

Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Jesus healed Peter's wife <i>(Matthew 8:14).</i>	E	(N)
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish <i>(14:17).</i>	R	A
3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah <i>(17:3).</i>	M	S
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus <i>(19:22).</i>	T	C
5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" <i>(21:13).</i>	I	G
6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age <i>(24:7).</i>	V	D
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens <i>(25:1-13).</i>	F	A
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake <i>(26:48).</i>	P	L
9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus <i>(27:11-14).</i>	W	O
		N
	3	2
	8	6
	7	4
	5	9
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Answer: N, A, S, T, I, V, A, L, O, salvation

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NEWS & EVENTS

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

"Sharing His Love with Others"

The purpose of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is to fund ministries which one parish cannot support alone. When we come together, we are able to educate all our seminarians, provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to help those in need with basic necessities, and conduct the programs designed to build the next generation of Catholics.

When you step back and look at the Appeal's case for support of not just these ministries but many others, it is amazing to realize the impact that each of us has on moving our Church forward.

YOUR gift matters.

Please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or visit our parish office for a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.

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.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

June 17-21, 2024

Stay tuned for more information

First Communion Novena Prayer

O Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for our children to prepare worthily to approach Your holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive You.



Saint John the Baptist, forerunner of the Messiah, prepare the way for Jesus in the hearts of our children. Saint Tarcisius, keep safe the children who are making their First Communion.

(catholic-link.org/quotes/prayer-for-those-preparing-for-first-communion/)



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

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of April 28 CEREAL/OATMEAL





The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org

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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 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 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

“Where do they get their energy!” Maybe you’ve said that about your children as they run around the yard while you’re trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it’s proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, “Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live.” (*Word on Fire Bible*, 548) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus’ love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days – loving one another.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ’s message in the Gospel. With Jesus as “the power and energy source in which we live,” we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out “boldly in the name of the Lord,” but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God’s commandments, John says, we “remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” In other words, those who remain in Christ “will bear much fruit” – a tangible sign that easily answers the question, “where does he/she get her energy?”

PRAY Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than his love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where he has given you conversion of heart, and ask him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus.

Gospel Focus:

Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and cares for us.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Are engaged in works of charity and justice.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: When has God pruned me so that I could grow and give life?

Children: When have I felt good because I did something to help someone?

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:

"Let us pray together for millions of children who live in conditions bordering on slavery. Every child who has been abandoned, marginalized, or left without healthcare or schooling is a cry that rises up to God!"

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

"I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people." (Psalm 22)



The Serenity Prayer

The Serenity Prayer is one of the most beloved prayers in existence today. This simple prayer is attributed to a Protestant clergyman, Reinhold Niehbur, and was originally part of a longer prayer he wrote in the 1930s. It was adopted in its short form as the official prayer of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement in 1941, which led to its wide dissemination and popularity.

Few prayers better help us maintain a peaceful demeanor on a daily basis than the Serenity Prayer. This short, focused prayer provides tremendous comfort for those who are experiencing difficulties in life. It helps us to look at those problems from God's perspective.

THE SERENITY PRAYER

*God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.*

The first petition acknowledges that we sometimes encounter circumstances and situations beyond our control. The petition is a cry of childlike humility to the Lord of all things to give us a grace-filled acceptance of the harsh realities of life when we can do nothing about them.

The second petition recognizes that we also have a responsibility to change those actual situations within our control. Christianity does not advocate a passive approach to the evils of the world. We ask God to give us the Holy Spirit's gift of Fortitude (Courage) to exercise our influence over those things we can actually change.

The third and final petition recognizes that we need divine Wisdom to penetrate the mysteries of life and its problems. In essence, it asks for the grace to see things from God's perspective. We often don't know the appropriate times to act or to be silent in any given situation, but God does. We ask for His Wisdom to help us sort everything out so that we can do His Will above all things.

(Prayers in the Pew Monthly, April 2024. sitstandkneel.com/programs/newsletters/)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

May 3, 2024 at 11:30 AM

Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.
Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Considering a call to the priesthood

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, 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 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 1
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 2—St. Athanasius
Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 3—Sts. Philip and James
1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 5—Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	April 29	No Mass	
Tues.	April 30	Noon	Special Intention
Wed.	May 1	Noon	Available
Thurs.	May 2	Noon	Available
Fri.	May 3	Noon	Available
Sat	May 4	5:00 pm	+Nancy Falbe
Sun.	May 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'



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 29
6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 30
6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 1
12:30 PM Salt & Light
6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM WOM Book Club

Thursday, May 2
6:00 PM Pastoral Council
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, May 3
11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, May 4
First Eucharist Retreat
4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mother's Day tickets
Sunday, May 5

First Eucharist & Crowning of Mary

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mother's Day tickets

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:

April 20 & 21, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering / Holy Days \$ 6,469.44

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 90.00
Haiti	\$ 85.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 35.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 25.00
Men's Club	\$ 100.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 5.00
Other	\$ 185.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Holy Land \$ 50.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	95
Sunday	150



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

Upcoming Special Collections

May 5—Capital Reserve
(former "Mortgage")

May 19—Catholic Home Missions

May 26—Barron Dempsey Fund

