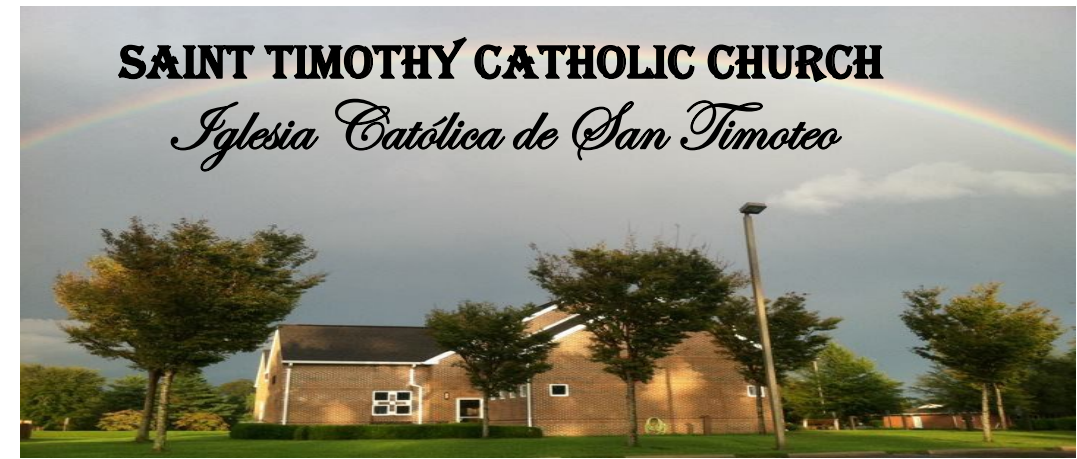


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March 10, 2024

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.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 3/17/2024
 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9
 John 12:20-33

MASS SCHEDULE

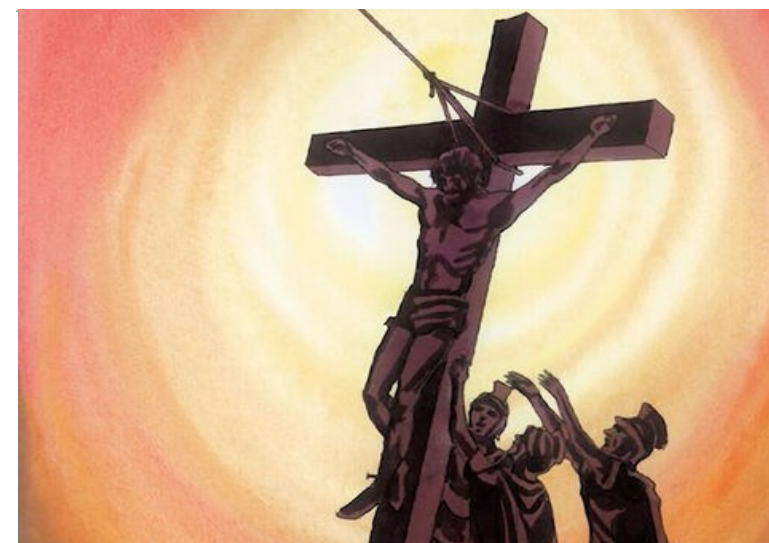
Saturday 5:00pm (English)
 Sunday 9:30am (English)
 Sunday 12:00pm (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

45 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3:14-15

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A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



Are There Limits to Forgiveness? (continuation)

An Unforgiving Servant

There is, however, a logic here that Matthew employs. He sets the stage with procedural guidelines for dealing with sinful community members. From here, he moves even further with the emphasis that forgiveness for a Christian must be unlimited. This is the high point of Matthew’s teaching, which is based solidly on the teaching of Jesus himself. Finally, Matthew adds to this a parable about an unforgiving servant. This story is intended to illustrate in parabolic form the measureless mercy and forgiveness without boundaries required of all Christians (cf. Matthew 18:23-35).

Matthew intends this parable about an unforgiving servant to illustrate the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. He sets up the situation wherein a king decides to settle accounts with his servants. The story highlights a debtor who owes the king more than he could ever repay in several lifetimes. The king’s initial reaction to this debtor was to put him in prison. However, the debtor pleads with the king for mercy and the king gives it to him by canceling the debt. Now comes the twist in the parable. That same debtor who was forgiven an impossible debt has the opportunity to extend that grace to a fellow servant who owes him a small amount. But this servant refuses to forgive the fellow servant’s debt. When the king hears of this action on the part of the servant he had forgiven, he reverses his decision and hands that servant over to be tortured. Matthew is most interested in the words Jesus speaks at the end of the parable. “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart” (Matthew 18:35).

The point here is that we cannot earn God’s forgiveness. However, we can lose it by trying to hoard it instead of passing it on to others.

Priesthood and Forgiveness: For a follower of Jesus, forgiveness involves willfully putting aside feelings of resentment toward someone who has sinned, been unfair or hurtful, or otherwise harmed one in some way. Keep in mind that forgiveness is not merely accepting what happened or ceasing to be angry. It involves a willful transformation of one’s feelings, attitudes, and behavior; so that one is no longer dominated by resentment and can even express compassion and generosity toward the person responsible for the wrong. It is this willful transformation that is at the heart of real forgiveness. This was always at the heart of Jesus’ forgiveness, and he urged his disciples to do likewise. Authentic forgiveness is a grace. It is a free gift that can never be earned.

