

# Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

- Grassy area behind a house
- Blooms that have petals
- Spring precipitation
- Puffy and white in the sky
- Soil
- Lawn
- Must be weeded and tended
- Tiptoe through these
- Baby sheep
- We need food and this
- God made this from nothing
- A sign of God's promise
- These, in April, bring May flowers

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Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers. "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

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## NEWS & EVENTS



### Charles D. Arinello Memorial Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 17335 has established a scholarship fund 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**.

**FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER!**  
Friday, February 28, 2025  
5:00 PM-7:00 PM



The Knights of Columbus Council 17335 will host a free spaghetti dinner in the commons for all parishioners to enjoy. The menu will be spaghetti and meat sauce or marinara, salad, bread, desert and tea. Any donations will be accepted to help support the *Walking with Moms in Need* program. Sign up in the commons if you plan to attend for a meal headcount.



### 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about providing for 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Provides formation opportunities for youth and young adults aimed at community building, prayer, worship, service, and education.
- Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.
- Funds the cost of room, board, tuition, and health insurance for our seminarians.

To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal).



If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website [www.cgsparish.org](http://www.cgsparish.org) or contact the parish office.

## FAITH FORMATION

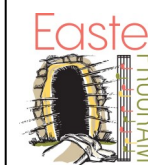


### OCIA: Celebration of the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church

On Sunday, February 16th, in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we celebrate the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church: *Sacrament of Confirmation* for **Natalie Smith**. The Lord has called her and brought her to this moment; may the Lord grant her light and strength to follow Christ with a resolute heart and to profess the faith of the Church. Please keep Natalie in your prayers as we celebrate together her reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.



Fifty-seven people attended our *Annual Healing Mass* last Saturday! Thank you to all who contributed to this special Mass and the luncheon that followed, including Fr. Tony, our Music Ministry, sacristan, reader, altar server and Parish Community Life. We also appreciate our parishioners who follow their baptismal call to pray for and serve the sick, either on their own or through one of our parish ministries. Thank you!



### 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 parish office is CLOSED on Monday, February 17, 2025 for the Diocesan holiday.**



**Food Pantry Needs for the Week of February 16**  
**SOUP**  
Help us help others!





# 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](mailto:pastor@cgsparish.org)

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**Youth Ministry** – Scott Watterson, [youthministry@cgsparish.org](mailto: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](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.



February 16, 2025

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 | 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 | Lk 6:17, 20-26

Written by  
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DISCIPLE

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

“It is so good to be poor, to have nothing, to await all from God!” These sentiments of the humble French religious sister St. Jeanne Jugan sum up the spirit of Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel. Jesus praises poverty, hunger, sadness, and rejection, but certainly not as ends in themselves; God does not take pleasure in our suffering! He does use our suffering, however, to awaken us to our need for him. Poverty can spur us to pursue heavenly goods, and thus Jesus assures the poor, “the kingdom of God is yours.” Hunger can cause us to seek God who alone can truly satiate our desires, and thus Jesus says to the hungry, “you will be satisfied.” Those who weep will laugh, Jesus says – so long as their sadness inspires them to seek happiness in the service of God and the joys of eternal life. For all of us, no matter our means or our circumstances, today’s Gospel is a reminder to allow everything – including our difficulties, disappointments, and unfulfilled desires – to turn our hearts to God and rely on his loving care.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be difficult to practice the spirit of the Beatitudes (as the “blessings” in today’s Gospel are called) in the moment. Suffering, distress, and confusion easily divert our attention from God as we attempt to “make the problem go away.” Sometimes we are even tempted to give up, to turn aside from God, and to seek consolation in other things. This is exactly the opposite of what he wants for us, and for good reason! God knows that it is best for us to always rely on him. This is why, as today’s first reading explains, the man who trusts in the Lord is secure – “like a tree planted beside the waters ... it fears not the heat when it comes” – and fruitful – “its leaves stay green.” For those who trust in the Lord, help comes from the all-powerful, infinitely loving Creator of the universe. When we entrust ourselves to him, we have nothing to fear.

