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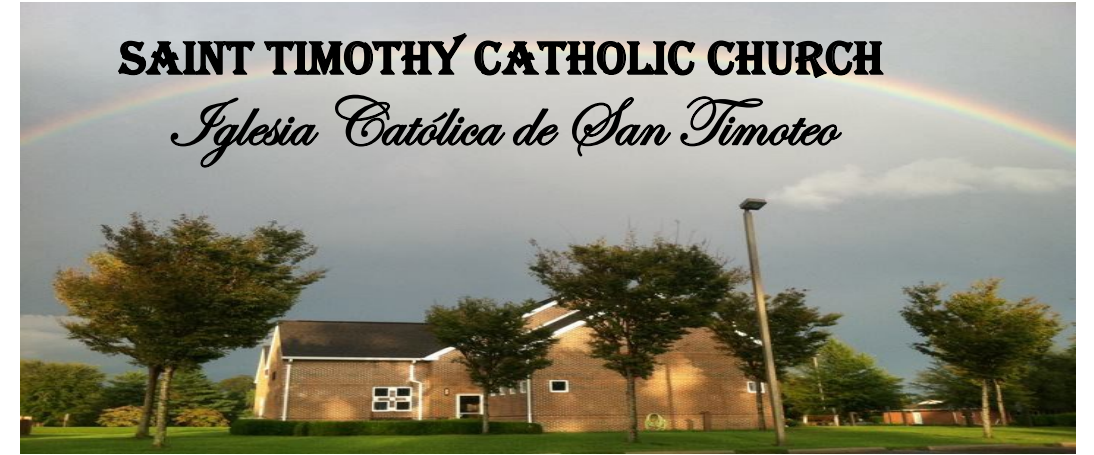
St. Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

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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September 22, 2024

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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9/22/24
 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 - 4:3
 Mark 9:30-37

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9/29/24
 Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6
 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.



"Taking a child [Jesus] placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'"

Mark 9:36-37



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.

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One Wild and Precious Life
By Sister Marcia Sichel, SHCJ

Continued from September 15, 2024

And so it began—my journey of just two more months. I broke the news to my parents: “I want to join the sisters next year”—not college, not travel, but the convent! My mother could not understand, I could tell. She didn’t know much about sisters and convents since she wasn’t Catholic at that time, but she knew they didn’t come home, that it was a lifetime commitment. When I saw her face, I realized I couldn’t leave her in that state. I went back to the living room and said, “No, OK; I won’t do that now. Don’t worry.” But the next morning at breakfast, when I saw her face, I knew she knew this decision of mine was not going to change. And I knew if God was calling me, just as He had treated me like Habakkuk before, pulling me up by the hair of my head from one place to another, I had to go. If it were only *my* idea, and not God’s, I would be back.

So it was arranged that I would join the sisters as a postulant in September. Fortunately, our Catholic neighbors, the Carreras, lived about two houses from us on the River. Their daughter also wanted to become a sister—a different group than mine, but at least her mother was sharing some of my mother’s feelings. She and my mother became close friends. I am so grateful to her because she could explain so much of the “mystery” of religious life. Her daughter would join the Sisters of Mercy in Merion, Pennsylvania; I would join the Sisters of the Holy Child in nearby Rosemont. God saw to it that this new road would be a shared journey for both families.

So you might say my religious vocation came to me that evening on the Rappahannock River bank, but God’s calls or “nudges,” happened long before then. God showed me through my many experiences prior to that evening sitting by the River that even all the happiness I was experiencing in Tappahannock would not satisfy my need for a deeper happiness. That happiness and fulfillment would become deeper than I could have imagined as a child in New England and a teenager in New York and in Virginia.

It would also become broader. During the course of my religious life, I have traveled to more than 35 countries—not all at once, of course! I began serving in traditional ministries way back in the 1960’s—teaching in elementary schools and serving in administration in Pennsylvania, studying for my B.A. degree at Villanova University, and my M.A. and Ph. D. degrees at Georgetown University. Soon I was teaching at the college level at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio and at Neumann College, now a university, in Aston, PA. I returned to administration in our American Province serving in province leadership teams and then as the Province Leader. These ministries brought me into stronger relationships with our sisters in America, but also in Europe and in Africa. I traveled to visit our sisters in Ghana and Nigeria as well as Chad where I gained a new insight into how the people of very different cultures from our own lived. That perspective would be enhanced by my next ministry. I moved to California where I served two different terms as Executive Director of the Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters. In that capacity, I headed up a foundation set up with funds given by the hotelier, Conrad Hilton, to benefit the ministries of sisters around the world. My work in overseeing the grants we gave to sisters’ ministries gave me the opportunity to travel throughout East and West Africa as well as India and to several countries throughout Eastern Europe. Closer to home, I visited sisters and their ministries in Mexico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Chile.

