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February 11, 2024

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.*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2/11/2024  
 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1  
 Mark 1:40-45

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**First Sunday of Lent**  
 2/18/2024  
 Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:12-15

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**CONFESSIONS**

45 minutes before Mass or by appointment.



*"... 'If you wish, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity [Jesus] stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean."*

Mark 1:40-42

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment.

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

February 14, 2024  
 12:00 Noon  
 7:00 PM Spanish

*A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.*

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### The Lenten Season is Here

Ash Wednesday (*dies cinerum*), is the Church's *Yom Kippur* or "Day of Atonement." The very name of the day comes from the ancient practice of mourning or doing penance wearing "sackcloth and ashes" to express penitence, not only by the Chosen People but by pagans as well. The Old Testament shows us the pagan people of Nineveh, the pagan King Ben Haddad of Syria, and the Jewish Queen Esther, all of whom fasted, wearing sackcloth and ashes. In the early Church, Christians who had committed serious sins did public penance wearing sackcloth and ashes. The Church instructs us to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of full fast and abstinence. Fasting is prescribed to reinforce our penitential prayer during the Lenten season.

Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting>. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts — not only through the distribution of money, but also through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. This year at St. Timothy's, we will be having four candidates being received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for them.

#### Parish Ministries

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

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

Becky Tobler, Pastoral Council 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 Rector

**Homebound:** Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

#### Offertory Collection

**February 3 - February 4, 2024**

Offertory - \$5,394  
Give Central - \$778  
Candles - \$79  
Capital Projects - \$200  
Respect Life - \$25  
Mass Intentions - \$50  
Ash Wednesday - \$20  
Scholarship - \$25  
Fuel - \$1,361

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 46  
Sunday 9:30AM - 116, 12:00N - 81**

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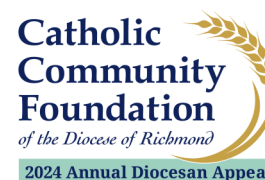
### La Temporada de Cuaresma está Aquí

El Miércoles de Ceniza (*dies cinerum*), es el Yom Kipur o "Día de la Expiación" de la Iglesia. El propio nombre del día proviene de la antigua práctica de hacer luto o hacer penitencia vistiendo "cilicio y ceniza" para expresar penitencia, no sólo por parte del Pueblo Elegido sino también por los paganos. El Antiguo Testamento nos muestra al pueblo pagano de Nínive, al rey pagano Ben Haddad de Siria y a la reina judía Ester, todos los cuales ayunaban, vestidos con cilicio y ceniza. En la Iglesia primitiva, los cristianos que habían cometido pecados graves hacían penitencia pública vistiendo cilicio y ceniza. La Iglesia nos instruye a observar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo como días de pleno ayuno y abstinencia. Se prescribe el ayuno para reforzar nuestra oración penitencial durante el tiempo de Cuaresma.

La Cuaresma es un período de preparación para celebrar la Resurrección del Señor en la Pascua. Durante la Cuaresma buscamos al Señor en oración mediante la lectura de la Sagrada Escritura; servimos dando limosna; y practicamos el autocontrol mediante el ayuno. Estamos llamados no sólo a abstenernos de lujos durante la Cuaresma, sino a una verdadera conversión interior del corazón mientras buscamos seguir más fielmente la voluntad de Cristo. Recordamos las aguas del bautismo en las que también fuimos bautizados en la muerte de Cristo, morimos al pecado y al mal y comenzamos una nueva vida en Cristo.

Muchos conocen la tradición de abstenerse de comer carne los viernes durante la Cuaresma, pero también estamos llamados a practicar la autodisciplina y ayunar de otras maneras durante la temporada. Contempla el significado y los orígenes de la tradición del ayuno de Cuaresma en esta reflexión: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting>. Además, dar limosna es una forma de compartir los dones de Dios, no sólo mediante la distribución de dinero, sino también compartiendo nuestro tiempo y talentos. Como nos recuerda San Juan Crisóstomo: "No permitir que los pobres compartan nuestros bienes es robarles y privarlos de la vida. Los bienes que poseemos no son nuestros, sino de ellos" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #2446).

En Cuaresma, los bautizados son llamados a renovar su compromiso bautismal mientras otros se preparan para ser bautizados a través del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, un período de aprendizaje y discernimiento para personas que han declarado su deseo de convertirse en católicos. Este año en St. Timothy's tendremos cuatro candidatos recibidos en plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Por favor oren por ellos.



