



PUZZLE

action-packed faith

The greatest “super men” who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus’ life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God’s commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God’s laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God’s Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you’re a “hero” for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 2, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 4.

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NEWS & EVENTS



Attention!
There is **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
June 30—July 4, 2025.



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 or another retreat.

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

NEW OFFICE HOURS

(effective until further notice)

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| Monday | 10:00 AM—3:00 PM |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM—3:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM—3:00 PM |
| Thursday | 10:00 AM—3:00 PM |
| Friday | CLOSED |



The Office will be **CLOSED** July 3 & 4, 2025 for the holiday.



“I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.”
(Pope Saint John Paul II)

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming experiences are:

- September 12-14 in Richmond, VA
- October 24-26 in Jessup, MD
- November 7-9 in Rehoboth Beach, DE
- February 13-15, 2026 in Waynesboro, VA
- March 6-8, 2026 in Hampton, VA

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

FAITH FORMATION

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.





ENROLLING NOW

for 2025 - 2026

600 Harpersville Rd.
Newport News, Virginia 23601

www.peninsulacatholic.org

(757) 596-7247

Peninsula Catholic High School is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please go to our website: <https://www.peninsulacatholic.org/admissions/> or contact Karen Domzal, Director of Enrollment: kdomzal@peninsulacatholic.org



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: “Sharing His Love with Others”

As of 6/26/2025

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Goal | \$ 21,190.00 |
| Total Raised | \$ 22,995.00 |
| % of Goal | 109% from 48 donors |

It’s not too late to donate!

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.



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of June 29 CANNED OR BOXED FRUIT

The shelves at Christian Outreach are getting bare and your weekly food contributions are a great help in filling these shelves but more contributions are needed. If you haven’t brought in a nonperishable food item in the past, please consider doing so especially over the summer when contributions are usually lower. While a weekly food item is suggested, any nonperishable item is appreciated and follows our Lord’s instruction to “Feed my sheep.”

Many thanks to those who support the COP foodbank.



The Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd

300 Smithfield Boulevard, Smithfield, Virginia 23430

Website: www.cgsparish.org
E-mail: admin@cgsparish.org

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

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 10:00AM-3:00PM; Friday—Closed

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. Andrews Mensah

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

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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—Jean Coughlin

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 from 4:15PM to 4:45PM 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.



June 29, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 | 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 | Mt 16:13-19

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

Too often, we conceive of our earthly pilgrimage as a convoluted maze we must travel by ourselves. Consequently, many of us either ignore the question altogether or become overwhelmed by how ill-equipped we are for the task. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus indicates that confusion was never part of his plan. Responding to Peter’s profession of faith, Jesus says, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.” From the mouth of Eternal Wisdom comes words which establish a Church on Peter’s God-given faith. Already a leader among the disciples, Peter now receives his vocation to be the foundation of unity among the Apostles. Their successors, the bishops, would be recognizable by their union with Peter’s successors, the popes. Over time, the Church’s understanding of Peter’s authority would mature and deepen. From the beginning, however, Peter’s role as shepherd meant that navigating the path to heaven was not something we were to do in isolation. We aren’t asked to decipher the meaning of the Scriptures ourselves or to untangle centuries of theological speculation in order to follow Jesus. God, who knows we cannot make the journey alone, has given us a visible Church to be our guide.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus established the Church so that we would have a sure and safe means of transit on our earthly pilgrimage. Convinced though we may be of this truth, we nevertheless have to contend with the storms that buffet her from within and without. Yet we can rest in Jesus’ assurance to Peter: “the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” The Church has survived for millennia as empires have risen and fallen around her. Even in her darkest hours, Christ has continued to speak through her and, by his sacraments, to touch us intimately with his love.

PRAY

Today’s first reading, which takes place when Peter is in prison, contains an interesting detail: “Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on [Peter’s] behalf.” As members of Christ’s Church on earth, we are not meant to be passive players. This week, pray for *Peter* — that is, for his successor, the pope — that he may fulfill his lofty and difficult vocation to lead the world to Christ.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:
While preaching and spreading the Gospel after the Resurrection, Peter was arrested by King Herod. Meanwhile, *prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.* The early church offers us an example of intercessory prayer that we should imitate by praying fervently for the successor of Peter, the pope.

Gospel Focus:

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.



***"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel
and Set the World Ablaze"***
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
***Make the Eucharist the source
and summit of their lives.***

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

Children: Who do you tell people Jesus is?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions
for the Month of June

Evangelization: *That the world might grow in compassion.*

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Pope Tweets:

"In a world where ingratitude and the thirst for power often prevail and the logic of exclusion seems to dominate, we are called to bear witness to the gratitude and generosity of Christ, to exultation and joy, and the tenderness and mercy of His heart."



Please Remember in Prayer:

Barbara Bonney, Betty Kinney, Christopher Morris, Mary Pasko, Alice Reece, Dot Robinson, Peggy Shaw, Debbie Steiger, and Irene White

Rules for the Eucharistic Fast

The Church's rules for worthy reception of the Eucharist are commonly known as the "Eucharistic fast". There are two primary rules, which come directly from canon law:



1. One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion. (Canon 919.1)
2. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess; in this case the person is [obliged to]...make an act of perfect contrition which includes the resolution of confessing as soon as possible. (Canon 916)

Other rules related to receiving Holy Communion apply in unusual circumstances in order to protect the Eucharist from abuse or help to accommodate unavoidable human situations:

- A person who has already received the Eucharist may receive a second time on the same day, but it must be within a Mass (Canon 917);
- Anyone excommunicated must not receive Communion until the penalty is lifted and until there is a definite reform of life (Canon 915);
- The elderly, the sick, and those who care for them may receive Communion if they have eaten something within the preceding hour (Canon 919.3). In such a case, the fasting obligation is reduced to one quarter of an hour (*Immensae Caritatis*, 1973).

(The Prayers in the Pew monthly newsletter. June 2025. www.sitstand-kneel.com)



The Clergy Assignments have been posted!
We will be joined by
Fr. Andrews Mensah, "Fr. Andy",
who will become the
Administrator on July 1, 2025.

We are looking forward to his arrival. May he be blessed with mercy and grace as he embarks on this journey at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Sometimes God speaks to us very clearly, other times it is a little more difficult to understand what God is asking of us. Maybe you feel like Peter, God is calling you to something greater than yourself, but we don't fully understand what He is asking of us. Now would be a great time to talk to your priest to better learn how to hear God's voice and discern His purpose for your life. Reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



June 29, 2025
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 30

Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 1

Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 2

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 3—St. Thomas

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Friday, July 4

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, July 5

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday, July 6—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

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| Mon. | June 30 | No Mass |
| Tues. | July 1 | No Mass |
| Wed. | July 2 | No Mass |
| Thurs. | July 3 | No Mass |
| Fri. | July 4 | No Mass |
| Sat | July 5 | 5:00 pm +Andrew Postula |
| Sun. | July 6 | 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—Wednesday 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

July 6—Capital Reserve

July 27—Altar Flowers

August 3—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Tuesday, July 1

5:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, July 2

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, July 3

Office Closed

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

Office Closed

Saturday, July 5

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, July 6

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:

June 21 & 22, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 3,892.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

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| Haiti | \$ 125.00 |
| Barron Dempsey | \$ 10.00 |
| Catholic Virginian | \$ 40.00 |
| Other | \$ 40.00 |

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

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| Catholic Home Missions | \$ 425.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ 13.00 |

MASS ATTENDANCE

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| Sat | 105 |
| Sun | 188 |

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.