### ACCOMPANY

Is there someone in your life who is struggling with fear, loneliness, anxiety, or sadness? Take time to pray with that person and, together, try to discover God’s invitation to a deeper reliance on him in the midst of the distress. These moments of suffering are never occasions for us to get “preachy.” Instead, accompany your friend and be a reminder of the hope we have in God.

**LITURGY AND MINISTRY**

**Today's Readings:**

Our readings today emphasize that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth, where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. He lifts us up, no matter what hardship we are facing.

**Gospel Focus:**

*God lifts us up to greater things.*



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

**EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...**  
*Are engaged in works of charity and mercy.*

**FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK**

**Adults:** In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?

**Children:** When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

**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:**

"With his merciful love, Jesus allows us to recognize every opportunity to encounter the Lord, even in illness, no matter how painful and difficult it may be to understand."

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

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

**Featured Prayer for February**

**Evening Prayer**

O my God, at the end of this day I thank You most heartily for all the graces I have received from You. I am sorry that I have not made a better use of them. I am sorry for all the sins I have committed against You. Forgive me, O my God, and graciously protect me this night. Blessed Virgin Mary, my dear heavenly mother, take me under your protection. St. Joseph, my dear Guardian Angel, and all you saints of God, pray for me. Sweet Jesus, have pity on all poor sinners and save them from hell. Have mercy on the suffering souls in purgatory. Amen.

*(SitStandKneel.com, Prayers in the Pew Family Edition Prayer Card.)*

+++++THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS+++++

"Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all your temporal and spiritual affairs."

*~Saint Francis de Sales*

"That God whom we desire to see and hold before us, is always ready to come to our assistance. Always faithful to his promises and seeing us fighting valiantly, he will send us his angels to sustain us in the trial."

*~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

*(Prayers in the Pew Monthly, February 2025, SitStandKneel.com)*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**February 21, 2025 at 11:30 AM**

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



Bring your palms to church so they can be burned for use on

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**March 5, 2025**



The collection basket is in the commons.  
Palms will be accepted until Sunday, February 23.

**Considering a call to the priesthood**

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? 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)



**February 16, 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday, February 17**  
Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday, February 18**  
Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday, February 19**  
Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday, February 20**  
Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday, February 21**  
Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday, February 22**—Feast of the Chair of St. Peter  
1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday, February 23**—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



**Daily Mass & Intention Schedule**

|        |             |         |                       |
|--------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Mon.   | February 17 | No Mass |                       |
| Tues.  | February 18 | Noon    | Available             |
| Wed.   | February 19 | Noon    | Available             |
| Thurs. | February 20 | Noon    | Available             |
| Fri.   | February 21 | Noon    | Dara Murphy (Healing) |
| Sat    | February 22 | 5:00 pm | +Elizabeth Perry      |
| Sun.   | February 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](http://www.cgsparish.org)  
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

**Upcoming Special Collections**

- March 2—Capital Reserve**
- March 5—Ash Wednesday**
- March 16—Catholic Virginian**



**Parish Life This Week**

- Monday, February 17**  
*Office Closed*  
6:00 PM Cub Scouts
- Tuesday, February 18**  
5:30 PM Boy Scouts  
6:00 PM OCIA
- Wednesday, February 19**  
10:00 AM Divine Mercy  
7:00 PM Ladies' Guild & Men's Club Mtgs.  
7:00 PM Youth Group  
7:15 PM Book Club
- Thursday, February 20**  
7:00 PM Choir Practice
- Friday, February 21**  
11:30 AM Adoration
- Saturday, February 22**  
4:30 PM Rosary
- Sunday, February 23**  
8:30 AM Rosary  
10:15 AM Religious Education  
10:15 AM Deeper Dive  
11:15 AM Play Practice



**Weekly Offering for:**

**February 8-9, 2025**

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

**OFFERTORY:**

Regular Offering/Holy Days \$ 5,488.76

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:**

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| Capital Reserve | \$ 568.00 |
| Haiti           | \$ 60.00  |
| Barron Dempsey  | \$ 717.95 |
| Youth Ministry  | \$ 8.00   |
| Other           | \$ 157.00 |

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:**

Respect Life \$ 75.00

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

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| Sat | 91  |
| Sun | 158 |

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.**

