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August 25, 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. 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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8/25/24
 Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32
 John 6:60-69

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9/1/24
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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.



"Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"

John 6:67-69

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A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



Martyrs' Choice for God, for Christ and for His Teachings

The Old Testament, the New Testament, and the history of the Church tell the stories of brave men and women who heroically exercised their freedom of choice for God and His Commandments and courted martyrdom. 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 describes how the 90-year-old saintly scribe, Eleazar, welcomed martyrdom rather than eat the flesh of a pig. The same book describes another heroic Jewish mother and seven of her brave children who lost their lives by resisting the order of the Greek commander to reject their Jewish faith. The martyrdom of St. Stephen is described in the Acts of the Apostles. The first three centuries saw thousands of Christians heroically choosing Christ and courting the cruel death inflicted by the pagan Roman Empire. St. Thomas More was the second in power in England and St. John Fisher was the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University. Both were executed by King Henry VIII for choosing the teaching of the Church on marriage and divorce instead of choosing their king's view. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and pastor, chose to resist the anti-Christian and non-ethical doctrines of Hitler and was executed at 39. I have chosen to share with you these examples of heroes of our faith, not only because our readings this Sunday challenge us to make a choice for God and His teachings or against God, but also to make you aware that the truth always sets us free.

Choices for or against Jesus are repeated over and over again in the modern age. We should resolve to take a stand for Jesus and accept the consequences. We recognize, in our going to Communion, our acceptance of that challenge to be totally one with Jesus. When the priest gives us Holy Communion saying, "*The Body of Christ*," we respond, "*Amen*." That "*Amen*," that "*Yes*," is not just an act of faith in the Real Presence; it is a total commitment of ourselves to Jesus in the community of which we are members. We must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservations. Christ's thoughts and attitudes, values, and life-view must become totally ours, and must govern and shape our lives.

Therefore, let us identify with Jesus in his Self-gift of God's Love for us, his Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection, sealing the New Covenant with all mankind in His Blood, a Self-gift of Love extended to us in the Eucharist with Jesus' Body.

Parish Ministries

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

Roy Fontane, Finance Council Chair: (804) 443-1363

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 Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection August 17 - August 18, 2024

Offertory - \$4,539

Give Central - \$453

Candles - \$19

Capital Improvements - \$50

Religious Education - \$25

Quinceañera - \$600

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - \$255

Air Conditioning - \$60

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 50
Sunday 9:30AM - 104, 12:00N - 87**

**This weekend's second collection is for Air Conditioning
The next second collection is September 8 for Capital Improvements**

DEL PASTOR

La Elección de los Mártires por Dios, por Cristo y por Sus Enseñanzas

El Antiguo Testamento, el Nuevo Testamento y la historia de la Iglesia cuentan las historias de hombres y mujeres valientes que ejercieron heroicamente su libertad de elección por Dios y sus mandamientos y cortejaron el martirio. 2 Macabeos 6:18-31 describe cómo el santo escriba de 90 años, Eleazar, aceptó el martirio en lugar de comer la carne de un cerdo. El mismo libro describe a otra heroica madre judía y siete de sus valientes hijos que perdieron la vida al resistirse a la orden del comandante griego de rechazar su fe judía. El martirio de San Esteban se describe en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Los primeros tres siglos vieron a miles de cristianos elegir heroicamente a Cristo y cortejar la muerte cruel infligida por el pagano Imperio Romano. Santo Tomás Moro fue el segundo en el poder en Inglaterra y San Juan Fisher el vicerrector de la Universidad de Cambridge. Ambos fueron ejecutados por el rey Enrique VIII por elegir la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre el matrimonio y el divorcio en lugar de elegir la opinión de su rey. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, teólogo y pastor alemán, eligió resistir las doctrinas anticristianas y no éticas de Hitler y fue ejecutado a los 39 años. He decidido compartir con ustedes estos ejemplos de héroes de nuestra fe, no sólo porque nuestras lecturas de este domingo nos desafían a hacer una elección por Dios y sus enseñanzas o contra Dios, sino para que tomen conciencia de que la verdad siempre nos hace libres.

Las elecciones a favor o en contra de Jesús se repiten una y otra vez en la era moderna. Debemos decidirnos a tomar una posición a favor de Jesús y aceptar las consecuencias. Reconocemos, al ir a la Comunión, nuestra aceptación de ese desafío de ser totalmente uno con Jesús. Cuando el sacerdote nos da la Sagrada Comunión diciendo: "El Cuerpo de Cristo", respondemos: "Amén". Ese "Amén", ese "Sí", no es sólo un acto de fe en la Presencia Real; es un compromiso total de nosotros mismos con Jesús en la comunidad de la que somos miembros. Debemos aceptarlo totalmente, sin condiciones ni reservas. Los pensamientos, actitudes, valores y visión de la vida de Cristo deben llegar a ser totalmente nuestros, y deben gobernar y dar forma a nuestras vidas.

