NEWS & EVENTS

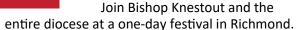
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY We would like to wish Fr. Tony a "HAPPY 41 AT 70!"



May your journey continue to be blessed each and every day. Please keep Fr. Tony in your prayers.



Catholic FEST 2025 October 11. 2025 10:00 AM-9:00PM



The day will be full of music, food, fun, fellowship, faith, and celebrating the Mass as the Diocese of Richmond. If you would like more information, visit *catholicfest.richmondiocese.org*

3 (+) worldwide marriage

MARRIED COUPLES: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day,

you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom to live your best life in **love.** Upcoming experiences are:

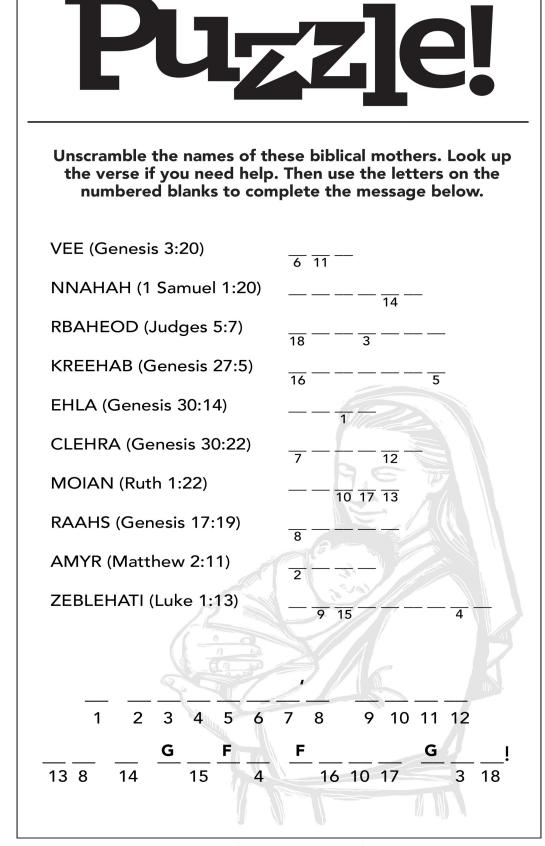
- June 20-22 in Raleigh, NC
- September 12-14 in Richmond, VA
- October 24-26 in Jessup, MD
- November 7-9 in Rehoboth Beach, DE

For more information, please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

Catholic Community Foundation	2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: "Sharing His Love with Others" As of 5/9/2025	
G	ioal	\$ 21,190.00
т	otal Raised	\$ 19,020.00
% of Goal		90% from 41 donors
Help us reach our goal! It's not too late!		

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Please visit 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.



A mother's love is a gift from God! Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth;

FAITH FORMATION



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming! True North— "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"

June 16-20, 2025

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Join us for a week of growing in our faith, making friends, and continuing our mission that God has for us. Registrations have begun and space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact Lara Detrich.

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.

Prayer for Mothers

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of mothers, for their unwavering love and tireless care.

Grant all mothers the strength, wisdom, and patience to guide their children on the path to a life filled with faith and joy.

Bless them with the health and peace they need to face the challenges of motherhood.

May they find solace in your embrace, and may the intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus, and St. Monica, the patron saint of mothers, guide them through every moment. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

> Join us for Donuts and fellowship after Mass in the Commons next Sunday, May 18





Food Pantry Needs for the Week of May 11 **BAKED BEANS OR KIDNEY BEANS**

If you are new to our parish, you can find the registration form on our website www.cgsparish.org or contact the parish office.





GOSPELS



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

300 Smithfield Boulevard, Smithfield, Virginia 23430

Website: www.cgsparish.org E-mail: admin@cgsparish.org 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 Eucharistic Adoration is on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month.

<u>Staff</u>

Pastor - Fr. Tony Yllana, pastor@cgsparish.org
Admin Assistant - Vicki Dobbins, admin@cgsparish.org
Religious Education - Lara Detrich, formation@cgsparish.org
Youth Ministry – Scott Watterson, youthministry@cgsparish.org
Lead Liturgical Musician—Caiden Zakaras, music@cgsparish.org

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, gk17335@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 -** Jean Coughlin Special Needs Ministry - Sue Ellebracht Walking with Moms in Need

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.

<u>Inclement Weather</u> - 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.

 $\underline{Baptisms}$ – 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.

<u>Marriage</u> – Registered parishioners must contact the parish at least 6 months prior to the intended date.

<u>**Reconciliation**</u> – Before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

<u>Visitation of the Sick</u> – Please call the office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick, or when someone is ill or hospitalized.



Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | pray, study, engage, serve "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep - capable of little in the way of self-defense - even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus' sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ's flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world's fertile meadows may look inviting, not to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd's voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today's second reading, however, St. John's vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: "For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them." In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is the Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father's will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd's attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep's attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today? Or are we like those who, recognizing God's intention to gather the whole world into his fold, were filled with jealousy and deaf to the Good News? We may have moments where we can hear, and moments where distractions deafen us to our shepherd's voice. Let us pray for new hearts and open ears to follow Christ.

