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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.

Calling All Catholic Gentlemen:  
 Please Consider Joining the Knights of Columbus!  
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 Council #10578



September 8, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9/8/24  
 Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5  
 Mark 7:31-37

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9/15/24  
 Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18  
 Mark 8:27-35

**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] put his finger into the man's ears and spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (that is, 'Be opened!') And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly."

Mark 7:33-34



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.

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### Is Converting to Catholicism Necessary to Save a Relationship?

Conclusion of Article by Joe Heschmeyer in the Catholic Daily Answers

*Continued from September 1, 2024*

You might object here: “I’m not saying not to follow Jesus—I’m just saying not to become Catholic!” But the whole point is that for the person for whom Jesus has revealed the truth of the Catholic Church, remaining Protestant (or Orthodox, etc.) is to cease to follow him. It does no good to say we’re going to follow Jesus on our terms, just as it would have done Jesus’ original listeners no good to say they were going to follow the God of Abraham on their own terms. If Jesus shows you the way in which he wants you to follow him, that’s not the time to do your own thing or stay in your comfort zone. That’s the time to pick up your cross and follow him, even if he’s leading you somewhere weird and uncomfortable (like the Catholic Church).

Fortunately, though, Jesus doesn’t just tell us about the high cost of discipleship. He also promises us that these earthly costs of converting will be worth it. He tells the rich young man, “Go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Matthew 19:21). Perhaps piqued by this mention of heavenly treasure, St. Peter then asks, “Lord, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” (Matthew 19:27). Jesus responds by promising that “everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life” (Matthew 19:29).

In other words, discipleship isn’t just about sacrifice, but about investing, laying up for ourselves “treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:20). Converting to Catholicism can be scary, and it can be costly. But take courage: whatever it costs you will be well worth it, both in this life and in the life to come.

#### Parish Ministries

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

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

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**Hospital Visits:** Call Parish Office or Rectory

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

#### Offertory Collection August 31 - September 1, 2024

Offertory - \$4,394

Give Central - \$308

Candles - \$47

Air Conditioning - \$20

Mass Intentions - \$95

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 55  
Sunday 9:30AM - 133, 12:00N - 81**

**This weekend’s second collection is for Capital Improvements  
The next second collection is September 15 for Parish Religious Education**

## DEL PASTOR

### ¿Es Necesario Convertirse al Catolicismo para Salvar una Relación?

Conclusión del artículo de Joe Heschmeyer en Catholic Daily Answers

*Continuación del 1 de Septiembre de 2024*

Podrías objetar aquí: “No estoy diciendo que no sigas a Jesús, ¡solo estoy diciendo que no te vuelvas Católico!”. Pero el punto es que para la persona a quien Jesús le ha revelado la verdad de la Iglesia Católica, seguir siendo Protestante (u Ortodoxo, etc.) es dejar de seguirlo. No sirve de nada decir que vamos a seguir a Jesús en nuestros términos, así como no les habría servido de nada a los oyentes originales de Jesús decir que iban a seguir al Dios de Abraham en sus propios términos. Si Jesús te muestra el camino en el que quiere que lo sigas, ese no es el momento de hacer lo que quieras o quedarte en tu zona de confort. Ese es el momento de tomar tu cruz y seguirlo, incluso si te está llevando a un lugar extraño e incómodo (como la Iglesia Católica).

Afortunadamente, Jesús no solo nos habla del alto costo del discipulado. También nos promete que estos costos terrenales de la conversión valdrán la pena. Le dice al joven rico: “Ve, vende lo que tienes y dalo a los pobres, y tendrás un tesoro en el cielo; luego, ven y sígueme” (Mateo 19:21). Tal vez picado por esta mención del tesoro celestial, San Pedro pregunta: “Señor, nosotros lo hemos dejado todo y te hemos seguido. ¿Qué tendremos, pues?” (Mateo 19:27). Jesús responde prometiendo que “todo el que haya dejado casas, hermanos, hermanas, padre, madre, hijos o tierras por mi nombre, recibirá cien veces más y heredará la vida eterna” (Mateo 19:29).

En otras palabras, el discipulado no se trata solo de sacrificio, sino de invertir, de acumular para nosotros mismos “tesoros en el cielo, donde ni la polilla ni el óxido corrompen, y donde los ladrones no minan ni hurtan” (Mateo 6:20). Convertirse al catolicismo puede ser aterrador y costoso, pero tenga valor: cualquier costo que tenga valdrá la pena, tanto en esta vida como en la venidera.

