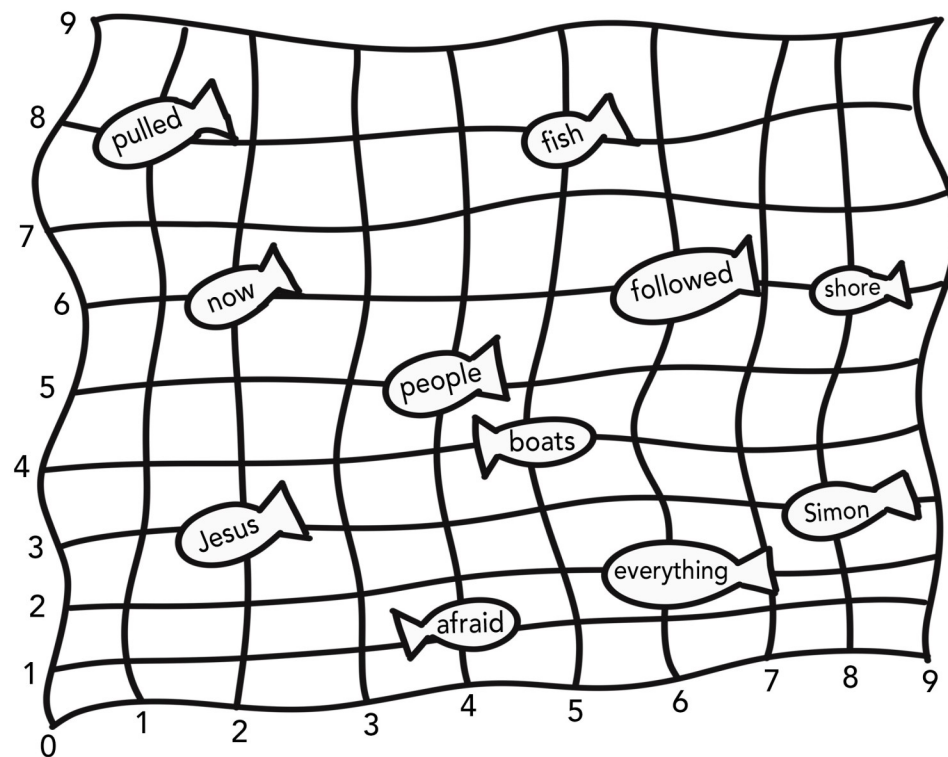




FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to , "Don't be ; from
(2, 3) (8, 3) (4, 1) (2, 6)
on you will for ." So they their
(5, 8) (4, 5) (1, 8)
 up on , left and him.
(5, 4) (8, 6) (6, 2) (6, 6)

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, now, fish, people, pulled, boats, shore, everything, followed

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NEWS & EVENTS



We would like to wish Fr. Tony a
"Happy Anniversary" for 41 years
of faithful service to his flock
and a
"Happy Birthday!" for reaching an
important milestone in his life.

May the Lord continue to bless him with health, happiness, and strength in his service to others. We pray that he may continue to be a beacon of faith and hope for all who know him.

We would like to wish everyone with a birthday or a wedding anniversary in the month of **MAY** 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!



EMMAUS JOURNEY For Grieving Parents

August 2, 2025

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Newport News

This retreat is a faith-based, day-long retreat given by a team of grieving parents, spiritual directors, and clergy. It offers a safe place where grieving parents can seek peace, comfort, and hope.

Visit the website evangelizerichmond.org to learn more and to register for this retreat.

"Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted."
(Matthew 5:4)

Let us remember to pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and strengthen the Cardinal-electors as they choose a new Holy Father to lead us.



**Food Pantry Needs for the
Week of May 4
CANNED MEAT OR FISH**

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Please join us in praying for the newest members to join our Eucharistic table on May 4, 2025.



Patricio Alvarez
Isaac Freeman
Wyatt Garren
Mason Guimond
Bernadette Marro
Mason Patania
Bristol Wiggins

May God's light guide you as you continue to grow in faith and love throughout the coming years.



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.

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.



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

As of 5/1/2025

Goal \$ 21,190.00

Total Raised \$ 19,020.00

% of Goal 90% from 41 donors

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

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.



Welcome New Parishioners to Church of the Good Shepherd!

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



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.

Staff

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

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

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.

