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February 19, 2023

413 St. Timothy Lane, Tappahannock, VA 22560


**PARISH OFFICE**

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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)



**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.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2/19/2023  
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
 Matthew 5:38-48



**First Sunday of Lent**

2/26/2023  
 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11



*"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father..."*

Matthew 5:44

**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**

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment

*Roger R. Sethmann, BMC, MM*

*Piano Tuning/Repair/Consulting*

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### Repent and Believe in the Gospel

This Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of our Lenten journey that will culminate in the principal event of the liturgical year, the Easter Triduum, celebrating Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert before undertaking his mission; in the same way we are invited to enter into an important season of reflection and prayer, in order to journey towards Calvary and later to experience the joy of the Resurrection. The beginning of this unique time of penance consists of a symbolic and significant action: the imposition of ashes. By recalling the transitory nature of earthly life it reminds us of the need for generous ascetical effort, which leads to the courageous decision not to do our own will but, following Jesus' example, to do the will of the heavenly Father.

There is a temptation to see Lent as a time of self-improvement, during which our focus is on "myself." However, my sin shows me that my hope can never be in myself. My only hope is someone to save me. Let our focus not be on ourselves but on Jesus. The reception of ashes also emphasizes our condition as creatures who live in total and grateful dependence on the Creator. Indeed, it is God who, by a surprising act of love and mercy, drew man from the dust, endowing him with an immortal soul and calling him to share his own divine life. It will also be God who will raise him up from the dust on the last day and transform his mortal body.

The humble act of receiving blessed ashes on the head, strengthened by the invitation that rings out in the liturgy: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel," counteracts the proud gesture of Adam and Eve who by their disobedience destroyed the bond of friendship with God the Creator. Because of this initial tragedy, we all run the risk, despite Baptism, of yielding to the recurring temptation that spurs human beings to live in arrogant autonomy from God and in perennial antagonism towards their neighbor.

Here then is revealed the meaning and necessity of the Lenten season which, by its call to conversion, leads us through prayer, penance, and acts of fraternal solidarity to renew our friendship with Jesus in faith, to free ourselves from the deceptive promises of earthly happiness, and once again to savor the harmony of the interior life in authentic love for Christ. May this Lent be a favorable occasion for us to undertake this journey of conversion, for which the sacrament of Penance is the fundamental and indispensable point of reference. This is the condition for achieving a deeper and more intimate experience of the Father's love.

#### 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 Rectorry

#### Offertory Collection February 4-February 5, 2023

Offertory - \$2,736

Give Central - \$1,125

Candles - \$49

Fuel and Heat - \$100

Mass Intentions - \$130

Capital Projects - \$1,025

Scholarship - \$25

**Mass Count 5:00pm - 89, 9:30am - 73, 12 N - 65**

**Our next second collection is February 19, 2023 for the St. John Community Service Scholarship**



### Arrepentirse y Creer en el Evangelio

Este miércoles será Miércoles de Ceniza, que marca el inicio de nuestro camino cuaresmal que culminará con el evento principal del año litúrgico, el Triduo Pascual, que celebra la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Cristo.

Jesús pasó 40 días en el desierto antes de emprender su misión; del mismo modo estamos invitados a entrar en un importante tiempo de reflexión y oración, para caminar hacia el Calvario y luego experimentar el gozo de la Resurrección. El inicio de este tiempo único de penitencia consiste en una acción simbólica y significativa: la imposición de la ceniza. Al recordar el carácter transitorio de la vida terrena, nos recuerda la necesidad de un generoso esfuerzo ascético, que lleva a la valiente decisión de no hacer nuestra propia voluntad sino, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, hacer la voluntad del Padre celestial.

Existe la tentación de ver la Cuaresma como un tiempo de superación personal, durante el cual nuestro enfoque está en "mí mismo". Sin embargo, mi pecado me muestra que mi esperanza nunca puede estar en mí mismo. Mi única esperanza es que alguien me salve. Que nuestro enfoque no esté en nosotros mismos sino en Jesús. La recepción de las cenizas también enfatiza nuestra condición de criaturas que viven en total y agradecida dependencia del Creador. En efecto, es Dios quien, por un acto sorprendente de amor y misericordia, sacó al hombre del polvo, dotándolo de un alma inmortal y llamándolo a compartir su propia vida divina. Será también Dios quien lo levantará del polvo en el último día y transformará su cuerpo mortal.

