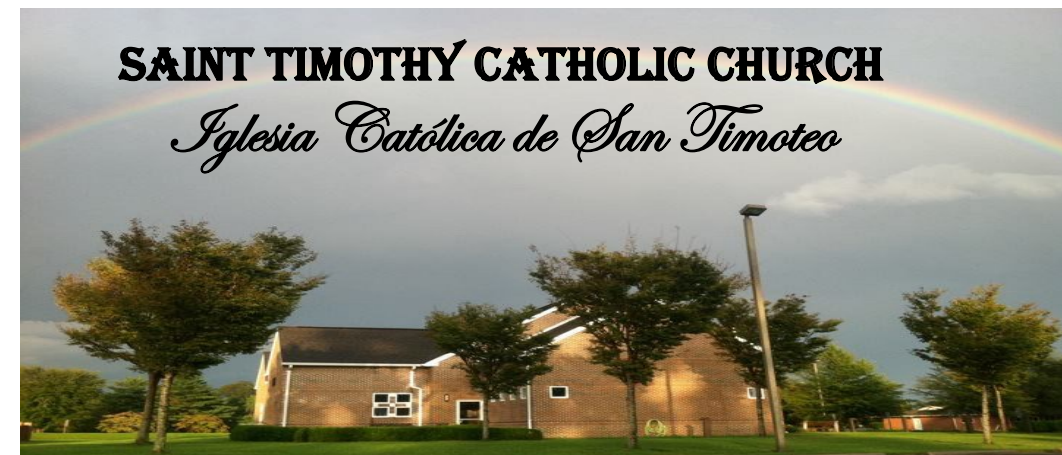


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St. Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

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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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 Advent

12/15/24
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/22/24
 Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45

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.



“John answered them all, saying, ‘I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.’”

Luke 3:16



*A warm welcome is extended to
 new parishioners and guests.*

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Advent Penance Service

In the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds as we await the coming of the Messiah. It is a time when we renew our desire for His return in the second coming, and prepare to celebrate the memorial of His birth at Christmas.

During Advent, the Church invites us to pray, reflect, and receive the sacraments to properly prepare our minds and hearts for the joyous celebration of Christmas. In the penitential aspect of this season of preparation, we are called to repent and convert so as to make room for Christ.

On Tuesday December 17, 2024, at 6:00PM, we will celebrate our Parish Advent Penance Service. As we prepare for that day, let us reflect using this examination of conscience.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

- Do I harbor unreasonable suspicions or unfair judgments against my neighbors?
- Have I spoken uncharitably about another's defects or shortcomings?
- Have I been lazy or neglectful in my prayer life or in my attendance at Mass?
- Are my affections for others disordered in any way?
- Am I vain in esteem for myself, or in things that pertain to me?
- Have I received the Sacraments in a careless way, without serious preparation?
- Have I been resentful or impatient in accepting disappointments, failing to see them as coming from God's hand?
- Have I put obstacles in the way of God's will for me?
- Have I been involved in activities that blemish my purity and the purity of others?
- Am I dishonest about my own bad inclinations, weaknesses, and mortifications?
- Do I seek to pursue virtue guided by my own whims, rather than looking to the teachings of the Church?

Based on the writings of St. Anthony Mary Claret

Parish Ministries

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection

December 7 - December 8, 2024

Offertory - \$4,567
 Give Central - \$883
 Human Needs - \$100
 Christmas Flowers - \$5
 Candles - \$107
 Capital Projects - \$1,129

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 67

Sunday 9:30AM - 115, 12:00N - 106

The next second collection is December 25 for Catholic Charities

DEL PASTOR

Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

En la temporada de Adviento, preparamos nuestros corazones y mentes mientras esperamos la llegada del Mesías. Es un momento en el que renovamos nuestro deseo de Su regreso en la segunda venida y nos preparamos para celebrar el memorial de Su nacimiento en Navidad.

Durante el Adviento, la Iglesia nos invita a orar, reflexionar y recibir los sacramentos para preparar adecuadamente nuestras mentes y corazones para la alegre celebración de la Navidad. En el aspecto penitencial de esta temporada de preparación, estamos llamados a arrepentirnos y convertirnos para hacer lugar para Cristo.

El martes 17 de Diciembre de 2024, a las 6:00 p. m., celebraremos nuestros Servicios de Penitencia de Adviento Parroquiales. Mientras nos preparamos para ese día, reflexionemos utilizando este examen de conciencia.