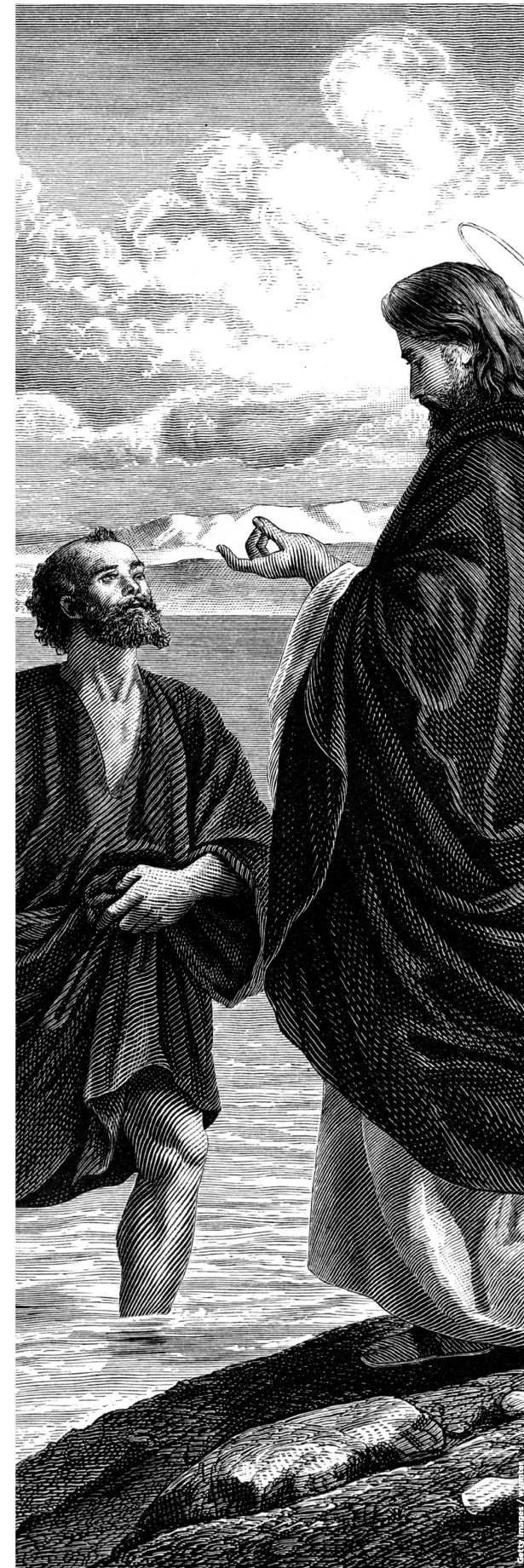
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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.



May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 | Rev 5:11-14 | Jn 21:1-19

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

Underlying Peter's simple statement in today's Gospel, "I am going fishing," is an ocean of sadness. This leader of the Apostles was once so eager and self-assured that he declared to Jesus, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." (Mt 26:35) But we know the story: At the decisive moment, Peter yielded under pressure and three times denied that he even knew Jesus. Now, after witnessing his Master's arrest and execution, Peter, whom Jesus called to leave his nets to be a fisher of men (see Mt 4:19), returns to his old profession. And even there he sustains another failure: he can't catch any fish! Swimming to shore, the ever-impulsive Apostle discovers that Jesus had already procured fish for breakfast without his help. Imagine Peter's consternation: my vocation as an Apostle, my career as a fisherman, my professed willingness to die for the Lord – everything I thought I could hang my hat on – were pretense and illusion.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our relationship with God, we are at times beset by the reality of our own weaknesses and apparent failures. But for Peter as for us, despondency does not have to have the final word. In one of the most intimate exchanges in the Gospels, Jesus heals Peter's self-inflicted wound. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" the Lord asks three times. What Jesus desires from the Apostle is not eloquent declarations of courage; he wants Peter's love; he wants his heart: conscious of its frailty and humble enough to be led where it does not want to go. Neither Peter's day job nor his grandiose spiritual aspirations are useful to the Lord if Peter has not first surrendered himself to God. This is because only a heart which belongs to God and draws its strength from him can bear fruit for the kingdom of heaven. Such is likewise true for us, often so anxious about tomorrow or preoccupied with our attempts to "earn" God's love. Our primary responsibility, without which none of our other labors will be fruitful, is to give our hearts completely to him.

