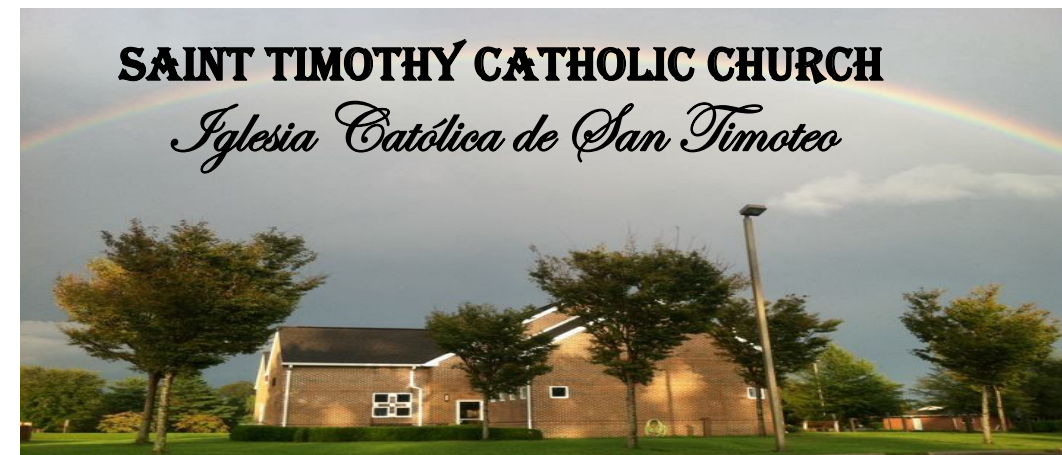
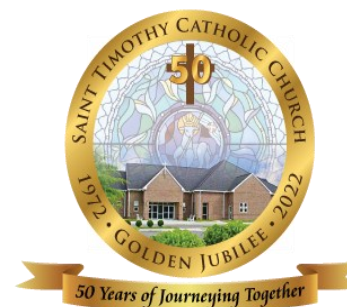


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February 16, 2025

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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2/16/25
 Jeremiah 17:5-8
 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
 Luke 6:17, 20-26

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2/23/25
 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 Luke 6:27-38



"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way."

Luke 6:22-23

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
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A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.

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Happiness Myths

This Sunday we reflect on the Beatitudes coming from the Gospel of Saint Luke. The word “beatitude” means “blessedness” in a double sense: both enjoying God’s favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness.

Dr. Harold Treffert, the director of the Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Wisconsin, wrote an article entitled “*The American Fairy Tale*,” in which he discusses five dangerous ideas we have about the meaning of happiness:

First, happiness is *things*. The more you accumulate and have, the happier you will be.

Second, happiness is *what you do*. The more you produce and earn, the happier you will be.

Third, happiness is being the *same as others*. The more you are fashionable and conform to the times, the happier you will be.

Fourth, happiness is *mental health*. The fewer problems you have and the more carefree you are, the happier you will be.

Fifth, happiness is *communicating with electronic gadgets*. The more you can communicate with a television set, a satellite, a phone, or a computer, the happier you will be.

According to Dr. Treffert, these five myths about happiness are the cause of many mental health problems today. If happiness cannot be found through these five myths of “*The American Fairy Tale*,” then where do we find it? Jesus gives us the answer when he outlines the Beatitudes in today’s reading from Luke. The Beatitudes teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and work to uplift them, thus declaring our “*option for the poor*,” as Jesus did. This teaching is contrary to popular belief, that wealth, health, power, and influence are not the sources of true happiness.

Therefore, let us follow Saint Luke’s proposal that material poverty leads us to greater detachment from the things of this world, so that we can attach ourselves to spiritual values.

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection

February 8 - February 9, 2025

Offertory - \$2,887

Give Central - \$860

Votives - \$67

Fuel and Heat - \$20

Mass Intentions - \$150

Respect Human Life - \$50

Capital Improvements - \$1,476

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 49
Sunday 9:30AM - 122, 12:00N - 97**

The next second collection is February 23 for St. John Paul the Great Service Scholarship

DEL PASTOR

Mitos de la Felicidad

Este domingo reflexionamos sobre las Bienaventuranzas del Evangelio de San Lucas. La palabra “bienaventuranza” significa “bienaventuranza” en un doble sentido: tanto gozar del favor de Dios como gozar de la verdadera o suprema felicidad.