EXAMEN DE CONCIENCIA

- ¿Albergo sospechas irrazonables o juicios injustos contra mis vecinos?
- ¿He hablado sin caridad sobre los defectos o deficiencias de los demás? • ¿He sido perezoso o negligente en mi vida de oración o en mi asistencia a Misa?
- ¿Mis afectos hacia los demás están desordenados de alguna manera?
- ¿Soy vano en la estima por mí mismo o en las cosas que me pertenecen?
- ¿He recibido los Sacramentos de manera descuidada, sin una preparación seria?
- ¿He sido resentido o impaciente al aceptar las decepciones, sin verlas como provenientes de la mano de Dios?
- ¿He puesto obstáculos en el camino de la voluntad de Dios para mí?
- ¿He estado involucrado en actividades que manchan mi pureza y la pureza de los demás?
- ¿Soy deshonesto acerca de mis propias malas inclinaciones, debilidades y mortificaciones?
- ¿Busco perseguir la virtud guiado por mis propios caprichos, en lugar de buscar las enseñanzas de la Iglesia?

Basado en los escritos de San Antonio María Claret

Fiesta de Navidad de la Parroquia

Todos están invitados a la fiesta de Navidad en St. Jude Hall después de la misa de las 5:00 p. m. el Sábado 14 de Diciembre. Habrá juegos y premios para todas las edades, ¡y además Santa Claus vendrá de visita! La iglesia proporcionará sándwiches y pollo frito con bebidas. Inscríbese en el Commons, indicando cuántos pueden venir y qué guarnición o postre puede traer. ¡Esperamos pasar un buen rato!

La próxima segunda colecta será el 25 de Diciembre para Catholic Charities

JOKE OF THE WEEK

“He Who Has Two Coats, Let Him Share with Him Who Has None” (Luke 3:11)

I once heard of a Christian speaker who, expecting the answer, “Yes,” declared rhetorically, “If you had two houses, you would give one to the poor, wouldn’t you?” “Yes,” said the man to whom the question was directed, “indeed I would.” “And if you had two cars,” went on the speaker, “you would keep one and give the other away?” “Yes, of course,” said the man. “And if you had two shirts, you would give one away?” “Hey, wait a minute,” said the man, “I’ve got two shirts.”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 10578 is conducting our annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* sale during Advent in the Commons; sales are very good; parishioners have been generous. We have a lot of great merchandise for sale!

We will assist with a parish-wide Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14, 2024, in Saint Jude Hall after the 5:00PM Mass (approximately 6:00PM).

Congratulations are in order! Knights of Columbus Council 10578 won second place in the Keep Essex Beautiful roadside debris removal contest. This was made possible by our ongoing Adopt-A-Highway efforts cleaning Airport Road (Route 627) twice a year (along with some extra credits for other roadside debris removal elsewhere in the county). The award ceremony is this Saturday and our award will be presented during Winterfest in Tappahannock.

Lord God, we give You thanks for the many blessings You have provided the Saint Timothy parish community. Thank You, Jesus; thank You, Holy Spirit.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:



Green.

Lois Nelms, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Lloyd Samuels, Dick Byrne, Frank Castanon, Nancy Sanchez, Jim Conway, Sue Byrne, Joan Copen, Sally Henley, David Packett, and Mary

Names will be kept on the prayer list for one month from the time they are requested. If you need someone to be on the list longer, please reach out to the office prior to the end of the month.

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.

December 17 - December 22 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
12/17	12:00N	All Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
12/18	12:00N	†Steve Greber	Weekday (Adoration before Mass)	Ann Sisson
12/19	9:00AM	†Joe Kennedy and Jennie Reikowsky	Weekday	Trish Degon-Piscopo
12/20	9:00AM	†John Herring	Weekday	Bill Carreras
12/21	5:00PM	†Joseph and †Barbara Martin	Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Advent	Don and Sandi Grata
12/22	9:30AM	†Jim Thompson	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Pam Miller
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Cuarto Domingo de Adviento	Familia de San Timoteo



Church News

Calendar

- December 14, 6:00PM Parish Christmas Party
- December 17, 6:00PM Advent Penance Service
- December 24, 6:00PM Vigil - Nativity of the Lord (English)
- December 24, 8:00PM Vigilia - Natividad del Señor (Español)
- December 25, 10:00AM Nativity of the Lord, **Holy Day of Obligation**
- December 31, 7:00PM Vigil - Mary, the Holy Mother of God (bilingual/bilingüe)
- January 1, 12:00Noon Mary, the Holy Mother of God, **Holy Day of Obligation**
- January 3, 8:00AM First Friday Adoration
- January 4, 8:00AM First Saturday Adoration

In addition to the special Masses listed above, there will be daily Masses at the usual times on December 17, December 24, and December 31. **There will be no 9:00AM Mass on January 1.**

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

If you are without family in the area and the office or Father can be of assistance, please let us know. Please keep the office updated on your location should you move or go to the hospital or other facility.

Parishioner in Healthcare

Richard Byrne is at Heritage Green, 7080 Brooks Farm Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Lloyd Samuels is at Forest Hill Health and Rehabilitation, 4403 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225.

Cards and visits are welcome!