#### Campaña Diocesana Anual 2024: Compartir Su Amor con los Demás

Durante los próximos fines de semana, del 17 al 18 de febrero y del 24 al 25 de febrero, llevaremos a cabo la Campaña Anual de la Diócesis de 2024. Esté atento a los materiales en las bancas para esta apelación o puede hacer una donación escaneando este código QR:

Escanee aquí para donar a la Campaña Anual Diocesana 2024



Para preguntas acerca de su donación por favor llame a GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

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## JOKE OF THE WEEK

### There IS a Difference!

Eight-year-old Johnny said to his Mom and Dad: "I think I'm going to go on a video game fast." "Really?" his Mom asked. "That's awesome! One whole day?" "Nah," Johnny said. "My fasts are like three days." Dad said, "Johnny, three days without games is a great idea!" Johnny replied, "Oh... What's the opposite of fast?" Mom and Dad, in unison, "Binge?" "Yeah," Johnny said. "That's what I actually meant!"



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Preparing for Lent

Lent is about to start and the Knights of Columbus urges everyone to join us in praying the Rosary. The Knights pray the Rosary before their meetings on every first and third Wednesday. We invite everyone to join us and pray for our parish and our country. Any male over the age of 18 is invited to join our council and is welcome to stay for our meeting to learn more.

On Friday, February 23rd, the Knights will be doing a fish fry at St. Jude Hall after the Stations of the Cross. Come and enjoy a meal of fried fish, hush puppies, and French fries with your fellow parishioners.

January 24th and 25th will be Stewardship Weekend at St. Timothy's. Please come by our table and learn more about our ministries. We will have Knights manning the table with information and membership forms.

If you have any questions, please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at [desulliva@aol.com](mailto: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, Chris Honenberger, Michelle Ward, Michael Herlan, Kristen Kellett, Linda MacDonald, Sharon Hanshaw, Pat Doane, and Ron Largett.



### 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.*

February 13 - February 18 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
2/13	12:00N	†Gloria Walls	Weekday	Diane Kean
2/14	12:00N	†Joseph and †Jean Flessner	Ash Wednesday	Delores Flessner
	7:00PM	Jeremías Baccione	Miércoles de Ceniza	Familia de San Timoteo
2/15	9:00AM	†Joseph, †Mary, †John, and †Cassie Evanesky	Weekday	Joe Brenzovich
2/16	9:00AM	Joseph Lynn	Weekday	Barbara Lynn
2/17	5:00PM	†Nora Ermac	Vigil - First Sunday of Lent	Dwight and JoJo Sorboen
2/18	9:30AM	†Gail Quinn	First Sunday of Lent	Delores Flessner
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Primer Domingo de Cuaresma	Familia de San Timoteo



**Need a Ride to Mass?**

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

**Upcoming Mass Times**

February 14th, 12:00N Ash Wednesday English Mass  
 February 14th, 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Spanish Mass  
 February 21st, 9:00AM Time changed due to Virginia's March for Life in Richmond. **No noon Mass.**

**Scholarship Applications Available**

St. Timothy is once again offering the St. John Paul the Great Community Service Scholarship. This scholarship is available to all graduating seniors who are participating members of St. Timothy Parish. Interested parties should pick up an application from the parish office. The deadline for the receipt of all application materials in the parish office is **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

**Divine Mercy Cenacle**

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45PM**, after the noon Mass on **Tuesday, March 5**, to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 64.

**Pantry Sunday**

Pantry Sunday is this weekend, February 10th - 11th. Donations of canned fruit, vegetables, and soup are *always* needed. Please place your donations in the designated area to the left of the door as you enter the Commons. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable ministry for people in our community.



**Lenten Soup Suppers Schedule**

Stations of the Cross occur every Friday in Lent at 6:00PM followed by a soup supper. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons if you'd like to bring sides such as bread, salad, etc.

February 16th Parish Council  
 February 23rd Knights of Columbus  
 March 1st Hispanic Ministry  
 March 8th Religious Education  
 March 15th Lectors  
 March 22nd Finance Council

**Catholic Women's Luncheon**

The February luncheon will be held on the third **Tuesday, February 20th, at 1:00PM at the Prince Street Café** in Tappahannock. We had an enjoyable time at the January luncheon with an amazing turnout despite the weather. We look forward to having new and old members continue with this social event after the noon Mass. For more information or to sign up, please call the office or email Elsie at [ecm08@live.com](mailto:ecm08@live.com).

