

PUZZLE

UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

- flower, stem, bee, leaf ○
- pink, red, yellow, blue ○
- mother, sister, brother, aunt ○
- purple, dress, skirt, blouse ○ ○
- necklace, ring, bracelet, braid ○
- diamond, emerald, heart, ruby ○
- orange, cherry, potato, kiwi ○
- my, our, she, your ○
- faith, family, love, hope ○
- sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature ○
- cookie, cake, pie, sandwich ○
- silver, white, gold, bronze ○

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _ _ _ _
and qu _ _ _ p _ _ _ , which is
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, braid, heart, potato, she, family, temperature, sandwich, white, quiet, spirit

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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 Update

"Sharing His Love with Others"

As of 4/24/2024



Goal \$ 17,750.00

Total Received \$ 20,830.00

% of Goal 117% from 51 donors

Have you made your donation to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal? It is not too late. The 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. We receive a percentage of our donations back to be used at the parish. 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Please join us in praying for the newest members to join our Eucharistic table on May 5, 2024.

Evelyn Barlow

Vincent Celia

James Day

Sean Duffee

Sofia Duffee

Marco Errico

Anabelle Fasoli

Rosemary Freestrom

John Peavy

Margaret Peavy

Sebastian Stokes



First Communion

May God's light guide you as you continue to grow in faith and love throughout the coming years.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

June 17-21, 2024

More information to follow.



HOLY FAMILY STATUE RAFFLE

The Youth Group is raffling off a statue of the Holy Family from Mother's Day to Father's Day!

Tickets will be available after Mass from May 11-June 9 for \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on June 15 after Mass and announced after Mass on June 16. Proceeds will directly benefit your parish youth group. Thank you for your support.

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **MAY** a day filled with goodness and God's love and mercy.

May your journey continue to be blessed each and every day. May you look back with joy on the years of your life and with hope for those to come. May God bless you today and always.



Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of May 5
PASTA





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 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

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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.



May 5, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 14:23 | Jn 15:9-17

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

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you ... If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.” We don't earn God's love – it is freely given to us. But only by loving God and others, and by keeping his commandments, do we *remain* in that love as our source of life and joy. It becomes the air we breathe, and the breath we exhale. Today's second reading and Gospel reassure us of the love of God, but also give us a few specifics for how to live in and remain in that love – self-sacrifice and prayer. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us, and we know what that looks like from his life: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, forgiving one another, and more. Living in the way Jesus instructs is not simply completing a checklist of things to do, however. It's a way of life – to live in God's love and to demonstrate his love with our outward actions. When we do so, we are helping bring about the kingdom in a very real way. It's not complicated. We begin by acting in accordance with the truth that the person in front of us is loved by God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The message of the Gospel is countercultural and upends many convictions about what is true, good, and beautiful. What Jesus says can seem upside down to us, as it certainly did to the people of his time! Even the disciples, who walked with Jesus, didn't fully grasp all of what Jesus had told them until after he had been raised from the dead and appeared in their midst and shared food with them. And even after they understood, they didn't live it perfectly, nor do we. The things of this world we can mistakenly think are important get in the way of loving as we ought, and they shape our behavior and vision of the world. To counter that, we must focus in on what the Lord is saying and what that demands of us. What exactly that will look like in our lives is the provenance of prayer. Ask for God's help in loving all those we come across, even (and especially) those we may not particularly care for. He will answer our prayers and show us the way.

WITNESS Think of someone you know personally or whom you know of, who is particularly difficult to *like*. Create a plan to *love* them this week – either through praying for them, or interacting with them in a charitable, selfless way.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

This Easter season, as the paschal mystery continues to unfold before us, Jesus focuses our attention on love being at the heart of discipleship. Jesus' words and actions were always rooted in his profound love for us. As disciples, we grow closer to Jesus and his mission by sharing God's love with others. In God's love, he is revealed.

Gospel Focus:

Remain in my love.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...

Follow Jesus' example of care for the weakest among us.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: How is love of others connected to love of God?

Children: How can I show Jesus' love to others this week?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of May



Evangelization: For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Pope Tweets:

"May we learn to cultivate the virtue of temperance. By controlling our words and actions we can avoid useless conflicts and promote PEACE in our society."

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

"The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power." (Psalm 98)

Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from Christ's side, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within Thy wounds, hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;
From the malicious enemy, defend me;
In the hour of my death, call me;
And bid me come unto Thee;
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
And with Thy angels, forever and ever. Amen.



(www.SitStandKneel.com)

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."

~Pope Benedict XVI

*Weekday Mass returns on Tuesday, May 28 at Noon.



There will be a Prayer Service with Communion Tuesday-Friday at 12:00 PM (Noon) from May 7-24, 2024

Considering a call to the priesthood

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: voca-



Parish Book of Intentions



If you have a family member, friend, or acquaintance that is in need of prayer, we encourage you to write their name in the *Parish Book of Intentions*, located in the Narthex. They will be prayed for at each weekend Mass.



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.

**May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 6

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 7

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 10

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 11

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 12—Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	May 6	9:00 am	Available
Tues.	May 7	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Wed.	May 8	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Thurs.	May 9	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Fri.	May 10	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Sat	May 11	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	May 12	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, May 6

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 7

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 8

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries

6:30 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, May 9

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

Friday, May 10

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

Saturday, May 11

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Holy Family Statue tickets

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Holy Family Statue tickets

10:15 AM Mother's Day Breakfast

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals

Weekly Offering for:

April 27 & 28, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00
(The following totals include E-Giving)

This collection information will appear in the May 12, 2024 bulletin.



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

Upcoming Special Collections

May 19—Catholic Home Missions

May 26—Barron Dempsey Fund

June 2—Capital Reserve



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

