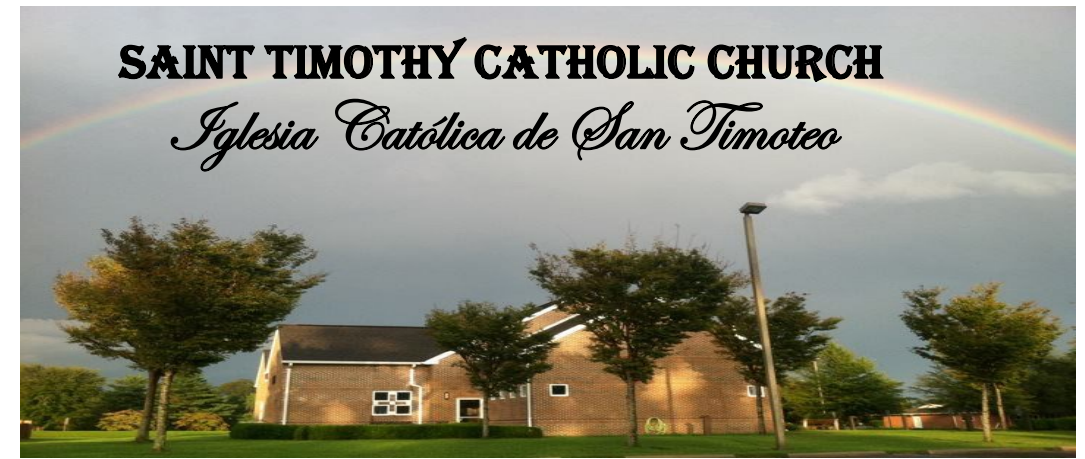




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March 19, 2023

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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.

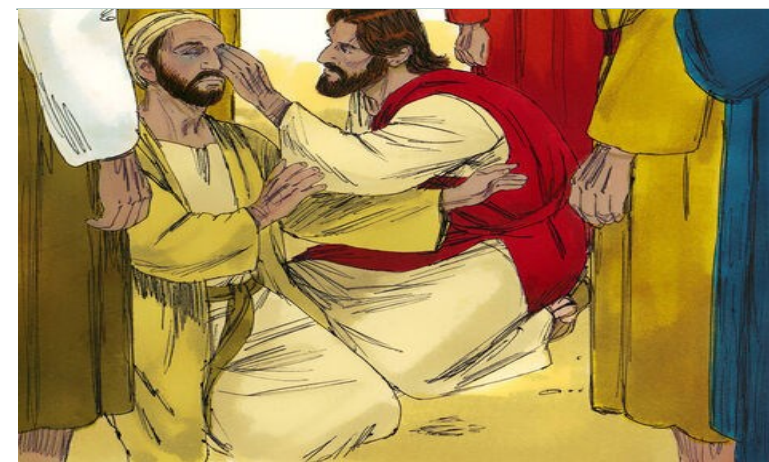
Fourth Sunday of Lent

3/19/2023
 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41



Fifth Sunday of Lent

3/26/2023
 Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11
 John 11:1-45



"When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, 'Go wash in the Pool of Siloam.' So he went and washed, and came back able to see."

John 9:6-7

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

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The Scrutinies in the Catholic Church

Though the word "scrutinize" sounds negative, even intimidating, its true meaning is simply "to see clearly or inspect closely." The Scrutinies are about *seeing sin in its right aspect, and coming to understand the way we fall victim to it. They are also about the transformative healing possible for us through Christ, as He offers Himself to us.*

The Scrutinies are three special rites that help prepare the Elect, those participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), to enter the Catholic Church. They take place during the period of RCIA formation known as Purification and Enlightenment, near the end of their formation. The season of Lent involves a more intense period of examination and preparation for the Elect, and hopefully for those of us already living the Catholic faith. Though they are meant for the RCIA Elect, the Scrutinies can help all Catholics seeking to live a life of continuous conversion.

