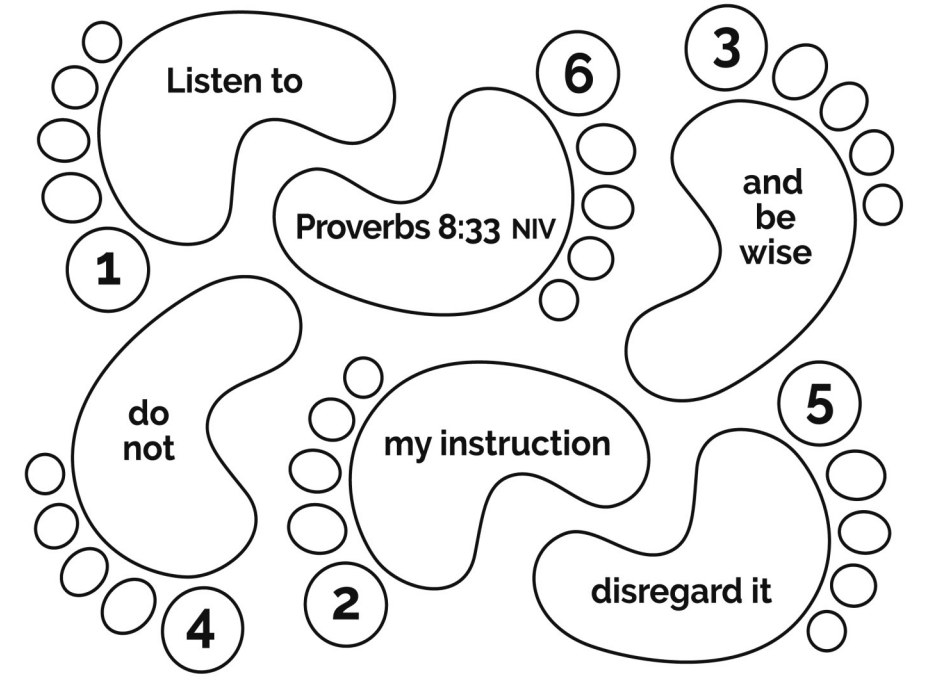




FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;
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Answers: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV

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NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Celebrations
 Church News The weekend of July 20 & 21, we will celebrate our parish's 40th anniversary and the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Congress. Details are forthcoming as to how we will celebrate these two events the third weekend in July.



Divine Mercy Meeting Changed!
 Join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM** and hear what our Lord has to say through Saint Faustina. No meetings in July & August.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Married Couples. Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! We love to have priests on our experiences as well, so invite your favorite priest and give their vocation some new vitality!

- September 27-29, 2024 in Herndon, VA
- October 11-13, 2024 in College Park, MD
- November 15-17, 2024 in Virginia Beach, VA

To register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.



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.

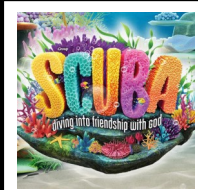


Welcome New Parishioners to Church of the Good Shepherd!

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

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of June 16
CANNED MEAT OR FISH

FAITH FORMATION



Vacation Bible School
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! See Lara Detrich for more information.

As the school year comes to a close, let us pray...



A Prayer of Summer Joy
 Loving God,
 we give you thanks for the beauty of summer.

Let us join with other creatures in emerging from winter darkness into the full light of the season.
 May love emerge in us as well, giving rise to praise for you and for the gifts of your creation.
 Help us to weather the storms that hit without warning and do damage to heart and soul. Turn your faces towards the sun and let joy be the mantle we carry throughout this blessed time.
 In your holy name, we pray.
 Amen.

(www.SadlierReligion.com)

Join us for a **DEEPER DIVE** into the Scriptures after the **9:00 AM Mass on Sunday.** Come and expand your knowledge and appreciation of the Bible and our Catholic Faith.

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 to learn more and to register for this retreat.



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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

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Music Coordinator—Carolyn LaPaglia

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—Doyle Agnew

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

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.

