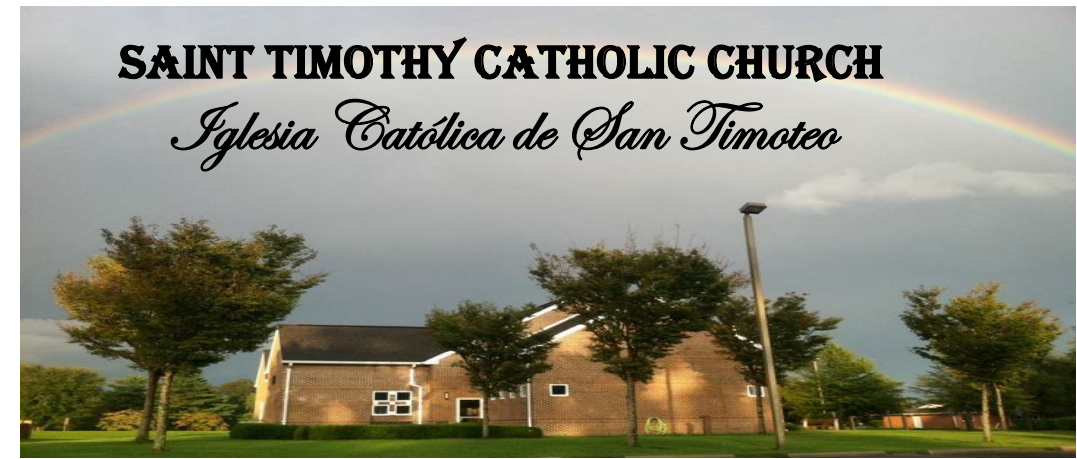


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Ready to join the Knights of Columbus and be part of the world's largest Catholic fraternity and Charitable Organization?

Please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at (540) 842-3276, Father Gerald, or any of our Knights here at St. Timothy's. We need Catholic men to help us serve our church and community. Please join today.



December 17, 2023

413 St. Timothy Lane, Tappahannock, VA 22560



St. Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter was 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.

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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.

Third Sunday of Advent

12/17/2023
 Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/24/2023
 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

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.



[John] said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said."

John 1:23



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.

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Felicitaciones a los feligreses Josh y Lexi Schaefer, quienes se casaron en St. Timothy's el 9 de Diciembre. También tuvieron una audiencia con el Santo Padre el Jueves pasado quien los bendijo.



Christmas Liturgies

Sunday, December 24th, 6:00PM and 8:00PM (Spanish)
Monday, December 25th, 10:00AM

Vigil - Nativity of Our Lord
Nativity of Our Lord

Parish Ministries

- Diana Campbell, Rel. Ed. Director: (804) 238-1279
- Roy Fontane, Finance Council Chair: (804) 925-6223
- Becky Tobler, Pastoral Council Vice-Chair: (757) 897-4840
- 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

Offertory Collection
December 8 - December 10, 2023

- Offertory - \$3,732
- Give Central - \$1,240
- Immaculate Conception - \$799
- Capital Projects - \$826
- Christmas Flowers - \$55
- Catholic Charities - \$25

Mass Counts: Friday 12:00Noon - 67,
Friday 7:00PM - 50
Saturday 5:00PM - 64,
Sunday 9:30AM - 149, Sunday 12:00Noon - 47

The next second collection will be December 25th for Catholic Charities

DEL PASTOR

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Liturgias de Navidad

Domingo 24 de Diciembre, 6:00PM y 8:00PM (español) **Vigilia - Natividad de Nuestro Señor**
Lunes 25 de Diciembre, 10:00 a.m. **Natividad de Nuestro Señor**

Gracias a todos los que participaron en la preparación y celebración de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el 12 Diciembre, La asistencia a la Novena fue buena, la comida preparada cada noche fue deliciosa, las oraciones, la Musica, los bailes y la procesión fueron encantadores. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.



La próxima segunda colecta será el 25 de diciembre para Caridades Católicas

JOKE OF THE WEEK

She Knows Now

A mother ran into the bedroom when she heard her seven-year-old son scream. She found his two-year-old sister pulling his hair. She gently released the little girl's grip and said comfortingly to the boy, "There, there. She didn't mean it. She doesn't know that hurts." He nodded his acknowledgement, and she left the room. As she started down the hall, the little girl screamed. Rushing back in, she asked, "What happened?" The little boy replied, "She knows now!"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Helping Families

The Knights of Columbus were founded to help families in need. Nationally, the Knights raised over \$750,000.00 to reach One Million Coats delivered to needy children this year.

Displaced, traumatized, and often orphaned children are among the most vulnerable victims of the war in Ukraine. Nearly two-thirds of Ukrainian children have been forced to leave their homes, and 5 million have difficulty attending school. Knights have responded by providing housing, educational opportunities, and more. Just this month the Knights completed renovations to an old monastery in the Western Ukraine to provide a safe, comfortable home for dozens of orphaned children.