The purpose of the Scrutinies is *“to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful”* in the hearts of the Elect and to *“strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good”* (Quotes from Ritual Text for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, paragraph #141). Once we see sin for what it really is, and better understanding our own personal weaknesses, we can begin to exercise the freedom and liberation we have received through Jesus. With God's grace, we can turn away from the darkness of sin, reject disordered patterns, and step into the light. This is possible for us because we believe in the redemptive sacrifice of Christ, and we entrust ourselves to Him.

In fact, Baptism is so important as a special hallmark of our Christian identity that those Elect who already received a Trinitarian baptism in the past do not participate formally in the rites in the same way as the other RCIA Elect.

The Scrutinies are associated with three specific Gospel stories on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent:

- **Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well**, where He offers Himself as the Living Water,
- **Jesus healing the man born blind**, where He gives Himself as Light of the World, and
- **Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead**, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

During the Scrutinies this Lent, ask yourself: *what is defective in my heart and soul that needs strengthening?* Resolve to ask for God's healing grace, go to Confession, and work prayerfully on those areas of your spiritual life. Join in the rite during Mass and participate fully, so that you too may enter into purification and enlightenment, and ready your heart for the joys of Easter.

May we all thirst for the Living Water Christ offered the Samaritan Woman at the well, have our spiritual sight restored by Him who is the Light of the World, and bear witness to new life in Christ like Lazarus, who received the Resurrection and the Life.

Parish Ministries

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Offertory Collection

March 11 - March 12, 2023

- Offertory - \$2,847
- Give Central - \$1,040
- Candles - \$29
- Mass Intentions - \$80
- Capital Projects - \$50
- Easter Flowers - \$15

Mass Count 5:00pm - 65 9:30am - 69 12 N - 85

**This Weekend's Second Collection is for Easter Flowers
Our next second collection is March 26, 2023 for Human Needs Ministry**

Los Escrutinios en la Iglesia Católica

Aunque la palabra "escrutar" suene negativa, incluso intimidante, su verdadero significado es simplemente "ver con claridad o inspeccionar de cerca". Los Escrutinios se tratan de ver el pecado en su aspecto correcto y llegar a comprender la forma en que somos víctimas de él. También tienen que ver con la curación transformadora posible para nosotros a través de Cristo, mientras Él se ofrece a nosotros.

Los Escrutinios son tres ritos especiales que ayudan a preparar a los Elegidos, aquellos que participan en el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA), para ingresar a la Iglesia Católica. Se llevan a cabo durante el período de formación de RICA conocido como Purificación e Iluminación, cerca del final de su formación. La temporada de Cuaresma implica un período más intenso de examen y preparación para los Elegidos y, con suerte, para aquellos de nosotros que ya vivimos la fe católica. Aunque están destinados a los elegidos de RICA, los Escrutinios pueden ayudar a todos los católicos que buscan vivir una vida de conversión continua.

El propósito de los Escrutinios es "descubrir y luego sanar todo lo que es débil, defectuoso o pecaminoso" en los corazones de los Elegidos y "fortalecer todo lo que es recto, fuerte y bueno" (Citas del Ritual Text for Ritual of Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, párrafo #141). Una vez que vemos el pecado por lo que realmente es, y comprendemos mejor nuestras propias debilidades personales, podemos comenzar a ejercer la libertad y la liberación que hemos recibido a través de Jesús. Con la gracia de Dios, podemos alejarnos de la oscuridad del pecado, rechazar patrones desordenados y dar un paso hacia la luz. Esto es posible para nosotros porque creemos en el sacrificio redentor de Cristo y nos encomendamos a Él.

De hecho, el bautismo es tan importante como un sello distintivo especial de nuestra identidad cristiana que aquellos elegidos que ya recibieron un bautismo trinitario en el pasado no participan formalmente en los ritos de la misma manera que los demás elegidos de RICA.

