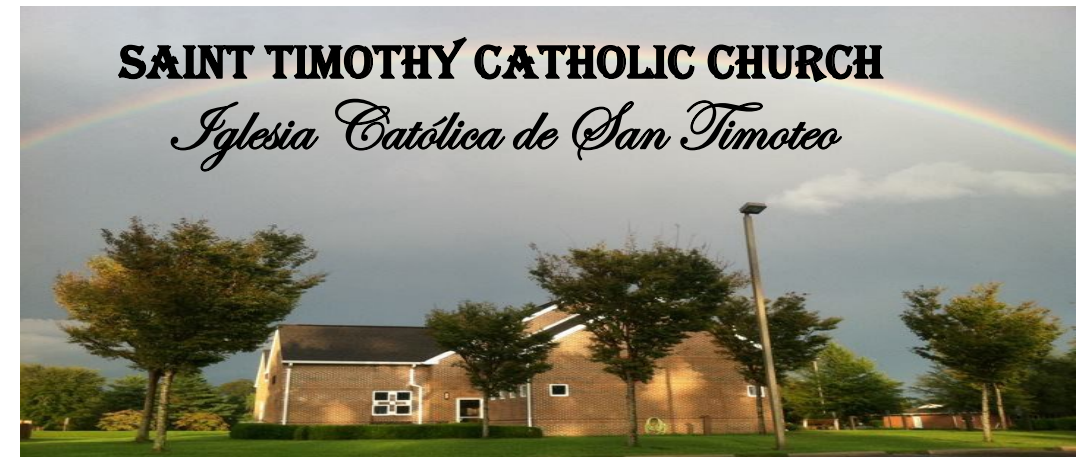


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Please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at (540) 842-3276, Father Gerald, or any of our Knights here at St. Timothy's. We need Catholic men to help us serve our church and community. Please join today.



March 3, 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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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 Lent
 3/3/2024
 Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 John 2:13-25

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
 3/10/2024
 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10
 John 3:14-21

MASS SCHEDULE

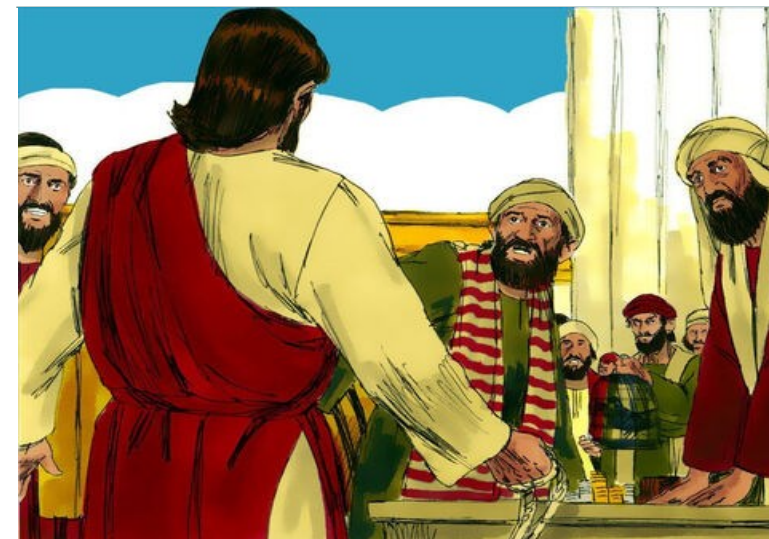
Saturday 5:00pm (English)
 Sunday 9:30am (English)
 Sunday 12:00pm (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



"...and to those who sold doves he said, 'Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.'"
 Johns 2:16

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A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



Are There Limits to Forgiveness?

The Bible avoids attempting to give a “dictionary” definition of forgiveness. Instead, it prefers to show us many and varied examples of forgiveness in action. Wherever we find it, forgiveness is the word used to describe the total wiping out of an offense by the one affronted. In the Bible, forgiveness is not simply the remission of penalties; it is the remission of sin. Key to any understanding of forgiveness is the fact that it can never be earned. Forgiveness is always a gift, whether given by God or another human being.

We begin our reflection by reflecting on Matthew 18:21-22, the discourse on life. Peter’s question about forgiveness is concerned with life in the Church. Early Christian communities, such as the house churches to which Matthew is writing, were adamant about dealing with internal conflicts internally. Matthew offers a procedural guide that contains four steps. The first is to have the offender and the one offended talk the issue out and solve it through dialogue. The second step brings in two or more witnesses to verify the facts of the situation. The third step requires that the offender appear before the entire community, in hopes that they will be able to convince the offender that the issue is serious and that he or she must admit to wrongdoing. If coming before the whole Church does not work, then the fourth and final step stipulates that the community shun the person as it would shun a gentile or a tax collector.

The Church hopes that a person shunned by the community will come to understand how important community life is and will repent and reconcile with the person offended and the entire Church. There is no question as to whether or not the Church has the power and authority to forgive sins; this was established in Matthew 16:19 when Jesus himself gave Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Many believe this power and authority extends to the entire Church. St. Augustine discussed this, which is reiterated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (cf. No. 981).

