



Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask	do	eternal	If	good	good	Why
	good	Jesus	life	man	One	Teacher	

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
 “_____, what _____ thing must I _____
 to get _____ life?” “_____ do you
 _____ me about what is _____?” Jesus replied.

“There is only _____ who is _____.
 _____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, NIV

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commands.”

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NEWS & EVENTS



**Good Shepherd
Annual Fall Picnic**
 Sunday, October 13, 2024
 At 12:00 PM (Noon)

Please sign-up in the Commons if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!



**Knights of Columbus to
Bring Box of Joy Program
to Our Parish!**



Knights of Columbus Council 17335 is once again partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach to bring its *Box of Joy* ministry project to our Church of the Good Shepherd Parish.

Members of the Knights will be distributing shoebox size cartons to parishioners following all Masses. Parishioners are invited to take home a box and fill it with items for boys and girls ranging from ages 2 to 15. A \$9 donation per *Box of Joy* is required to cover international shipping costs to the child.

Boxes should be returned to the parish on or before November 10th and left in the Commons area.

Packing a *Box of Joy* is always a wonderful work of mercy for families and blessing a child with this gift is a special experience for everyone involved!

For more information, please contact Joe Campo at 757-357-2287 or the parish office at 757-365-0579. Thank you for your generosity!

The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic



Have you ever searched for a way to intensify your life in the church? You are invited to an information session about the local Lay Dominican fraternity. Learn what you have in common with these Lay Dominicans: St. Catherine of Siena, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Martin de Porres, and St. Rose of Lima. Lay Dominicans are called to holiness by living the four pillars of Dominican Life: Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate (service). Through these pillars you will serve God, serve your Church, and grow in your faith. Our annual informational session will be **Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, 52 Harpersville Rd, Newport News, VA.** We will be meeting in the school library. For more information, please contact us at 517MMC@gmail.com.



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of September 22**
BAKED BEANS / KIDNEY BEANS

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

FAITH FORMATION

Are you looking for something to do while your child is in Religious Education class?

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.



**Combined Rite of Acceptance into the
Order of Catechumens and
Rite of Welcoming the
Candidates for Full Communion**

On **Sunday, September 29, 2024** in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we will celebrate the Combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for **Jasmine Garren**, and Rite of Welcoming to Full Communion for **Sean Duffee, Lisa Cimilluca, Natalie Smith, and David Amonica**.

Through the Rite of Acceptance, Jasmine will come into a specific relationship with the Church, and be known to us as a catechumen, those preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The Rite of Welcoming honors the dignity of baptism already received, recalls the signing with the cross done at baptism, and marks the beginning of this stage of the faith journey as a candidate for Sean, Lisa, Natalie, and David for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Lord has called these seekers and brought them to this moment; may He grant them light and strength to follow Christ with resolute hearts and to profess the faith of the Church.

We, in turn, accept their commitment and pledge our support throughout their journey of faith. Please keep the catechumens and candidates in your prayers as we celebrate together their journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation.

Souper Saturday
Saturday, October 12, 2024
11:00 AM—2:00 PM



Trinity Methodist Church
 201 Cedar Street, Smithfield

Cost: \$8 per lunch (Large portion of homemade soup, 2 ham biscuits, dessert and a drink)

For more information or to donate/volunteer, contact: Cathy Regan (757) 297-8117 / (757) 356-9267 or email: cathyregan56@gmail.com

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The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10:00AM-3:00PM

Mass Times: Saturday—5:00PM & Sunday—9:00AM

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

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

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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

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.



September 22, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Jas 3:16—4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

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

How often does ambition get in the way of holiness? In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells his death, and the Apostles respond by arguing over who among them is most important. But the Apostles' aspirations and motivation stand in stark contrast to the humility necessary for discipleship; their lack of understanding signals a need for instruction. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus explains. Those who follow him are to be humble peacemakers who serve others instead of seeking power and accolades. We are to model Jesus, who humbled himself to the point of death on a cross! (cf., Phil 2:8) Having goals and ambitions is not a bad thing, but they must grow from the seeds of virtue (humility, charity, faith, and hope) rather than as spores of sin (pride, opportunism, and greed). As James wrote in our second reading, "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits." Seeking to serve, rather than be served, then, is the hallmark of faith well-lived.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." The path of humility Jesus models for us is not just one of compassion and kindness, but one which allows us to grow in relationship with the Lord. As we serve and attend to each other, we embrace God who dwells within each of us and in whose image we are made. We become more like him in following his example. If we cultivate the virtues of humility, charity, faith, and hope in ourselves by practicing them with our families and friends, we will become souls steeped in God's peace. Furthermore, our peace will be unshakeable because it will not be based on our emotions but on our faith in God's love. "Behold, God is my helper," our responsorial psalm declares. "The Lord sustains my life." If I am convinced that God sustains my life, what do I have to fear?

