	10 unusual unique understanding
11 guard giraffe gorilla	12 hearts hold held	13 many minds more	14 Philadelphia Pennsylvania Philippians	

“Do not be _____¹ about anything, but in _____² situation, by _____³ and _____⁴, with _____⁵, present your _____⁶ to _____⁷. And the _____⁸ of God, which _____⁹ all _____¹⁰, will _____¹¹ your _____¹² and your _____¹³ in Christ Jesus.” _____¹⁴ 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians

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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.

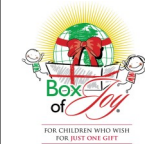
This is where you, our fellow parishioners, come in. We are raffling off two beautiful Angel Figurines at the Religious Goods Store. We will sell tickets for \$2.00 each and 3 for \$5.00. You will be able to decide which figurine you want to put your ticket on or put some on both. The more you buy, the more chances you have to win. Or, we will also accept any monetary donations toward the purchase.

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.



Box of Joy Ministry Project



Once again, the Knights of Columbus Council 17335 has partnered with Cross Catholic Outreach to bring its *Box of Joy* Ministry Project to our Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd Parish. Parishioners are invited to take home a box and fill it with items for boys and girls ranging from ages 2 to 15. **A \$9.00 donation per box is required** to cover international shipping costs to the child.

Boxes can be returned to the parish before November 5th and left in the designated area. Packing a Box of Joy is always a wonderful work of mercy for families. For more information, please contact Joe Campo at 757-357-2287 or the parish office at 757-365-0579. Thank you for your generosity!

DO YOU NEED APPLES?



Boy Scout Troop 7 will be taking orders for fresh picked Virginia apples before and after Mass on October 14/15 and October 21/22. Apples will be ready for pick-up on October 28. Please contact Brendan Wesdock at bwesdock@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Arrangements for visits to the sick and homebound are to be made only by family members of the person needing the visit or by that person themselves. Please make your request to Deacon Stan (276) 220-5545 or through the parish office.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of October 8
BAKED BEANS/KIDNEY BEANS

Learn to Lead Capital Campaign



Thanks very much to all of you who participated in the Learn to Lead Special Collection last weekend! We appreciate you contributing to this campaign. If you were unable to join us for the Special Collection weekend, there is still time to give! To make a secure online gift now, please visit:

learntoleadcampaign.org.



A Mom's Group, "THE WORKS OF MARY,"

will meet again on

Tuesday, October 10 @ 9 AM!

All moms are welcome to join us for faith and fellowship.

PARISH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY

October 15 @ 12:00 PM

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!



Sign-up in the Commons if you plan on attending and what you will be bringing to share with the faith community. Contact Teri Gordon or Debbi Gatti for more information.

Souper Saturday

Saturday, October 14, 2023

11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Dine-in and Drive-through available

Trinity Methodist Church
201 Cedar Street, Smithfield

Cost: \$8 per lunch (Large portion of homemade soup, 2 ham biscuits, dessert and a drink)

For more information or to donate/volunteer, contact: Cris Lawrence (757) 810-4165 / (757) 356-9267 or email: cop@iowcop.net

Sponsored by IOW Christian Outreach Program



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

Registration Updates Needed !

Help us keep our records updated! If you have had an address, email change, phone number, birth, death, or grown children who have moved out on their own, please contact the parish office with these changes. Don't forget us when life events occur. Thank you in advance.





The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

300 Smithfield Boulevard, Smithfield, Virginia 23430

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Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org

Office: (757) 365-0579 Fax: (757) 365-0994 Rectory: (757) 542-3879

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

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.

October 8, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

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

Vineyards were important to the socio-economic structure and well-being of the ancient near east peoples. It would be disastrous for someone to plant and then cultivate a vineyard only for it to be overrun by wild grapes. It would have to be destroyed in order for it to be replanted and recover, which would be financially impossible for most people of that era. So when Isaiah prophesies about God's plan for his vineyard – that is, his people, Israel – it is attention-worthy for its radical nature. Isaiah says that even with all of the Lord's care and cultivation, his people have failed to grow, and they have devolved into idolatry and disobedience. So the Lord will bring his vineyard to ruin. Here's the good news contained (but unspoken in these verses) in that prophecy, however: The Lord will "start over," with a new covenant. And the Word which he sends forth in his Son will be the vine from which all other branches will arise and flourish. Though he will be killed for his message as prophets and messengers before him were, the Son in his victory over death will be the one who gives us the inheritance other tenants have sought. As Jesus himself says in today's Gospel "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." And on this cornerstone is built our salvation.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is much to love here on our earthly home – fragrant flowers, beautiful sunsets, and compassionate people. Still, it can be a place of great pain and sadness at times. It can be easy to feel angry and resentful when we encounter the imperfections of the world – when we experience heartache, loss, disappointment. Although working in the Lord's vineyard can be both joyful and heartbreaking, it is up to us to do our best to help it produce fruit until it is time to head to our heavenly home. It is our inheritance, as Christ has made us coheirs with him. St. Paul encourages us to "Have no anxiety at all." Surely, that is easier said than done, but the great Apostle tells us that by our prayers and petitions, "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