In the Gospel, no sooner has the procedure been established for dealing with community members who offend or sin against other members than a serious question arises. The inquiry comes from no less a person than Peter himself. He knows the procedure for dealing with internal community conflicts. But what happens, Peter asks, if an offender goes through the process and appears to be reconciled but, in fact, sins again against a brother or sister? If an offender again sins against me and then asks for my forgiveness, to what extent or to what limit do I need to forgive this fellow community member?

Peter already has some ideas about this. He is aware that this situation is frequently the topic of conversation among the rabbis. They mostly agree that the person being offended or sinned against needs to forgive the offender up to three times, but no more. However, Peter himself has proposed forgiving the offending sinner as many as seven times. In Peter’s mind, this proposal is far beyond what anyone would expect or require. Certainly, even Jesus himself would be extremely pleased with Peter’s great generosity.

Imagine how shocked Peter must have been by the response: “Jesus answered, ‘I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times’” (Matthew 18:22). Scholars point out that the Greek word for seventy-seven corresponds exactly to the Septuagint version of Genesis 4:24. There might be an allusion here to the limitless vengeance about which Lamech is boasting: “If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.”

Forgiveness, like love, must be limitless. It is grounded in the very nature of God. Forgiveness cannot mean blindness and an indifference to sin. If God places no limits on forgiveness, then humans cannot reverse that. Those who place limits on forgiveness will have limits placed on their forgiveness by God. The kind of forgiveness called for here is beyond all calculation. Whoever counts has not forgiven at all. We must keep in mind that Matthew takes material from the Jesus tradition and shapes it into a form that emphasizes an important point that he wants to make. Sometimes these traditional segments do not fit seamlessly, as we would prefer. Such is the case concerning the procedure for dealing with a community member who sins and Jesus’ emphasis on the requirement that forgiveness be unlimited.

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

**Offertory Collection
February 24 - February 25, 2024**

- Offertory - \$1,821
- Give Central - \$333
- Scholarship - \$888
- Capital Projects - \$55
- Mass Intentions - \$175
- Candles - \$56

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 69
Sunday 9:30AM –116, 12:00N - 77**

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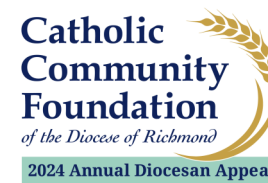
DEL PASTOR

¡Felicitaciones a Kendra, Ronaldo y Marcela por convertirse en los Elegidos en el Rito de los Elegidos en la Catedral de Richmond el 27 de Febrero!



Campaña Diocesana Anual 2024: Compartir Su Amor con los Demás

Actualmente estamos realizando la Campaña Anual de la Diócesis de 2024. La Campaña no solo le brinda la oportunidad de apoyar ministerios importantes que impactan muchos programas fuera de los límites de nuestra parroquia, sino que también respalda los servicios que la Diócesis brinda directamente a nuestra parroquia, como las subvenciones del Fondo Fuel and Hunger y el ministerio para jóvenes y adultos jóvenes. Además, nuestra parroquia recibe una parte de los fondos recaudados. Este año, los fondos devueltos se utilizarán para remodelar nuestra Iglesia, como pagar el techo nuevo, la alfombra nueva y la pintura. Consulte 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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MOVE TO THE LIGHT

In the month of March, the Pope asks us to pray for the new martyrs. Some saints who were martyred lived with a mental illness. Examples are Saint Oscar Romero, who lived with obsessive-compulsive disorder; blessed Rutilio Grande, who lived with schizophrenia; and Saint Mark Ji Tianxiang, who lived with addiction. These martyrs demonstrate that mental illness does not prevent a person from living a life of great holiness and the heroic love of God and neighbor. We pray that these saints inspire us to, in the words of Pope Francis, “Never tire of bearing witness to the Gospel, even in times of tribulation.”

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Never Argue with Him When He’s Drunk!

A man was driving without his seatbelt when he spotted a patrol car right behind him. He grabbed for the belt and put it on. But it was too late, and the red lights began to flash. “You weren’t wearing your seatbelt,” said the officer. “Yes, I was,” said the man, “and if you don’t believe me, ask my wife.” “So how ABOUT it, ma’am?” asked the cop. “Officer,” she said, “I’ve been married to this man for forty years, and there’s one thing I’ve learned: Never argue with him when he’s drunk! Just give him a ticket for not wearing the seat belt.”

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, 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, 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; FSO Mary O’Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN; and Ty Brown, USCG

Pray God keeps them in His care.

March 5 - March 10 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
3/5	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
3/6	12:00N	†Taylor Stuart Hayden	Weekday	Carl and Kathy Hayden
3/7	9:00AM	Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
3/8	9:00AM	Gretchen and Grayson Lynn	Weekday	Barbara Lynn
3/9	5:00PM	†James Nannery	Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent	Barbara Nannery
3/10	9:30AM	†Amy Tobia	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Fowler
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma	Familia de San Timoteo



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Virginia March for Life



The Knights of Columbus acted as Parade Marshals and marched in The Virginia March for Life event last week. It was a big success and we were happy that the Governor marched with us. The weather was perfect and the Knights’ participation was outstanding.

