



## OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

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2. H → ↑ → \_\_\_\_\_
3. V ↑ → ↓ \_\_\_\_\_
4. I ← ← ↑ \_\_\_\_\_
5. T ↑ ← ↑ \_\_\_\_\_
6. P ↑ → → ↓ \_\_\_\_\_
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ \_\_\_\_\_
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← \_\_\_\_\_



Praise be to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

\_\_\_\_\_ into a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answers: new birth

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### NEWS & EVENTS

#### THANK YOU MESSAGE

We would like to thank all those involved in the countless hours of planning and preparing for Holy Week. We could not do any of the things we do without your dedication and commitment to ensuring that our liturgical celebrations are meaningful and enriching for our parish community.

Wishing you Christ's many blessings throughout this joyful season!



#### Attention ALL High School Seniors!

Applications for the Charles D. Arinello Scholarship are due into the Knights of Columbus **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30!** If you are interested in getting an application contact Bob Hickman or Dan Lewandowski.



#### CRS Rice Bowls

It is time to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl donations! No coins please! You may place them in the collection basket or use the parish online giving site to donate. Thank you for changing lives this Lent!



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

As of 4/15/2025

Goal	\$ 21,190.00
Total Raised	\$ 18,195.00
% of Goal	86% from 36 donors

Help us reach our goal! It's not too late!

Please visit [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal](https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal) to make your secure online donation or contact the parish office to receive a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the Appeal.



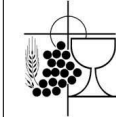
#### Food Pantry Needs for the Week of April 20 PASTA



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

### FAITH FORMATION

#### Congratulations!



We would like to congratulate those who joined us at the Table of the Lord at the Easter Vigil Mass. Those who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion were **Dustin Garren, Colleen Garren, and Jasmyn Garren**. Those who celebrated the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church: Confirmation and Holy Communion were **Thomas Goedkoop and Brayan Garcia**.

May you continue to grow in faith and love.



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming!

June 16-20, 2025

Join us for a week of growing in our faith, making friends, and continuing our mission that God has for us. Stay tuned for more information.



#### 40 Ways for 40 Days

In Religious Education we are encouraging the children to participate in 40 acts of love, service, and prayer throughout these 40 days of Lent. Please join us in donating to a food pantry, pro-life organization, and homeless shelter.

**COP** needs soups, canned meat, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, ravioli, and pork and beans. Drop off in the shopping cart in the commons.

**Care Net** needs Diaper Bags, Large Laundry Baskets, Baby Clothes, Teething Rings/Toys, Baby Carriers for Dad, Baby Board Books, Baby Towels, Burp Cloths and Bibs for Girls, Receiving Blankets for Boys, Baby Lotion, and Winter Maternity Clothes. Drop off in the playpen in the commons.

**St. Vincent de Paul** needs Men's Tennis Shoes, Jeans, T Shirts, Underwear, and Socks. Drop off in the box in the commons.

Thank you for your generosity and assisting those in need.



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on  
April 21 & 25, 2025.

The office will be open April 22-24, 2025  
from 1PM-4PM.

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





# The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

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Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday—Friday at Noon  
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## Staff

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## Ministries

**Ministry to the Sick** - Betsy Knapp  
**Pastoral Council** - Joe Campo  
**Finance Council** - Dan Falbe  
**Money Counters** - Margaret Hickman  
**Building** - Hart Smith and Tom Quick  
**Grounds**  
**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** - 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.



April 20, 2025

## The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

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

After years (and, for many of us, decades) of celebrating Easter, we may not be sensitive to the sheer peculiarity of the Resurrection accounts. But a close reading of today’s Gospel prompts us to ask: If most of us were dreaming up the greatest event in history, wouldn’t we have made it more exciting? A little fanfare would have gotten the message out to the world and nipped future skepticism in the bud. Yet this is not what God did. The account of Jesus’ resurrection has no fanfare; in fact, it is not an account of a resurrection at all. It is a story of an empty tomb discovered by a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons (cf. Lk 8:2), and two fishermen. Awestruck by the simplicity of these circumstances, we are inspired to adore the profound humility of God who invites – but never forces – us to respond to him in faith.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although we cannot know exactly why God chose to arrange the events this way, today’s second reading offers a hint: “For you have died,” writes St. Paul, “and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” This world which we consider home, and everything that comes to mind when we say “my life” – these are only shadows of the life that is found in Christ alone. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are meant to gaze past the outward appearances of our mundane and sometimes pain-filled lives and, with the eyes of faith, place our hope in the true *life* that comes from God. But how often we forget! How often we live as if this world were all there was, without hope for eternal life! We are not alone in forgetting God’s promises; Mary Magdalene and the disciples do not seem to expect Jesus’ resurrection – even though he had repeatedly predicted it. At the tomb, they sought a dead body; but Jesus wished to offer them *his life*. We, likewise, must desire and seek his life by laying aside everything that does not lead us to him.