Los Escrutinios están asociados con tres historias evangélicas específicas en el tercer, cuarto y quinto domingo de Cuaresma:

- Jesús encontrando a la mujer samaritana en el pozo, donde Él se ofrece como el Agua Viva,
- Jesús sanando al ciego de nacimiento, donde se da a Sí mismo como Luz del Mundo, y
- Jesús resucitando a Lázaro de entre los muertos, donde se revela como la Resurrección y la Vida.

Durante los Escrutinios de esta Cuaresma, pregúntate: *¿qué es defectuoso en mi corazón y en mi alma que necesita ser fortalecido?* Resuelve pedir la gracia sanadora de Dios, confiésate y trabaja en oración en esas áreas de tu vida espiritual. Únase al rito durante la Misa y participe plenamente, para que también pueda entrar en la purificación y la iluminación, y prepare su corazón para las alegrías de la Pascua.

Que todos tengamos sed del Agua Viva que Cristo ofreció a la Samaritana en el pozo, que Aquel que es la Luz del Mundo nos devuelva la vista espiritual, y demos testimonio de la vida nueva en Cristo como Lázaro, que recibió la Resurrección y la Vida .

Directorio de la Iglesia

Hemos asegurado fechas para que un fotógrafo tome fotografías para nuestro nuevo directorio. Son Miércoles 3 de Mayo y Jueves 4 de Mayo. Las citas se realizarán de 14:00 a 20:30 ambos días. Las citas se pueden hacer en:

La segunda colección de este fin de semana es para Flores de Pascua

Nuestra próxima segunda colecta es el 26 de Marzo de 2023 para el Ministerio de Necesidades Humanas

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Baptizing a Cow into a Fish for Lent

John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill. Meanwhile, all of his neighbors were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent, the neighborhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John! He was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn't take it anymore. They decided to try and convert John to Catholicism. They went over and talked to him and were so happy when he decided to join his neighbors and become a Catholic. After an intensive training in Catholic catechism they took him to their pastor and got him baptized and announced to him: "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic." The men were most relieved that their biggest Lenten temptation had been resolved. The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighborhood was setting down to their tuna fish dinner, came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill. The neighborhood men could not believe their noses! WHAT WAS GOING ON? They called each other up and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was the first Friday of Lent. The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, but now you are a fish."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In Solidarity with Ukraine

After the Russian invasion of Ukraine last February, the Knights of Columbus established the Ukraine Solidarity Fund to support humanitarian aid. To date, over \$20 million has been raised; we have distributed over 5.5 million pounds of food and supplies through our Charity Convoys and more than 160,000 care packages have been delivered to those impacted by the war.

While we have been able to provide much hope and support over the past year through our Ukraine Solidarity Fund, there is still much that needs to be done, both now and in the years ahead. We continue to work with our councils in Poland and Ukraine, both the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine, as well as international humanitarian aid agencies to address ongoing needs.

The Knights of Columbus have produced a documentary "In Solidarity with Ukraine" that will run through March and April across ABC affiliates in the U.S. This impactful film demonstrates how our work and support continues to provide hope and light.

If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus Charity work, 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, 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, and Les Sisson.



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.

March 21 - March 26 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
3/21	12:00N	†Kevin Kean	Weekday	Diane Kean
3/22	12:00N	Randy Henry	Weekday	Greg and Dale Woodfin
3/23	9:00am	Salvation of All Souls and Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
3/24	9:00am	†Barbara Chandler	Weekday	Ken and Elsie Mangano
3/25	5:00pm	Bella Rowe	Vigil Fifth Sunday of Lent	Ed Sullivan
3/26	9:30am	†Shirley Patout Hebert and †Agnes Gary Patout	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Roy Fontane
	12:00 N	Para el Pueblo	Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma	Familia de San Timoteo



Upcoming Mass Times

March 20th, Noon: Feast of Saint Joseph
March 28th, 6:00pm: Lenten Penance Service
April 6th*, 7:00pm: Holy Thursday Mass
April 7th*, 3:00pm: Stations of Cross
April 7th*, 7:00pm: Veneration of Cross
April 8th, 8:00pm: Easter Vigil
*Please note that there will be NO 9:00am Mass on April 6th or 7th.

