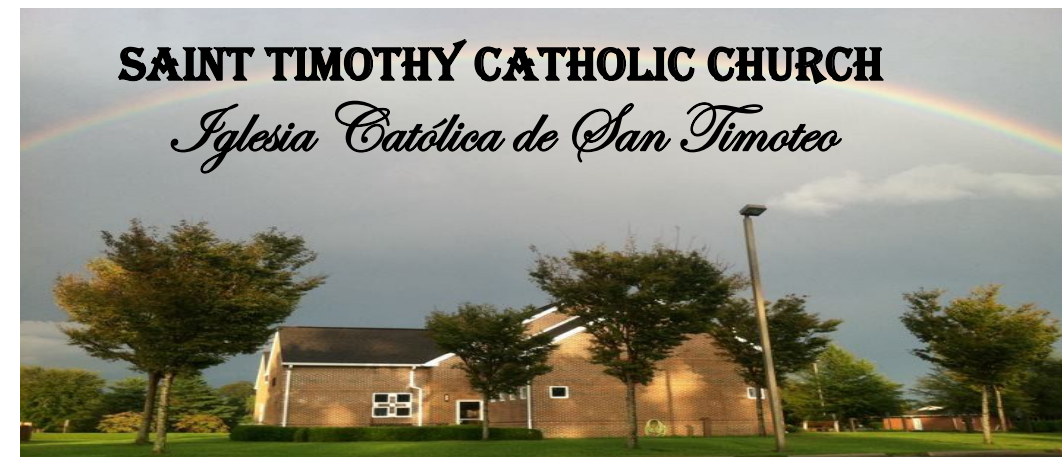
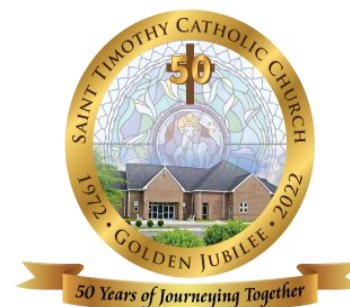


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Mission Statement
We are called to serve as one family, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Estado de la misión
Estamos llamados a servir como una sola familia, a través de obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales.

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

3/30/25
 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Fifth Sunday of Lent

4/6/25
 Isaiah 43:16-21
 Philippians 3:8-14
 John 8:1-11

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.



"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Luke 15:31-32



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Laetare Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent marks the midpoint in the Lenten preparation for Easter. Traditionally, it is called *Laetare Sunday* (Rejoice Sunday). It is a sign of what liturgical authors call “anticipatory joy”— a reminder that we are moving swiftly toward the end of our Lenten fast, and that the joy of Easter is already on the horizon. This Sunday is set aside for us to recall God’s graciousness and to rejoice because of it. In many ways, we have been dead; but through God’s grace, we have come to life.

In Msgr. Arthur Tonne’s story, “*This Man has Never Been Forgiven*,” he narrates that in pioneer days, a regiment of American soldiers was stationed in an Indian territory. Life was rough and dangerous. One soldier was repeatedly charged with drunkenness. Once again, he stood before the staff for court-martial. “What can I do with you?” asked the colonel in charge. “You have been punished time and again, yet here you are once more. We have tried everything. What can be done?” “May I look at the man’s record, Sir?” inquired a young captain. After examining the culprit’s record, the young captain announced eagerly, “There is one thing that has never been done to this man.” What is that?” demanded the colonel. “Sir,” said the captain, “this man has never been forgiven.” After a few minutes with his staff, the colonel turned to the accused. “You have been punished many times. This time I wipe the charge off your record. You are forgiven; you are free.” At first surprised, the culprit dropped his face in his hands, and with heaving shoulders left the court. From that moment, he was a different man. Never again was he drunk. On the contrary, he became one of the most trusted soldiers in the regiment and rose steadily in rank.

This is like the story of the prodigal son in today’s Gospel, which is really the story of the merciful father. You and I are in the story. We are the wayward sons and daughters. We have been wandering children, disobedient soldiers of Christ, selfish children of an all-kind Heavenly Father. Let us show our gratitude to our loving, forgiving, and merciful Father by returning to His home, remain His loyal children, and not hurt Him again by our sins.

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection March 15 - March 16, 2025

- Offertory - \$3,114
- Give Central - \$951
- Human Needs - \$856

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 55
Sunday 9:30AM - 97, 12:00N - 84**

**This weekend’s second collection is for Catholic Relief Services
The next second collection is April 6 for Easter Flowers**

DEL PASTOR

Domingo de Laetare

El cuarto domingo de Cuaresma marca el punto medio de la preparación cuaresmal para la Pascua. Tradicionalmente, se le llama Domingo de Laetare (Domingo de la Alegría). Es un signo de lo que los autores litúrgicos llaman "alegría anticipada": un recordatorio de que nos acercamos rápidamente al final de nuestro ayuno cuaresmal y de que la alegría de la Pascua ya se vislumbra en el horizonte. Este domingo está reservado para que recordemos la gracia de Dios y nos regocijemos por ella. En muchos sentidos, hemos estado muertos; pero por la gracia de Dios, hemos cobrado vida.

