



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



R G S Z M P N B T L W
 V E V I B G R N V R
 I V N V N Y V I B L F
 R M Z O O N B
 K I Z B V I H U L I Z O O
 L U B L F , R Z O D Z B H
 K I Z B D R G S Q L B
 K S R O R K K R Z M H

1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV

@ChurchArt Online

NEWS & EVENTS



Mark your calendar!
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, July 27, 2025
 Stay tuned for more information.



Catholic FEST 2025
October 11, 2025
10:00 AM-9:00PM
 Join Bishop Knestout and the entire diocese at a one-day festival in Richmond. 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



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)



"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



Vacation Bible School was a Success!
 The children enjoyed learning more about trusting Jesus in a Wild World! We would like to **thank all our volunteers** who made VBS so exciting. We would like to **thank the parents** for trusting us with teaching your children more about our faith. The children were so excited to find out what each day would teach them about our faithful friend, Jesus. He is our True North!

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.



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



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

As of 7/1/2025

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

It's not too late to donate!

Please visit richmondatholicfoundation.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 July 6

PEANUT BUTTER OR JELLY/JAM
 Help us help our brothers and sisters in need.

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





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

Knights of Columbus - Joe Campo, jk17335@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. Andy plans to be at church to celebrate Mass whenever possible. 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.

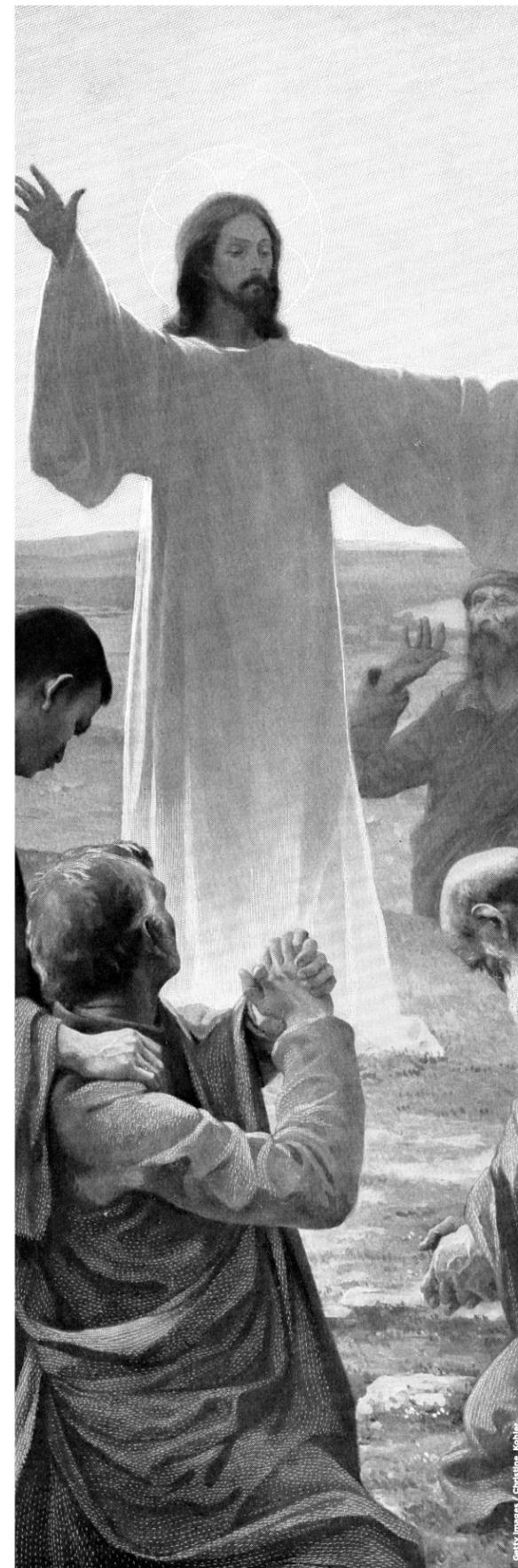
Baptisms – A preparation class for parents is required prior to the baptism. Contact Lara Detrich at the church office to register.

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.