Visiting these sisters from various congregations and the people whom they served has given me an understanding and appreciation beyond anything I would have imagined back on the bank of the Rappahannock. God seemed to continue to call me beyond the world I had known and loved to people and worlds that had much to offer me.

As with a vocation to marriage or to a vocation to any sort of profession, there would be ups and downs in my life, but we must be aware of God’s nudges throughout life, not on any individual moment. If we continue to listen to where God is calling us, we will find the purpose and meaning of our “one wild and precious life.”

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection

September 14 - September 15, 2024

Offertory - \$3,361
Give Central - \$1,158
Capital Improvements - \$199
Religious Education - \$1,184
Air Conditioning - \$100
Food for the Poor - \$53

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 42
Sunday 9:30AM - 109, 12:00N - 75

The next second collection is September 29 for Human Needs Ministry

DEL PASTOR

Una Vida Salvaje y Preciosa
Por la Hermana Marcia Sichel, SHCJ

Continuación del 15 de septiembre de 2024

Y así empezó mi viaje de solo dos meses más. Les di la noticia a mis padres: “Quiero unirme a las hermanas el año que viene”, no a la universidad, ni a viajar, ¡sino al convento! Mi madre no lo entendía, me di cuenta. No sabía mucho sobre las hermanas y los conventos, ya que no era católica en ese momento, pero sabía que no volvían a casa, que era un compromiso de por vida. Cuando vi su rostro, me di cuenta de que no podía dejarla en ese estado. Regresé a la sala de estar y le dije: “No, está bien; no lo haré ahora. No te preocupes”. Pero a la mañana siguiente, en el desayuno, cuando vi su rostro, supe que ella sabía que esta decisión mía no iba a cambiar. Y yo sabía que si Dios me estaba llamando, tal como me había tratado antes como a Habacuc, tirándome de los pelos de la cabeza de un lugar a otro, tenía que ir. Si fuera solo mi idea, y no la de Dios, volvería.

Así que se dispuso que me uniría a las hermanas como postulante en septiembre. Afortunadamente, nuestros vecinos católicos, los Carreras, vivían a dos casas de nosotros en el río. Su hija también quería convertirse en hermana, un grupo diferente al mío, pero al menos su madre compartía algunos de los sentimientos de mi madre. Ella y mi madre se hicieron amigas íntimas. Le estoy muy agradecida porque pudo explicarme gran parte del “misterio” de la vida religiosa. Su hija se uniría a las Hermanas de la Misericordia en Merion, Pensilvania; yo me uniría a las Hermanas del Santo Niño en la cercana Rosemont. Dios se encargó de que este nuevo camino fuera un viaje compartido para ambas familias.

Así que se podría decir que mi vocación religiosa me llegó esa tarde en la orilla del río Rappahannock, pero los llamados o “empujoncitos” de Dios sucedieron mucho antes. Dios me mostró a través de mis muchas experiencias previas a esa tarde sentada junto al río que ni siquiera toda la felicidad que estaba experimentando en Tappahannock satisfaría mi necesidad de una felicidad más profunda. Esa felicidad y satisfacción se volverían más profundas de lo que podría haber imaginado cuando era niña en Nueva Inglaterra y adolescente en Nueva York y Virginia.

También se volverían más amplias. A lo largo de mi vida religiosa he viajado a más de 35 países, ¡no todos a la vez, por supuesto! Comencé a servir en ministerios tradicionales allá por los años 60, enseñando en escuelas primarias y sirviendo en administración en Pensilvania, estudiando para mi licenciatura en la Universidad de Villanova y mi maestría y doctorado en la Universidad de Georgetown. Pronto estaba enseñando a nivel universitario en la Universidad Xavier en Cincinnati, Ohio y en el Neumann College, ahora una universidad, en Aston, Pensilvania. Regresé a la administración de nuestra provincia americana, donde serví en los equipos de liderazgo provincial y luego como líder provincial. Estos ministerios me permitieron establecer relaciones más sólidas con nuestras hermanas en América, pero también en Europa y en África. Viajé para visitar a nuestras hermanas en Ghana y Nigeria, así como en Chad, donde adquirí una nueva perspectiva sobre cómo vivían las personas de culturas muy diferentes a la nuestra. Esa perspectiva se vería reforzada por mi siguiente ministerio. Me mudé a California, donde serví durante dos períodos diferentes como directora ejecutiva del Fondo Conrad N. Hilton para las Hermanas. En esa función, dirigí una fundación creada con fondos donados por el hotelero Conrad Hilton para beneficiar los ministerios de las hermanas en todo el mundo. Mi trabajo de supervisión de las subvenciones que otorgamos a los ministerios de las hermanas me dio la oportunidad de viajar por África oriental y occidental, así como por la India y varios países de Europa oriental. Más cerca de casa, visité a las hermanas y sus ministerios en México, Haití, la República Dominicana y Chile.

