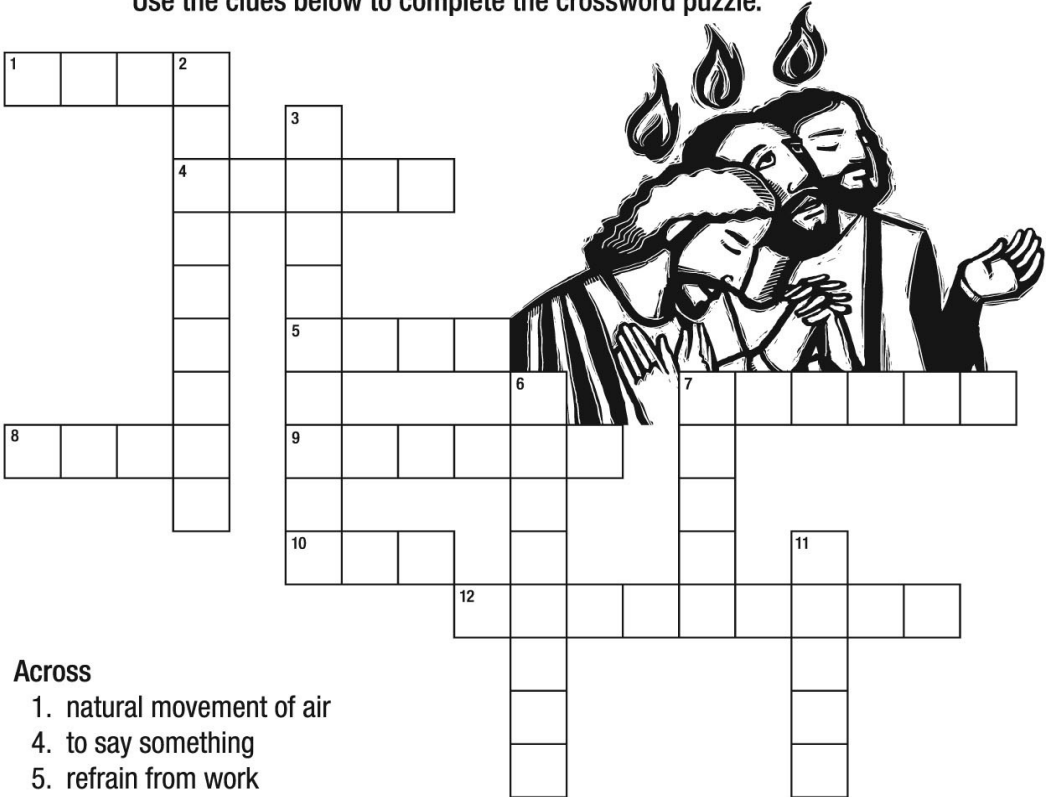


The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- natural movement of air
- to say something
- refrain from work
- place where God is
- a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
- part of mouth that can taste and lick
- the time between sunrise and sunset
- the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

- followers of Christ
- moved apart
- quickly and unexpectedly
- a building where people live
- vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

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NEWS & EVENTS



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)

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED!

Church of the Good Shepherd is seeking a part-time bookkeeper (15 hours per week) to begin working July 1, 2025. Accounting experience is preferred, and familiarity with the Parish Soft accounting program is a plus. Pay is commensurate on experience. If you are interested or know someone who may be a good candidate, please reach out to Fr. Tony or the parish office at admin@cgsparish.org.



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

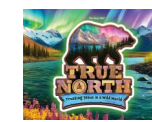
For more information, please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

The Office Hours for June 9-13, 2025:

Monday	10AM—3 PM
Tuesday	10AM—3PM
Wednesday	10AM—3PM
Thursday	10:30AM—1:30PM*
Friday	10:30AM—1:30PM*



FAITH FORMATION



REGISTER TODAY!
True North— "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"
Vacation Bible School
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. Registration has begun and space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact Lara Detrich.

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.



Good Shepherd Would Like To Congratulate All The Graduates Of 2025!

As you move into the next phase of your life journey, we would like to offer this prayer to you.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating
with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move
into the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and
insights gained through their education for
the good of all mankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life
even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow
even more grateful and wise.
Amen.

