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December 25, 2022

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Mission Statement
We are called to serve as one family, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Estado de la misión
Estamos llamados a servir como una sola familia, a través de obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales.




Join Scouting!

St. Timothy Charters the Boy Scout Troop #304B & #304G
 Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 6 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign them up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:
 Scout Master Chris Fisher 804-366-8326

Or
 Angel Boily 229-630-3952

Rivers District
 Cub Scouts (ages 6-10):



**LUMEN CHRISTI
 LEGACY SOCIETY**

St Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter is being created to honor those who have named the parish as a beneficiary with a legacy gift. Take this into mind: Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled your parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of this community by making a bequest in your will.

St Timothy Church is formulating an endowment fund from legacy gifts to perpetuate financial security for our beloved church.

Christmas
 12/25/22
 Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6
 John 1:1-18

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 1/1/23
 Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm (English)
 Sunday 9:30am (English)
 Sunday 12:00pm (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before Mass or
 by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment



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Christmas is about Christ

As we celebrate Christmas this year 2022 and bring to memory the birth of Jesus, may our lives be deeply touched by God's love. As we contemplate on the child Jesus who is born, may our hearts be filled with joy that comes with his presence in our lives.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, once said, "I think God must have said to Himself: Man does not love Me because He does not see Me; I will show Myself to him and thus make him love Me. God's love for man was very great, and had been great from all eternity, but this love had not yet become visible... Then, it really appeared; the Son of God let Himself be seen as a tiny Baby in a stable, lying on a little straw". Christmas is about God making himself visible in Jesus to show his love for us. God is with us and shares our human life, the joys and challenges along with our pain and suffering, as we described him as "The Emmanuel."

So, Christmas presents a challenge to all of us. We are called to become messengers of Emmanuel, to help bring Christ's love to the world by being his feet and voice. This is the time when we reach out to others who are in need of our support, care and love, those who are suffering in some way or another. Let us also remember and help out those in other places who are being persecuted, tortured and even martyred due to their beliefs, as we pray for them.

Lastly, the letters M – A – S after a word mean "the feast of". Therefore, the actual word "Christmas" means the feast of Christ. It would be a great pity if we were to ignore the meaning of the word Christmas and refer to this period of joy and peace in other terms, like the festive season or the holiday season. Christmas is festive in nature and we do enjoy a holiday in this period, but we must not eliminate the word Christmas for this period with the excuse that the word may offend others who do not share our belief. I can assure you that no other religion ever objected to the word Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Christ.

May we make an extra effort to keep Christmas not just on the 25th of December but throughout the year, by getting closer to Jesus.

I wish you peace and joy this Christmas. I pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Patron Saint, St. Timothy, the Lord may continue to shower all your families with every grace and blessing throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas

Parish Ministries

Elizabeth Fowler, Rel. Ed. Director: (540) 903-2100

Roy Fontane, Finance Council Chair: (804) 925-6223

Lois Ann Bonhaus, Pastoral Council Chair (804)445-1006

Becky Tobler, Human Needs Chair (757) 897-4840

Kathy Hayden, Safe Environment Chair: (804) 450-4207

Gonzalo Ramirez, Hispanic Ministry, (804) 313-5119

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to Schedule Communion

Mass Count 5:00pm– 64, 9:30am–79, 12 N-40

Our next second collection is January 8, 2023 for Capital Improvements

Offertory Collection December 17-18

Offertory-\$4509.25

Give Central - \$1360

Christmas Flowers - \$10

Capital Projects-\$165

Mass Intention- \$11

Candles- \$33.52



La Navidad se trata de Cristo

Mientras celebramos la Navidad este año 2022 y traemos a la memoria el nacimiento de Jesús, que nuestras vidas sean tocadas profundamente por el amor de Dios. Al contemplar al niño Jesús que nace, que nuestros corazones se llenen de la alegría que viene con su presencia en nuestras vidas.

San Alfonso María de Liguori dijo una vez: "Creo que Dios debe haberse dicho a sí mismo: el hombre no me ama porque no me ve; Me mostraré a él y así haré que me ame. El amor de Dios por el hombre era muy grande, y había sido grande desde toda la eternidad, pero este amor aún no se había hecho visible... Entonces, realmente apareció; el Hijo de Dios se dejó ver como un pequeño Bebé en un establo, acostado sobre una paja pequeña". La Navidad se trata de Dios haciéndose visible en Jesús para mostrar su amor por nosotros. Dios está con nosotros y comparte nuestra vida humana, las alegrías y desafíos junto con nuestro dolor y sufrimiento, como lo describimos como "El Emmanuel".

