

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ... Love your neighbor as yourself."

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NEWS & EVENTS

GIVE

The Ladies Guild invites You to Join Us

A Parish "Meal of Thanks"

Friday, November 15, 2024

6:30PM in the Commons

Menu: Lasagna (meat & meatless), Salad, Bread and

Dessert

<u>Cost</u>: Non-perishable food item per person for the

Food Bank

Sign-up is available after Mass in the Commons. Come and join us for food and fellowship!



Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

There will be training for ministers to the sick and homebound on

November 18, 19 & 20, 2024 at the church from **7:00-9:00PM**.

Anyone interested in participating in this valuable ministry needs to attend this training. Please contact Deacon Stan at deaconstan4@gmail.com or 276-220-5545 to register or for more information.

Angel Tree is Coming!

Take Tag The Angel Tree with tags will be available in the Commons beginning November

16th. These gifts benefit the children of Isle of Wight Social Services. Please return the WRAPPED GIFT with the Angel tag on it NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8th! Place the wrapped gift under the tree in the Commons

There will also be **Haiti Helping Hands** envelopes for monetary donations to benefit our twinned parish in Haiti. Place these donations in the Haiti House on the table in the Commons. Looking forward to your generous support this holiday season!



IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions

When you make a gift of a distribution from you IRA to your parish, it allows you to demonstrate a legacy of love for Christ and

His Church. If you're over 70 1/2, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to our parish from your IRA can also save on taxes. To make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, contact the parish office with questions.

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



FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity



Please join us for a 5-session study titled,

Tuesday evenings
November 5 through December 3, 2024
from 7:00-8:30PM

"Genesis: Facts, Fables, a Flood and a Family"

We will be looking at the Book of Genesis in light of both Church teaching and current archeological discoveries. Come and learn how many Christians often miss the point when it comes to Genesis, and how a proper understanding can lead us closer to Christ.

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.



ADVENT RESOURCE BOOK ORDERS

The Religious Book Store will be taking orders for Advent Resource Books for Year C from November 16-24. The books are *Daily Prayer 2025, At Home With the Word,* and

Reading God's Word. Payment is due upon ordering. Stop by the store and place your order.



The Office will be **CLOSED** on Friday, November 15, 2024





Food Pantry Needs for the Week of November 10 CEREAL/OATMEAL



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

Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@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 Nagv

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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.

<u>Inclement Weather</u> - Fr. Tony plans to be at church to celebrate Mass. However, you are not obligated to come if travel is unsafe for you.

<u>Parish Registration and Changes</u> – 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.

<u>Baptisms</u> – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

<u>Funerals</u> — Contact the office if you would like to schedule a Funeral Service. The date and time must be approved by the priest.

<u>Marriage</u> – Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

<u>Reconciliation</u> – Before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

<u>Visitation of the Sick</u> — Please call the office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick, or when someone is ill or hospitalized.



November 10, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

"Give it your all! Leave it all on the field! Trust in your training/ preparation/coaches." We've all heard a version of this type of exhortation. It requires a great amount of confidence and trust - faith, if you will - to let go of our doubt and fears. The two widows of today's readings had such confidence, as they offer us heroic examples of faith. The widow of Zarephath uses her only remaining food to cook for Elijah. She did this after receiving God's promise that, "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." The widow had the assurance that God would sustain her, and she lived by it trusting she could give her all, because with God's help there would be more. Likewise, the widow in the Gospel could make an offering to the temple treasury because of her limitless confidence in God: she gave "her whole livelihood." From that moment, she would have nothing to sustain her but God's providential care. By their unreserved acts of generosity, both women consented to rely on God in the most absolute sense. And in so doing, they silently proclaimed their faith in the personal and unconditional love that God had for each of them.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So deeply did these two women believe in God's goodness that they were able to act without fear. Confident in his love, they could give to the point of having nothing left. They, literally, "gave it all that they had." Rather than being burdensome, however, their surrender was the basis of their relationship with God and therefore, it was a much greater treasure than material goods. This message is clearly at odds with the notion that possessions and wealth are the basis of happiness. By rejecting this idea, giving generously of ourselves and trusting God to sustain us, we gain more than we could ever give up. Like the widow whose jar never runs dry, when we fill our lives with what God offers and not what the world offers, we live with abundance.

