

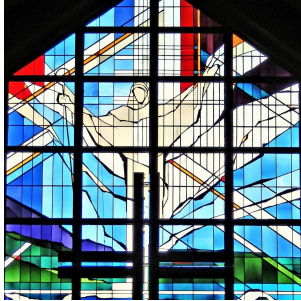


# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Shepherd's Staff

September 24, 2026

*Celebrating Community and Serving Others!*



### Sunday Schedule for September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parish Weekend

**9:00am Holy Eucharist Worship** (Sanctuary & [Livestream](#))

No Formation - One service at 9:00am

#### Weekday Worship:

**Tuesdays at 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist** (Sanctuary)

**Tuesdays at 8:00pm - Compline** (Zoom)

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

**Thursdays at 8:00pm - Compline** (Zoom)



### **This Sunday, September 27, 9:00am service ONLY**

#### **Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont**

**September 25 -27, Orkney Springs, Virginia**

It's finally here! The weather looks beautiful! Chilly nights and warmer days. Time to unleash your inner extrovert, and let's have a great time getting to know one another better. See you on the mountain! **For those not attending the retreat, Sunday, Sept. 27 will have one service at 9:00am.**



### **Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 4, 3:00p (Outdoor Chapel & Grove)**

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a very special Blessing of the Animals. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist outside and rejoice in blessing the special animals in our lives. Bring your chairs, blankets, and pets for blessing, as we relax and enjoy the fun! All furry, feathered, and scaly pets are welcome, with treats for animals, children, and the whole family.



### **Outreach Fall Food Drive**

**October 4 - October 13**

In Fairfax County, more than 105,000 people are experiencing food insecurity. **WE CAN HELP** by providing items from the list of staples that Food for Others needs most.\* Every single food donation helps in the fight against hunger. The Outreach food drive will run from October 4th to October 13th. Thank you for your help.

**\* Peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tomato products, soup, dried or canned beans, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tuna, and macaroni & cheese**



### **Lois Lightfoot Blood Drive**

#### **Sign-Up This Sunday!**

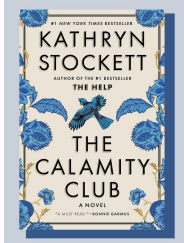
**Blood Drive will be Sunday, October 11**

Good Shepherd will host a blood drive on Sunday, October 11. **INOVA requires commitments from 34 people.** The minimum donor age is 16 (with parental consent). One blood donation can save up to three lives. If you have any questions, please contact Fred Jones at [dr\\_j433@yahoo.com](mailto:dr_j433@yahoo.com).

### **Text in Community**

***The Calamity Club: A Novel by Kathryn Stockett***

**Tuesday, October 13, 7:30pm - Zoom**



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER \* The multimillion-copy-selling author of *The Help* returns with a bold, big-hearted novel about a group of unbreakable women, fighting for what's rightfully theirs—and the power of friendship to change everything. [Click here to read more!](#)



### Outreach News:

#### The Lamb Center Hope and a Future Fundraising Banquet

**Thursday, October 22, 6:00-8:30p, Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park**

The Lamb Center is a daytime drop-in center that provides meals, clothing, and laundry, medical, dental, and counseling services to people experiencing homelessness. To support the Center's vital work, Good Shepherd's Outreach Committee has purchased a table for ten for its annual fundraising banquet to be held on Thursday, October 22, at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. If you would like to attend (at no cost to you) or if you have questions, please contact Dottie Wimberly at [wimberlyd@aol.com](mailto:wimberlyd@aol.com) by September 30.



### Front Office Volunteer Help Needed

We need front office volunteers! It's only a 2-1/2 hour shift commitment. We also need more folks on our substitute list. I'm sure you have all the qualifications.

- Answer phone & greet people
- Assist with light office duties
- Get to know your parish family!

We have lots o'fun around here. Please email [Virginia](mailto:Virginia) if you can help.