PRAY

Repetition is the mother of learning. Three times, Jesus asked Peter to renew his love – perhaps, in part, to convince Peter! This week, offer your heart to God as soon as you get up in the morning. You could even use Peter's words: "Lord, you know that I love you." By making this a habit, you invite God's grace and strength to make each day's actions fruitful.

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today’s Readings:
In order to move forward, we need to look back. We need to remember, to be ready for what is to come. In the Mass, we are reminded of how Jesus offered himself for us; how he cares for and nourishes us; and how he guides us. With this remembrance, we can move forward in love to follow and serve him.

Gospel Focus:

We must obey God rather than men.



*“Encounter the Joy of the Gospel
and Set the World Ablaze”
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Follow Jesus’ example of care
for the weakest among us.*

FATHER’S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: In what ways are you answering Jesus’ command to Peter to “feed my sheep”?

Children: What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



Let us remember in our prayers

Pope Francis

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

December 17, 1936—April 21, 2025



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:
“Christ has conquered sin and destroyed death, yet the power of His Resurrection is still being brought to fulfillment in our earthly history. Like a small seed of light, that fulfillment has been entrusted to us, to protect it and make it grow.”



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*

Bible Basics



HERE AND NOW—It is not only on all Souls Day that the Church prays for souls. Members of the Church are obliged to be concerned about the salvation of souls in the *here and now*, every day of the year! We do this in four ways:

Care: This term refers to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Catholics believe in the fundamental dignity of the human person. Our concern is not just for their bodily wellbeing but also for the salvation of the souls.

Prayer: Catholics believe that God “wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim 2:4), so we pray for the salvation of every single soul on the face of the earth.

Prepare: The reason why the Catholic Church has always been in the business of education is that we believe it is necessary to teach people to live morally good lives here on earth as a preparation for the life of heaven.

Share: Jesus Himself told us to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:18-20). This mandate forms the basis of the Church’s missionary efforts to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

*“Let us remember that the Heart of Jesus has called us not only for our own sanctification, but also for that of other souls. He wants to be helped in the salvation of souls.”
~St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*

(Faith Fundamentals, May 2025. www.sitstandkneel.com)



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!
**The WEEKDAY MASS on
Tuesday, May 6th has been
changed to 10:00 AM.**

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**There is NO WEEKDAY MASS from
Friday, May 9—Thursday, May 15, 2025.**

Considering a call to the priesthood
“It is the Lord!” Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out the the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 5
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, May 6
Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, May 7
Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, May 8
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, May 9
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, May 10
Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday, May 11—Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	May 5	No Mass	
Tues.	May 6	10:00 am	Available
Wed.	May 7	Noon	Available
Thurs.	May 8	Noon	Available
Fri.	May 9	No Mass	Available
Sat	May 10	5:00 pm	+Nancy Falbe
Sun.	May 11	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 3PM



**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
May 18—Barron Dempsey Fund
May 25—Catholic Home Missions
June 1—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Monday, May 5
6:00 PM Cub Scouts
Tuesday, May 6
5:30 PM Boy Scouts
Wednesday, May 7
6:00 PM Liturgical Ministries
7:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM Book Club
Thursday, May 8
7:00 PM Choir Practice
Saturday, May 10
4:30 PM Rosary
Sunday, May 11
Mother’s Day
8:30 AM Rosary
10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:

April 17-20 & 26-27, 2025

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

OFFERTORY:	April 17-20	April 26-27
Regular Offering	\$ 5,974.76	\$ 5,457.16
Palm Sunday	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 1,784.00	\$ 80.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:		
Capital Reserve	\$ 90.00	\$ 40.00
Haiti	\$ 125.00	\$ 75.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 120.00	\$ 20.00
Men’s Club	—	\$ 12.00
Ladies’ Guild	—	\$ 766.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 15.00	—
Altar Flowers/Other	\$ 4,510.00	\$ 524.00
Roof Repair	—	\$ 10.00
Other	\$ 150.00	—

DIOCESAN COLLECTION:		
Holy Land—Good Friday	\$ 700.00	\$ 5.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 345.00	—
Home Missions	\$ 10.00	—
Peter’s Pence	\$ 10.00	—

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 17	112	Easter Vigil	142
April 18/3PM	87	Easter Sunday	384
April 18/7PM	56	Sat 4/26	84
		Sun 4/27	207

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