Priests involved in pastoral ministry spend a good bit of time administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The heart of that sacrament is not the advice or encouragement that the priest offers to the penitent. The very heart of that sacrament is the words of forgiveness spoken by the priest over the penitent. Much of what we encountered in Matthew’s teaching on forgiveness is found condensed in the ritual formula of absolution:

“God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

Many times, we get discouraged by the fact that we do not seem to make much progress in our spiritual lives. This is evidenced by our experience of repeating the same things time and again during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Doesn’t God get tired of hearing the same list over and over? Matthew’s Gospel says, in effect, “No, God does not get tired of us saying the same things over and over” (cf. Matthew 18:15-35). Remember, forgiveness is not limited to three times or seven times, but seventy-seven times, which is Jesus’ way of saying that forgiveness is unlimited.

Parish Ministries

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Becky Tobler, Human Needs Chair: (757) 897-4840

Kathy Hayden, Safe Environment Chair: (804) 450-4207

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection

March 2 - March 3, 2024

- Offertory - \$3,895
- Give Central - \$1,933
- Scholarship - \$46
- Capital Projects - \$403
- Mass Intentions - \$100
- Candles - \$76
- Fuel - \$20
- Catholic Relief Services - \$876

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 50
Sunday 9:30AM -102, 12:00N - 85**

**This weekend’s second collection will be for Capital Improvements
The next second collection will be March 17 for Easter Flowers**

DEL PASTOR

¿Existen Límites para el Perdón?

Un Siervo Implacable

Mateo prepara el escenario con pautas de procedimiento para tratar con miembros pecadores de la comunidad. A partir de aquí, va aún más lejos al enfatizar que el perdón para un cristiano debe ser ilimitado. Este es el punto culminante de la enseñanza de Mateo, que se basa sólidamente en la enseñanza del mismo Jesús. Finalmente, Mateo añade a esto una parábola sobre un siervo que no perdona. Esta historia pretende ilustrar en forma parabólica la misericordia inmensurable y el perdón sin límites que se requieren de todos los cristianos (cf. Mateo 18:23-35).

Mateo pretende que esta parábola sobre un siervo implacable ilustre la realidad del Reino de los Cielos. Plantea la situación en la que un rey decide ajustar cuentas con sus sirvientes. La historia destaca a un deudor que le debe al rey más de lo que podría pagar en varias vidas. La reacción inicial del rey ante este deudor fue encarcelarlo. Sin embargo, el deudor suplica clemencia al rey y el rey se la concede cancelando la deuda. Ahora viene el giro de la parábola. Ese mismo deudor al que se le perdonó una deuda imposible tiene la oportunidad de extender esa gracia a un consiervo que le debe una pequeña cantidad. Pero este siervo se niega a perdonar la deuda de su consiervo. Cuando el rey se entera de esta acción por parte del sirviente al que había perdonado, revierte su decisión y entrega a ese sirviente para que sea torturado. Mateo está más interesado en las palabras que Jesús pronuncia al final de la parábola. “Así hará mi Padre celestial con vosotros, si cada uno de vosotros no perdona de corazón a su hermano” (Mateo 18:35).

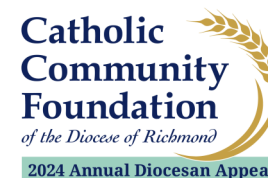
El punto aquí es que no podemos ganarnos el perdón de Dios. Sin embargo, podemos perderlo si intentamos atesorarlo en lugar de pasárselo a otros.

Sacerdocio y Perdón: Para un seguidor de Jesús, el perdón implica dejar de lado voluntariamente los sentimientos de resentimiento hacia alguien que ha pecado, ha sido injusto o hiriente, o que de alguna otra manera le ha hecho daño. Ten en cuenta que perdonar no es simplemente aceptar lo sucedido o dejar de estar enojado. Implica una transformación deliberada de los propios sentimientos, actitudes y comportamiento; para que uno ya no esté dominado por el resentimiento y pueda incluso expresar compasión y generosidad hacia la persona responsable del mal. Es esta transformación voluntaria la que está en el centro del verdadero perdón. Esto siempre estuvo en el centro del perdón de Jesús, e instó a sus discípulos a hacer lo mismo. El perdón auténtico es una gracia. Es un regalo gratuito que nunca podrá ganarse.

Los sacerdotes involucrados en el ministerio pastoral dedican bastante tiempo a administrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. El corazón de ese sacramento no es el consejo o el aliento que el sacerdote ofrece al penitente. El corazón mismo de ese sacramento son las palabras de perdón pronunciadas por el sacerdote al penitente. Gran parte de lo que encontramos en las enseñanzas de Mateo sobre el perdón se encuentra condensado en la fórmula ritual de la absolución:

“Dios Padre de las misericordias, por la muerte y resurrección de su Hijo, ha reconciliado consigo al mundo y ha deramado el Espíritu Santo para el perdón de los pecados; que por el ministerio de la Iglesia Dios os conceda el perdón y la paz. Y os absuelvo de vuestros pecados, en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén”.

