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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.



LUMEN CHRISTI
LEGACY SOCIETY

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.

Ready to join the Knights of Columbus and be part of the world's largest Catholic fraternity and charitable organization?

Please contact our Grand Knight Ian MacDonald 804-814-9002, Father Gerald or any of our Knights here at St Timothy's. We need catholic men to help us serve our church and community. Please join today.



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The Ascension of the Lord

6/1/25
 Acts 1:1-11; Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
 Luke 24:46-53



Pentecost Sunday

6/8/25
 Acts 2:1-11; Romans 8:8-17
 John 20:19-23



"Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

John 24:50-51

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.



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage

“The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church,” Pope Francis wrote in a letter to Msgr. Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. “God’s holy and faithful people have experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God.”

Bishop Barry C. Knestout has designated four pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Richmond for the Jubilee Year of 2025. These sites are the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond; the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Norfolk; the Basilica of Saint Andrew, Roanoke; and the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg.

As the parish of St. Timothy, we chose to make a day’s pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg, on Thursday, June 4, 2025. We will carpool. More information is in the Commons.

Why a Pilgrimage?

Pilgrimage is one of the Church’s most ancient and meaningful traditions—a sacred journey that reflects our deeper spiritual longing for God. Whether walking ancient roads or traveling to modern-day shrines, pilgrims leave behind the routine of daily life to step into a space of grace, prayer, and encounter. At the heart of every pilgrimage is the hope of drawing closer to Christ and responding to His call with renewed faith. Pilgrims set out with hearts open to meeting Christ in a profound way. Whether through prayer, the sacraments, sacred art, or the natural beauty of a holy site, the journey itself becomes an instrument of transformation. As Pope Benedict XVI once said, “To go on pilgrimage is not simply to visit a place to admire its treasures of nature, art, or history. To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God.”

For those interested in joining us, please sign up in the Commons.

Parish Ministries

- Diana Campbell, Rel. Ed. Director: (804) 238-1279
- Roy Fontane, Finance Council Chair: (804) 443-1363
- Becky Tobler, Pastoral Council Chair: (757) 897-4840
- Becky Tobler, Human Needs Chair: (757) 897-4840
- Kathy Hayden, Safe Environment Chair: (804) 450-4207
- Gonzalo Ramirez, Hispanic Ministry: (804) 313-5119

Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

Offertory Collection
May 24 - May 25, 2025

- Offertory - \$2,792
- Give Central - \$687
- Votives - \$49
- Diocesan Home Missions - \$764

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 69
Sunday 9:30AM - 157, 12:00N - 78

The next second collection is June 8 for Capital Improvements

DEL PASTOR

Peregrinación del Año Jubilar de la Esperanza

“El Jubileo siempre ha sido un evento de gran importancia espiritual, eclesial y social en la vida de la Iglesia”, escribió el Papa Francisco en una carta a Monseñor Rino Fisichella, presidente del Pontificio Consejo para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización. “El pueblo santo y fiel de Dios ha experimentado esta celebración como un don especial de gracia, caracterizado por el perdón de los pecados y, en particular, por la indulgencia, que es una expresión plena de la misericordia de Dios”.

El Obispo Barry C. Knestout ha designado cuatro lugares de peregrinación en la Diócesis de Richmond para el Año Jubilar de 2025. Estos lugares son la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón en Richmond; la Basílica de Santa María de la Inmaculada Concepción en Norfolk; la Basílica de San Andrés en Roanoke; y el Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Walsingham, Williamsburg.

Como parroquia de San Timoteo, decidimos hacer una peregrinación de un día al Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Señora de Walsingham, Williamsburg, el jueves 4 de Junio de 2025. Compartiremos el vehículo. Encontrará más información en el espacio común.

¿Por Qué una Peregrinación?

La peregrinación es una de las tradiciones más antiguas y significativas de la Iglesia: un viaje sagrado que refleja nuestro anhelo espiritual más profundo por Dios. Ya sea recorriendo caminos antiguos o viajando a santuarios modernos, los peregrinos dejan atrás la rutina de la vida diaria para adentrarse en un espacio de gracia, oración y encuentro. En el corazón de cada peregrinación está la esperanza de acercarse a Cristo y responder a su llamado con una fe renovada. Los peregrinos parten con el corazón abierto a un encuentro profundo con Cristo. Ya sea a través de la oración, los sacramentos, el arte sacro o la belleza natural de un lugar sagrado, el viaje en sí mismo se convierte en un instrumento de transformación. Como dijo el Papa Benedicto XVI: «Peregrinar no es simplemente visitar un lugar para admirar sus tesoros naturales, artísticos o históricos. Peregrinar significa realmente salir de nosotros mismos para encontrarnos con Dios».