PRAY We can't live in peace if we don't turn to God to guide us in peace. This week take 15 minutes every day to pray for peace - in your life, in your family, in our nation, and in the world. When you hear news of war and conflict, take a minute to recite a prayer for peace in the hearts of all those involved.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Jesus' words in today's Gospel about being a servant to all are a reminder that the ways of the Lord are not the ways of the world. If we wish to be his disciples, we must have the courage to seek to understand God's ways and strive to love him with all our heart, and to love one another with humility and compassion.

Gospel Focus:

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Are continuously working toward putting on the mind of Christ.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What proof is there in the world that people don't accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

Children: Why do you think Jesus says if you want to be first you should take care of others?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of September



Evangelization: For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Pope Tweets:

"If good things exist and endure in this world, it is only because so many times love has prevailed over hate, solidarity over indifference, generosity over selfishness. Nothing that lasts can exist or grow without love."

Please Remember in Prayer:

Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Chappell, Justin Evans, Carol Kelly, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, William Rapier, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, Irene White, and Thomas Wunder

----- FAITH FUNDAMENTALS -----

The Corporal Works of Mercy

The term "corporal" signifies bodily needs, so these works of mercy signify anything that helps people overcome their material sufferings of this world. The Church's description of the Corporal Works of Mercy comes directly from the famous passage of the Sheep and Goats in Matthew 25, where Jesus claims that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).



The parable names six merciful actions, and the Church adds a seventh—to bury the dead—since it was a paramount religious observance of the Jews. Here is the Church's list of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To visit the imprisoned
5. To shelter the homeless
6. To visit the sick
7. To bury the dead

We can never practice these good works too often.

(Prayers in the Pew Monthly, September 2024. SitStandKneel.com)

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6th

11:00 AM



Meet outside the church at the fenced area, Mary's Garden, next to the gravel lot. If it rains, meet at the church entrance. Children are welcome! The blessing begins after Sunday Religious Education classes end for the day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

September 27, 2024 at 11:30 AM



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

*Weekday Mass returns on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Noon.



There will be a Prayer Service with Communion Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 12:00 PM (Noon)

Considering a call to the priesthood

"The Lord upholds my life." He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or write: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



"The Lord upholds my life." (Psalm 54)

**September 22, 2024
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

- Monday, September 23**—St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday, September 24**
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday, September 25**
Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday, September 26**
Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday, September 27**—St. Vincent de Paul
Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday, September 28**
Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday, September 29—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	September 23	No Mass	
Tues.	September 24	Noon	Prayer Service with Comm.
Wed.	September 25	Noon	+Carl Quick II
Thurs.	September 26	Noon	Available
Fri.	September 27	Noon	Available
Sat.	September 28	5:00 pm	+Sharon Lewandowski
Sun.	September 29	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

- October 6—Capital Reserve**
- October 20—World Mission Collection**
- October 27—Altar Flowers**



Parish Life This Week

- Monday, September 23**
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
- Tuesday, September 24**
12:00 PM Prayer Service with Communion
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, September 25**
6:30 PM OCIA
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM PCL Mtg.
- Thursday, September 26**
6:00 PM Finance Council
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday, September 27**
11:30 AM Adoration
- Saturday, September 28**
4:30 PM Rosary
6:00 PM Parish Picnic Sign-up
- Sunday, September 29**
8:30 AM Rosary
10:15 AM Religious Education
10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive
10:15 AM Parish Picnic Sign-up
6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals



Weekly Offering for:

September 14 & 15, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 4,987.43

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 40.00
Haiti	\$ 113.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 75.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 15.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 50.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 61.00
Religious Education	\$ 1,374.53
Roof Repair	\$ 200.00
Other	\$ 580.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday	87
Sunday	146



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