

# PUZZLE

## Worthy of honor

What does God mean when he commands us to honor our fathers and mothers (Exodus 20:12)?

Complete this word search to discover words that mean the same as *honor*.

- admire • adore • appreciate • cherish • esteem  
look up to • praise • respect • revere • value

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### NEWS & EVENTS

January is *RESPECT LIFE* Month

Good Shepherd is collecting baby items for local crisis pregnancy centers during the month of January.

Accepted Donations include:

- Disposable diapers (newborn to size 4)
- baby wipes
- sleepers/onesies (newborn to 12 mo.)
- No Tears Baby Shampoo
- receiving blankets
- bibs/burp cloths
- baby towels & wash cloths



Due to health concerns all donations must be new items with original packaging/tags. Items can be placed in the bin in the commons area. For questions, contact Mary Ellen Bebermeyer at (757) 897-3219.

#### March for Life Bus



The March for Life is less than 2 weeks away on Friday, January 24, 2025!

St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church in Suffolk has secured a charter bus for the trip to Washington D.C. that will be leaving from the Suffolk Plaza (behind Chick-fil-A) at 6:30 AM. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Make your reservations and secure a spot by calling 757-539-5732.



#### Church of the Good Shepherd Youth are having a "Silent Auction"!

There are several items to choose from, please see the table in the Commons for information on all options and how to participate. These little reminders of God's love are up for silent auction, these lovely pieces of art are a golden opportunity for you to give THREE gifts in one!!!

A special gift for yourself or whomever you choose to give the beautiful piece, a gift to our parish as she continues to grow and expand, and a gift to the youth of this parish who love this community and give their time and energy to enriching each other and encouraging each other in their faith.



**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of January 19**  
**CEREAL OR OATMEAL**  
Help us help others!

### FAITH FORMATION

#### Easter Children's Easter Play Practice Begins!



Practice for the Children's Easter Play will begin February 9, 2025 after Religious Education. It will run from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM. There will be a snack after practice. All are welcome to participate.

We will have as many parts as there are kids and everyone who wants a speaking part will have one. Younger children ages 2-4 can be part of our Little Choir and sing a special Easter song after the play. The Littles will practice immediately after Mass each Sunday. **The play will be on May 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM** with a reception to follow. All parishioners are invited to attend!

#### The Good Shepherd Book Club



The Good Shepherd Book Club will be starting the new year with Mother Cabrini. We are reading:

*In Weakness, Strength: The Life and Missionary Activity of St. Frances Cabrini*

By Segundo Galilea

We will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:15 PM and will continue to meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from then on. The book is available on Amazon for \$13.95. All are welcome to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Day.

Are you cold, tired, and hungry??? Do you think to yourself, "it's January and there's nothing to do"...but wait, there is!

#### FAMILY GAME NIGHT IS RIGHT HERE on Friday, January 24th at 6:00 PM.



Bring a game and a dish for approximately 10 people to share. Veggies, fruit, cheese trays, bread, casseroles, pasta, pizza, they're all appreciated and simple.

Join us on Friday, January 24th for a night of family games, fun and food. The results of the Silent Auction for the Jesus statues will be announced, so come and find out who wins!!!

#### Office Hours for January 20-27, 2025:

Monday, January 20	Office Closed
(Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)	
Tuesday, January 21	1:00-4:00 PM
Wednesday, January 22	1:00-4:00 PM
Thursday, January 23	1:00-4:00 PM
Friday, January 24	Office Closed
Monday, January 27	Office Closed



\*The regular office hours will return on January 28th.