Entonces, la Navidad presenta un desafío para todos nosotros. Estamos llamados a convertirnos en mensajeros de Emmanuel, para ayudar a llevar el amor de Cristo al mundo siendo sus pies y su voz. Este es el momento en que nos acercamos a otros que necesitan nuestro apoyo, cuidado y amor, aquellos que sufren de una forma u otra. También recordemos y ayudemos a aquellos en otros lugares que están siendo perseguidos, torturados e incluso martirizados debido a sus creencias, mientras oramos por ellos.

Por último, las letras M – A – S después de una palabra significan "la fiesta de". Por lo tanto, la palabra actual "Navidad" significa la fiesta de Cristo. Sería una gran lástima que ignoremos el significado de la palabra Navidad y nos refiramos a este período de alegría y paz en otros términos, como la temporada festiva o la temporada navideña. La Navidad es festiva por naturaleza y disfrutamos de un día festivo en este período, pero no debemos eliminar la palabra Navidad para este período con la excusa de que la palabra puede ofender a otros que no comparten nuestra creencia. Les puedo asegurar que ninguna otra religión objetó jamás la palabra Navidad cuando celebramos el nacimiento de Cristo.

Hagamos un esfuerzo adicional para celebrar la Navidad no solo el 25 de diciembre sino durante todo el año, acercándonos a Jesús.

Les deseo paz y alegría en esta Navidad. Ruego que por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María y de nuestro Santo Patrono, San Timoteo, el Señor continúe colmando a todas sus familias con toda gracia y bendición durante el próximo año.

Feliz navidad

Directorio de la Iglesia

Estamos comenzando a trabajar en un nuevo Directorio de la Iglesia. Si desea tener su foto en el directorio por favor regístrese. Hay una hoja de registro en los Comunes.

Nuestra próxima segunda colecta es el 8 de enero de 2023 para mejoras de capital

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Baby Jesus still a Baby?

A four-year-old girl went with a group of family and friends to see the Christmas lights, displayed at various locations throughout the city. At one Church, they stopped and got out to look more closely at a beautiful nativity scene. “Isn’t that beautiful?” said the little girl’s grandmother. “Look at all the animals, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.” “Yes, Grandma,” replied the granddaughter. “It is really nice. But there is only one thing that bothers me. Isn’t Baby Jesus ever going to grow up...? He’s the same size he was last year!”

Baby Jesus is missing

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the nativity when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. Immediately he turned and went outside where he saw a little boy with a red wagon and in the wagon was the figure of the infant of Jesus. So, he walked up the little boy and said, “Well, where’d you get Him, my fine friend? The little boy replied , “*I got him from the church.*” “And why did you take him?” The little boy replied, “*Well about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give him a ride around the block in it.*”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



END OF YEAR CHARITY REPORT

The Knights of Columbus would like to wish everyone a Holy and Blessed Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful New Year. We want to thank everyone at St Timothy’s for their support and let you know how our local efforts have combined with Knights worldwide.

This past year, **Knights answered the call to serve where we were needed most**, in our parishes and beyond. We stepped up in the wake of natural disasters, most recently Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, to support victims beginning to rebuild. Through Coats for Kids, we gave nearly 150,000 children the gift of warmth in the coldest months. We continued providing support for persecuted Christians in the Middle East and Africa. And, when war broke out in Ukraine, the Order stepped forward with a commitment of \$1.5 million dollars from our United in Charity Fund.