Visitar a estas hermanas de diversas congregaciones y a las personas a las que servían me ha dado una comprensión y una apreciación que van más allá de todo lo que hubiera imaginado en la orilla del Rappahannock. Dios parecía seguir llamándome más allá del mundo que había conocido y amado, hacia personas y mundos que tenían mucho que ofrecerme.

Al igual que con una vocación al matrimonio o a cualquier tipo de profesión, hubo altibajos en mi vida, pero debemos estar atentos a los empujoncitos de Dios a lo largo de la vida, no en un momento individual. Si seguimos escuchando a dónde nos llama Dios, encontraremos el propósito y el significado de nuestra “única y preciosa vida”.

El Padre Gerald estará ausente del 24 al 27 de Septiembre. No habrá Adoración el 26 de Septiembre.

La próxima segunda colecta será el 29 de Septiembre para el Ministerio de Necesidades Humanas.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A Horrible Mistake

“Father, I have a besetting sin, and I want your help. I come to church on Sunday and can’t help thinking I’m the prettiest girl in the congregation. I know I ought not think that, but I can’t help it. I want you to help me with it.” The pastor replied, “Mary, don’t worry about it. In your case, it’s not a sin. It’s just a horrible mistake.”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



St. Timothy’s Knights in Action

Our Knights of Columbus once again ensured our Parish Picnic was a success last Sunday! They planned; shopped; set up the tables, chairs, and tents on Saturday; acted as hosts as well as barbecue and serving aficionados during the picnic; and after a busy afternoon, they put everything away and cleaned up! On a scale of one to ten, the event scored twelve (or more!). Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with set-up, serving, and clean-up (before, during, and afterward).

We have a wonderful parish community!



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.

September 24 - September 29 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
9/24	12:00N	No Mass Rosary	Weekday	---
9/25	12:00N	No Mass Rosary	Weekday	---
9/26	9:00AM	No Mass or Adoration Rosary	Weekday	---
9/27	9:00AM	No Mass Rosary	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul	---
9/28	5:00PM	†Michael Brenzovich and †Margaret Brenzovich	Vigil - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joe Brenzovich
9/29	9:30AM	†Deborah Burke	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jordan Tippet
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo



Calendar

September 22 Religious Education Begins
 September 24 - 27 No Weekday Mass or Adoration on September 26. There will be Rosary these days.
 October 4, 9:00AM First Friday
 October 5, 9:00AM First Saturday
 October 6 - 27 Coat, Sweater, and Blanket Drive
 October 13 RCIA Begins
 October 26, 9:00AM St. Timothy's Yard Sale

Father Gerald will be away September 24-27. There will be no weekday Mass these days, and there will be no Adoration on September 26. We will meet to pray the Rosary on the 24th-27th.

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!

Thank You

A real "thank you" to all the hard working ladies who cleaned the church on Saturday. Everything was sparkling when you finished! Thank you for volunteering and for all your help.

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.



Annual Coat, Sweater, and Blanket Drive

Starting Sunday, October 6 through October 27, the 30th Annual Coat, Sweater, and Blanket Drive will happen. We will be collecting all new, clean, and gently used coats, sweaters, and blankets to be donated to the Tappahannock Community Center. Please bring your items to the left side of the Commons area in the church. We will deliver them. There is a special need this year for children's coats and sweaters. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Human Needs Ministry

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

On October 13, we will begin this year's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly 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 OCIA 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.

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:

October 11-13, 2024 - College Park, MD
 November 15-17, 2024 - Virginia Beach, VA

National Rosary Rally



Come and pray the Rosary to save America!

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council # 11667
 Location: St Paul's Catholic Church, Hague
 7036 Cople Hwy, Hague, VA 22469
 Date/Time: Saturday, October 12th, at 10:00 AM
 Questions: call Chris Johnson; 804-238-8673



Free Refreshments following the rally



St. Timothy's yard sale will be on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 9:00AM. We will need volunteers to help prepare on Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25, and to assist with sales on Saturday, the 26th. If you're able to assist, please contact Lou Spencer at (703) 930-3030.

Considering a Vocation?

"The Lord upholds my life." He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 1st at 12:30pm

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Refreshments served.

Reserve Your Seat:

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