En el relato de Monseñor Arthur Tonne, "Este hombre nunca ha sido perdonado", narra que en la época de los pioneros, un regimiento de soldados estadounidenses estaba estacionado en territorio indígena. La vida era dura y peligrosa. Un soldado fue acusado repetidamente de embriaguez. Una vez más, compareció ante el personal para un juicio marcial. "¿Qué puedo hacer contigo?" preguntó el coronel a cargo. "Usted ha sido castigado una y otra vez, pero aquí está una vez más. Lo hemos intentado todo. ¿Qué se puede hacer?" "Señor, ¿puedo ver el expediente del hombre?" preguntó un joven capitán. Después de examinar el expediente del culpable, el joven capitán anunció con entusiasmo: "Hay una cosa que nunca se le ha hecho a este hombre". ¿Qué es eso?" exigió el coronel. "Señor", dijo el capitán, "este hombre nunca ha sido perdonado". Después de unos minutos con su personal, el coronel se volvió hacia el acusado. "Usted ha sido castigado muchas veces. Esta vez borro el cargo de su expediente. Usted está perdonado; usted es libre". Sorprendido al principio, el culpable se cubrió la cara con las manos y, con los hombros en alto, abandonó la corte. Desde ese momento, fue un hombre diferente. Nunca más volvió a emborracharse. Al contrario, se convirtió en uno de los soldados más confiables del regimiento y ascendió de rango constantemente.

Esto es como la historia del hijo pródigo del Evangelio de hoy, que en realidad es la historia del padre misericordioso. Tú y yo estamos en esta historia. Somos los hijos e hijas descarriados. Hemos sido hijos descarriados, soldados desobedientes de Cristo, hijos egoístas de un Padre Celestial bondadoso. Demostremos nuestra gratitud a nuestro Padre amoroso, misericordioso y perdonador regresando a Su hogar, siendo Sus hijos leales y no volvamos a herirlo con nuestros pecados.

Catholic Relief Services

Esta semana realizaremos los Catholic Relief Services colecta para revelar el amor de Cristo a nuestras hermanas y hermanos más necesitados. Esta colecta brinda subvenciones a ses agencieas católicas, prporciona asestencia y apoyo a cumunidades que luchan por salir adtlante y trabaja por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a la colecta. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

¡Atención!

El Día de Recogimiento de Cuaresma, programado para el 30 de Marzo, se ha cancelado debido a las renovaciones que se están llevando a cabo. Se reprogramará para Septiembre.



**La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para Catholic Relief Services.
La siguiente colecta será el 6 de Abril para Flores de Pascua.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness: Religious Holidays

An atheist complained to a friend, “Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter; and Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur; Muslims have their holidays. EVERY religion has its holidays. But we atheists,” he said, “have no recognized national holidays. It’s an unfair discrimination.” His friend replied, “Well, why don’t you celebrate April first?”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



James V. Conway, Jr. January 9, 1947 - March 5, 2025



James Vincent Conway, Jr, 78, of Tappahannock, VA, passed away peacefully at Memorial Regional Medical Center on March 5, 2025. Jim, as he was known to most, was born in Bayonne, NJ, but spent all of his formative years in Staten Island, NY. He volunteered to serve in the Navy during the Vietnam War. It was his service that allowed him to meet his future wife, Tomeko Wada, while on leave in Japan. After finishing his service, marrying, and starting his family with Tomeko, they decided to follow other family moving south and found themselves settled in Tappahannock, VA.

Many in the Tappahannock area may remember Jim from the time he and his wife owned and operated the Montgomery Ward catalog store in the middle of town. After the closing of the store, he later found himself working as a civilian worker for the US Navy at the Dahlgren Naval Base. He spent the majority of his time working there in the ordinance supply group. He found his work there challenging but fulfilling knowing his work had a large impact on both the Navy and Marine Corps. He retired from this position in 2016.

Jim was preceded in death by his brother, Arthur Conway, and his parents, James V. Conway, Sr. and Mary Louise Conway.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years Tomeko; his four children Christopher Conway, Cherrie Shackelford (Robbie), James V. Conway III, and Joseph Conway; his grandchildren T. Cross Conway, Z. Ryland Conway, Olivia Packett-Beck, Matthew Shackelford, Emersyn Shackelford, Ayla Conway, and

James V. Conway IV; his sister Mary Ellen Conway; and numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was also looking forward to the arrival of his first great-grandchild this year.

In his free time, especially since his retirement, Jim volunteered at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Tappahannock and worked as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Jim was particularly proud of his work with the Knights, in which he was often in a top leadership role, serving in the past as the Grand Knight of the Fr. Colin Cooke Council and Faith Navigator of the Tappahannock Assembly.

Jim will be cremated with a funeral mass being held at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 4, 2025, at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Tappahannock. His remains will be interred in the church columbarium at the end of the service.