Muchas veces nos desanimamos por el hecho de que no parecemos progresar mucho en nuestra vida espiritual. Esto se evidencia en nuestra experiencia de repetir las mismas cosas una y otra vez durante el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. ¿No se cansa Dios de escuchar la misma lista una y otra vez? El Evangelio de Mateo dice, en efecto: “No, Dios no se cansa de que digamos una y otra vez las mismas cosas” (cf. Mateo 18:15-35). Recuerde, el perdón no se limita a tres o siete veces, sino a setenta y siete veces, que es la manera en que Jesús dice que el perdón es ilimitado.



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

**La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para Mejoras Capitales
La próxima segunda recogida será el 17 de Marzo de Flores de Pascua**

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

So, So Tired...

An old couple was sitting by the fireside. He looked over at her, had a romantic thought, and said, “After fifty years, I’ve found you tried and true.” The wife’s hearing wasn’t very good, so she said, “What?” He repeated, “After fifty years, I’ve found you tried and true.” “After fifty years, I’m tired of you too,” she replied.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addressed Knights on the second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, reviewing the courageous work of Ukrainian Knights since the war began, expressing gratitude to donors of the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, and renewing the Order’s commitment to serve the Ukrainian people. “We will continue to support you and stand with you,” the Supreme Knight told Ukrainian Knights. “And we pray for you, every day, that Our Lady of Victory will deliver to you a lasting peace.”

Since it began in February 2022, the Ukraine Solidarity Fund has raised more than \$22 million, becoming the largest charitable campaign in the history of the Knights of Columbus. More importantly, it has allowed the Knights to help approximately 1.6 million people affected by the war.

During this Lenten period, we ask for prayers for world peace and an end to all the violence. If you would like to learn more about the work of the Knights of Columbus, or are interested in joining our 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, 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 12 - March 17 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
3/12	12:00N	†Steve Karopezcyck	Weekday	Rod Dwyer
3/13	12:00N	†Patricia Nansel	Weekday	Marilyn Held
3/14	9:00AM	†Granville Rogers	Weekday	Beth Rogers
3/15	9:00AM	Joseph Jemsek, M.D.	Weekday	Patricia Degon-Piscapo
3/16	5:00PM	†John, †Helen, †Michael, and †Timothy Kniha	Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Lent	Joe Brenzovich
3/17	9:30AM	For the People	Fifth Sunday of Lent	St. Timothy Family
	12:00N	†Damaris Teodoro	Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma	Jose Teodoro



Upcoming Mass and Service Times

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

Father Gerald will be away for the month of April. There will be no weekday Masses, nor will there be a First Saturday Mass while he is away.

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 8	Religious Education
March 15	Lectors
March 22	Finance Council

Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is this weekend, March 9 - 10. 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.



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 19; stay tuned for the location. We welcome all women to attend this fun and enjoyable gathering!

A Note of Thanks

Thank you again for your help in conducting the *Learn to Lead* Special Collection in-pew weekend on September 30 – October 1 of last year. As a final report on the collection, **\$341,927.47** was raised for the benefit of our Catholic Schools. Of this amount, \$138,089.26 was restricted to specific schools or *Learn to Lead* case elements and \$203,838.21 was unrestricted meaning it is being used to support the larger needs of Catholic Schools throughout our Diocese.

Kind Regards
Alex Previtiera, CFRE
 Director of Development and Operations
 Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond



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!



Operation Inasmuch: Many Ways to Help

Thank you to the 26 parishioners who signed up to participate in an Operation Inasmuch project on April 20. Students in the confirmation class will participate as a service project.

Besides April 20, there are other ways you can help:

1. Keep bringing in **baby layette items** for our church collection.
2. Consider a **monetary contribution** to support OIAM efforts. Write a check payable to Essex Churches Together and mail it to ECT, PO Box 2842, Tappahannock, VA 22560.
3. While you're doing your spring cleaning, save new or gently used items to **donate for the OIAM Free-for-All**, a giant yard "sale" where all items are free. Clothes, toys, household items, adult books, electronics, furniture, baby items. You may take them to Beale Memorial Baptist Church on April 17 or 18.

April 20 Senior Event

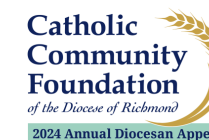
You can receive, as well as give, on the April 20 **Operation Inasmuch Day**. Sign up to attend the Senior Event at 10:00AM in St. Jude Hall – good food, fellowship, games, prizes, and music. There's a sign-up sheet on the Inasmuch table in the Commons, or contact Shari Dwyer (804-443-1503; skdwyer@va.metrocast.net).

Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at **12:45PM**, on **Tuesday, April 2**, to *pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 65.

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.



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

40 Days for Life

Members of St. Timothy Catholic Church marched in the Virginia Pro-Life March in Richmond, on February 21, 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!



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 danna@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 16, 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 11, before noon:* <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/into-the-heights-a-young-adult-lenten-reflection-hike/>