Stations of the Cross occur every Friday in Lent at 6:00pm followed by a soup supper. The following groups are responsible for the soup suppers:
3/24 Religious Education
3/31 Lectors

Church Directory

We have secured dates for a photographer to take pictures for our new directory. They are Wednesday May 3rd and Thursday May 4th. Appointments will be made from 2:00pm to 8:30pm on both days. Appointments can be made by going to: https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typId=64781&step=2. If you're not comfortable making your appointment online, there will be someone in the Commons after Mass to assist you.

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.



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at 12:45pm, after the noon Mass on Tuesday, April 4, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 55.

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.



Religious Education Updates

Tuesday March 28 - Lenten Penance Service. 6-8pm. First Communion candidates will do their First Reconciliation.
Sunday April 2 (Palm Sunday) and Sunday April 9 (Easter Sunday) - NO CLASSES.
Sunday April 9 - Easter Egg Hunt immediately following both Sunday masses.
Sunday May 14 - FIRST COMMUNION (also Mother's Day) - NO CCD CLASSES.
Sunday May 21 - last class.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday June 24 - Vacation Bible Day (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE HAS CHANGED).

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.



Collection for Operation Inasmuch: Kids' Books

We're off to a great start—thanks for your generosity! Keep bringing new or very gently used children's books to help with St. Timothy's assigned collection for Operation Inasmuch, April 22. Put them in one of the boxes marked in the Commons. The books will be sorted by a team on April 22, and delivered to the Dept. 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.

News From Essex Churches Together

Help Outfit a Prom-Goer: Some juniors and seniors at Essex High School can't afford attire to attend the prom. You can help by donating gently used formal wear—prom dresses, dress shoes, suit jackets, bridal party attire—suitable to wear to the prom. Drop off donations by March 18 at the high school, intermediate school, or elementary school. This is a project of the Essex H.S. Parent-Teacher-Student Organization.

Support the H.S. After-Prom Party: The Essex-Tappahannock Youth Association (ETYA) is sponsoring an after-prom party for juniors, seniors and their dates. From 11 pm until 1 am after the prom on April 29, students can enjoy alcohol- and drug-free activities: games, music, food, and prizes. ETYA is seeking donations to help pay for game rentals, prizes, food, and decorations. Send to: Essex-Tappahannock Youth Assn., PO Box 811, Tappahannock, VA 22560. Questions: contact ETYA President Sherina Logan at 804-366-6555.

Your Chance to Learn Watercolor Painting: An artist at Tappahannock Presbyterian Church is offering an introductory watercolor painting lesson on Saturday, March 25, from 10 am – noon at the church. Donations for the class will benefit Operation Inasmuch. Painting supplies provided. Class size is limited; sign up by calling the church office at 804-443-9977.

Thank You to Operation Inasmuch Volunteers!

Twenty-two people from St. Timothy have registered to volunteer with this year's Operation Inasmuch (OIAM), a multi-church, one-day blitz organized through Essex Churches Together (ECT). We'll be well represented! Thanks, everybody.

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.

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.

Does your Marriage need a boost? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Experience!

For more information or to register, go to 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 with any questions.

Upcoming dates:
September 22-24, 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA
November 17-19, 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA

Annual Diocesan Appeal

We hope you have taken time to consider how you and your family can support this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal which helps to empower the next generation, provide for those in need, and strengthen Catholic communities in many important ways.

There is so much need and we're blessed at St. Timothy Parish to receive assistance from the Appeal. The collective spirit we bring to this effort today will be a major step to our success with this year's Appeal. Keep in mind: the more we collect, the more we receive back through the parish sharing formula of the Appeal. For online giving, go to: https://www.givecentral.org/location/1137/event/25198, and follow the steps.

Or you can scan the QR code.



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