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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](mailto: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

**Sacristan** - Hart Smith

**Ushers** - Steve Reznick

**Knights of Columbus** - Joe Campo, [jk17335@vakofc.org](mailto:jk17335@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

## 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.

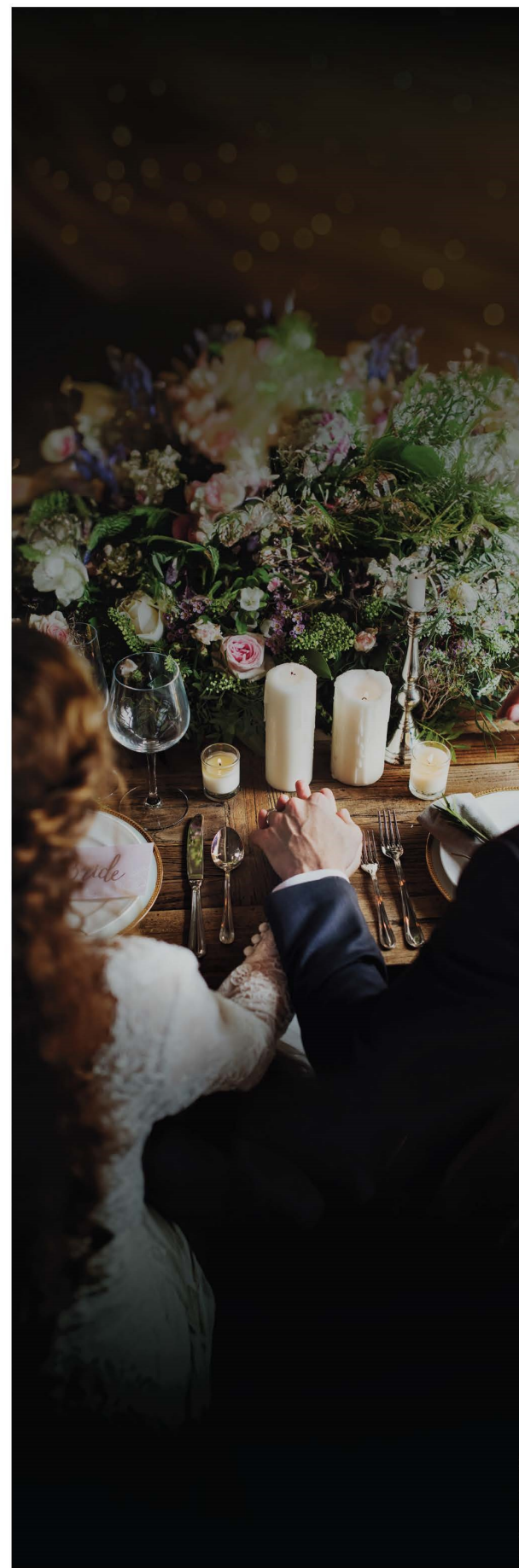
**Baptisms** – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

**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.



January 19, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

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

Pop quiz: What was the name of the bride and groom at the wedding in today's Gospel? If you're unsure, you're not alone; the bridegroom is mentioned only in passing and the names of the newlyweds are not recorded at all in Scripture. Instead, the most prominent man in the account is Jesus; the most prominent woman is his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In light of today's first reading, this apparent omission begins to make sense. "As a young man marries a virgin," the prophet Isaiah writes, "your Builder shall marry you." Jesus is the "Builder" of the universe, the Word through whom all things were created. Mary, whom Jesus calls "Woman," stands as a representative of the Church. This image of God as Bridegroom of his people, common throughout the Old Testament, thus takes on its full significance in Christ. He is the Bridegroom who will "wed" himself to his Church irrevocably when he offers his life for her on the cross.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is clear that Scriptures give us many "stories behind the stories" – a sort of "visible invisible" as we see with today's Gospel of the Wedding at Cana. What we think is happening, and who we assume are the main characters, are important and yet also diminished beside the infinite and eternal, self-sacrificing love of God. How much of our own lives contains such stories of God's immense and great love for us, behind the scenes that play out day to day? The Lord gives us all good gifts, and he uses them to help us see, know, understand and love him. The smallest moment, or the most important detail, may not be recorded or remembered, but the generosity and irrevocable love of God will never fade and will always sustain us.