**Virginia March for Life**

The national March for Life in Washington, D.C., on the snowy day of January 19th, was such a positive experience with thousands of people in attendance. With the abortion issue being in the forefront this year, it is very important to show your support by attending Virginia's March for Life in Richmond on February 21st. See poster in the Commons for the schedule of events and sign-up sheet. **Mass time will be changed that Wednesday to 9:00AM** so that we will have a great start before going to the 11:00AM Rally at the Capital followed by the March. St. Timothy's will have a banner for the March and will need two volunteers to carry it. Looking forward to another great day to be messengers for Christ!

**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.



Anyone whose child under the age of 14 is intending to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion needs to be registered and attending classes **immediately** with Mrs. Dahlgren to receive Communion on June 2nd.

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 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!

**Make a Difference on Saturday, April 20th**

Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) offers you countless ways to make a difference in our community. This multi-church "blitz" is a one-day mission on Saturday, April 20th. It seems far off, but **you need to register by Sunday, February 25th**. Visit the OIAM table in the Commons starting this weekend. You'll find more details and registration forms. If you have questions, contact Shari Dwyer (804-443-1503; [skdwyer@va.metrocast.net](mailto:skdwyer@va.metrocast.net)) or Dan Bowden (804-246-9353; [dbowden81@hotmail.com](mailto:dbowden81@hotmail.com)). Volunteers will build steps and ramps at homes, do service projects for people in senior living facilities, plant and do yard work at homes and community places, sort donations, package meals for third-world countries, and much more. Details about the projects you can choose are in the flyer with the registration form in the Commons. Please join us in making a difference on April 20th. There are other ways to help, too; look for more information in the Bulletin as the day gets closer.

**Move to the Light  
 Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February: Pray for the Terminally Ill  
 Monthly Prayer for Mental Health**

This month the Pope asks us to pray for the terminally ill. People with a terminal diagnosis can experience mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, and other serious mental health conditions. They can wonder if their life any longer has value. Pope Francis has said that "even in these harsh circumstances ... the value of their being is measured by their capacity to give and receive love." Let us pray that people who are terminally ill know that they are loved and that they can always find hope in Christ.

St. Timothy's Mental Well-Being Ministry, *Move to the Light*, provides vital spiritual accompaniment and resources for people experiencing mental health challenges and mental illness, as well as those who care for them. Phone: 804-499-5854.

**Sharing Your Time and Talent**

COMING SOON: Did you know that St. Timothy has religious books and videos you can borrow? We do ... but there's a catch – We need someone (or several) to staff the little library. It's just one of the volunteer opportunities available. Join us on February 24th or 25th in the Commons after Masses to learn about these opportunities. We'll give you a booklet with a complete list that weekend. Show up for the Casting Call – there's a role for everyone!

**Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance**

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 on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM. 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. 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](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org).

**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](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. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

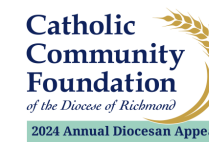
March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD  
 April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA

**Head Into the Heights This March**

Looking at the mountains and reflecting on creation, you can find peace and perspective that comes from the Lord. As young adults, we have the opportunity to journey *into the heights* of God's love by taking a step *out* of our normal lives and *into* the Blue Ridge Mountains & Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. This one-day event will include two talks, an easy-to-moderate level hike, prayer with the Trappist-Cistercian nuns, and lunch. **Into the Heights: A Young Adult Lenten Reflection & Hike** is Saturday, March 16th, from 10:00AM - 6:30PM at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA. \$40/person includes lunch and other retreat supplies. *Limited space available - don't wait to sign up at <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/into-the-heights-a-young-adult-lenten-reflection-hike/>!*

**The Vocation of Marriage:  
 February 11, 2024 - World Marriage Day**

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.



**2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal:  
 Sharing His Love with Others**

During the next couple weekends, February 17th-18th, and February 24th-25th, we will be conducting the 2024 Annual Diocese Appeal. Please watch for the in-pew materials for this appeal or you may make a donation by scanning this QR code:

Scan here to donate to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal



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