Gospel Focus:

Can we hear Christ's voice speaking to us today?



"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: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

Children: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



Let us welcome our new Pope Pope Leo XIV

Robert Francis Prevost Elected May 8, 2025

May he be strengthened as he embarks on his ministry of unity, love, and peace.

Evangelization: For working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Apostolica Sedes Vacans Tweet:

"In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon Himself all the evil in this world and in His infinite mercy has defeated it. He has uprooted the diabolical pride that poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side."

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd and guide, in your providence you never cease to care for your Church;

We give you heartfelt thanks and praise for the gift of our new Holy Father, **Pope Leo XIV**,

whom you have set among us as a successor to Peter and a servant of your Gospel.

Grant, we pray, that he may lead your people with wisdom and courage,

In holiness of life and fervent charity, ever attentive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit.

May he be a sign of unity, a herald of your truth, and a faithful guardian of the faith entrusted to the Apostles.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

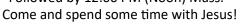
(The Catholic Company. Catholiccompany.com)

May is the Month of Our Lady

In the month of May we should aim to deepen our devotion to Mary. Our challenge this month is to make sure Our Lady is well-represented in our homes, not only through pious religious images but more importantly through tangible prayer. The recitation of the family Rosary is a time-honored tradition. The family that prays together stays together.

(The Prayers in the Pew monthly, May 2025. www.sitstandkneel.com)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament May 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM Followed by 12:00 PM (Noon) Mass.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE! Church News There is NO WEEKDAY MASS from Friday, May 9—Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Considering a call to the priesthood

30 "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and _ they follow me." Let's unite as a Church to His Steps ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out the the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org

May 11, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**



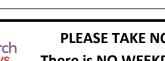
Readings for the Week	Parish Life This Week		
Monday, May 12	Monday, May 12		
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10	6:00 PM Cub Scouts		
Tuesday, May 13	Tuesday, May 13		
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30	5:30 PM Boy Scouts		
Wednesday, May 14-St. Matthias	7:00 PM K of C Mtg.		
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17	Wednesday, May 14		
Thursday, May 15	10:00 AM Divine Mercy 7:00 PM Youth Group		
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20	Thursday, May 15		
Friday, May 16	7:00 PM Choir Practice		
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6	Friday, May 16		
Saturday, May 17	11:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration		
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14	Saturday, May 17		
Sunday, May 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter	4:30 PM Rosary		
Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35	Sunday, May 18		
AUIS 14.21-27, NEV 21.1-30, JII 13.31-330, 34-33	8:30 AM Rosary 10:15 AM Donuts		
	10:15 AM Deeper Dive		
Daily Mass & Intention Schedule			
Mon. May 12 No Mass			
Tues. May 13 No Mass	Weekly Offering for:		
Wed. May 14 No Mass	May 3-4, 2025		
Thurs. May 15 No Mass	Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00		
Fri. May 16 Noon Available			
Sat May 17 5:00 pm +Tom Wunder	(The following totals include E-Giving)		
Sun. May 18 9:00 am Good Shepherd Comm.	OFFERTORY:		
Parishioners are invited to remember their loved ones in a	Regular Offering \$ 6,075.71		
special way through prayers. If you would like to have a	Holy Days \$ 125.00		
Mass celebrated in memory of a loved one or a special inten-	ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:		
tion, please contact the parish office. Stipends may be turned	Capital Reserve \$ 2,970.60		
in with the collection or mailed to the office. Checks	Haiti \$ 75.00		
should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd.	Barron Dempsey \$ 190.00		
Please write <i>"mass intention"</i> on the memo line of your	Ladies' Guild \$ 532.00		
check. Thank you.	Catholic Virginian \$ 10.00		
	Altar Flowers* (see below) \$ 40.00		
	Youth Ministry \$ 63.00 Other \$ 695.00		
Church open for personal prayer:			
Monday—Friday 10AM to 3PM	DIOCESAN COLLECTION: Holy Land—Good Friday \$ 200.00		
<u>ч</u>	Rice Bowl \$ 170.00		
	Home Missions \$ 150.00		
We invite you to check out our			
On-Line Giving Program.	MASS ATTENDANCE		
	Sat 88		
Visit our parish website: www.cgsparish.org	Sun 211		
click on 'Give' then 'On-Line Giving'	Thank you for your continued support		
	of the Church of the Good Shepherd!		
	Your generosity is greatly appreciated!		
Uncoming Special Collections			
Upcoming Special Collections	*Altar Flowers/Other collection for April 17-20 included		
May 18—Barron Dempsey Fund	a donation of \$4 470 00 to be used for beautification of		





May 25—Catholic Home Missions June 1—*Capital Reserve*





a donation of \$4,470.00 to be used for beautification of the area surrounding the church now and in the future. There was only \$40.00 for altar flowers.