



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but love your neig_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; plead the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown you, O mortal, what is go____. ... To act **justly** and to love me_____ and to walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them d _____ to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

- father_____
- pe_____
- venge_____
- od_____
- rcy_____
- op_____
- hbor_____
- humb_____
- cas_____
- tice_____

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Box of Joy Ministry Project
Have you returned your filled Box of Joy?



Please return your filled box by **November 5!**
Don't forget that a **\$9.00 donation per box is required** to cover international shipping costs to the child.
For more information, please contact Joe Campo at 757-357-2287 or the parish office at 757-365-0579. Thank you for your generosity!



The Annual Wine Tasting
hosted by the Men's Club
will be held on

Friday, November 10, 2023
from 7-9:00 PM in the Commons.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person. You must be 21 years old to attend. All proceeds go to the parish.



THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR DISHWASHER FUNDRAISER!

We raised \$638.00 towards the new dishwasher.

The winners of the angel figurines were Nancy Alberghine and Cindy Taylor!
We're getting to our goal slowly but surely.
Thanks to all!!!



REMINDER! DON'T BE LATE!
Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 5!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before bed next Saturday.



A Parish "Meal of Thanks"
Friday, November 17, 2023
6:30 PM in the Commons



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of October 29
MUFFIN/BISCUIT MIX

"I love you, Lord, my strength." (Psalm 18)

FAITH FORMATION

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)



Next Sunday, November 5, in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we celebrate the Rite of Election for our Catechumen, **Jennifer Hershner**, formally asking the Church of the Good Shepherd to accept her as a Member of the Elect and to pray for her continued growth in the Spirit. On Sunday, November 12, she will enter fully into the life of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please pray for our Catechumen as she prepares for the Rite of Election and the Sacraments of Initiation.



Attention all youth grades 8-12!
Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)
February 9-11, 2024

The Diocesan Youth Conference is an annual event that gathers 8th-12th grade youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. From sacraments to free time, DYC is an opportunity for teens to experience the joy that comes from living the Catholic faith and to take courage in all things because the Lord is with them!
Registration is now open! Contact Scott Watterson for more information and how you can register.



Are you interested in a Catholic education for your teens?

Peninsula Catholic High School Open House
November 1, 2023 from 5-7:00 PM
Call (757)596-7247 or visit www.peninsulacatholic.org to register.

Join us for Donuts
after Mass in the Commons
next Sunday, November 5



A heartfelt **thank you** to each of you for your outpouring of support on **World Mission Sunday**. Together, our parish raised **\$ 1,037.00** to support the Propagation of the Faith, Home Missions, and Black and Indian Mission programs. Your generosity aids priest, religious and lay leaders throughout the world, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.



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Mass Times: Saturday—5PM & Sunday—9AM

Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon

Adoration is on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.

Staff

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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

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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 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Sometimes I stop paying attention to the news for a period of time. There seems to be little that's "new" in the daily barrage of natural disasters and the countless ways we humans hurt each other. I've even stopped using social media, which at least made me smile when seeing photos of friends and family welcoming little ones or celebrating big milestones. Which brings me to today's Gospel: Sometimes it seems overwhelming to want to love as Christ commands, and I feel that there's little, if anything, I can do for people outside of my social circle, let alone on the opposite side of the world. Hearing of my struggles with compassion fatigue, a friend recently reminded me of some wise words that have been attributed to St. Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." We love as Christ commands by willing the good of the other. And it is not trite or cliché to say at times, "honestly, all I can do right now is pray." After all, as the Lord says, "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." When our compassion is exhausted, let the Lord carry it, for he never tires. And then, when it is possible, practical, and seems to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can do more - whatever that may be.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If you're like me and somewhat daunted by the second greatest commandment, I encourage you to take another look at today's readings. "You shall love your neighbor..." (emphasis added). Surely the world is far too large for us to make a difference? Therefore, remember that "God so loved the world" - and what he asks of us is to love our neighbor. So leave the world to God; pray for and give alms for those bigger world issues when we're able. When our circumstances change and we have more time and energy to take on more, such as participate in ministry, even better! But until then, when we walk out our front door in the morning, we go forth knowing that we are "imitators ... of the Lord," and that this smaller, much more manageable part of the world is what we are called to tend. Let our most active role in being the body of Christ extend to what is immediate to us - our neighbor and community - because that is where we will have the most influence for Christ in the world.

