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December 31, 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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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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

12/31/2023
 Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Luke 2:22-40

The Epiphany of the Lord

1/7/2024
 Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12



"...Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.'"

Luke 2:33-35

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.



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.

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What can we learn from the Holy Family?

This last Sunday of the year celebrates the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. What can we learn from the Holy Family?

Our society today seems not to focus on family values. Marriage is threatened by the plagues of divorce, relativism, and secularization. Same-sex and “de facto” unions have undermined the meaning of marriage, calling into question its very purpose. In fact, divorce is not only common, but it is expected in almost half of today’s marriages. Many children are raised without discipline, and their potential is dashed by abuse or neglect.

But there are examples throughout history of how strong families have formed the true foundation of society. Such families are not perfect in a sense, but have persevered. These families have provided correction to society by bringing up new generations of leaders and saints. Think of St. Thomas More, the martyr who lived a life of heroic virtue and who, even after the death of his first wife, taught his children to know and love their faith. Think of the Martins, St. Therese of Lisieux’s family, who also suffered the loss of their mother but went on to lead lives of sanctity.

There are hundreds of other examples. Marriage and family can work. They can provide an opportunity to grow in holiness, strengthen the culture in which we live, overcome the greatest obstacles, and succeed. The example of the Holy Family best teaches us how to build our own little “Nazareth” and raise saints to serve God and the world.

It is difficult to make a direct comparison between the Holy Family and families today, but reflecting on the roles of Mary as mother, Joseph as father, and Jesus as child gives us a spiritual perspective that can shape our understanding of our own roles in our families.

May we join hands in this new year to bring back marriage and family values in our society.

Happy New Year

Parish Ministries

Diana Campbell, Rel. Ed. Director: (804) 238-1279

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

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection

December 23 - December 25, 2023

Offertory - \$6086

Christmas Offertory- \$2722

Give Central - \$370

Mass Intentions - \$195

Catholic Charities - \$814

Capital Projects - \$2150

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 66

Sunday 9:30AM - 83, 12:00N - 60

Sunday 6:00PM - 121, 8:00PM - 118

Monday (Nativity of Our Lord) 10:00AM - 49

**This weekend’s second collection will be for the Holy Land Emergency Appeal
The next second collection will be January 14th for Capital Improvements**

DEL PASTOR

¿Qué podemos aprender de la Sagrada Familia?

Este último domingo del año se celebra la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. ¿Qué podemos aprender de la Sagrada Familia?

Nuestra sociedad actual parece no centrarse en los valores familiares. El matrimonio está amenazado por las plagas del divorcio, el relativismo y la secularización. Las uniones entre personas del mismo sexo y “de facto” han socavado el significado del matrimonio, poniendo en duda su propósito mismo. De hecho, el divorcio no sólo es común, sino que se espera que ocurra en casi la mitad de los matrimonios actuales. Muchos niños son criados sin disciplina y su potencial se ve frustrado por el abuso o la negligencia.

Pero hay ejemplos a lo largo de la historia de cómo las familias fuertes han formado la verdadera base de la sociedad. Estas familias no son perfectas en cierto sentido, pero han perseverado. Estas familias han brindado corrección a la sociedad al criar nuevas generaciones de líderes y santos. Pensemos en Santo Tomás Moro, el mártir que vivió una vida de virtudes heroicas y que, incluso después de la muerte de su primera esposa, enseñó a sus hijos a conocer y amar su fe. Piense en los Martin, la familia de Santa Teresa de Lisieux, quienes también sufrieron la pérdida de su madre pero llevaron una vida de santidad.

Hay cientos de otros ejemplos. El matrimonio y la familia pueden funcionar. Pueden brindar una oportunidad para crecer en santidad, fortalecer la cultura en la que vivimos, superar los mayores obstáculos y tener éxito. El ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia nos enseña mejor cómo construir nuestro propio pequeño “Nazaret” y criar santos para servir a Dios y al mundo.

Es difícil hacer una comparación directa entre la Sagrada Familia y las familias de hoy, pero reflexionar sobre los roles de María como madre, José como padre y Jesús como niño nos da una perspectiva espiritual que puede moldear nuestra comprensión de nuestros propios roles en nuestra familias.