### REJOICE

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Although we don’t place our hope in this life, marking the Church’s feasts in our homes and families can inspire us to seek “what is above” by giving us a foretaste of the joys of heaven. Today through next Sunday, as we celebrate the “Easter Octave,” every day is Easter Day! Use simple reminders – decorations, an extra treat, an additional time of prayer – to rejoice each day of the Octave.

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE




LITURGY AND MINISTRY

**Today’s Readings:**  
Today we rejoice in the Lord’s resurrection, his victory over death. Through this victory, the Lord has opened the gates of heaven for us and offered us forgiveness of sins and eternal joy in his presence. This eternal destiny calls us to live always with a focus on *what is above*—to orient our earthly activities and concerns toward what is most conducive to a life of faith in the Lord.

Gospel Focus:

Live each day with a focus on what is above.

 **“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 change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?  
**Children:** What bad habit would you like to “clear out” during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for the Month of April



**Evangelization:** *For the use of new technologies.*  
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.  
**Pope Tweets:**  
“Jesus’ gaze is not one of reproach, but of mercy. It is that mercy we sometimes struggle to accept, especially when God forgives those who, in our opinion, do not deserve it.”

 **Please Remember in Prayer:**  
*Barbara Bonney, Carol Kelly, Betty Kinney, Christopher Morris, Betty Nagy, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Peggy Shaw, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White*

From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family,  
Rejoice, for the tomb is empty, and death is conquered! Christ has risen from the dead, offering us the gift of salvation and eternal life. This Easter, let us come together as one family, embracing the hope and joy that radiate from the empty tomb. As we celebrate this Easter season, let us renew our commitment to living the truth of the Gospel, sharing Christ’s love with one another, and reaching out to those who do not yet know Him. May the Resurrection of our Lord inspire us to live with faith and courage, trusting in God’s providence, and transforming the world through acts of mercy and compassion. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts this Easter and always.  
  
In Christ’s love,  
*Fr. Tony*

Divine Mercy Sunday



**“Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to God’s mercy”**  
- a quote from the diary of St. Faustina, given to her by Jesus.  
Please plan to join us for the celebration of this great feast of Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter  
**April 27, 2025.**  
Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM followed by Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

**There is NO WEEKDAY MASS on Tuesday, April 29th at Noon. We will be having a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM for Richard John Bellew. All are invited to attend.**



Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Richard Bellew** who passed away on March 25, 2025. May the Lord grant eternal rest unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him. Keep his family in your prayers.

**Considering a call to the priesthood**  
*“He is not here; He has been raised.”*  
The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the Church? 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)



April 20, 2025  
Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

Readings for the Week

**Monday, April 21**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday, April 22**  
Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday, April 23**  
Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday, April 24**  
Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday, April 25**  
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday, April 26**  
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15  
**Sunday, April 27—Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	April 21	No Mass	
Tues.	April 22	Noon	Available
Wed.	April 23	Noon	Available
Thurs.	April 24	Noon	Available
Fri.	April 25	Noon	Available
Sat	April 26	5:00 pm	+Dara Murphy
Sun.	April 27	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 1PM to 4PM



**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**  
**April 27—Altar Flowers**  
**May 4—Capital Reserve**  
**May 18—Barron Dempsey Fund**



Parish Life This Week



**Monday, April 21**  
**Office Closed**  
6:00 PM Cub Scouts  
**Tuesday, April 22**  
5:30 PM Boy Scouts  
**Wednesday, April 23**  
Youth Group Cancelled  
6:00 PM Finance Council  
**Thursday, April 24**  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
**Friday, April 25**  
**Office Closed**  
**Saturday, April 26**  
10:00 AM First Communion Retreat  
4:30 PM Rosary  
**Sunday, April 27**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
8:30 AM Rosary  
10:15 AM Adoration/Divine Mercy Chaplet/Benediction  
10:15 AM Religious Education

Weekly Offering for:

April 12-13, 2025

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering	\$ 4,650.16
Palm Sunday	\$ 1,152.00
Easter	\$ 100.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve	\$ 295.00
Haiti	\$ 100.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 25.00
Men’s Club	\$ 2,134.66
Ladies’ Guild	\$ 1,364.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 25.00
Other	\$ 75.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:

Holy Land—Good Friday	\$ 50.00
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MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat	108
Sun	221

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