Parish Christmas Party

All are invited to the Christmas party in St. Jude Hall after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, December 14. There will be games and prizes for all ages along with Santa coming to visit! The church will provide sandwiches and fried chicken with beverages. Please sign up in the Commons, indicating how many can come and what side dish or dessert you can bring. Looking forward to having a great time!

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.



Saint of the Week – Saint Lucy



Saint Lucy was born in 283AD and martyred in 304. Her parents were members of the nobility, but her father died when St. Lucy was five, leaving mother and daughter without a protector. At a young age, St. Lucy consecrated her virginity to God, hoping to distribute her dowry to the poor. Not knowing of St. Lucy's promise, her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her to a young man from a wealthy pagan family.

When St. Lucy's betrothed learned that she was giving her wealth and jewels to the poor, he denounced her as a Christian to the governor, Paschasius. The governor ordered her to burn a sacrifice to the emperor's image. When St. Lucy refused, Paschasius sentenced her to be defiled in a brothel. Tradition has it that St. Lucy was unable to be moved, even when hitched to a team of oxen. When they attempted to burn her by heaping bundles of wood around her, the bundles would not burn. She was eventually martyred by a sword thrust into her throat. St. Lucy is honored by the Catholic Church on December 13, and is the patroness of the blind and martyrs.

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.



Catholic Women's Group

We had a great time at the Riverside Christmas Spectacular! The December luncheon will be held on December 17, the third Tuesday of the month, after Mass, at the home of Elsie Mangano in Warsaw. Welcome to all women!

Wreath Workshop

Anyone who would like to make wreaths for use in the church and other buildings on the parish grounds during the Christmas season is welcome to join the Arts and Environment Committee after the 9:00AM Mass on December 20. Please bring hand pruners, wire cutters, garden gloves (if you wish), and your creativity. The Committee will provide the wreath forms, fresh greens, and ribbon. If you have any questions, please call Sue Byrne at (804) 296-4044.

Baby Shower for Mary

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church warmly invites you to a Baby Shower for Mary on Saturday, December 14, 11:00AM – 3:00PM in the Parish Hall located at 217 East Church St., Kilmarnock, VA. Gifts will support The Mother's Heart Pregnancy Resource Center in Warsaw, VA, and every expecting mother who attends will receive a gift to help welcome their new bundle of joy. The most needed items for local mothers include: unscented/sensitive baby wipes, diapers (unscented/sensitive, sized preemie, newborn, 4, and 6), pull-ups (2T-3T and 3T-4T), baby clothes (winter, any size, boy and girl), sensitive/organic baby wash and lotion, baby powder, and diaper cream. The following new or gently-used items also make great gifts: diaper bags, swings, bouncers, strollers, pack 'n' plays, high chairs, and car seats (this item must be new in box). Monetary donations are always welcome! If you are unable to attend, but would like to support this ministry, donations can be made directly to The Mother's Heart or dropped off in the vestibule of St. Francis de Sales Church between 9:00AM – 4:00PM, December 9 – 13.

Need a Will?

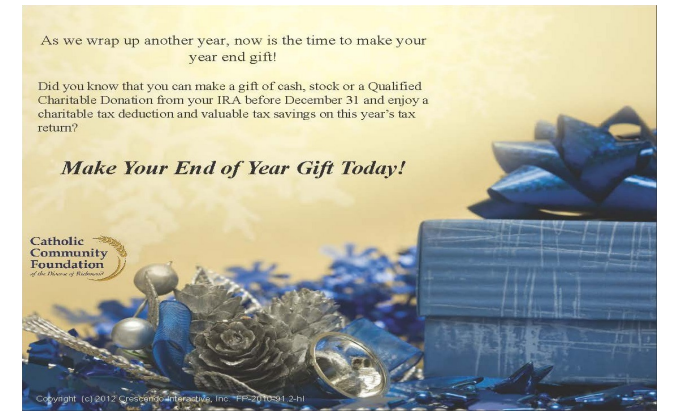
Do you need a Will? The Catholic Community Foundation can help! They've partnered with FreeWill to offer an online solution for estate planning that helps you complete a legal Will completely free of charge. Get started at: FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation.

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS: Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Attending will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

- January 7 - February 18, virtual (Tuesday evenings)
- January 21 - February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
- March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
- March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC

March for Life

It's time again for the Washington, D.C. Pro-Life March on January 24, 2025. St. Timothy's is sponsoring a bus and would love to have you join us! If interested, please contact the office or Elsie Mangano (804) 514-4181.



This is the Season

This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how you can give back with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings.

Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to our parish can make a great difference. There are a variety of ways you can contribute a gift. The easiest and most direct methods are donations of cash, stock, and an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact the parish office.

Rosary in a Year

First they brought us *The Bible in a Year* with Father Mike Schmitz. Then, they brought us *The Catechism in a Year*, also with Father Mike. In 2025, Ascension Press brings us *The Rosary in a Year* with Father Mark-Mary Ames, CFR.

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