

Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

See! The winter is _ _ _ _ ; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

“Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _ _ _ _ , it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.” (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _ _ _ _ , which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _ _ _ _ _ , each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the _ _ _ _ _ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints

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NEWS & EVENTS

The Men's Club Fish Dinners
Every Friday of Lent
5-7:00 PM
Cost is \$12.00 per meal
(Take Out Only)



Meal consists of fish filet, French fries, hush puppies and homemade coleslaw.

THE EASTER EGGS ARE BACK!!!



The Ladies' Guild is taking orders for their 1/2 lb. handmade, dark chocolate covered Easter Eggs until Sunday, April 6th. Cost per egg is \$8.00.

The flavors this year include: Peanut Butter, Buttercream, Chocolate Cream, Cherry Cream, Nutella, Cookies & Cream and Tropical Delight (coconut, lemon and almond flavoring).

All proceeds go back to parish ministries, the Isle of Wight County community and other area ministries.



Join us in supporting Peninsula Catholic High School's mission to educate and evangelize our youth!

Auction Your invited to an unforgettable evening at our **Disco Knights Benefit Auction on April 5, 2025**. Enjoy delicious food, fine wine, lively dancing, and the excitement of both silent and live auctions—all while making a difference.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased online at: <https://www.peninsulacatholic.org/giving/auction.cfm>.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Jubilee Year Resources



EWTN will be offering special programming to celebrate the Jubilee year including the *Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis* (April 27). Be sure to visit ewtn.com/jubilee for Jubilee resources, including EWTN's Jubilee travel app to assist you on your pilgrimage to the Eternal City.



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

When you contribute to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal, you are supporting 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church that help thousands of people across our Diocese. **The goal this year for Church of the Good Shepherd is \$21,190.** We thank you for your continued generosity to the Appeal. It is with this in mind that we hope each of you will prayerfully consider supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal if you have not done so already. Please visit richmondccatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make your donation today.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Opportunities



Marian or Sacred Heart of Jesus Garden

GROW a lifetime of love for scriptures through a Marian or Sacred Heart of Jesus Garden! Learn more at our upcoming Thursday sessions: March 13th, March 27th and April 10th.

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Mystery of God

(Bishop Barron Series)
March 18, April 1 & 8, 2025
7:00 PM—8:15 PM



What do Christians mean by "God"? You'll uncover the truth about who God is and why He matters.

For this and all adult faith formation information, see the table in the commons.



OCIA: CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES

On Sunday, March 16, 2025, in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), we celebrate the Penitential Rite for **Lisa Cimilluca, Tom Goedkoop, and Braylan Garcia**. Recognizing that they have already been baptized, we pray for the grace of further conversion of life. This ritual is a purification with intercessions offered to assist them to be ready to join the Church in Full Communion through Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep **these Candidates** in your prayers as they make their journey to the Sacraments of Initiation.



Children's Liturgy of the Word Request

Children's Liturgy of the Word is seeking donations of holy cards/prayer cards/Saint cards. During each Liturgy, we begin with prayer and then tell the story of a Saint before we get to the readings. The children are given an opportunity to share a Saint fact and receive a card. If you have any cards that you can share, we would be grateful. Thank you.

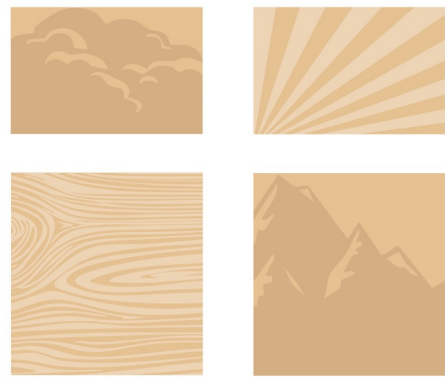
Are you looking for something to do while your child is in Religious Education class?

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.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of March 16
PASTA



SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Father Tony's Email: pastor@cgsparish.org

Office: (757) 365-0579 Fax: (757) 365-0994 Rectory: (757) 542-3879

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

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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

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Ladies' Guild - Margaret Hickman

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Parish Community Life - Debbi Gatti

Justice & Peace - Mary Ellen Bebermeyer

Haiti Committee & E-Bulletin Board - Dave Maltby

Divine Mercy Cenacle - Jean Coughlin

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.