In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to St. Timothy Catholic Church, 413 St. Timothy Ln., Tappahannock, VA, 22560.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:



Lois Nelms, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Dick Byrne, Frank Castanon, Ed Bucker, Margaret Bucker, Luci Liddic, Joanie Copen, Ernie Wootton, and Allyson Elliott-Stevens.

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.

April 1 - April 6 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
4/1	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Lenten Weekday	Parish Family
4/2	12:00N	†Diane Kean	Lenten Weekday	Brion Kean
4/3	9:00AM	All Souls in Purgatory	Lenten Weekday	Parish Family
4/4	9:00AM	†Jim Conway	Lenten Weekday First Friday	L. S. Shackelford
4/5	9:00AM	†Ed Sullivan	First Saturday	St. Timothy Family
	5:00 PM	†Mike and †Maria Balabar	Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent	Joe Brenzovich
4/6	9:30AM	Carl W. Hayden	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Carl and Kathy Hayden
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma	Familia de San Timoteo



Calendar

April 4, 8:00AM	First Friday Adoration
April 4, 1:00PM	Jim Conway's Funeral
April 5, 8:00AM	First Saturday Adoration
April 10, 6:00PM	Lenten Penance Service
April 13, 9:30AM	Palm Sunday Mass (English)
April 13, 12:00Noon	Misa del Domingo de Ramos (Español)
April 14, 6:00PM	Chrim Mass, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond

The Lenten Day of Recollection, which was scheduled for March 29, has been canceled due to the renovations that are currently taking place. It will be rescheduled to take place in September.

There will be a Holy Hour prior to Masses on Wednesdays during Lent. La adoración en español es el último Jueves del mes.

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's Passing

We are very sad to inform you that Jim Conway passed away Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The funeral will be Friday, April 4, at 1:00PM. Please keep Jim, Tomeko, and their family in your prayers.

Parishioner in Healthcare

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

Cards and visits are welcome!

Mass Intentions

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

Volunteers Needed!

Any one or any number of people that would like to sing in the choir, particularly Saturday night, would be greatly appreciated! Contact the office or Ken Mangano at either Mass to sign up! Thank you so much!



IT'S NEARLY HERE!

OPERATION INASMUCH day – Saturday, April 5 – is almost upon us. Volunteers and anyone else who wants to lend support: Come to the kickoff ceremony at 8:00AM at St. Margaret's School on Water Lane. Volunteers, wear your OIAM T-shirt and meet with your team leader.

FREE-for-ALL Donations: If you've saved up items to donate for the Free-for-All garage sale giveaway, take them to Beale Memorial Baptist Church from 5:30 – 8:00PM on Wednesday, April 2 or Thursday, April 3. Please take your donations directly into the Fellowship Hall. Please sort and label items by gender, adult/child, and size. Also, label sheets, please.

Pray for good weather!

Attend the closing celebration on Sunday, April 6, at 4:00PM at Beale Memorial Baptist Church. You'll see a video from Saturday's events, hear from people who volunteered with various projects, and be entertained by youth who prepared a special praise and worship dance. It's an uplifting way to end a weekend of service.

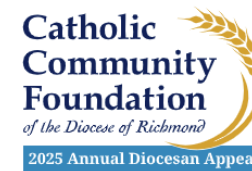
If you have questions, contact Shari Dwyer (804-443-1503; skdwyer@va.metrocast.net) or Dan Bowden (804-246-9353; dbowden81@hotmail.com).

Triad Meeting April 1, 2025 Healthy Living for the Brain & Body

Take a step for a healthier brain and body by coming to the Essex Triad meeting on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:00AM at the Essex County School Board hearing room, 109 Cross St., in Tappahannock. Mary Arthur, lead options counselor for caregiver support at Bay Aging, will give science-based recommendations for taking care of our brains and bodies. With stories and tips, she will show us how small changes can lead to healthier habits that will take care of both body and brain.

Vacation Bible School

St. Timothy is hosting Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 9:00AM until 2:00PM. The theme is "Light of Christ" and students will explore Bible imagery of light at a seashore lighthouse-themed event. Water will be involved. If you are a middle or high school student in need of volunteer hours please reach out as well. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Campbell at dcampbell@richmond-county.k12.va.us or leave a message at (804) 238-1279.



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Women's Luncheon

The ladies had a great time at the new "Roberto's" restaurant last week, and the food and camaraderie were well enjoyed! We look forward to our next luncheon on the third Tuesday of the month, April 18 (location to be announced). As always, you are welcome to come and get to know the ladies at St. Timothy's!



This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Diocesan Work Camp June 21-27, 2025 Bristol, VA

An immersive experience of Christian service, prayer, and community for teens! Diocesan Work Camp is a week-long event that provides direct assistance to the local community. Each day starts with daily Mass before heading out to work sites; each night has programming and prayer. A unique benefit of Diocesan Work Camp is that participants get to build friendships with teens from other parishes in our state. To register, or to learn more, visit https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-work-camp-2/.