



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Shepherd's Staff

February 12, 2026

Celebrating Community and Serving Others!



Sunday Schedule for February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00a Holy Eucharist Worship (Sanctuary)

Have a Heart Outreach Food Drive Begins

9:00a Formation For All Ages

- Children's & Youth Palm Burning (LL Room 4)
- Parenting in the Pews (Shepherd's Nook)

9:15a Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall, Sanctuary)

10:15a Holy Eucharist Worship (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

11:45p Epiphany Season Reflections and Conversation (Parlor)

2:00p Good Shepherd Goes To Greenspring (Greenspring Chapel)

Weekday Worship:

Tuesdays at 12:00p - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

Tuesdays at 8:00p - Compline (Zoom)

Wednesdays at 5:30p - Contemplative Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

Thursdays at 8:00p - Compline (Zoom)

Have a Heart Food Drive

February 8 thru February 17



More and more of our closest neighbors are struggling to balance the rising costs of food, housing, healthcare and other essentials. Outreach is holding our annual "Have a Heart" food drive. We ask that you donate some of the groceries on the following list: Peanut Butter, Rice, Beans, Canned Tomato Products, Soup, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Canned Tuna, 100% Fruit Juice, and Canned Fruit. **If each of us brings in just a few items, we can really make a difference right here in our neighborhood.** We plan to "stock" some of the groceries for our own Good Shepherd food basket, and also donate to Food for Others, which estimates that more than 105,000 people in Fairfax County are experiencing food insecurity. Thank you for your generosity!

Annual Parish Meeting



Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, February 22, 11:30a (Parish Hall)

It's that time again! Join us for our Annual Parish Meeting. We will recap the year past and look forward to 2026.

GS Children's & Youth Palm Burning



This Sunday, February 15

The Good Shepherd Children & Youth will celebrate a Palm Burning liturgy at 9:00a, February 15. They will assist in ceremonially burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service to create ashes in preparation for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.



Shrove Tuesday - Annual Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00p - 8:00p (Parish Hall)

The youth will once again be making pancakes for our parish as we celebrate the last evening before Ash Wednesday. **Fun for families and friends of all ages!** Activities include music, pancake races, crafts, and prizes. If you are interested in helping out (providing a King Cake, decorating, clean-up, etc.) please contact Sam Palmer at palmers57@yahoo.com. Dinner is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted!

King Cakes Needed!

We need King Cakes for our celebration. Whether you enjoy baking your own or picking one up at the local grocery store, this is your opportunity to help complete our evening! Please contact Sam Palmer at palmers57@yahoo.com.



Good Shepherd Returns to the Altar Rail

Beginning February 18 - Ash Wednesday

Starting on Ash Wednesday, our congregation will resume the practice of receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the altar rail. Communicants will approach the altar rail to receive the sacrament from a priest before moving to a Lay Eucharistic Minister to receive from a chalice. The altar rail is not just a divider from the sanctuary, but an extension of the people's altar. It is the place where we bring our own sacrifices as we wait to be united in communion with Our Lord and with each other. If you have any questions regarding this practice, please contact the [Reverend Redmond Self](#).

Ash Wednesday Worship Offerings

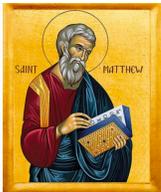
Wednesday, February 18

On Ash Wednesday, we begin the holy season of Lent with the imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist. In an ancient practice, we receive the mark of ashes on our forehead as a reminder of our mortality and a call to repentance.



Please join us for one of our two Ash Wednesday services this day:

- **12:00p Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Sanctuary)**
- **7:30p Ash Wednesday Choral Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Sanctuary + Livestream)**



Bible Study - Gospel of Matthew

Thursdays through February 19, at 2:00p (Parish Hall)

"...and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah." (Matthew 1:16)

Join the Rev. Redmond Self on a Bible study journey through the history and theology of the Gospel of Matthew, Thursdays at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your Bibles and your questions!



SOS - Solo Seniors

Thursday, February 19 at Milano's at 12:30p
6230-G Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22152

If you've lost a loved one or are caring for a loved one, please join us for lunch. We offer one another fellowship and support during a difficult time in our lives. **RSVP** to either Cappy McMurtray (M 703-855-4155) or Priscilla Baetcke (M 703-239-9424). For more information, contact either one of us.



GS Players present *Something Rotten!*

February 27 thru March 8

Set in 1590s England, *Something Rotten!* follows two brothers who try to outdo William Shakespeare by writing the first musical ever (with hilarious results). They're helped by a soothsayer who can see the future of musical theatre, but his predictions are just a little bit...off. This Tony-winning show has it all: singing, dancing, and over-the-top comedy! Tickets available at the door or online at <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/gsmusic/something-rotten> . (This show is recommended for audiences age 13 and up!)



Musical Theatre Camp

Registration Now Open - Tell Your Friends!

Get ready for some fun this summer! Registration is now open for the Children's & Youth Music Ministry's three camps starting in July. This year, we are featuring Imagination Station, Frozen Jr., and Anastasia (Youth Edition). Reserve your spot today!

Good Shepherd Preschool is Enrolling for 2026-27

Welcoming kids 2.75 - 5 years old.

Good Shepherd Preschool has provided quality, play-based learning for over 50 years! One step inside our school will tell you that it's a special place - a place known for its nurturing environment and broad, enriching curriculum. Call 703-323-6120 or [email \(director@gspburke.com\)](mailto:director@gspburke.com) to schedule a tour.