Si te interesa unirte a nosotros, inscríbete en Commons.



El propósito de la Campaña Diocesana Anual del 2025 es financiar ministerios que una parroquia no puede apoyar por sí sola. Cuando nos unimos, logramos educar a todos nuestros seminaristas, proporcionar cientos de miles de dólares en subvenciones/asistencia para ayudar a otros con sus necesidades básicas. Además, llevar a cabo programas que están diseñados para formar la próxima generación de católicos, incluyendo iniciativas que benefician a nuestra comunidad.

Cuando analizamos la diversidad de ministerios y servicios que la campaña apoya es sorprendente descubrir el gran impacto que cada uno de nosotros tiene para ayudar a avanzar la misión de nuestra iglesia.

¡Su donación (ofrenda/regalo) marca la diferencia!

Visite richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal para hacer una donación segura en línea o visite nuestra oficina parroquial para obtener una tarjeta de compromiso impresa.

Gracias por asociarse con nosotros en este importante ministerio de nuestra Iglesia Católica.

La siguiente colecta será el 8 de Junio para Mejoras de Capital.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

We’re in Heaven Already

The story is told about a priest who, talking about heaven in his homily, said: “We bring nothing with us when we die. There is no money in heaven! People in heaven have no money!” The whole congregation was quiet, till a little girl whispered to her mother loud enough for all to hear: “Mama, Mama, we’re in Heaven already!”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights Observation of Memorial Day

On Saturday, May 24, the Knights placed flags to honor our veterans at the local cemeteries here in Tappahannock. After the 9:30AM Mass here at St. Timothy's, we honored those who gave their lives in service to our country by laying a wreath at our flag-pole.



Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

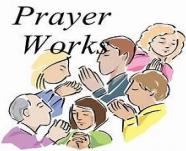


Lois Nelms, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Dick Byrne, Frank Castanon, Joanie Copen, Ernie Wootton, Nancy Schroeder, Charles Bowles IV, and Trish Degon-Piscopo.

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.

June 3 - June 8 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
6/3	12:00 N	Jimmy Hartz	Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions	Patricia Degon-Piscopo
6/4	12:00 N	†Taylor Hayden	Weekday	Carl and Kathy Hayden
6/5	9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory	Memorial of St. Boniface	Parish Family
6/6	9:00 AM	Ken and Elsie Mangano	Weekday First Friday	Patricia Degon-Piscopo
6/7	9:00AM	†Mary Ann Barcia	First Saturday	St. Timothy Family
	5:00 PM	†Margaret, †Ann, †Robert, and †Charles Ferenchak	Vigil, The Solemnity of Pentecost	Joe Brenzovich
6/8	9:30AM	Ken and Elsie Mangano	The Solemnity of Pentecost	Tomeko Conway
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	La Solemnidad de Pentecostés	Familia de San Timoteo



Calendar

June 1, 9:30AM	First Holy Communion
June 5	Pilgrimage to National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
June 6, 8:00AM	First Friday Adoration
June 7, 8:00AM	First Saturday Adoration
June 7, 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Vacation Bible School
June 7 & 8	Pantry Sunday
June 17, 1:00PM	Catholic Women’s Luncheon

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.

Cards and visits are welcome!

Joanie Copen

Joanie Copen has been released from the nursing home and is now at home. She would love to receive calls!

Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is next weekend, June 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.



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!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be Saturday, June 7, from 9:30AM-2:00PM. The theme is *Light of Christ*. ***VBS is in need of two volunteers to help from 9:00AM-2:00PM.*** Teens needing volunteer hours are welcome. Adults need Virtus training. If you are available to assist, please contact Diana Campbell at dcampbell@richmond-county.k12.va.us or leave a message at (804) 238-1279.

Religious Education

We are in need of two instructors for the 2025-2026 Religious Education program. Teachers will have either elementary (grades 3-5) or middle school (grades 6-8) students. Please reach out to Diana Campbell at dcampbell@richmond-county.k12.va.us or leave a message at (804) 238-1279 if you are interested.