El acto humilde de recibir la ceniza bendita en la cabeza, fortalecido por la invitación que resuena en la liturgia: "Apártense del pecado y sean fieles al Evangelio", contrarresta el gesto orgulloso de Adán y Eva que con su desobediencia destruyeron el vínculo de amistad con Dios el Creador. Por esta tragedia inicial, todos corremos el riesgo, a pesar del Bautismo, de ceder a la tentación recurrente que empuja al ser humano a vivir en una arrogante autonomía de Dios y en un perenne antagonismo con el prójimo.

Aquí, pues, se revela el sentido y la necesidad del tiempo de Cuaresma que, por su llamado a la conversión, nos lleva a través de la oración, la penitencia y los actos de solidaridad fraterna a renovar nuestra amistad con Jesús en la fe, a liberarnos de las engañosas promesas de la vida terrenal. felicidad, y volver a saborear la armonía de la vida interior en el auténtico amor a Cristo. Que esta Cuaresma sea una ocasión favorable para emprender este camino de conversión, para el cual el sacramento de la Penitencia es el punto de referencia fundamental e indispensable. Esta es la condición para lograr una experiencia más profunda e íntima del amor del Padre.

#### Directorio de la Iglesia

Estamos comenzando a trabajar en un nuevo Directorio de la Iglesia. Esperamos tener un directorio pictórico;

**Nuestra próxima segunda colecta es el 19 de Febrero de 2023 para la Beca de Servicio Comunitario de St. John**

#### Segunda Colección 24-26 de Febrero

Habrà una segunda colecta el fin de semana del 25 y 26 de Febrero para el alivio de las víctimas de los terremotos en Turquía y Siria. No hay sobre para esta colección, así que por favor use un cheque o ponga su nombre en un sobre con su donación y póngalo en la canasta de recolección.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

The Church was packed with the faithful, eager to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Pat, Father Kelly's janitor, offered to help. "OK," said Father, "now these are the words you say: 'Remember, man, you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.'" Pat prepared to start at the opposite end of the communion rail (this was in the old days, as you can realize). But Pat came hurrying over to Father: "Father, what are those words again?" Father told him, Pat went back to his station, but in a moment, he was back, asking for the words, which Father repeated. When Pat came back the third time Father exploded: "You are a dummy and you'll always be a dummy." Pat didn't come back but when the padre and the janitor came close to each other at the middle the priest was dumbfounded to hear the words Pat was saying: "You are a dummy and you'll always be a dummy." By Msgr. Arthur Tonne - *Jokes Priests Can Tell*

### 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, Barbara Chandler, Catherine Mallory, Linda and David Taylor, Tom Schroeder, James Morris, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic, Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan, Lloyd Samuels, Michelle Sadloch.



### 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.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Scouting Mass and Awards Banquet



The Knights of Columbus and St Timothy Church sponsor Boy Scout Troop 304 in the Tappahannock area. The Knights hosted Troop 304 for their annual Scouting Mass and Awards Banquet on Saturday February 11, 2023. After the Mass everyone proceeded over to St Jude's Hall to enjoy dinner and the awards ceremony. Troop 304 has produced many Eagle Scouts who have completed many projects at St Timothy's, such as putting up the flag pole in front of the church and constructing the pergolas in the Memorial Garden along with other beautification projects.

If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus or are a Catholic gentleman who would like to join please contact Ed Sullivan at [desulliva@aol.com](mailto:desulliva@aol.com).

February 21 - February 26 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
2/21	12:00N	Salvation of Souls	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
2/22	12:00N	Souls in Purgatory	Ash Wednesday	St. Timothy Family
	7:00pm	Para el Pueblo	Miércoles de Ceniza	Familia de San Timoteo
2/23	9:00am	Megan Prince	Weekday	Gregory Woodfin
2/24	9:00am	Joseph Lynn	Weekday	Barbara Lynn
2/25	5:00pm	†Michael Brenzovich, †Margaret Brenzovich, and †Mary Brenzovich	Vigil First Sunday of Lent	Joe Brenzovich
2/26	9:30am	†Thomas May	First Sunday of Lent	Barbara Francis
	12:00 Noon	Para el Pueblo	Primer domingo de Cuaresma	Familia de San Timoteo



Ash Wednesday - February 22, 2023

**Mass Times**  
Noon and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Also, we are collecting palms to burn to create our ashes for Ash Wednesday; please bring in all your old palms and place them in the box in the Commons.