Outreach Compassion Cards

Outreach Compassion Cards are available in the church office. Sending a card and making a donation to the Outreach Compassion Fund is a lovely way to let someone know you are holding them in your prayers.

Special Donation Given!

At the request of Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, the Outreach Committee sent a donation of \$1500 from the Compassion Fund to the Emergency Migration Ministry to "care for God's people in our immigrant communities". The link to the Bishop's request is here: [Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's Request](#)



Good Shepherd To Host Blood Drive

Sunday, March 15 (Parlor)

Good Shepherd will host a blood drive on Sunday, March 15, from 9 - 1:00 pm.

There will be a sign-up table after both the 8:00 and 10:15 services on 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, and 3/8. **INOVA requires commitments from 30 people.** Walk-ups may be

accepted, but **registering in advance is preferred**. The minimum donor age is 16 (with parental consent). If you have any questions, please contact Fred Jones at dr_j433@yahoo.com.

Epiphany: Season of Reflection & Conversation

Sundays, through February 15, 11:45-1:15p (Parlor)

Join us for "Epiphany: Season of Reflection & Conversation." **It is not necessary**

to attend every session; come when you can! Here is a link to the booklet:

[WomensChristmasRetreat2025.pdf](#). Come and find a time of Epiphany blessing for

your soul! Please contact Liz Leland (rlceland416@aol.com) or Jennifer Caldwell

jennifer.caldwell@good-shepherd.net if you need more information.



Be the Prayers of the People

For the special concerns of: Landra, Dorien, Linda Fox, the Allard, Barker, Jillson, McGarry, and Pettit families, Yoshiko Goto, Marion Cooney, Ric Pettit, John Merchant, Samantha Kerr, Addie, Elijah, Pete Larsen, Ted Stevens, Linda Taylor, Bill Schuiling, Ivey Virgil, Manuel Vega, Fran Vassalotti, Kate, Cory, Jason, Sherry Cable, Christian Cancino, Elisabeth Seye, David Jones, Steve Goldman, Max Dale, David L., Bob and Chepi DiCalogero, Tom Allen, the Cronyn and Spence families, Christy Brown, Carol St. Germain, Gabriel Neagle, Maryann Stinson, Elaine Sasser, Jonathan, Jason Hartman, Anna Jones, Marlene Bekey, Evangeline, Nancy Ehlke, Scott Gorham, Ida Portland, Steve and Diane Gaiser, Susan Marshall, Andy Andreson, the Raker family, Joseph Nolan, Margaret McHugh, Rod McFadden, Kay Silver, Heather Bartee, Jenny Lundeen, Jenny Seguino, Arline Easley,

Sean, Lily, Pam and Doug Hawkins, Peter Marshall, Heather Dewwit, Rick Guy, the Bowers family, Charlie Kemp, Thomas Morris, Lee McKenna, Mary Helman, Ray and Judy Cadell, Anne Jackson, Helen Demesthas, Doug Smith, Betty, David Chamberlain, Rachel Garff Burkett, Don Brown, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Dick Nugent, Maureen Murray, Linda, Max Dube and family, Carol Brock, George Brock, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, Carol and Bill, Sharon Jones, Eileen Miller, Betty Laine, Rich Allen, Elva Crawford, Roy Jones, Elizabeth Helman, Monte Montgomery, Ann Johnston, Jana Allen, Christine Jouannet, Michael, Stacey Jolly, Rita Farris, Joe St. Germain, Toddy Fox, Catherine Mitchell, Emily Leanne Bucur, Scot Allen, Shannon Allen.

For those who have died: Ron Campbell, Joanne Pettit, Gloria Allard, Scott Gorham, Linda Wildgrube, Heather DeWitt, Bob Breckenridge, Linda DiFiore, Elesa McFadden, John Peldo, Phyllis Owens.

For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad, especially Mark Jaskot, Ryan Brock, Richard Demy, Brad Nye, William Edward, Gabriel Cassell, Scott Brock, Adam, Brendan Cantwell, Luke Scruby, Kyle Hamrock, Grace Hall Vlach, Mhairi Terra, Matt Allen, Michelle Miller, Kristine and Matt Hime, John Wildt, Christian Peter Grey, and Connor Miller.

Email [Redmond Self](#) to add a name or request a change to the parish prayer list.

Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer List for four Sundays, unless specifically requested as a long-term need.



Parish Ministry Calendar

Thursday, February 12

1:00p Stronger Memory (Zoom)
2:00p Gospel of Matthew Bible Study (Parish Hall)
8:00p Compline (Zoom)

Friday, February 13

Office closed
9:00a AA (Room 6)
7:00p AA Happy Hour Group (Rooms 2, 6)

Saturday, February 14

7:30a Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
8:30a Flower Guild (Kitchen)
9:00a Altar Guild (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 15

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

Monday, February 16

Have a Heart Food Drive

Office closed
9:00a AA (Room 6)
2:00p Knit and Purl (Parlor)
7:00p Ring & Rejoice Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)

Tuesday, February 17

Shrove Tuesday

Have a Heart Food Drive (last day)

12:00p Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
1:00p Flower Ministry (Kitchen)
7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)
8:00p Compline (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

10:30a Staff Meeting (Sheads & Zoom)
12:00p Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
7:00p Al-Anon Meeting (Room 6)
7:30p Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)

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Our Parish Mission and Vision

The Church of the Good Shepherd is a Christ-centered Episcopal community sharing God's love. We strive to Strengthen Faith, Build Community, and Serve Others.



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