Por lo tanto, identifiquémonos con Jesús en su donación del Amor de Dios por nosotros, su Crucifixión, muerte y Resurrección, sellando la Nueva Alianza con toda la humanidad en Su Sangre, un don de Amor que se nos extiende en la Eucaristía con el Cuerpo de Jesús.

Campaña Diocesana Anual del 2024: Compartiendo Su Amor Con Los Demás

Un Mensaje del Padre Gerald

Apoyar la Campaña Diocesana Anual de 2024 consiste en apoyar ministerios importantes de nuestra Iglesia Católica. Por ejemplo, sabía usted que la Campaña:

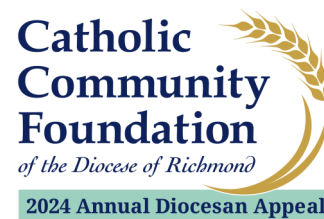
Apoya las necesidades locales de nuestras parroquias devolviendo una parte considerable de los dólares recaudados por medio de la Campaña.

Proporciona recursos necesarios a la sede en Richmond de St. Francis – Manchester para ayudar en su ministerio continuo de servir a personas mayores y adultos discapacitados que tienen pocos o ningún medio de ingresos.

Ofrece estipendios a consejeros latinos bilingües que atienden a niños en escuelas católicas.

Espero que todos los hogares de nuestra parroquia contribuyan al esfuerzo de este año. Si aún no se han comprometido, espero que se unan a mí no solo para ayudar a cumplir la meta de este año sino para superarla.

Visite www.richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal para hacer una donación de manera segura en línea o visite nuestra oficina parroquial para obtener una Tarjeta de Compromiso impresa. Cada ofrenda-donación, sin importar el monto, marca la diferencia. Muchas gracias por considerar en su oración el cómo va a contribuir y apoyar la campaña este año. Dios los bendiga.



Educación Religiosa

La educación religiosa comenzará nuevamente **el Domingo 22 de Septiembre de 2024** (tenga en cuenta que esto es un cambio con respecto a lo publicado anteriormente). Al comenzar este año escolar 2024-2025, necesitamos de 3 a 4 maestros para las clases de primaria, secundaria y confirmación. Cualquiera que esté interesado, comuníquese con Diana Campbell al (804) 238-1279 o controlyour-life620@gmail.com. Si desea enseñar pero cree que puede haber un conflicto, comuníquese con Diana en caso de que se pueda resolver algo. **Actualmente nos estamos registrando para clases después de todas las Misas.**

**La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para Aire Acondicionado
La siguiente segunda colecta es el 8 de Septiembre para Mejoras de Capital**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Letter to the Editor

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. “I’ve gone for 30 years now,” he wrote, “and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But, for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.” This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: “I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. However, I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



OUR PRINCIPLES Four Principles, Four Reasons

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together... we support one another. That doesn’t mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to assist the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order’s top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it’s in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

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, 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, Dan Dean, Catherine Mallory, James Morris, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic, Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan, Lloyd Samuels, Michelle Sadloch, Jocelyn Boily, Christopher Carcamo, Janie Kwedar, Charles Palmeri, Chris Honenberger, Michelle Ward, Michael Herlan, Linda MacDonald, Sharon Hanshaw, Pat Doane, Ron Largett, Amalia Dailey, Barbara Nannery, Dick Byrne, Becky Tobler, Frank Castanon, Nancy Sanchez, and Sue Byrne.



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; COL 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.

August 27 - September 1 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
8/27	12:00N	Rod Dwyer	Memorial of Saint Monica	Rod Dwyer
8/28	12:00N	All Souls in Purgatory	Memorial of Saint Augustine	St. Timothy Family
8/29	9:00AM	†Ann Somers	Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist	Katelyn Mazzochette
8/30	9:00AM	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
8/31	5:00PM	†Dick, †Nellie, †Dusty, and †Brad Swann	Vigil - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joe Brenzovich
9/1	9:30AM	†Cheryl Kellyposey	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Donna Shadis
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo



Calendar

September 6, 9:00AM First Friday
 September 7, 9:00AM First Saturday
 September 15 Parish Picnic (after noon Mass)
 September 22 Religious Education Begins
 October 13 RCIA Begins

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

Parishioners in Healthcare

Lloyd Samuels is at Carrington Place, 1150 Marsh St., Tappahannock, VA 22560.