The Knights of Columbus State Convention is two months away. We look forward to a good turnout for that. Also coming up is the Fourth Degree Exemplification; it will be held in Richmond on April 13th. Our Council has one candidate as of now; however, any council member interested in joining the Fourth Degree, which is our patriotic degree, please let us know.

We would also like to thank everyone who turned out for the Knights’ Fish Fry last Friday. It was a great success and a nice opportunity for the parish to gather for fellowship.

If you have any interest in joining the Knights of Columbus, or would like to learn more about what else we do, please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at desulliv@aol.com.



Upcoming Mass and Service Times

March 1st, 9:00AM	First Friday
March 2nd, 9:00AM	First Saturday
March 6th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 13th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 19th, 6:00PM	Penance Service
March 20th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 23rd, 9:00AM-3:00PM	Parish Lenten Day of Recollection
March 25th, 5:00PM	Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
March 27th, 11:00AM	Holy Hour prior to Mass
March 28th, 7:00PM	Holy Thursday Mass - NO 9:00AM Mass
March 29th, 3:00PM	Stations of the Cross
March 29th, 7:00PM	Veneration of the Cross
	NO 9:00AM Mass on March 29th
March 30th, 8:00PM	Easter Vigil - NO 5:00PM Mass
March 31st, 9:30AM	Easter Mass (English)
March 31st, 12:00NOON	Easter Mass (Spanish)

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

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.

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.

March 1st	Hispanic Ministry
March 8th	Religious Education
March 15th	Lectors
March 22nd	Finance Council

Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is March 9th - 10th. 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.



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.

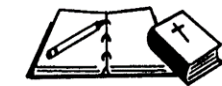
Parishioner in Healthcare Rehab

Anne Glancy is at Three Rivers Health and Rehabilitation Center in West Point and would appreciate company. You can also send cards to 2960 Chelsea Rd., West Point, VA 23181, or call her at 804-313-1856.

Catholic Women's Luncheon



The women's luncheon group had an enjoyable occasion at Prince Street Café, celebrating Father Gerald's birthday and gaining information on volunteering at The Carrington House! This group is open to all Catholic women and meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant. The next luncheon will be March 19th; stay tuned for the location. We welcome all women to attend this fun and enjoyable gathering!



Religious Education News

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!

JOIN US FOR A
Lenten Bible Study
Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

THURSDAYS - 7:00 - 8:30PM
ST. JUDE HALL

FEBRUARY 22: AGONY IN THE GARDEN
FEBRUARY 29: SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR
MARCH 7: CROWNING WITH THORNS
MARCH 14: CARRYING OF THE CROSS
MARCH 21: CRUCIFIXION

ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE!
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PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

SCAN TO SIGN UP: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/BIBLE24](https://bit.ly/bible24)



ST. TIMOTHY COLLECTS ...

BABY LAYETTE ITEMS from now until April 7th

For Operation Inasmuch, each church collects items for distribution to local social service agencies, county schools, and The Haven. Collections include canned goods, towels, toiletries, animal shelter items, undergarments, laundry products, and birthday presents for children in foster care. St. Timothy's is collecting baby items. Any time between now and April 7th, place items in one of the boxes by the Operation Inasmuch table in the Commons. We need:

- Baby wipes
- Disposable diapers (all sizes)
- Baby gowns, onesies, sleepers
- Baby toiletries - travel size
- Receiving blankets
- Outfits
- (NO oils or powders)



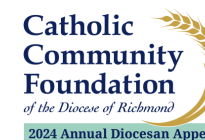
40 Days for Life

Members of St. Timothy Catholic Church marched in the Virginia Pro-Life March in Richmond, on February 21st, displaying St. Timothy's new banner! We will also participate in the 40 Days for Life with silent prayers outside the Planned Parenthood building in Richmond. Please contact Elsie Mangano for further information!



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>



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

We are currently conducting the 2024 Annual Diocese Appeal. The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish such as Fuel and Hunger Fund grants and youth and young adult ministry. In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used for remodeling our Church - such as paying for the new roof, new carpet and painting. Please see 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



For questions about your gift please call GiveCentral (833) 716-2612

Welcome Spring with Triad

On Tuesday, March 5th, the Essex County Triad will meet from 10:00 - 11:00AM at the Essex County School Board hearing room, 109 Cross Street. To help you get your garden ready for planting, Master Gardener Diane Kean, our St. Timothy parishioner, will discuss several types of gardens, preparing the soil, what plants to start now indoors and out, mulching, dividing perennials, plus tools for older adults. Triad is a partnership between local law enforcement, seniors, and senior service providers.

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@atreplanted.org.

Married Couples - Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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:

- April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA
- May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC
- September 27-29, 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. *Last day to register is Monday, March 11th, before noon:* <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/into-the-heights-a-young-adult-lenten-reflection-hike/>

Considering a Vocation?

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.