



# Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

**Directions:** The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. HEAV	6. OGETHE
2. ABLE	7. ES
3. AY OF PENTECOS	8. ONGUE
4. ONGUE	9. A
5. PIRI	10. IND



“When the <sup>3</sup> came, they were all <sup>6</sup> in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent <sup>10</sup> came from <sup>1</sup> and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They <sup>9</sup> what seemed to be <sup>4</sup> of fire that separated and came to <sup>7</sup> on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy <sup>5</sup> and began to speak in other <sup>8</sup> as the Spirit <sup>2</sup> them.”

**ACTS 2:1-4, NIV**

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

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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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**Married Couples.** Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.



- September 27-29, 2024 in Herndon, VA
- November 15-17, 2024 in Virginia Beach, VA

To register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location.

### EMMAUS JOURNEY For Grieving Parents

August 10, 2024  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Newport News



This retreat is a faith-based, day-long retreat given by a team of grieving parents, spiritual directors, and clergy. It offers a safe place where grieving parents can seek peace, comfort, and hope.

Visit the website [evangelizerichmond.org](http://evangelizerichmond.org) to learn more and to register for this retreat.

### 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

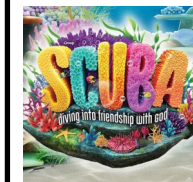
"Sharing His Love with Others"  
As of 5/14/2024



Goal	\$ 17,750.00
Total Received	\$ 21,550.00
% of Goal	121% from 53 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



**Vacation Bible School is Coming!**  
**June 17-21, 2024**  
**12:30pm-4:00pm**

The kids will be taken deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really about! Sign-up early. Space is limited. See Lara Detrich for more information.

### 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 your for your support.



Mark Your Calendars for the Good Shepherd Parish Retreat!

"Intimacy with Christ"

Saturday, June 15, 2024

9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Presenter will be Deacon Dave Reaves from St. Joseph Parish, Hampton  
Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

\*Please sign-up in the Commons\*

### ATTENTION!

The parish office will close at 1:00PM on Thursday, May 23, 2024 and remain closed through Monday, May 27, 2024 for the holiday.



If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website [www.cgsparish.org](http://www.cgsparish.org) or contact the parish office.

**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of May 19**  
**CEREAL**





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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

**Pastor** - Fr. Tony Yllana, [pastor@cgsparish.org](mailto:pastor@cgsparish.org)

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## 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](mailto:gk17335@vakofc.org)

**Ladies' Guild** - Margaret Hickman

**Men's Club** - Bill Knapp, [billknapp1985@yahoo.com](mailto: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 19, 2024

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DISCIPLE

## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25  
| Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

Pentecost Sunday is here! If ever there was a day in the Church calendar to celebrate the transformational power of Christianity, this is it. We know from the first reading how the disciples go from being huddled and afraid in a locked room to stepping out boldly in the streets, loudly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. What changed them so suddenly? It was the coming of the Holy Spirit, the third divine person of the Trinity, into their hearts and lives. Jesus calls the Spirit an Advocate, “the Spirit of truth,” who will remain with the apostles after he has left. That same Spirit is promised to us, continuing the Easter joy. It is only through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit that we have the knowledge, ability, and courage to proclaim Jesus as our Lord. Only in this way can we belong to Jesus and be in relationship with the Father. The very same God who created all things is here to help us become the sons and daughters he always envisioned us to be.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says, twice, to his disciples today. He approaches them with gentleness and a calming demeanor. He is aware of their fear and their anxiety, and that they would be confused and unsure upon seeing him in his resurrected body. Jesus offers us the same words: “peace be with you.” For he knows we, too, can be afraid and unsure about what living out his words will mean to our lives. But we need not be worried! The Holy Spirit, that helper and advocate who came to the first disciples, is here to help us fill our hearts with love and joy and speak our beliefs without fear. When we open our hearts to God’s love, Jesus tells us, the Holy Spirit “will guide [us] to all truth.” In other words, he will be there to help us. As Paul states in the reading from Corinthians, we all have different gifts of the Spirit, and the important thing is that we use those gifts and talents to model ourselves after Jesus.

**PRAY** The Holy Spirit is with us to be our guide and advocate. Today, we pray, “Come, Holy Spirit,” and witness the power of that first Pentecost which set the world on fire with God’s love and truth. This week, spend some time reflecting on the joy you have as a Christian – and show that joy to the world!



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## LITURGY AND MINISTRY

### Today's Readings:

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving birth to the Church. The Spirit always gives. The Spirit not only gives but renews life as well. Like the disciples, we are continuously renewed by the Spirit for service in Jesus' name.

### Gospel Focus:

The Holy Spirit gives and renews life, to each of us and to the Church.



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**

**Are intentional about developing their relationship with the triune God.**

### FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

**Adults:** When has the Holy Spirit given me the strength to act with courage?

**Children:** What gifts has the Holy Spirit brought into my life?

## 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:

"In the face of a future that may seem dark, let us strive to sow hope and do good, in the conviction that life can be lived differently and that peace is possible."

### 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*

*"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)*

### Today's Gospel Reading—May 19, 2024

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.



### Background on the Gospel Reading

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is so we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath". This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

(verbatim from [loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/pentecost-sunday-cycle-b-sunday-connection/](http://loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/pentecost-sunday-cycle-b-sunday-connection/))

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**June 1 & 2, 2024** following Mass for the celebration of *Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. Take the opportunity to spend face to face time with Our Lord!



\*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

"Receive the Holy Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



## May 19, 2024 Solemnity of Pentecost

### Readings for the Week

**Monday, May 20**—Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday, May 21**

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday, May 22**

Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday, May 23**

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday, May 24**

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday, May 25**

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday, May 26—Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



### Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	May 20	No Mass	
Tues.	May 21	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Wed.	May 22	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Thurs.	May 23	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Fri.	May 24	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Sat.	May 25	5:00 pm	+Elizabeth Perry
Sun.	May 26	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](http://www.cgsparish.org) click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

### Upcoming Special Collections

**May 26—Barron Dempsey Fund**

**June 2—Capital Reserve**

**June 9—Peter's Pence**



### Parish Life This Week

**Monday, May 20**

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, May 21**

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, May 22**

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

12:30 PM Salt & Light

6:30 PM OCIA

6:45 PM Works of Mary

7:00 PM Youth Group

**Thursday, May 23**

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

6:30 PM BS Committee Mtg.

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Friday, May 24**

**Office Closed**

12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion

**Saturday, May 25**

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Holy Family Statue tickets

**Sunday, May 26**

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Holy Family Statue tickets

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



### Weekly Offering for:

**May 11 & 12, 2024**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

**(The following totals include E-Giving)**

### OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 5,545.76

### ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve \$ 695.00

Haiti \$ 60.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 7.00

Catholic Virginian \$ 10.00

### DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Home Missions \$ 2.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 114

Sunday 240



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