Que unamos nuestras manos en este nuevo año para recuperar el matrimonio y los valores familiares en nuestra sociedad.

Feliz Año Nuevo

**La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para el Llamado de Emergencia para Tierra Santa
La próxima segunda colecta será el 14 de enero para Mejoras Capitales.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Last year when I called my parents to wish them a happy New Year, my dad answered the phone. "Well, Dad, what's your New Year's resolution?" I asked him. "To make your mother as happy as I can all year," he answered proudly. Then mom got on, and I said, "What's your resolution, Mom?" "To see that your dad keeps his New Year's resolution."

A boy asked his father, "Dad, if three frogs were sitting on a limb that hangs over a pool, and one frog decided to jump off into the pool, how many frogs would be left on the limb?" The dad replied, "Two." "No," the son replied. "Here is the question again: There are three frogs and one decided to jump, how many are left?" The dad said, "Oh, I get the point! If one decided to jump, the others would too. So there are none left." The boy said, "No dad, the answer is three. The frog only DECIDED to jump."

Does that sound like our last year's resolutions? Great inspiration and great resolutions, but oftentimes we only decide and months later we are still on the same limb of doing nothing.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNITED IN CHARITY



The Knights of Columbus are active in charitable giving every year. The following will give you a snapshot of some of their efforts nationally. 100% of all monies raised by the Knights of Columbus goes to support those we serve.

- Over 1 million coats have been distributed to children since 2009
- \$185.6 Million dollars in donations were made in 2023
- 50 million volunteer hours were given by Knights
- Over 2,000 rosaries were distributed to residents of Maui as well as food and medical supplies

Locally the Knights of Columbus Council 10578

- Assisted in many human needs operations, including monetary donations at Thanksgiving and Christmas for needy families
- Raised over \$1000.00 to support Religious Education
- Donated towards paying for a bus to transport parishioners to the annual March for Life in Washington DC
- Provided religious gifts to First Communion and Confirmation candidates
- Placed American Flags and wreaths on the graves of veterans for Memorial and Veterans Days

If you would like to learn more about the charity areas the knights are involved with or would like to join our council, please contact 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, Jocelyn Boily, Carol Smith, Christopher Carcamo, 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.

January 1 - January 7 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
1/1	12:00N	Judy Sullivan	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Ed Sullivan
1/2	12:00N	†Margaret Skinner	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Joseph Dent
1/3	12:00N	Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
1/4	9:00AM	Lillian Torbeck	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton	Jordan Tippet
1/5	9:00AM	Anna Tippet	Memorial of Saint John Neumann (First Friday)	Jordan Tippet
1/6	9:00AM	Salvation of Souls	First Saturday	St. Timothy Family
	5:00PM	†William R. Welch	Vigil - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Diane Kean
1/7	9:30AM	Jimmy Walker	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Buddy Deverell
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia	Familia de San Timoteo



Need a Ride to Mass?

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

Upcoming Mass Times

January 1st, 12:00Noon	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
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.

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.



Due to the holidays, **there is no class on 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!

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.



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.

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!



Married Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the blahs.

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

A leap of care for 2024

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Also available for Android in the Google Play Store!

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.

Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

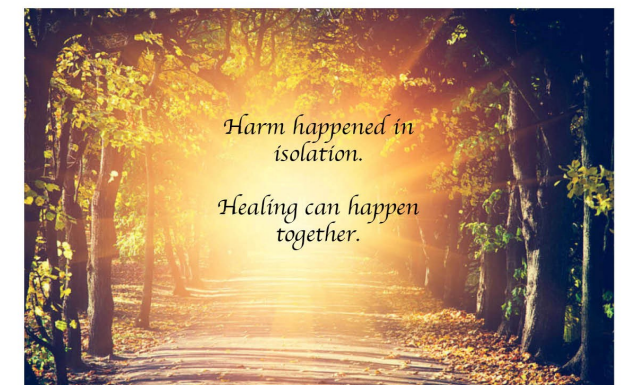
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Considering a Vocation?

"Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in 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.