Through our worldwide efforts for life we have renewed our commitment to support mothers and their children through our new initiative – Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). ASAP will offer support for women and children by aiding pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

If you would like to learn more about the Knight’s mission and charities, please contact Ed Sullivan at desulliva@aol.com.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, Phillip Nuar, Anne Glancy, Liliyanna Kotzeva, Ken Pollack, Dorothy Sponder, Joseph F. Mercurio, Beth Schools, Peggy Shaughnessy, Luke Heller, Theresa Berens, Kelly Liddington, Margaret Bell, Connie and Ed Malloy, Beatrice Howard, Kathie Mendez, Michelle and Anthony Macaluso, Joe Patton, Chloe Fordham, Patricia Brenzovich, Daniel Murchison Lytjen, Amber Davis, Lorraine Jester, Anna Dalton, Charlie Allen, Jerry Simpson, Jr., Robert Davenport, Valarie Roberts, Carolyn White, David Rousseau, Patrick Finn, Rebeca Moreno, Maria Foster, Thomas Hampton, Ed Sullivan, Dan Dean, and Barbara Chandler, Catherine Mallory, Linda & David Taylor, Tom Schroeder, James Morris, William Sammons, Rodger Ginn, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic , Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan.



Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a family member or friend, living or deceased, remembered in a Mass, please call the parish office and schedule a Mass. We will send the family or person (if living) a card with all the details of the date, time and celebrant, and who scheduled the Mass.



Remember In Your Prayers

All those who serve our country, particularly . . .

LT Patrick Howlett, USAF; Ensign Jordan Gates, USN; LTC Rod Dwyer, USA; Lesley Clarke, USN; FSO Mary O’Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN, Ty Brown, USCG

Pray God keeps them in His care.

December 27-January 1 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
12/27	12:00N	†Mary Gibson	Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	E. C. Mangano
12/28	12:00N	Souls in Purgatory	Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	St. Timothy Family
12/29	9:00am	Mangano Family	Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	E.C. Mangano
12/30	9:00am	†Mary Gibson	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	E.C. Mangano
12/31	5:00pm	†Diane Sullivan	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	Ed Sullivan
1/1	9:30am	†Judy Basil Burns	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy	Roy Fontane
	12:00 Noon	Para el Pueblo	Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios	Familia de San Timoteo



Holiday Mass/Penance Service Updates

Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday **Dec. 24th** will be at the normal Saturday time of **5pm**. Carols will be sung starting at 4pm.

Christmas Day Masses will be as normal at **9:30am** & **12 Noon**. Christmas carols will be sung starting at **8:30am**.

Church Directory

We are beginning work on a new Church Directory. If you would like to have your picture in the directory please sign up. There is a sign up sheet in the Commons.

Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you now have the option at St. Timothy to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. The website is updated on a weekly basis in house. You can get more information by calling the parish office, or go to <https://www.givecentral.org/location/1137/event/25198>, and follow the steps. Or you can scan the QR code:



Upcoming American Red Cross **Blood Drive** is **January 10** at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tappahannock from 1-7 PM.

Spend an afternoon with others

If you are interested in joining a group on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons to play board games or cards in St Jude Hall call Susan Buckley at 804-769-7391 or the Office at 804-443-2760.



Please mark your calendars with the following updates to the weekly **CCD schedule**.

Dec 25 & Jan 1 - NO CLASS - Christmas Break.



Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets on Tuesday at 11:00am in the Religious Education Office. We welcome new members. Please contact Chris at ciovino@hotmail.com or 804-443-7179 cell phone.



Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price is only \$100 and a duplicate for your home is available for an additional \$50. Pick up an order form from the Commons or contact the parish office.



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45pm**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, February 7, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet**, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 53.

Caregiver Support Group is presented by the **Alzheimer's Association** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at 2PM at the Essex Public Library. For more information about caregiver support groups call Jennifer at 1-800-577-0558.

To **help seniors** discover the most senior-friendly locations around the country, Caring.com conducted a new study. They rank 300 cities and 50 states on the quality of senior living in that area. If interested if finding out how Virginia rates you can find the report at:

<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/virginia>



“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Experience God’s grace and peace on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences** on Jan 27-29, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

The **March for Life** will again happen on Friday, **January 20, 2023** in Washington DC! Even with the wonderful blessing of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable.

Please use sign-up sheet in lobby to reserve your seat on the bus! Thank you for your support of this important cause!

Contact Ken or Elsie Mangano 804-514-4181 or church office for more information.

The **Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)** is an annual weekend event that gathers high school youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. DYC is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith. It’s open to youth who are in 8th through 12th grade for the 2022-2023 academic year. It will be held on **Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12, 2023** at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. There is a registration fee that covers lodging and meals/snacks and a T-shirt. Registration closes on January 8, 2023. Early bird discount is available if entered online by **November 30, 2022**.

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