El Dr. Harold Treffert, director del Instituto de Salud Mental Winnebago en Wisconsin, escribió un artículo titulado “*El Cuento de Hadas Americano*”, en el que analiza cinco ideas peligrosas que tenemos sobre el significado de la felicidad:

Primero, la felicidad son las *cosas*. Cuanto más acumules y tengas, más feliz serás.

Segundo, la felicidad es *lo que haces*. Cuanto más produzcas y ganes, más feliz serás.

Tercero, la felicidad es ser *igual a los demás*. Cuanto más estés a la moda y te adaptes a los tiempos, más feliz serás.

Cuarto, la felicidad es *salud mental*. Cuantos menos problemas tengas y más despreocupado seas, más feliz serás.

Quinto, la felicidad es *comunicarse con aparatos electrónicos*. Cuanto más te puedas comunicar con un televisor, un satélite, un teléfono o una computadora, más feliz serás.

Según el Dr. Treffert, estos cinco mitos sobre la felicidad son la causa de muchos problemas de salud mental en la actualidad. Si la felicidad no se puede encontrar a través de estos cinco mitos del “*Cuento de Hadas Americano*”, ¿dónde la encontramos? Jesús nos da la respuesta cuando describe las Bienaventuranzas en la lectura de hoy de Lucas. Las Bienaventuranzas nos enseñan que la verdadera felicidad, o beatitud, radica en la conciencia de que todos somos hijos de un Padre Celestial amoroso y que seremos felices solo cuando compartamos nuestras bendiciones con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados y trabajemos para elevarlos, declarando así nuestra “*opción por los pobres*”, como lo hizo Jesús. Esta enseñanza es contraria a la creencia popular de que la riqueza, la salud, el poder y la influencia no son las fuentes de la verdadera felicidad.

Sigamos, pues, la propuesta de san Lucas de que la pobreza material nos lleva a un mayor desapego de las cosas de este mundo, para poder apegarnos a los valores espirituales.

Campaña Anual Diocesana del 2025: Compartiendo Su Amor con los Demás

Apoyar la **Campaña Anual Diocesana del 2025** es un acto de corresponsabilidad que refleja nuestra gratitud por los innumerables dones que Dios nos ha otorgado. Al contribuir, no solo estamos proporcionando recursos financieros, sino también sembrando esperanza, fe y amor en los ministerios vitales de nuestra Iglesia. Esta Campaña apoya 21 ministerios esenciales que tocan las vidas de miles de personas, ayudando a cumplir con nuestra misión de ser discípulos y administradores fieles de lo que Dios nos ha dado. Por ejemplo, ¿sabía que la Campaña:

Ofrece oportunidades de formación para jóvenes y adultos jóvenes, enfocadas en la construcción de comunidad, la oración, la adoración, el servicio y la educación, ayudándoles a profundizar su relación con Cristo y a vivir su fe de manera activa.

Amplía las oportunidades para que los estudiantes universitarios fortalezcan su compromiso con la Iglesia Católica, guiándolos en su camino de fe mientras enfrentan los desafíos de la vida adulta.

Financia el costo de alojamiento, comida, matrícula y seguro de salud para nuestros seminaristas, quienes se están formando para servir a la Iglesia y a la comunidad con dedicación, al igual que Cristo sirvió a los demás.

Cada contribución es una respuesta generosa al llamado de ser administradores responsables de los dones de Dios. A través de su apoyo, está ayudando a que estos ministerios sigan adelante, permitiendo que la luz del Evangelio llegue a más corazones, especialmente a aquellos que más lo necesitan.

¡Juntos podemos construir una Iglesia más fuerte, más unida y comprometida con el servicio de los demás!



La siguiente segunda colecta es el 23 de Febrero para la Beca de Servicio St. John Paul the Great

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Blessed Are the Pure of Heart for They Shall See God

This is taken from the national archives of the letters of kids to their pastors proving how pure they are in heart:

- Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody, but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold (age 8, Nashville)**
Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete (age 9, Phoenix)
- Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Robert Anderson (age 11)**
Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty (age 10, New Haven)
- Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at Church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette (age 9, Albany)**
Dear Pastor, I would like to go to Heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen (age 8, Chicago)
- Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your Church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen (age 9, Tacoma)**
Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you, Alexander (age 10, Raleigh)
- Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua (age 10, South Pasadena)**
Dear Pastor, Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, Christopher (age 9, Titusville)
- Dear Pastor, Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. Carla (age 10, Salina)**
Dear Pastor, How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie (age 9, Lewiston)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Saint Clare of Assisi RETREAT CENTER
Hope Does Not Disappoint Men's Retreat
Saturday, April 12, 2025
 Begins at 8:30 AM
 Concludes with Vigil Mass at 5 PM
 Lunch included
Suggested Donation is \$25.
A Spiritual Day of Reflection all MEN need to attend
 Hosted by K of C Council 511
 POC: Art Kelly FINSE0511@cox.net
 Register: <https://saintclaretretreatcenter.flocknote.com/signup/197712>

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:



Lois Nelms, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Dick Byrne, Frank Castanon, Jim Conway, Franki Dahlgren, Ed Bucker, and Margaret Bucker.

