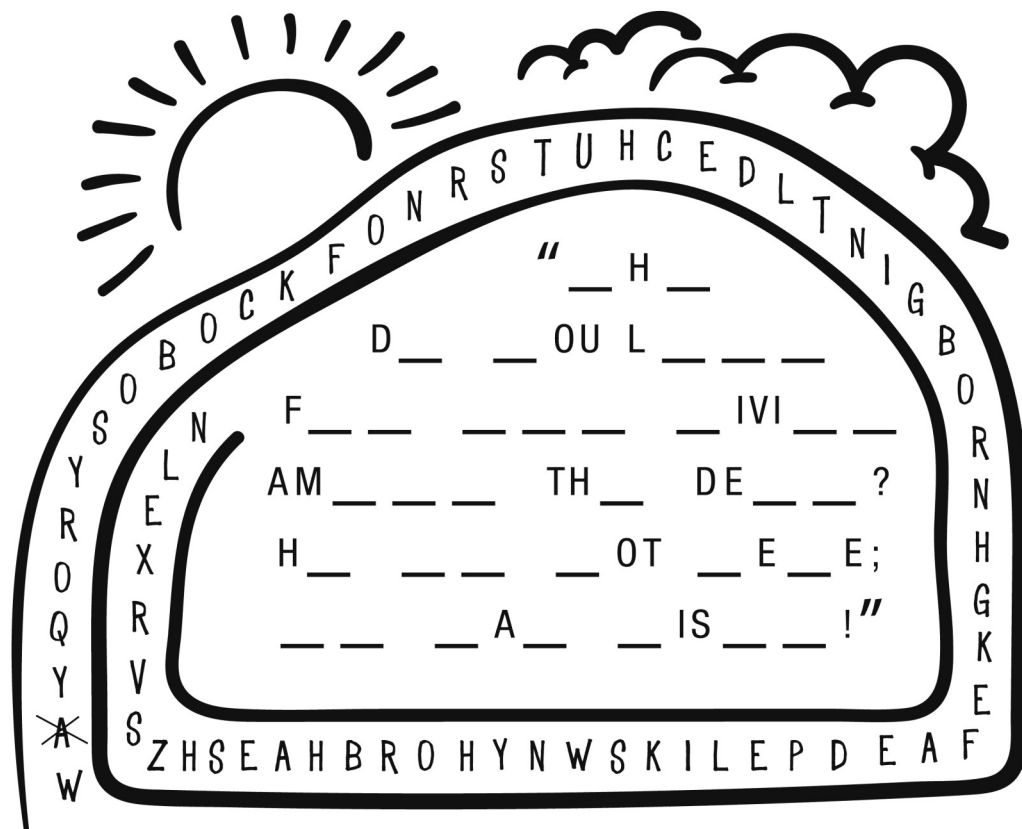


PUZZLE

EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

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NEWS & EVENTS



Eucharistic Revival News

The next session of "Jesus and the Eucharist" is on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9-11am.

What's Up at the Religious Goods Store?

FIRST COMMUNION SEASON IS UPON US!

If you are in need of a gift for First Communion, please come by the Religious Goods Store. We just got some new items in.



COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH!

The residents of Smithfield Villas have put together a cookbook of favorite recipes. The proceeds from the sales will all go to the Isle of Wight Christian Outreach's Thanksgiving project. The cost is \$10.00 each. Come to the Religious Goods Store to pick up your copy today.

TAKE MOM OUT FOR BREAKFAST

on MOTHERS DAY!

at the Knights of Columbus
3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast

In the Commons Area
Sunday, May 12th, 2024
After Mass to 12 noon
Family Tickets: \$20.00
Adults & Teens: \$8.00
Age 5-11: \$3.00
Under 5: Free



Menu:

Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon,
Fruits, Donuts,
Juice & Coffee



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

"Sharing His Love with Others"
As of 4/18/2024

Goal	\$ 17,750.00
Total Received	\$ 20,730.00
% of Goal	117% from 50 donors

Have you made your donation to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal? It is not too late. Donations are still being accepted. Visit the diocesan website at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal> or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for your generosity.

Hopping For Haiti Donations Due Soon!



This is just a friendly reminder that the Hopping for Haiti sponsor money is due by the end of April. If you do not have any particular child in mind to sponsor, there are envelopes by the Haiti House you can use to make a donation. 100% of the money collected goes to Haiti, who as we all know need the help now more than ever. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause. Parents can also place your child's sponsor sheet with the money collected in an envelope marked "Hopping for Haiti" and put it in the collection or you can turn it in to the Religious Education teacher. Thank you for your support.

MUSIC COORDINATOR NEEDED!

We are looking for someone to join the staff as a Music Coordinator. The applicant should hold a Bachelor's Degree in Music or have equivalent education or experience of 2-3 years working in a Catholic Church. See the list of requirements and responsibilities associated with the position on the diocesan website under Human Resources and "Employment Opportunities".

This position is a great opportunity to work in a growing parish committed to fostering excellence in music and liturgy. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and Diocesan Application (available on the Diocese of Richmond website) to: pastor@cgsparish.org

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!! The Mortgage is PAID IN FULL

Many thanks to our parish family for their generosity and commitment to our needs. We could not do this without all of you.