Triad Birthday Party June 3

You’re invited to celebrate the 9th birthday of the Essex County-Tappahannock Triad on Tuesday, June 3, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at the Tappahannock-Essex Firehouse on Airport Rd. Enjoy lunch, music, games, friends, and prizes. There’s always a good crowd and plenty of good food, courtesy of our law enforcement grill team! Triad is a partnership among law enforcement, older residents and their family and friends, and community organizations. Its goal is to enhance the safety and quality of life of our older people.

Pilgrimage to Williamsburg on Thursday, June 5

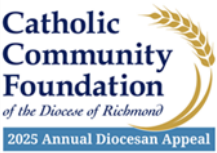
The St. Timothy’s women’s group is inviting parishioners and their guests to partake in a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in downtown Williamsburg on the campus of William and Mary. This is one of four sites chosen by the Richmond diocese for a Holy Year pilgrimage to include a tour of the shrine, followed by Mass at the Shrine! Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant there before our return trip home. The sign-up sheets are posted in the lobby along with further information. We look forward to having you join us!

Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to prepare a couple of hot meals for a disabled resident of Fox Chase Apartments. If you are able to assist, please call Mrs. Sue Laney-Wing at (703) 283-3863. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Catholic Women’s Luncheon

Our monthly luncheon was hosted by Becky Tobler at her lovely home. Thank you, Becky! We had an enjoyable get-together and discussed plans for upcoming trips and activities. We are looking forward to our next luncheon, June 17 (3rd Tuesday of every month).



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Sharing His Love with Others

The purpose of the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is to fund ministries which one parish cannot support alone. When we come together, we are able to educate all our seminarians, provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to help those in need with basic necessities, and conduct the programs designed to build the next generation of Catholics.

When you step back and look at the Appeal’s case for support of not just these ministries but many others, it is amazing to realize the impact that each of us has on moving our Church forward.

YOUR gift matters.

Please visit richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal to make a secure online donation or visit our parish office for a hard copy pledge card. Thank you for partnering with us on this important ministry of our Catholic Church.

Saints of the Week - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions (Feast of the Ugandan Martyrs)



There are twenty-four Ugandan Catholic Martyrs, twenty-two killed between 1885 and 1887 under the orders of Kabaka (King) Mwanga of Buganda and two killed in 1918 in Paimol, Northern Uganda. Most of the twenty-two martyrs were pages in the king’s palace before they were killed by their master and king. Thirteen of these were burned to death at Namugongo and nine killed in other different places.

In Namugongo, the Uganda martyrs were confined for about a week before execution. In that time, the executioners went about with preparatory activities like collection of enough firewood and cutting of reeds to be used in the event; this took until the 2nd of June. The June 3, 1886, on the feast of the ascension, Charles Lwanga became the first victim of the holocaust: Ssenkoole, the Guardian of the Sacred Fuse, singled him out following the traditional procedure of a ritual execution, which prohibited his (Ssenkoole) presence at the actual scene of a large execution but rather required him to select one victim and burn him apart from the others. Ssenkoole took Charles Lwanga to a spot about fifty yards from the road where he (Charles) was allowed to arrange his own death-bed of firewood. Then he was wrapped in reeds laid on the pyre and was burned slowly from the foot to the head at about midday.

Six months later, three Christians, Matayo (Matthew) Kirevu, Bwaliri Kamya, and Lewo (Leo) Lwanga amid fears of being charged with treason, in cover of night went to Namugongo and collected the remains of St. Charles Lwanga. By 8:00AM the following day, the trio had delivered the bones to Fr. Simeon Lourdel at the mission where they were cleaned and wrapped in a red cloth, put in a copper case and buried in the sacristy of the church at Nabulagala. However, the mission was later deserted because of the religious wars, and the location of the box was forgotten because the church had been burned down and the parish turned in to a bush-land.

On November 13, 1892, a catechist who was digging in his garden recovered the box which was taken to Tangayika by Msgr. Hirth. In 1899, when Buganda stabilized politically, the box containing the remains (later relics) was returned by Msgr. Henry Streicher who was the Archbishop of Buganda. From 1915, the remains were stored at the Archbishop’s chapel, then in 1964 taken to Rome for the canonization ceremony. When the current Martyrs Shrine was built, part of these relics were returned to Namugongo for veneration. The relic hangs in a glass at the front of the Altar in the Shrine.

These African martyrs herald the dawn of a new age. If only the mind of man might be directed not towards persecutions and religious conflicts but towards a rebirth of Christianity and civilization! Africa has been washed by the blood of these latest martyrs, the first of this new age (and, God willing, let them be the last, although such a holocaust is precious indeed). Africa is reborn free and independent.