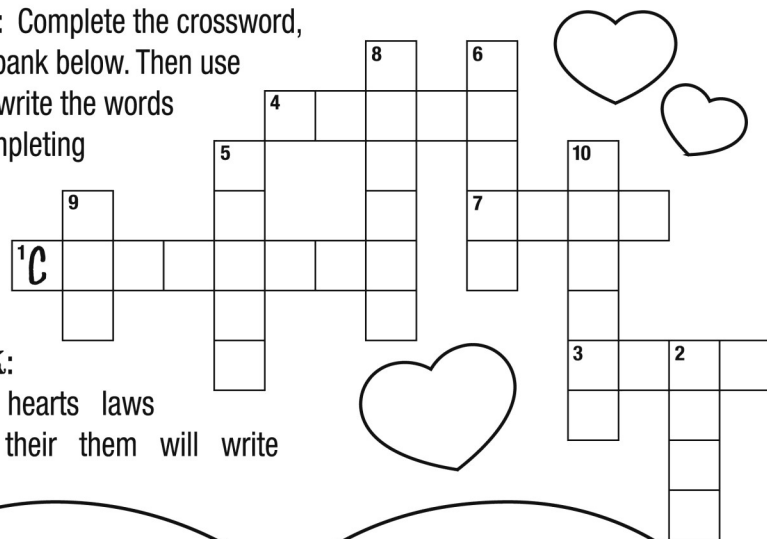


PUZZLE

ON THEIR HEARTS

God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.



WORD BANK:
 covenant God hearts laws
 minds people their them will write

"This is the 1) _____ ... | 2) _____
 put my 3) _____ in 4) _____ 5) _____ and
 6) _____ 7) _____ on 4) _____ 8) _____
 | 2) _____ be 4) _____ 9) _____ ,
 and they 2) _____ be my
 10) _____."

HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: "This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."
 Hebrews 8:10, NIV

NEWS & EVENTS

HEY EVERYONE THE SUPER BOWL IS COMING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH! LET THE LADIES' GUILD HELP WITH YOUR PARTY MENU!

We will be holding our *Annual Super Bowl Snack & Bake Sale on Saturday, February 8th & Sunday, February 9th*. We will have plenty of cheese balls, dips, chili & cornbread, and lots of other items for you to serve at your party. Why do all the work yourself? Make it easy on yourself and support the Ladies' Guild at the same time. See you on the 8th and 9th!



We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **FEBRUARY** a day filled with goodness and God's love and mercy.

May your journey continue to be blessed each and every day. May you look back with joy on the years of your life and with hope for those to come. May God bless you today and always.

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

As we approach the beginning of the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal which has a goal of \$4,676,409, we are reminded that the 2025 Appeal will provide critical funding to many diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese.

In early February, many of you will receive a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2025 Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous commitment to this effort.



The parish office is CLOSED on Monday, February 17, 2025 for the holiday.

Food Pantry Needs for the Week of February 2
BAKED BEANS OR KIDNEY BEANS
 Help us help others!



FAITH FORMATION

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK!

Your parish youth group put together twenty backpacks with various supplies in them, including blankets, hats, socks, and prayer cards and books, that were distributed right before the brutal cold that hit.

Please be praying for the souls that received the charity that was made possible by your generosity, and congratulate the youth on a job well done!



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!

Charles D. Arinello Memorial Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 17335 has established a scholarship found to honor *Charles D. Arinello*.



To help raise money to endow this fund we are accepting donations and selling raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing in Charlie's name. Tickets will be sold at the end of Masses throughout the month of February. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The drawing for the raffle winner will be on Saturday, March 2nd.

The scholarship will be awarded to one of our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 25th. See one of the Knights in the commons as you leave Mass to make a donation or to buy your raffle tickets.

High School Seniors, please see one of the Knights in the commons to pick up your scholarship application. All applications must be submitted **no later than April 30, 2025**.



Scout Sunday
February 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM Mass
 Scouts should wear their uniforms and be recognized.



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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Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org

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

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.



February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4 | Heb 2:14-18 | Lk 2:22-40

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the “refiner’s fire” which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory – the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” for he had seen the glory of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth’s greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn’t emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified – until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi’s words. The “fires” we experience in our lives are not without purpose – God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn’t afraid of our “crude material”; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner’s fire that we are brought to glory.

REFLECT

We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God’s promises. Pray Simeon’s canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

We can imagine that Simeon and Anna might have been tempted to give up hope that the Lord would fulfill his promise. But they persevered and continued to trust in God—continued to listen to the promptings of the Spirit—until the day finally came when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus and they recognized him as the Christ. Let us follow their examples and trust in God on our own faith journey.

Gospel Focus:

Let us persevere and trust in God.



"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 do you do when a message you are trying to deliver "falls on deaf ears"?

Children: Are there times when you have not listened as well as you could to what someone was telling you? Why didn't you?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of February



Evangelization: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Pope Tweets:

"May we always remember that children are hope. Let us protect their smile, which is one of the most beautiful manifestations of God's tenderness."



Please Remember in Prayer:

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

"Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord." (Psalm 24)



Reflection on Today's Readings:

The prophets Simeon and Anna gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God's promises. Pray Simeon's canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation.

Canticle of Simeon

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Response: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in His peace. Alleluia!

(catholicity.com/prayer/canticle-of-simeon.html)

Monthly Synopsis from Prayers in the Pew

February gives us a glance at Ordinary Time before we plunge into Lent in early March. We should use this time in an "ordinary" month to renew our prayer lives and strengthen our devotions. The angels and saints always assist us in our every attempt to draw closer to God.

(www.sitstandkneel.com, Prayers in the Pew monthly newsletter, February 2025)

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!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament February 7, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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



Considering a call to the priesthood

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



February 2, 2025 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 3

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 4

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 5—St. Agatha

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 7

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 8

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 9—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	February 3	No Mass	
Tues.	February 4	Noon	Available
Wed.	February 5	Noon	Available
Thurs.	February 6	Noon	Available
Fri.	February 7	Noon	Available
Sat.	February 8	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	February 9	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
February 9—Barron Dempsey Fund
March 2—Capital Reserve
March 5—Ash Wednesday



Parish Life This Week

Monday, February 3

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 4

6:00 PM OCIA

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 PM Youth Group

7:15 PM Book Club

Thursday, February 6

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg.

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, February 7

11:30 AM Adoration

Saturday, February 8

11:00 AM Healing Mass

4:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mystery Dinner sign-up

6:00PM Super Bowl Bake Sale

Sunday, February 9

8:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mystery Dinner sign-up

10:00 AM Super Bowl Bake Sale

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM Deeper Dive

11:15 AM Play Practice



Weekly Offering for:

January 18-19 & 25-26, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:	Jan. 18-19	Jan. 25-26
Regular Offering/Holy Days	\$ 4,634.16	\$ 4,027.18
ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:		
Capital Reserve	\$ 310.00	\$ 50.00
Haiti	\$ 35.00	\$ 85.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 85.00	\$ 20.00
Men's Club	\$ 10.00	—
Altar Flowers	\$ 30.00	\$ 597.50
Catholic Virginian	—	\$ 10.00
Roof Repair	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00
DIOCESAN COLLECTION:		
Respect Life	\$ 1,001.49	\$ 30.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat 1/18	101	Sat 1/25	57
Sun 1/19	132	Sun 1/26	219

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