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 | Phil 3:17—4:1 | Lk 9:28b-36

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

As humans, we are often burdened with heavy crosses. Experiences of loss, lack, failure, and betrayal can riddle our existence, leaving us fatigued and with a weary question in our hearts: What is this all for? And then, we look up. We raise our gaze and see before us the transfigured face of Christ. Having taken on our human form, Jesus stands before us in radiant glory. As we take in the scene, our senses mingling somewhere between admiration and alarm, we remember the promise he made to us. The promise that we, too, will be made new. The promise that our bodies will also be redeemed, and our burdens will be relieved. And as we remember, we respond, like the disciples, “It is good that we are here.” The life of discipleship, at times, can seem to require more than it rewards. But in these moments of intimate encounter, when we see glimpses of Jesus’ beautiful face, he reminds us why we are here on this mountain: to love, to serve, and eventually to reap our eternal reward.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We see why we are here on the mountain, but today’s readings also reveal a weighty reality: before we are transformed, we must *climb* that mountain. The whole story of Jesus’ life is this: before a promise is fulfilled, sacrifice is offered. Our human existence, without the mercy and mission given us by Christ, is empty. But taking up the cross of Christ and following him toward glory, we find our purpose. Earth is our pilgrimage, and our journey will most certainly be punctuated by peaks and valleys. But today, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Philippians that we won’t be carrying around these crosses forever. Though strapped with suffering for a time, we know our eternal destination: “Our citizenship is in heaven.”

REFLECT

Lent is inherently a season of waiting for the fulfillment of a promise. In our own lives, we may be aching for transformation, perhaps for ourselves, or for another. Remember: God enters deeply into our lives, dwelling so intimately with us that he syncs his every breath with ours. Take the next week to think and pray about how the Lord may be asking you to be transformed. Pray today’s Psalm each day, and “Wait for the Lord with courage.”



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LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

This season of Lent prepares us for Easter, when we will celebrate the Lord's resurrection. In today's Gospel Peter, John, and James get a glimpse of Jesus' glorified body. This is the type of body that Paul tells the Philippians we will one day have, as long as we stand firm in our faith—not only in Christ's resurrection, but also in his cross.

Gospel Focus:

Stand firm in faith.



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

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Have an active personal and communal prayer life.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

Children: When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Month of March



Evangelization: For families in crisis.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Pope Tweets:

"Let us pray together that broken families might find the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is March 19th

St. Joseph's Table (altar)

The Feast of St. Joseph, which always falls in the middle of Lent, is especially commemorated and celebrated in Italy in general, and Sicily in particular, where St. Joseph has been long-regarded as the island's Patron saint. It is there, among Sicilians, that the tradition of the "Tavola di San Giuseppe" or "St. Joseph's Table" has its origins.

March 19th is, in Italy, also Father's Day—which isn't at all surprising, as St. Joseph was, of course, the foster Father of Jesus. This celebration is a symbolic "thank you" and a renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to Saint Joseph.

It is a *shared* celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor. Traditional etiquette is that *no one* can be turned away from this table.

More information can be found at: yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/st-joseph-table/

Daily Prayer recited by Pope Francis

Every day, for more than 40 years, following Lauds, Pope Francis has recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

(yearofstjoseph.org)



Lent is marked by prayer, fasting and abstinence, and other acts of penance. Ask for God's forgiveness at our

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:00 PM



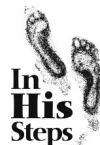
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

March 21, 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

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the 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



**March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent**

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 17

Dan 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 19—Solemnity of St. Joseph

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thursday, March 20

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 21

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22

Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 23—Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 (Scrutiny Year A Readings)



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	March 17	No Mass	
Tues.	March 18	Noon	Available
Wed.	March 19	Noon	Available
Thurs.	March 20	Noon	Available
Fri.	March 21	Noon	+Ted Bright
Sat	March 22	5:00 pm	+Fr. Cavey
Sun.	March 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 click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'

Upcoming Special Collections

March 30—Catholic Relief Services

April 6—Capital Reserve

April 13—Palm Sunday



Parish Life This Week

Monday, March 17

6:00 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 18

5:30 PM Boy Scouts

6:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM AFF—Mystery of God

Wednesday, March 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, March 20

7:00 PM Choir Practice

7:00 PM Confirmation (Resurrection)

Friday, March 21

11:30 AM Adoration

5:00 PM Fish Fry (Take Out Only)

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Individual or Family)

Saturday, March 22

4:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Easter Egg Orders

Sunday, March 23

8:30 AM Stations of the Cross

10:00 AM Easter Egg Orders

10:15 AM Religious Education

10:15 AM Deeper Dive

Easter Egg Production Monday-Wednesday mornings

Weekly Offering for:

March 8-9, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 4,900.16
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,442.76

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 343.00
Haiti	\$ 350.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 15.00
Men's Club	\$ 2,988.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 561.00
Other	\$ 127.24

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat	99
Sun	212

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