**Church Directory**

We are beginning work on a new Church Directory. We are hoping to have a pictorial directory; however, we need 100 families to sign up and have only 60 at present. If you would like to have your picture in the directory, please sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the Commons.

**Operation Inasmuch: It's Time to Sign Up!**

Match your Gift to a Project - Check out the application brochure and form in the Commons and find a project that's right for you. A few might not be obvious, so here's a bit more information:

Special skills? **R&R** (the Repair & Restoration team) needs people who know carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, flooring, and general handy-person skills. Circle these on the form; you'll be in demand!

**Green Team** fulfills needs for home yard work and landscaping, as well as for schools and the community garden.

**Couriers** help move sorted donations to their final destination, and answer special requests that pop up from people at work at a site. An important job! Requires some lifting; if you have a truck, that's perfect!

Applications MUST be back at St. Timothy by Sunday, Feb. 26. That's a firm deadline; after that, you can't be assigned to a project.

**Second Collection February 24-26**

There will be a second collection the weekend of **February 25-26** for the relief of the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. There is no envelope for this collection, so please either use a check or put your name on an envelope with your donation and put either into the collection basket.

**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.




**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](mailto:ciovino@hotmail.com) or 804-443-7179 cell phone.



**Divine Mercy Cenacle**

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45pm**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, March 7, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet**, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 54.

**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.



**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.

**Operation Inasmuch (OIAM)**

Essex Churches Together (ECT) is bringing back Operation Inasmuch this year on April 22. Last year, the annual event was scaled back after being cancelled due to Covid for the previous two years. This year, it will be more like we remember.

You can start bringing new or very gently used children's books to help with St. Timothy's assigned collection for Operation Inasmuch. There's a marked box in the Commons. The books will be sorted by a team on April 22, and delivered to the Department of Social Services for children who visit with their parents. They always need more books, as children are encouraged to take one home with them. Thanks for your generosity! Since Social Services is a government agency, they ask that you not donate religious books.

Once again, there will be a "Free for All" event at Beale Memorial Baptist Church, so start saving used items to donate to that event. Also returning is the Rise Against Hunger project, where dozens of volunteers package 10,000 meals to be shipped across the world. Volunteer projects take place on **Saturday, April 22nd**. On Sunday afternoon, **April 23rd**, St. Timothy will host the closing ceremonies. Questions? Contact Shari Dwyer (804-443-1503) or Dan Bowden (804-246-9353).

**Need a Will?**

Do you need a will? The Catholic Community Foundation can help! They've partnered with FreeWill to offer an online solution for estate planning that helps you complete a legal Will completely free of charge. Get started at:

[FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation](https://FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation)

**Open Position at the Pastoral Center**

Are you a writer who loves to tell a good story? Is working with words your passion? Then become part of our team! The Catholic Diocese of Richmond's Office of Communications is seeking a talented, experienced, motivated assistant editor to join our small, creative, and award-winning, multimedia team. We are looking for someone with drive and focus to cover Catholic news and write inspirational faith stories found within the multiple communities we serve. Additionally, we want someone who can balance the importance of print and digital platforms for our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Virginian.

If interested, please see the full ad and how to apply at <http://bit.ly/3WVJfGD>.

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For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Upcoming dates: March 31 - April 2, 2023 (Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA), September 22-24 2023(Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA),, November 17-19, 2023 (Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA)

**A Letter from the Diocese:**

Dear Father Musuubire:


Thank you for submitting a funding request to the Diocese of Richmond Fuel and Hunger Fund. The grant committee met on December 6, 2022, to review the applications and made funding recommendations to His Excellency, Bishop Barry C. Knestout. On behalf of Bishop Knestout and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, I am pleased to let you know that you were awarded a total of \$5000.00 from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund. A check in that amount will be sent within the next two weeks.

Please acknowledge these awards from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund in your newsletter or bulletin. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the diocese. Also, remember that the funds are to be used for direct assistance and cannot be used for operating or administrative costs.

Thank you for your continued commitment in supporting and protecting the dignity of all human life through the important work that you do. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mr. Robert C. Young  
Office of the Propagation of the Faith



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- When does it begin?**  
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