Since the mortgage is paid off, we would like you to continue your donations by moving them to the Capital Reserve fund that will be used for future projects and improvements of the building and grounds. Thanks again.

FROM THE OFFICE!

If you have any announcements that you would like published in the April 28th or May 5th bulletins, please have them into the office (admin@cgsparish.org) **NO LATER THAN NOON on Monday, April 22nd** or they will not be included. Thank you.



Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of April 21
PEANUT BUTTER





The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

300 Smithfield Boulevard, Smithfield, Virginia 23430

Website: www.cgsparish.org E-mail: admin@cgsparish.org

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 Coordinator

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

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 or at the entrance to the church. 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 prior to the baptism. 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.



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Several years ago I went to a shopping mall with my six-year-old son, and I could tell he was overwhelmed by the fast-moving crowds; he stuck close to my side. Not long into our trip, he turned a corner and, suddenly, his face lit up. He pointed at a young boy ahead. "That's James! I know him! He's in my class!" he exclaimed, and ran up to talk to him. Out of the sea of strangers was someone he *knew*, and who knew him. That changed the whole experience for him. Today's readings are all about that kind of knowing. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that, like a good shepherd, he knows his flock and they know him. How comforting it is to know that Jesus not only knows each one of us, but he willingly chose to lay down his life for each one of us as the ultimate sacrifice of love. But how do we get to know our Good Shepherd better? By immersing ourselves in Scripture and prayer and seeking a personal relationship with him. If we stay close to the Lord, we'll know his voice when we hear it - in the quiet of our prayer, in the everyday promptings of the Spirit in our decision-making, and even, in the midst of all the noise, as the calming and guiding voice leading us along the right path.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Being known is one of the most fundamental human and spiritual needs. When my son recognized his friend, he also instinctively recognized - without being able to articulate it - this need, in the midst of the anonymity of the mall. And his reaction was so pure: "I know him, and he knows me!" But he didn't leave it at that; he went to engage with his friend. He *encountered* his friend. This is what Christ desires for, and with us - not just to know us, to simply recognize us from afar, but for us to want to encounter him! We are meant to be in community; Jesus is always here for us: in the Church, in the sacraments, in Scriptures and in our hearts.

PRAY Spending time in prayer and reading the Scriptures are essential in order to get to know the voice of Jesus. Read the Gospels this week, even a chapter a day, and contemplate what passages stand out for you. Pray about it at Mass. The Scriptures and the sacraments are how Jesus speaks to us, like a good shepherd speaks to his flock so the sheep will know his voice and follow it.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he suffered and died for us because of the depth of God's love for us, because this is what a Good Shepherd does for those in his care. How should we respond to such love? With gratitude, trust, and love; by listening to his voice in our lives and being obedient to his commands. This is not always an easy task, but one with which the Lord is happy to assist us.

Gospel Focus:

Respond to the Lord's sacrificial love with gratitude, trust, and love.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Have lives that have changed due to their relationship with Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What questions about Jesus still arise?

Children: What question would I ask someone about Jesus appearing to the Apostles?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of April



Evangelization: For the Role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Pope Tweets:

"Jesus has triumphed over evil. He turned His cross into the bridge to the resurrection. Raise your hands to Him daily to praise and bless Him. Tell Him the hopes of your heart and share with Him your deepest secrets. God loves this kind of living, concrete, and heartfelt."

Please Remember in Prayer:



Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Ellen Gauthier, Leslie Lunger, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, Irene White, Thomas Wunder and Brandon Zakaras

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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"Prayer of the Month" - April 2024

Dulce, Jesus (Sweet Jesus)

Sweet Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protector in death. Amen.

(@SitStandKneel.com)



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

Considering a call to the priesthood

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



APRIL is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The church continues its efforts on protecting God's children and praying for victim survivors and their families.



April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 22

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 24

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 25—St. Mark

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Friday, April 26

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, April 28—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	April 22	No Mass	
Tues.	April 23	Noon	Available
Wed.	April 24	Noon	Available
Thurs.	April 25	Noon	Available
Fri.	April 26	Noon	Available
Sat	April 27	5:00 pm	Suzanne Esther (Birthday)
Sun.	April 28	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'



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

Parish Life This Week

Monday, April 22

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 23

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 24

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:30 PM OCIA

6:45 PM Works of Mary

7:00 PM PCL Mtg.

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, April 25

6:30 PM Boy Scout Committee Mtg.

Saturday, April 27

9:00 AM Eucharist Study

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mother's Day tickets

Sunday, April 28

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mother's Day tickets

10:15 AM Religious Education (Last Class)



Weekly Offering for:

April 13 & 14, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 4,561.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve \$ 600.00

Haiti \$ 60.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 100.00

Altar Flowers \$ 52.00

Ladies Guild \$ 148.00

Mortgage Balance has been PAID IN FULL!

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 91

Sunday 231



Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Special Collections

April 28—Altar Flowers

May 5—Capital Reserve

(former "Mortgage")