REFLECT Choose one aspect of your life you can mentally "reframe" in order to see it not as a lack but as an opportunity to cast yourself more fully on God. Spend 15 minutes this week speaking to God about this. If you can, thank him for the chance to draw closer to him. If it is too difficult to thank him for your trial, ask him to *help you* see and appreciate how he is leading you along this path of greater intimacy with him.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Our readings today feature two widows who teach us about faithfulness. To have faith is not just to hold our breath and aimlessly wish for good outcomes. Rather, God calls us to a faith that is endless trust in him, knowing in our deepest heart that God loves and cares for us beyond measure.

Gospel Focus:

God calls us to give all we have, putting our trust in him.



"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: Have I ever given freely and generously when I have been in need?

Children: What am I willing to share with someone else?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of November

Evangelization: For Anyone Who Has Lost A Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Pope Tweets:

"May the Holy Spirit always keep alive in us the fire of His divine love, which makes us His children. God's love makes us able to love Him and our neighbor and thus attain eternal life. If you don't know what to ask for in prayer, ask for the Holy Spirit!"

Please Remember in Prayer:

Gordon Blackman, Barbara Bonney, Gene Édlig Chappell, Justin Evans, Carol Kelly, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece,

Debbie Steiger, Irene White, and Thomas Wunder

Veteran's Day—November 11 Prayer

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them

from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

(usccb.org/prayers/veterans-day)

~Prayers in the Pew—Monthly Synopsis for November~

Catholics believe in the reality of purification after death, which we call Purgatory. We take it as a serious obligation to pray for the deceased who have gone before us. This is the Church's liturgical focus in November. We live with confident hope that those who die in Christ will one day experience the grace of the Resurrection, which is our hope!

(SitStandKneel.com)

Mark Your Calendars! There is WEEKDAY MASS November 18 &19, 2024 at Noon

There is NO WEEKDAY MASS November 20-December 4, 2024.



Prayer Service with Communion November 20-22, 26 & 27, 2024 at Noon



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament November 15, 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

"Do not fear: go, do as you have said." Let the reassuring words of Christ lead you. If you are being called to be a priest or religious brother or sister, courageously say "Yes!" Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359 -5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

"Praise the Lord, my soul!" (Psalm 146)

November 10, 2024 **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings for the Week

Monday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours

Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 12—St. Josaphat

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 14

Phmn 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 15

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 16

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 17—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	November 11	No Mass	5
Tues.	November 12	Noon	Available
Wed.	November 13	Noon	Available
Thurs.	November 14	Noon	Available
Fri.	November 15	Noon	+Jenny Brunskowski
Sat	November 16	5:00 pm	+Alice & Bill McIntosh
Sun.	November 17	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 click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

Upcoming Special Collections

December 1—Capital Reserve

December 8—Retired Religious

December 9—Immaculate Conception

December 15—Catholic Virginian

Parish Life This Week

Monday, November 11 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 12

6:00 PM OCIA

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM AFF—Genesis Study 7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, November 13

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, November 14

6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries 7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, November 15

11:30 AM Adoration

6:30 PM Meal of Thanks

Saturday, November 16

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Angel Tree

6:00 PM Resource Book Orders

Sunday, November 17

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Angel Tree

10:00 AM Resource Book Orders

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM AFF—Deeper Dive

11:15 AM Christmas Play Practice 6:00 PM Scouting BSA, Religious Medals

Weekly Offering for:

October 26-27 & November 1-3, 2024

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00 (The following totals include E-Giving)

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Capital Reserve	\$ 45.00	\$ 1	,732.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00	\$	188.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 120.00	\$	40.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 661.89		_
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00	\$	5.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 110.00		_
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MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat 10/26 100 Nov 1 (12pm) 115 Sat 11/2 96 Sun 10/27 178 Sun 11/3 170 Nov 1 (7pm) 75 Nov 2 (10am) 31

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