#### 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 [controlyourlife620@gmail.com](mailto:controlyourlife620@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 Mejoras de Capital  
La próxima segunda colecta es el 15 de Septiembre para Educación Religiosa Parroquial**



## JOKE OF THE WEEK

### Using Webster’s English in the First Century!

Helena, a member of the Providence, Rhode Island Women’s Club went to a fund-raising “carnival” staged for the benefit of the Women’s Club. One of the events took place in a tent, which had been set up for a medium to conduct séances. Helena bought a ticket, went inside, and sat down at a large round table, presided over by the medium. The medium asked if anyone would like to make contact with a departed person. “Very well,” said Helena, “there is a Bible story about Jesus curing a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. I would like to contact that man.” After much bell ringing, moaning and groaning, and humming, which seemed to be coming from all directions, a voice from the chandelier announced distinctly, “I am the man whom Jesus cured of deafness and a speech impediment.” To which Helena replied, “I know you can hear me because Jesus cured you of your deafness, and I can tell you that your speech is coming through most clearly, but I have one question.” “Ask me anything,” the voice came back. “All right, then,” said Helena, “tell me, where did you, the Aramaic-speaking, first-century Palestinian learn to speak American English?”



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

The Knights of Columbus Father Colin Cooke Council No. 10578 is planning a workday this Saturday, September 7, 2024; we will meet in the parking lot adjacent to Saint Jude Hall at 9:00AM. We will be performing roadside cleanup as part of our Adopt a Highway commitment and there is some minor handyman work that needs to be accomplished inside and around the Church (after First Saturday Mass).

I would like to thank all the Brother Knights who have consistently helped with these tasks in the past. Please consider helping out this Saturday; all Catholic gentlemen are welcome to join us.

### 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 10 - September 15 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
9/10	12:00N	†James Nannery	Weekday	Barbara Nannery
9/11	12:00N	†Diane Kean	Weekday	Roy Fontane
9/12	9:00AM	Jean Somers	Weekday	Katelyn Mazzochette
9/13	9:00AM	Salvation of All Souls	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom	St. Timothy Family
9/14	5:00PM	†James Moore and †Jane Moore	Vigil - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joe Brenzovich
9/15	9:30AM	†Diane Sullivan	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Carl and Kathy Hayden
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo



**Calendar**

September 6, 9:00AM	First Friday
September 7, 9:00AM	First Saturday
September 7-8	Pantry Sunday
September 14	Church Cleaning Day
September 15	Parish Picnic (after noon Mass)
September 17	Catholic Women's Luncheon
September 19	Trip to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
September 22	Religious Education Begins
October 13	RCIA Begins
October 26, 9:00AM	St. Timothy's Yardsale

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

**Parishioners in Healthcare**

Lloyd Samuels is at Carrington Place, 1150 Marsh St., Tapahannock, 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!

**Pantry Sunday**

Pantry Sunday is this weekend, September 7-8. 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.



**Religious Education**

Religious Education will begin again **Sunday, September 22, 2024**. 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](mailto: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.**

**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, September 14**, 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 14th.

**Catholic Women's Luncheon**

The Catholic Women's group will have its monthly luncheon at 528 Steak and Seafood House (old Lowery's restaurant) after the noon Mass on Tuesday, September 17, at 1:00PM. We will be planning our trips as well as other topics with plenty of conversation. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**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.

**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.

**Trip to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**

St. Timothy's is planning a trip to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Thursday, September 19, for a noon Mass followed by a guided tour of the Cathedral by the Archives Administrator. Father Tony Marques is the Pastor there now and was a previous pastor at St. Timothy's. Transportation is not provided. If you would like to go, please sign up on the list in the Commons and indicate if you are interested in carpooling. The Cathedral is located in downtown Richmond at 813 Cathedral Place, Richmond, VA 23220. We hope that you can join in on this meaningful trip!



**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.

**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](https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/young-adult-retreat-3/?mc_cid=495d9edd45&mc_cid=1aa22ee157).

**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](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:

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

**Considering a Vocation?**

"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." If you feel Christ encouraging you to be a transformative instrument 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**FREE Catholic App**

**Laudate**, one of the most popular and comprehensive free Catholic apps, is available in English and Español. Laudate includes daily Mass readings (with Saint of the Day and Reflections), Liturgy of Hours, Latin Liturgy of Hours, Latin Mass, New American Bible, interactive Rosary and multiple Chaplets, multiple Stations of the Cross, searchable prayers and Latin prayers with English translations, Daily Prayer and Daily Bible Verse, multiple podcasts for daily meditations and Rosary, and Catechism of the Catholic Church (with ability to bookmark and share). This app allows you to store your own prayers in My Prayers and move them between your iPad or PC and your phone. Laudate also includes five Confession apps for separate groups that guide one through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Vatican documents (Second Vatican Council, Code of Canon Law, etc.), as well as daily Mass live video stream and more! Check it out at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/laudate-1-catholic-app/id499428207> or [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aycka.apps.MassReadings&hl=en\\_US&pli=1](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aycka.apps.MassReadings&hl=en_US&pli=1).

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm**

**SEMINAR:**

*Get Your Affairs in Order:  
4 things your family will thank you for!*

- Wills and Trusts • Advanced Medical Directives
- Legacy Planning • Funeral Planning • Beneficiaries and Designations

*This is a free, information-only seminar offered for the members of Saint Timothy's Church.*

Refreshments served.

**Reserve Your Seat:**

RSVP by calling the parish offices (804) 443-2760