PRAY When we pray to God, we should follow the example of the saints who came before us. St. Paul notes: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Our prayers are a time to make requests of God but also should be used for thanksgiving. As St. Paul directs, we should make note of all those things that are true, just, lovely, or otherwise worthy of praise.



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LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Both the first reading and the Gospel describe the people of Israel as a vineyard. God has given them everything they need, sending prophets and even his own Son. Yet the vines have yielded wild grapes, and the prophets and the Son have been killed. The kingdom of God will be taken away from those who reject Christ and given instead to believers in Christ, who will produce its fruit.

Gospel Focus:

If we remain in Christ, we will bear fruit.



"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: What would your reaction be if you found that someone you thought you could trust was taking money from you without your knowledge? How would you handle the situation?

Children: What would you do if you found out that a friend had not been loyal to you?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of October



Evangelization: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Pope Tweets:

"The Lord Jesus has entrusted the Gospel to us so that we might bear His light into the world's darkness. Please, do not extinguish this light in you, but share it, so that fraternity might shine forth?"

Please Remember in Prayer:

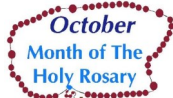


Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lungert, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Betty Nagy, Elizabeth Perry, Alice Reece, Jean Wechsler, Irene White, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Prayer

Our Lady of the Rosary, you care for each of us with tender motherly love. You wish us to truly turn to you so that you may care for us as a mother. Please bring all of our needs before the throne of your Divine Son, and we particularly ask today that you pray that we and all people may grow in true devotion to you!



Amen.
(praymorenovenas.com/our-lady-of-the-rosary-novena)

Throughout history, the Blessed Mother tells us again and again that we can turn to her when we are expecting sorrow, pain, disillusionment, or feeling alone and distant from God and others. Mary, our Blessed Mother, prays with us when we pray the Rosary.

(www.thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com)



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Sharon Lewandowski** who passed away last week. May the Lord grant eternal rest unto her and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



We all treasure spending time with those we love! In Adoration you can spend quality time with Jesus, keeping him company as you would a dear friend. What can you do during your time with God? Pray the Rosary or Liturgy of the Hours, read the Bible, read about the lives of Saints, talk to Him about all that is going on in your life, tell Him how much you love Him, and **enjoy just being in His Presence!** Sign up to spend a Holy Hour with God on the weekend of October 21&22 or between the Masses on November 1, All Saints Day. Sign-up sheets are located in the Commons.



Prayer Service with Communion
October 10-12, 2023
at 12:00 PM (Noon)

Considering a call to the priesthood

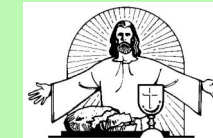
Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and follow Christ as a priest? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

October 8, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the Week

Monday, October 9

Jon 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 10

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 11

Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 12

Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 13

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 14

Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 15—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	October 9	11:00 am	Available
Tues.	October 10	Noon	Prayer Serv. with Comm.
Wed.	October 11	Noon	Prayer Serv. with Comm.
Thurs.	October 12	Noon	Prayer Serv. With Comm.
Fri.	October 13	Noon	Available
Sat	October 14	5:00 pm	+Abby Pruett
Sun.	October 15	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

October 15—Altar Flowers
October 22—World Missions



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



Parish Life This Week

Monday, October 9

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 AM Works of Mary

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

12:30 PM AFF

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF

7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, October 11

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Ministry

Thursday, October 12

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, October 14

10:00 AM Rosary Making

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, October 15

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Religious Education

11:15 AM Play Practice

12:00 PM Parish Picnic

Weekly Offering for:

September 30 & October 1 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory \$ 7,287.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 695.00

Haiti \$ 135.00

Catholic Virginian \$ 10.00

Religious Education \$ 60.00

Roof Repair Fund \$ 200.00

Other \$ 165.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

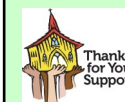
Retired Religious \$ 100.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 21,304.69

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 88

Sunday 228



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