### JOURNAL

Although God's love for us never diminishes, we sometimes struggle to maintain the enthusiasm of our earliest encounters with him. This week, create a spiritual "photo album" you can use to remind yourself of God's blessings in your life. Recall pivotal moments in your spiritual life, write them down in a notebook, and return to them with praise and thanksgiving whenever you feel your heart drifting from the Lord.

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**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

It is comforting to know that, within the kingdom of God, all will be well in the end. Isaiah tells us of God's promise to Zion—which we know to be fulfilled in his Son, Jesus. And Jesus, whose ministry on earth was visible and transformative, takes care to ensure that the wedding feast is not spoiled while demonstrating that what he offers us is superior to anything the world may offer. God's care for us knows no bounds, and the goodness we experience here is but a taste of what is to come.

**Gospel Focus:**

*The Lord's love and care for us knows no bounds.*



**"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:** When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

**Children:** What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?

**PRAYER AND VOCATIONS**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of January**



**Evangelization: For the right to an education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Pope Tweets:**

"Our Savior reveals Himself in the frailty of flesh. He came down to earth from the highest heaven. Son of God, He became the Son of Man. Christ Jesus was born of woman, and is one of us. For this reason, He is able to save us."

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

*Barbara Bonney, Carol Kelly, Christopher Morris, Dara Murphy, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White*

**Pro-Life Novena Prayer**

God, our heavenly Father,  
Source of all life and goodness,  
Creator of all things,



we turn to You with deep humility,  
and ask You to restore respect for the sanctity of all human life in our society and in our world.  
The culture of death is so pervasive and powerful today that our only hope is to trust entirely in Your grace to transform it into a culture of life.  
We make this prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.

(This prayer is taken from the Prayers in the Pew Church Edition Prayer Card. Please refer to the website SitStandKneel.com )

**Annual Mass for Anointing of the Sick**

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

**11:00 AM**



A luncheon for all participants will immediately follow. If you are in need of any type of healing, you are encouraged to attend!

**In Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day—January 20, 2025** let us remember the words of Pope Francis.

**Invocation for Peace**

*Words of Pope Francis, Vatican Gardens, Sunday, June 8, 2014*

Lord, God of Abraham, God of Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother and sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.



Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

**Considering a call to the priesthood**

"Come and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)



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**January 19, 2025  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 20**

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 21**—St. Agnes

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 22**—Day of Prayer for Unborn Children

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 23**

Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 24**—St. Francis de Sales

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 25**—Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday, January 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

Mon.	January 20	No Mass	
Tues.	January 21	Noon	Available
Wed.	January 22	Noon	Available
Thurs.	January 23	Noon	Available
Fri.	January 24	Noon	Available
Sat.	January 25	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	January 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:**

Tuesday—Thursday 11AM 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'

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

**If you still have a recurring offering to the "Mortgage", please switch it to the "Capital Reserve" fund.** The mortgage is paid in full, so the church needs to build up the Capital Reserve fund for future projects. Thank you.

**Parish Life This Week**

**Monday, January 20**

**Office Closed**

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, January 21**

6:00 PM OCIA

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, January 22**

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:00 PM PCL Mtg.

7:15 PM Book Club

**Thursday, January 23**

6:00 PM Finance Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Friday, January 24**

**Office Closed**

6:00 PM Game Night

**Saturday, January 25**

4:30 PM Rosary

**Sunday, January 26**

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM Deeper Dive



**Weekly Offering for:**

**January 11 & 12, 2025**

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

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

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offering \$ 4,386.16

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

Capital Reserve	\$ 368.00
Haiti	\$ 525.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 25.00
Ladies' Guild	\$ 112.00
Men's Club	\$ 195.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 25.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 231.77
Other	\$ 45.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Sat 95

Sun 174

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



**Upcoming Special Collections**

**January 26—Altar Flowers**

**February 2—Capital Reserve**

**February 9—Barron Dempsey Fund**