Barbara Nannery is at Westminster Canterbury, Parsons Health Center, Room 9331, 1600 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, VA 23227. She can be reached at (804) 296-9082.

Sue Byrne is at Hanover Health and Rehabilitation Center, 8139 Lee-Davis Rd., Room 403B, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. She can be reached at (804) 296-4044.

Visits, cards, and calls are welcome!

Volunteers needed

We are in need of two volunteers for the Arts and Environment Committee. This committee is responsible for putting flowers on the altar and changing the altar linens. Please call the office if interested.

Religious Education

Religious Education will begin again **Sunday, September 22, 2024** (please note that this is a change from what was previously published). Going into this 2024-2025 school year we are in need of 3-4 teachers for Elementary, Middle and Confirmation classes. Anyone who is interested, please contact Diana Campbell at (804) 238-1279 or controlyour-life620@gmail.com. If you have a desire to teach but believe there may be a conflict, please contact Diana in case something can be worked out. **We are currently registering for classes after all Masses.**

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 (804) 347-1778.

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.



Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price of a brick 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.



Church Cleaning Day

Saturday August 31, will be our next cleaning day for the church. We will begin cleaning between 8:30 and 9:00AM. Please plan to donate an hour or two on Saturday. We will provide cleaning equipment, but if you have a particular "must use" tool, please bring it along. If you have any questions, contact the office. See you on the 31st

Mental Well-Being Ministry

We pray that solidarity with those who live with mental health challenges enters deeply into the hearts of political leaders so that they will take concrete actions to relieve the stigma that causes unjust suffering for people who live with mental illnesses. We pray political leaders will enact laws and fund programs and institutions that provide holistic care that promotes the dignity and equality of those who live with mental health challenges. Amen.

For information on this ministry, see Arn Manella, or call (804) 499-5854.

RCIA

On October 13, we will begin this year's RCIA classes for adults baptized in the Catholic Church, baptized in another Christian denomination, or who have never been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic. The RCIA process provides a time of formation and discernment leading to reception into full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please get in touch with Arn Manella at (804) 499-5854.

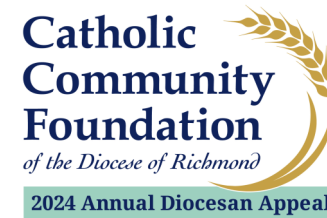
Thank You

Dear Fr. Musuubire,

On behalf of Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia (CCEVA), I wish to extend our most sincere thanks to you and your parishioners for your donations made during the Christmas weekend Masses. Your generosity in support of thousands of struggling individuals and families seeking help in our eastern region of Virginia is truly needed and appreciated.

Thank you for helping our staff act as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We will steward your gift well and are grateful for the trust you have placed in CCEVA.

May God bless you and your parish,
 Tracy Fick
 CEO, Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia



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

A Message from Fr. Gerald

Supporting the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about supporting important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

Supports the local needs of our parishes by returning a sizable portion of the dollars collected from the Appeal effort.

Provides needed resources to St. Francis – Manchester, a Richmond-based facility to aid in their ongoing ministry of serving seniors and disabled adults who have little or no means of income.

Offers stipends to bi-lingual Latino advocates who serve children in Catholic schools.

If you have not yet made a commitment, I hope you will join me in helping to not only meet but exceed this year's goal!

Please visit www.richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or visit our parish office for a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.

Considering a Vocation?

"You have the words of eternal life." Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow Him into a life of service to others as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

MARRIED COUPLES. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make 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:

September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA (only 8 slots left!)
 October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD
 November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

Need a Will?

St. Timothy Parish is observing National Make-A-Will Month this August by sharing a free will-writing tool to help steward your family, finances, and faith! Estate planning is an act of faithfulness that empowers you to thoughtfully honor the blessings you've received from God. It can even be used to support St. Timothy's and our ministries with an optional legacy gift. Visit FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to make a will at no cost and engage in thoughtful stewardship this month.

A Retreat for Young Adults

There's something about the grandness of the ocean and the stillness in the rolling waves that naturally creates a retreat-like atmosphere at the beach. Join other young adults ages 18-39 October 18 – 20 on a Catholic retreat at the Outer Banks and be reminded of the complete, never-ending, and joyful presence of God! The Young Adult Fall Retreat costs \$175/person. Registration closes September 16. For more information, or to register for this retreat, please visit https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/young-adult-retreat-3/?mc_cid=495d9edd45&mc_cid=1aa22ee157.