June 16, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

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

If we walk through the woods on a beautiful spring day, we'll see the signs of life bursting forward. Green shoots coming up from the ground, leaf buds poking out from the branches of a tree – even the birds and animals are busily scampering. Life, growth, and new beginnings are all around. Today's readings have a common theme of nature as one of the ways we can experience God's design. Like the crowds Jesus taught, we may not know the exact cause of what makes a plant grow from a tiny seed to a towering tree, but that's OK – we don't have to know. As St. Paul writes, "we walk by faith, not by sight." We trust the Lord to lead and guide us. And, like the harvester in the parable, we can observe, tend, and act when the time is right to bring in the harvest, for, as Paul continues in his letter: "We aspire to please [God]."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does it look like to play an active role in bringing in the harvest? Faith is a lifelong journey, and everyone is in a different place. The delicate shoot needs different care than the full-grown tree. In prayer, God can speak to us to help us discern the best way to help the people he has put in our lives. Perhaps we offer encouragement, or a shoulder to lean on. Maybe someone needs a friend to converse with. No matter where or who we are, each one of us can be like the harvester that Jesus references, observing and acting as appropriate, helping support the seed of faith God plants in each person. And as we heard in the Gospel today, the smallest seed can become the largest of plants; therefore, our work is plentiful as laborers working to help build God's kingdom here on earth.

PRAY Pray for the wisdom to recognize where you are in your journey, what you need to keep growing, and how you can offer to help others.

Lord God, fill me with your gifts and put your words in my mouth, that through them, others may be filled with the power and warmth of your love. Amen.



Cathy Jimgew/Photohubs/Michela

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Jesus uses the images of the sower and the mustard seed to explain the kingdom of God. Although seemingly small or insignificant, these examples demonstrate that great things can happen through the work of God. The kingdom must grow to become like Ezekiel's lofty cedar tree, which is full of the fruits of the kingdom. All our efforts in building the kingdom, even if they seem small, will be blessed by God.

Gospel Focus:

The seeds of God's kingdom are planted but not yet full-grown.



"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 is the "good soil" that allows my faith to grow like a mustard seed?

Children: What can help my faith grow like the mustard seed?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of June



Evangelization: For Migrants Fleeing Their Homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Pope Tweets:

"The Eucharist impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbor. We cannot truly understand or live the meaning of the Eucharist if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters, especially toward those who are poor, suffering, or who may have gone astray in life."

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, and Thomas Wunder

Prayer for Fathers

God Our Father,
we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.



We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

(thecatholictelegraph.com/a-prayer-for-dad-on-fathers-day/14841.
Prayer source Lordcalls.com)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament June 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of
George B. D. Hughes

who passed away on June 11, 2024

May the Lord grant eternal rest unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace.

Prayer List Updates

Contact the church office to place the name of a parishioner or their household member on the prayer list. We will leave the name on the list for a period of one month at which time it will be added to the Parish Book of Intentions. Privacy protocols require you to obtain permission before submitting a name other than your own. We encourage you to write all other names of family and friends in our *Parish Book of Intentions* located in the Narthex, which are also included in the prayers during each weekend Mass. Thank you!

Considering a call to the priesthood

"When the crop permits, the harvest has come." Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom 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.



June 16, 2024 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 17

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 18

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 19

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 20

Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 22

2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday, June 23—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	June 17	No Mass	
Tues.	June 18	Noon	Available
Wed.	June 19	Noon	Available
Thurs.	June 20	Noon	Available
Fri.	June 21	Noon	Available
Sat.	June 22	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	June 23	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

July 7—Capital Reserve

July 28—Altar Flowers

August 4—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Monday, June 17

12:30 PM VBS

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, June 18

12:30 PM VBS

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, June 19

12:30 PM VBS

6:30 PM OCIA

Thursday, June 20

12:30 PM VBS

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, June 21

11:30 AM Adoration

12:30 PM VBS

Saturday, June 22

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Holy Family Statue tickets

Sunday, June 23

8:30 AM Rosary

6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:

June 8 & 9, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,250.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 4,950.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve \$ 283.00

Haiti \$ 60.00

Barron Dempsey \$ 21.75

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

Peter's Pence \$ 578.75

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 90

Sunday 179

Thank you for your continued support of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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