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.

February 18 - February 23 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
2/18	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	Parish Family
2/19	12:00N	†Anne Platt	Weekday	Bud and Pat Hirsch
2/20	9:00AM	Father Gerald On His Birthday	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
2/21	9:00AM	All Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	Parish Family
2/22	5:00 PM	Maryanne Roche	Vigil, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bud and Pat Hirsch
2/23	9:30AM	†Diane Kean	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Brion Kean
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo



Calendar

February 18, 1:00PM Catholic Women's Luncheon
March 1, 8:00AM First Saturday Adoration
March 7, 8:00AM First Friday Adoration

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.

Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass said for a family member or another loved one? It's as easy as calling the office!

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.



Parishioner in Healthcare

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

Cards and visits are welcome!

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 Luncheon

We invite all Catholic Women to attend the February 18 luncheon after the noon mass (around 1:00PM). Since our January luncheon was canceled due to inclement weather, Sue Wilkinson will host us at her home in Center Cross for a heart-warming soup meal with a positive approach to fellowship! At this gathering, we will plan out our year to include traveling to the Basilica in D.C., to the Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Maryland, and possibly the Sight and Sound theater in Pennsylvania, to name a few. Also, local venues of volunteering will be reviewed as well as our monthly luncheon sites. We are always open to new ideas or input to make this group a positive and welcoming one! Please email Sue at smwwilkinson@gmail.com if you can attend and also if you would like to bring a salad/bread/dessert. We look forward to getting together, whether it is your first time or you are a regular attendee! See you there!



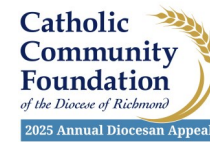
ST. TIMOTHY COLLECTS ... ANIMAL SHELTER ITEMS from now until March 23

For Operation Inasmuch, each church is assigned to collect items that will be distributed to local social service agencies, county schools, The Haven, and the animal shelter. Collections include canned goods, towels, toiletries, animal shelter items, undergarments, laundry products, and birthday presents for children in foster care. OIAM teams will sort items on Saturday, April 5. This year St. Timothy is collecting items for the animal shelter. Any time between now and March 23, place items in one of the boxes by the Operation Inasmuch table in the Commons. We need:

- Cat toys
Small cat beds
Cat/Kitten food - wet and dry
Canned dog food
Dryer sheets
Bleach
Detergent (for washing animal towels/blankets)
Monetary donations

There are small pieces of paper with the list on the OIAM table in the Commons. Please take one.

If you have questions, contact Shari Dwyer (804-443-1503; skdwyer@va.metrocast.net) or Dan Bowden (804-246-9353; dbowden81@hotmail.com).



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Supporting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is about providing for 21 important ministries of our Catholic Church. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Provides formation opportunities for youth and young adults aimed at community building, prayer, worship, service, and education.
Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.
Funds the cost of room, board, tuition, and health insurance for our seminarians.

To see the full list of ministries supported by the Appeal, please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal.



Remember, you can pay it forward! You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith families. If you are age 70½ or older, you can direct Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA fund administrator directly to the parish, school, or a favorite ministry without increasing your taxable income. Please consider using your IRA as a charitable giving vehicle.

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

The Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter is celebrated February 22, which is the date of St. Peter's first sermon in Antioch. This Feast commemorates the contributions of St. Peter to the Church, and recognizes his authority and endless efforts to build a strong community around the teachings of Christ. It has been celebrated since the earliest times of Christianity. St. Peter was entrusted by Jesus to hold the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. For this and many other reasons, he became a celebrated figure in the Catholic Church. The Chair symbolizes the authority of St. Peter and his dedication towards building a strong foundation for the Church. Saint Peter, revered in the Catholic community across the globe, is an important figure when it comes to the history of the Vatican. He was our first Pope, and the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter marks the longstanding Papacy in Rome since the 1st century.



"Jesus said to him in reply, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'" Matthew 16:17-19

Dedicated to helping you heal
Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.
We invite you to join the group on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.
Questions or to join please email Paula Kaempffer at kaempfferp@archspm.org or call 763-688-3978.