### Parish Ministry Calendar

#### Thursday, September 24

1:00pm Stronger Memory Program (Zoom)  
5:30pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)  
7:15pm Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sheads Hall)  
**8:00pm Compline (Zoom)**

#### Friday, September 25

Office closed  
Shrine Mont Parish Weekend  
9:00am AA (Parlor)  
3:30pm FACETS Hot Meals (Kitchen)  
7:00pm AA "Happy Hour Group" (LL Room 6)

#### Saturday, September 26

7:30am Men's Fellowship (Zoom)  
8:30am Flower Guild (Kitchen)  
9:00am Altar Guild Team 4 (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Daughters of the King (DOK) (Lower Level Room 6)

#### Sunday, September 27

See Sunday Schedule at top of email

#### Monday, September 28

Office closed  
9:00am AA (Parlor)  
7:00pm Ring & Rejoice Handbells (Sheads Hall)

#### Tuesday, September 29

**12:00pm Feast of St. Michael & All Angels (Observed)**  
**Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)**  
1:00pm Flower Ministry (Kitchen)  
7:30pm Vestry Meeting (LL Conference Room, Zoom)  
**8:00pm Compline (Zoom)**

#### Wednesday, September 30

10:30am Staff Meeting (Parlor)  
**5:30pm Contemplative Eucharist (Sanctuary)**  
7:30pm Al-Anon Meeting (LL Room 6)



**For the special concerns of:** Steve Goldman, Susan Norman, Bill Lackey, Lieke Skelton, Greg M., Jim Dooley, John Barth, Angel Hunt, Judy and Ray Caddell, Landra, Diane Stevens, Luke Margolis, Laura Hammer, Chen Hollifield, Richard Morris, Ricardo Cruz, Marlene Bekey, Mary Helman, Stephen Post, Elena Johnson, Joe St. Germain, Spencer Goldman, Jane and Kirk Taylor, Cora, Robert Harrison Reed, Rod McFadden, Alfonse Russiero, Barbara Burgess, Robert Grey, Heather Abrams, Michael Dubin, Susan Marshall, Cindy, Elizabeth Anderson, Marcia Brock, Susan Generazio, Gary Halstead, Jim Zernicke, Nancy Ehlke, Margaret Donahoe, Norris and Charlene Sisson, David Stiles, Doug Smith, Craig Dubishar, Alli Houseworth, Ann Grey, John Wires, Nim Mercado, Yoshiko Goto, Marion Cooney, Ric Pettit, Pete Larsen, Bill Schuiling, Ivey Virgil, Fran Vassalotti, Kate, Cory, Jason, Sherry Cable, Christian Cancino, David Jones, Max Dale, David L., Bob and Chepi DiCalogero, Christy Brown, Gabriel Neagle, Maryann Stinson, Elaine Sasser,

Jason Hartman, Anna Jones, Evangeline, Ida Portland, Steve and Diane Gaiser, Joseph Nolan, Margaret McHugh, Kay Silver, Heather Bartee, Jenny Seguinot, Arline Easley, Sean, Lily, Pam and Doug Hawkins, Charlie Kemp, Lee McKenna, Anne Jackson, Helen Demestihis, David Chamberlain, Calvin Kraft, Nancy Biele, Maureen Murray, Barton Fox, Elizabeth Ames, Carol and Bill, Sharon Jones, Betty Laine, Rich Allen, Elva Crawford, Roy Jones, Elizabeth Helman, Monte Montgomery, Ann Johnston, Jana Allen, Christine Jouannet, Michael, Stacey Jolly, Toddy Fox, Catherine Mitchell, Emily Leanne Bucur, Scot Allen, Shannon Allen.

**For the repose of the soul:** Faye Barnes, William Peterson, Jennifer Addington.

**For our service men and women serving their country both at home and abroad, especially:** Mark Jaskot, Ryan Brock, Brad Nye, William Edward, Gabriel Cassell, Scott Brock, Adam, Brendan Cantwell, Luke Scruby, Kyle Hamrock, Grace Hall Vlach, Mhairi Terra, Matt Allen, Michelle Miller, 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 two Sundays, unless specifically requested as a long-term need.*

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## THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### 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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