(guideposts.org/faith-and-prayer/prayer-for-graduates)



Food Pantry Needs for the Week of June 8 RICE OR PASTA

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

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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

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—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—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 8, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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

In today's first reading, we join the Apostles in the Upper Room. These individuals had accompanied Jesus to his death and been witnesses to his resurrection and ascension. Can you imagine the throes of emotion accompanying each experience? Now, they gather together, perhaps discussing what to do next. They wonder where they should go, and who they should listen to, since Jesus was no longer there: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind." In a moment swelling with grace, tongues of fire descended upon each person present, "and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." What might this moment have sounded like? Looked like? Felt like? The Apostles were weary and grieving, but Jesus made a promise he intended to keep — that he would send an advocate in his name to teach them everything. That same Spirit now waits to guide and empower us if we are willing to receive him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus' death left his followers grieving and disoriented. They had left everything to follow him. And now, he was gone. What would become of them? Jesus said: "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." On this feast of Pentecost, Jesus' promise is fulfilled. When the Father sent down the Spirit, it was not just for a singular, grand moment in time; the Spirit came for good. In the same way the Apostles were strengthened by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so were we strengthened at our confirmation. We were commissioned, as were they, to live out our faith in the world. When we need strength in this mission, let us remember that the word advocate comes from the Latin word *advocatus*, which means "one who draws near." *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

REFLECT

Read the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* ("Come, Holy Spirit") prayer that we heard before the Gospel today. Each line, laden with powerful imagery, invites us to understand the Spirit more intimately. Reflect on where you experience the Holy Spirit in your life today, and where you long for a greater outpouring of his fire.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:
The Holy Spirit transformed the disciples into courageous witnesses of the Resurrection of our Lord. It is this same Spirit that we have received at baptism and whose fullness is given to us at confirmation so that, like those first disciples, we might build up the Church. But submitting to the power of the Holy Spirit can be challenging and we can be tempted to resist. Let us ask the Lord to give us hearts that are docile to the work of the Spirit in us.

Gospel Focus:

Let us ask the Lord to give us hearts that are docile to the work of the Spirit in us.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"
EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Are engaged in works of charity and justice.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?
Children: What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

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:

"The more we let ourselves be convinced and transformed by the Gospel—allowing the power of the Spirit to purify our heart, to make our words straightforward, our desires honest and clear, and our actions generous—the more capable we are of proclaiming its message."



Please Remember in Prayer:

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

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Congratulations to **Emily Mary Peters** on her celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Sunday, June 8, 2025!**

May God bless you and guide you as you continue to learn and grow in your journey of faith.

Attention: Mass Time Change!

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

There is a **Funeral Mass** for **Betty Nagy** at **11:00 AM** on this day.
All are invited to attend.
There is **NO NOON MASS** on this day.



All are invited to attend a **FAREWELL Reception** for **Fr. Tony Yllana**

in **Celebration of his Retirement** after serving his flock for 41 years.
Join us on June 21 & 22, 2025 after Mass for cookies, donuts and drinks in the Commons. Come and give your regards to Fr. Tony for the many years he was a shepherd at Church of the Good Shepherd and wish him well as he begins a new chapter.



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

"Receive the Holy Spirit." As the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with power, so too can He fill you with the strength to answer a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Be open to His prompting. Talk to your priest or reach out the the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)

June 8, 2025
Solemnity of Pentecost

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 9—The Blessed Virgin Mary
Gen 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday, June 10
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday, June 11—St. Barnabas
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, June 12
2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26
Friday, June 13—St. Anthony of Padua
2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday, June 14
2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday, June 15—Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	June 9	No Mass	
Tues.	June 10	Noon	Available
Wed.	June 11	11:00 am	Funeral Mass
Thurs.	June 12	Noon	Available
Fri.	June 13	Noon	Available
Sat	June 14	5:00 pm	Available
Sun.	June 15	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
June 15—Catholic Virginian
June 29—Peter's Pence
July 6—Capital Reserve



Parish Life This Week

Tuesday, June 10
5:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM K of C Mtg.
Wednesday, June 11
7:00 PM Youth Group
Thursday, June 12
6:00 PM Liturgy Ministries
7:00 PM Choir Practice
Saturday, June 14
4:30 PM Rosary
Sunday, June 15
Father's Day
8:30 AM Rosary
10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Weekly Offering for:

May 31 & June 1, 2025

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

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 7,048.16

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve/Mortgage	\$ 1,639.78
Haiti	\$ 125.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 135.00
Catholic Virginian	\$ 10.00
Religious Education	\$ 210.00
Other	\$ 961.11

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 200.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat	98
Sun	194

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



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.