July 6, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Our calling as disciples of Christ is to evangelize. To be honest, it’s something many of us aren’t entirely comfortable with. Anyone who has ever felt ill-equipped to share the faith with family or friends should be reassured by today’s Gospel. Jesus’ early followers probably felt unprepared to share the news that the kingdom of God was at hand – and they received their marching orders from Jesus himself! When Jesus sent the seventy-two out to proclaim his coming, he knew they would feel insecure. He sent them without money, sandals, or even a sack for travel, and told them they would be lambs among wolves. How nervous they must have been given that ominous warning! Still, they believed they would have what they needed. Sure enough, their work was successful. They rejoiced because they could cast out demons in his name – something they never imagined was possible. They turned hearts to Christ because they trusted and obeyed him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to sharing our faith with the people God puts in our lives, we’re asked to do the same as the seventy-two: Obey Jesus’ command to go out and proclaim his kingdom and trust we will have what we need. It isn’t necessary to rehearse our testimony. We don’t need to memorize the Scriptures or cite chapter and verse. An advanced degree in theology isn’t required. What is needed? Ears for listening and the patience to act. Listen closely for the person who says they’re afraid or alone, confused or hurting. Listen with compassion to the person who feels abandoned by God. Listen with an open heart to the person who shares doubts or disappointments. Wait for an opening in the conversation to remind him or her that God loves them through every struggle. And share your faith through the power of prayer.

PRAY

This week, find that someone in your life who may be hurting for whatever reason. Tell them you will pray *for* them and offer to pray *with* them. Prayer and compassion are our marching orders, and we can follow them by trusting Jesus is right there with us when we need him.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY

Today's Readings:

Paul tells the Galatians that it is no longer circumcision or uncircumcision that sets God's people apart. Instead, at our baptism, we were marked for Christ with the sign of the cross. This indelible seal sets us apart to share in Christ's mission, but also in his suffering. We have hope that we who have died with Christ will also rise with him to live in the new Jerusalem, comforted in the arms of our loving God.

Gospel Focus:

If we share in Christ's suffering, we will share his joy.



"Encounter the Joy of the Gospel and Set the World Ablaze"

EVANGELIZED PEOPLE...
Are willing to publicly profess their faith in Christ and their love for Him.

FATHER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Adults: Where do you see the message of Christian faith being rejected in the world today? What is your response to that?

Children: What can you do when you are generous with others, and they do not want what you give them?

PRAYER AND VOCATIONS



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

Evangelization: For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Pope Tweets:

"Unity in the Church and among the Churches is fostered by forgiveness and mutual trust, beginning with our families and communities. If Jesus can trust us, we can certainly trust one another in His name."

Please Remember in Prayer:

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

*"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."
(Psalm 66)*



WELCOME
*Fr. Andrews Mensah, "Fr. Andy",
to the faith community of
Church of the Good Shepherd.*

*Continue to pray for him as he begins
to shepherd our flock.*



Prayer of the Elderly

*Grant, O Lord of life, that we may savor
every season of our lives as a gift filled with
promise for the future.*

*Grant that we may lovingly accept your will,
and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands.
And when the moment of our definitive "passage"
comes, grant that we may face it with serenity,
without regret for what we shall leave behind.*

*For in meeting You, after having sought You for so long,
we shall find once more every authentic good which we
have known here on earth, in the company of all who
have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and
hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us
"now and at the hour of our death."*

*Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and
our Brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen!*

+ Spiritual Challenge +

Call on the Holy Spirit to help us and our families in all our needs. When we invoke the Holy Spirit, particularly in times of trouble, the Spirit helps and renews us in many tangible ways. This is no ordinary prayer: we are asking God, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, to come into our lives. He always comes to those who ask.

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



Arrangements for visits to the sick and homebound are to be made only by family members of the person needing the visit or by that person themselves. Please make your request through the parish office.

Considering a call to the priesthood

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference! Talk to your priest or reach out the the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org



July 6, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 7

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 8

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 9

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 10

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 11—St. Benedict

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 12

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 13—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37



Parish Life This Week

Tuesday, July 8

5:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM K of C Mtg.

Wednesday, July 9

7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, July 10

6:00 PM Pastoral Council

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, July 12

4:30 PM Rosary

Sunday, July 13

8:30 AM Rosary

10:15 AM Deeper Dive



Daily Mass & Intention Schedule

Mon.	July 7	No Mass	
Tues.	July 8	Noon	Available
Wed.	July 9	Noon	Available
Thurs.	July 10	Noon	Available
Fri.	July 11	Noon	Available
Sat	July 12	5:00 pm	+Maria Magdalena Estrada
Sun.	July 13	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—Thursday 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 27—*Altar Flowers*

August 3—*Capital Reserve*

August 15—*Assumption of Mary*



Weekly Offering for:

June 28 & 29, 2025

Regular Offering needed weekly: \$ 6,737.00

(The following totals include E-Giving)

OFFERTORY:

Regular Offering \$ 6,441.01

ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED:

Capital Reserve/Mortgage	\$ 4,620.00
Haiti	\$ 75.00
Barron Dempsey	\$ 120.00
Religious Education	\$ 25.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 60.00
Other	\$ 170.00

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS:

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 50.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 629.64

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat	92
Sun	211

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.