If you would like to learn more about the Knights charities, or are a Catholic male interested in joining our local council, please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at desulliva@aol.com.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, Anne Glancy, 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, Les Sisson, Jocelyn Boily, Carol Smith, Christopher Carcamo, Christina Brookbank, Janie Kwedar, Charles Palmeri, Lucille Palmeri, Chris Honenberger, Michelle Ward, Michael Herlan, Kristen Kellett, Linda MacDonald, and Pat Doane.



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 19 - December 24 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
12/19	12:00N	Judy Sullivan	Weekday	Ed Sullivan
12/20	12:00N	†Lilyana Kotzeva	Weekday	Ignat Konstantinov
12/21	9:00AM	Jeremy Tippet	Weekday	Jordan Tippet
12/22	09:00AM	†Lilyanna Kotzeva	Weekday	Ignat Konstantinov
12/23	5:00PM	†Emory Austin and †Gertrude Austin	Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent	Carol Deverell
12/24	9:30AM	†Diane Sullivan	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Ed Sullivan
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Cuarto Domingo de Adviento	Familia de San Timoteo
	6:00PM	†Joseph Martin and †Barbara Martin	Vigil - Nativity of Our Lord	Don and Sandi Grata
	8:00PM		Vigilia - Natividad de Nuestro Señor	



Need a Ride to Mass?

If you need a ride to ANY Mass, please call the office.

Upcoming Mass Times

- December 24th, 9:30AM and 12:00Noon Sunday Mass
- December 24th, 6:00PM and 8:00PM (Spanish) Vigil - Nativity of Our Lord
- December 25th, 10:00AM Nativity of Our Lord, a *Holy Day of Obligation*
- December 26th - 29th **NO Masses**; there will be Rosary
- January 5th, 9:00AM First Friday
- January 6th, 9:00AM First Saturday

Special Collection

There will be a special second collection the weekend of December 30th - 31st for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Pontifical Mission. CNEWA is on the ground in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut, and Amman; and their goal is to support high-priority, immediate emergency needs as well as long-term emergency needs. To this end, they have launched a \$500,000 *Holy Land Emergency Appeal* aimed at helping those most in need.

Holiday Hours

The office will be closed the week of December 25th, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

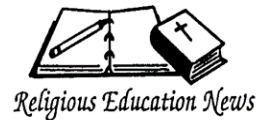
Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you have the option at St. Timothy's to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. 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.



Help Wanted

To make Christmas wreaths for St. Timothy's buildings for Christmas. The Arts and Environment Committee is hoping you will join them on Friday, December 15th, at 9AM in St. Jude Hall. Greens will be provided along with wreath forms and wire. Please bring pruners and gloves if you wish.



December 17, 2023 is the last day of classes for this calendar year. Due to the holidays, **there are no classes on December 24th or December 31st.** Classes will resume January 7, 2024.

Confirmation has been set for May 19, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond City at 2:00PM.

First Holy Communion will be June 2, 2024.

Vacation Bible School will be for Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. The theme for this coming year is *Dive Into Your Faith*. We will be exploring water imagery and symbolism in the Bible and Christianity; this will involve playing with water, so be prepared!

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.

Women's Luncheon Group

All women of the church are invited to the Christmas Social, which will be held at Pauline Gwathmey's house in Bruington after the noon Mass on Tuesday, December 19th! Please bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fun and camaraderie! Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Commons or email Elsie Manganano at ecm08@live.com. The group who attended our last luncheon had a great time!



Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45PM**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, January 2nd, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet**, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 62.

March for Life

March for Life in Washington, DC is right around the corner on Friday, January 19, 2024. This is still very important to attend and support Life! St. Timothy's will again be sponsoring a bus to attend the March for Life and would love to have as many attend as possible! Please sign up on the sheet in the Commons if you are interested, or if you have questions, call the office. Thank you!

A Letter of Thanks

Dear Friend and Sponsor:

The Essex County Sheriff's Office would like to express our sincere appreciation for your financial support of our drug education and child safety programs. Providing safety and security to the citizens of Essex County is our number one objective. Our planned child safety program is one of the ways in which we can achieve that objective. You recognize that we desperately need to reach our children with accurate and vital facts that will educate and help them grow as safe, happy, and useful citizens.

The materials and services we have carefully selected are developed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Because of your generous support, we are able to provide a well-rounded drug education and child safety program for our children and the community. Without your help, this could not have been possible.

Thanks again, not only from the Essex County Sheriff's Office, but also from all the young people who have been and will be touched by your helping hand.

Sincerely,
W.A. Holmes
Sheriff, Essex County Sheriff's Office

Caregiver Support Group is presented by the Alzheimer's Association on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at 2:00PM at the Essex Public Library. For more information about caregiver support groups, call Jennifer at 1-800-577-0558.

Marriage Retreat! By offering married couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. 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. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- January 26-28, 2024 - Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD
- April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA

Considering a Vocation?

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me." God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness.

For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal.

These meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (877) 887-9603 or email dana@atreeplanted.org.