



# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA CATÓLICA EL BUEN PASTOR

loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves  
amando como Cristo ama, sirviendo como Cristo sirve

## Our History

Good Shepherd Catholic Church was founded in May 1965 by Bishop John J. Russell of the Diocese of Richmond in response to the growth of Fairfax County during the early 1960s. The boundaries of the parish encompass the historic Mount Vernon Estate and most of George Washington's farms including River Farm to the north and Mansion Farm on the south. The Potomac River forms the eastern border and the historic community of Gum Springs is on the west.



Good Shepherd is a large, dynamic, multi-cultural community that lives our faith by striving to fulfill our vision: loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves. In addition to serving as a beacon of faith, Good Shepherd meets the spiritual needs of parishioners by placing a strong emphasis on vibrant liturgies, faith formation, fellowship, stewardship, social justice, and extensive community outreach. Good Shepherd will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2015.

### June 30, 2011 Profile

- Total Parishioners: 9,747
- Families: 3,053
- Religious Education Students: 1,258
- Volunteers: 2,000+
- Baptisms: 450+
- Confirmations: 182
- First Eucharist: 298
- Weddings: 43
- Funerals: 61

## Our Need

Good Shepherd continues to grow and serve. The parish register now exceeds 3,000 families; this is almost quadruple the number of families present when the parish was founded in 1965. With more than 155 lively ministries encompassing all aspects of parish life – liturgy, faith formation, community outreach, social justice, and fellowship – rooms and spaces are frequently stretched to the limit. Good Shepherd logs over 10,000 hours of facility use per year, not including the use of worship space for Mass, funerals, weddings, baptisms, and other sacramental celebrations. The parish is often open from as early as 7am to occasionally later than 11pm for meetings and events. To maintain this optimal level of spirited community activity, there are much-needed renovations to existing areas that can no longer be ignored. Renovations will improve the ability of the parish to nurture existing ministries and explore options for additional ministries. The last improvements to Good Shepherd's facilities were undertaken more than 20 years ago.





Recognizing that the current facilities had become inadequate to meet the needs of the growing parish, a task force was created in 2008 to focus on "Outcome 5" of the Parish Pastoral Plan to "invest in an attractive functional facility...that will serve parish needs through 2025." The process of studying our facility update was undertaken as a parishioner-led effort, focusing on parishioners' ideas, hopes, and dreams for Good Shepherd. This process involved numerous parish-wide meetings, listening sessions, and briefings.

After four years of careful planning, extensive input from parishioners, and prayerful consultation with experts in the field, the *Building Our Future* team has provided the following recommendations for the parish to consider:

## Building Our Future: Master Plan

### Phase I: MATTHEW

Renovation and upgrades ~ \$3 million

- Creedon Hall
- Classrooms
- One set of new restrooms
- Sprinkler protection
- Pre-function space
- Kitchen expansion
- Office updates



One million dollars has been set aside in a reserve fund to begin Phase I as early as April 2012.

### Phase II: MARK

New construction and additions ~ \$5.5 million

- New chapel with 200 seat capacity
- Upgrades to church (new ADA access, lighting and sound improvements, choir storage)
- One-story meeting room and classroom wrap-around
- Additional parking, enhanced outdoor lighting, new parish sign



Phase II is scheduled to begin January 2013 as funding availability permits.

### Phase III: LUKE

Construction of "Founders Hall" ~ \$1.5 million

- A special multi-purpose lecture hall for ministries that will seat 275. This space will honor parishioners and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the parish.

Phase III is scheduled to begin May 2014 as funding availability permits.



### Total anticipated investment for the master plan: ~\$10 million\*

The objective is for Good Shepherd to continue flourishing as an active and engaged faith community well into the 21st century. It is envisioned that this construction plan will roll out in three phases, culminating in time for our parish's 50th Anniversary in 2015.

*\*Approximate estimates based on current plans and are subject to change.*