MEDITATE

When you feel overwhelmed with the world, reflect upon today's responsorial psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength." Let God's love for the world and his strength flow into your heart, and know that you can call on him to help you bear the burden of love.



LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

If we are to do any good for others, if we are to discern where God is calling us to serve, if we are to have the resources necessary to fulfill such a call, we *must* begin by seeking God and God's help first. We must start at the source of all generous love. We must be filled from the eternal font if we are to pour out to others.

Gospel Focus:

God gives us all we need to answer his call to love others.



"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: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Children: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor? How can you do a better job of following Jesus' Commandment?

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 proclamation of Christ is one of hope. He knows the anguish and hope we bear in our hearts, the joys and struggles that mark our lives, the darkness that assails us, and the faith that we raise to Heaven like a song in the night."

Please Remember in Prayer:

Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Elizabeth Perry, Alice Reece, Marcella Stratman, Irene White, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

Pray for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow charity;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; and
Where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

-St. Francis of Assisi



Solemnity of All Saints

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Mass Times: Noon & 7:00 PM

(Holyday of Obligation)

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!** On November 1, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately follows mass until 6 PM. You are welcome to come any time during these five hours to spend time with Our Lord.



The funeral Mass for **Padraic "Pat" Soule** will be on

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 11AM.

All are welcome to attend.

Considering a call to the priesthood

Is humble service as a priest your path to holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Call the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



**October 29, 2023
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

Monday, October 30
Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday, October 31
Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday, November 1—All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday, November 2—All Souls' Day
Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Friday, November 3
Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday, November 4—St. Charles Borromeo
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday, November 5—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	October 30	No Mass	
Tues.	October 31	Noon	Available
Wed.	November 1	Noon	+Michael Kelly
	November 1	7:00 pm	Available
Thurs.	November 2	Noon	Available
Fri.	November 3	Noon	Available
Sat.	November 4	5:00 pm	+Geraldine Bonenberger
Sun.	November 5	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

November 1—All Saints Day
November 5—Mortgage
November 12—Barron Dempsey Fund



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



Parish Life This Week

Monday, October 30
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
Tuesday, October 31
12:30 PM AFF
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM AFF
Wednesday, November 1
All Saints Day
1:00 PM-6:00 PM Adoration
Thursday, November 2
6:00 PM Pastoral Council
6:30 PM Boy Scout Comm. Mtg.
7:00 PM Choir Practice
Friday, November 3
11:30 AM Adoration
Saturday, November 4
4:30 PM Rosary
6:00 PM Meal of Thanks Sign-up
6:00 PM Wine Tasting Tickets
6:00 PM Resource Book Orders
Sunday, November 5
Daylight Saving Time Ends
8:30 AM Rosary
10:00 AM Donuts
10:00 AM Meal of Thanks Sign-ups
10:00 AM Wine Tasting Tickets
10:00 AM Resource Book Orders
10:15 AM Religious Education
11:15 AM Play Practice

Weekly Offering for:

October 21 & 22, 2023

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offertory \$ 10,423.05

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Mortgage \$ 4,975.00
Haiti \$ 2,585.00
Barron Dempsey \$ 15.00
Altar Flowers \$ 210.00
Catholic Virginian \$ 25.00
Religious Education \$ 25.00
Ladies Guild \$ 838.00
Men's Club \$ 30.00
Roof Repair Fund \$ 1,592.31
Other \$ 475.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

World Missions \$ 1,035.00
Other Collections \$ 325.00
Mortgage Balance \$ 19,999.57

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 86 Sunday 235