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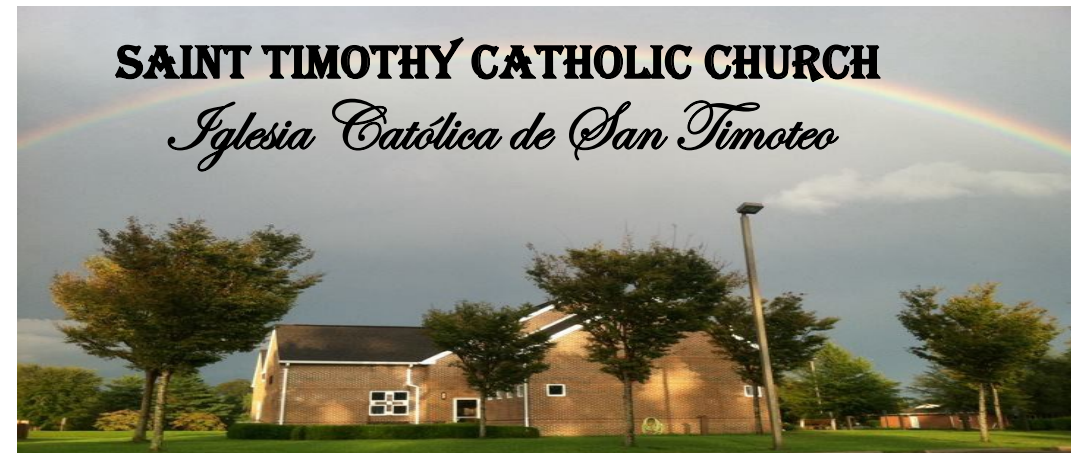
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St. Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter

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.

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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"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

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 Rector to schedule an appointment.



A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners and guests.



Why Do Catholics Baptize Infants?

As with the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the meaning and understanding of Baptism is intimately rooted in the Jewish tradition. Ancient Jews did not choose their faith; it was something into which they were born. A Jew became a Jew simply by being born into a Jewish family. In this way, Jewish parents not only gave their children the gift of life, but also the gift of faith.

Even as early as the Fourth century, the Church understood infant Baptism in reference to Judaism. Saint Augustine, in refuting the Donatist heresy, wrote, “We can form a true conjecture of the value of the sacrament of Baptism in the case of infants, from the parallel of circumcision” (Against the Donatists, Book IV, Chapter 24-32). Circumcision marked a Jewish child’s entrance into the community of faith. It was not something he chose, but rather, something that was chosen for him. Just as his parents chose to bring him into the world and chose to feed him healthy food, they also chose to offer him the most important thing in life—faith. Faith is a gift freely given; it is not something we can demand or steal. Infant Baptism helps us remember that faith is a free gift. Just as parents are co-givers with God in bringing forth the gift of life, they are also co-givers of the gift of faith. Children are physical, tangible expressions of the love that a husband and wife have for one another. Ideally, a husband and wife love one another so much that their love cannot be contained within themselves, but it overflows into the lives of their children. Faith works the same way.

When parents bring their children to church to be baptized, we are recognizing that their faith in Jesus Christ is so abundant that it cannot be contained among them, but it overflows into the lives of their children. Through Baptism, like in Jewish circumcision, children become members of the faith community. Having been given the gift of faith through baptism, it is the responsibility of the community to help the newly baptized to unwrap that gift. Regardless of one’s age when receiving Baptism, each person must come to that point in life when he or she accepts the gift of faith they have been given and chooses to live it. The hope that is inherent in infant Baptism is that the gift of faith that has been freely given and that has been nurtured for many years will eventually be so strongly rooted in a Christian’s heart that he or she would never want to live without it.

This weekend, let’s welcome Josephina M. Volo, who is going to be baptized at Sunday morning mass.

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 10 - May 11, 2025

- Offertory - \$3,697
- Give Central - \$1,357
- Votives - \$33
- Capital Projects - \$1,522
- Mass Intentions - \$170
- Quilt Raffle - \$538
- Diocesan Home Mission - \$50

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 60
Sunday 9:30AM - 110, 12:00N - 85

The next second collection is May 25 for Capital Improvements

DEL PASTOR

¿Por qué los Católicos Bautizan a los Bebés?

Al igual que con el sacramento de la Eucaristía, el significado y la comprensión del bautismo están profundamente arraigados en la tradición judía. Los antiguos judíos no elegían su fe; era algo en lo que nacían. Un judío se convertía en judío simplemente por nacer en una familia judía. De esta manera, los padres judíos no solo daban a sus hijos el don de la vida, sino también el don de la fe.

Ya en el siglo IV, la Iglesia entendía el bautismo infantil en referencia al judaísmo. San Agustín, al refutar la herejía donatista, escribió: «Podemos formular una conjetura correcta sobre el valor del sacramento del bautismo en el caso de los bebés, a partir del paralelo de la circuncisión» (Contra los donatistas, Libro IV, Capítulos 24-32). La circuncisión marcaba la entrada de un niño judío a la comunidad de fe. No era algo que él elegía, sino algo que le fue elegido. Así como sus padres decidieron traerlo al mundo y alimentarlo con alimentos saludables, también decidieron ofrecerle lo más importante de la vida: la fe. La fe es un don gratuito; no es algo que podamos exigir ni robar. El bautismo infantil nos ayuda a recordar que la fe es un don gratuito. Así como los padres son codonadores con Dios al dar a luz el don de la vida, también son codonadores del don de la fe. Los hijos son expresiones físicas y tangibles del amor que se tienen el esposo y la esposa. Idealmente, un esposo y una esposa se aman tanto que su amor no puede contenerse en sí mismos, sino que se desborda en la vida de sus hijos. La fe funciona de la misma manera.

Cuando los padres traen a sus hijos a la iglesia para ser bautizados, reconocemos que su fe en Jesucristo es tan abundante que no puede contenerse en ellos, sino que se desborda en la vida de sus hijos. A través del bautismo, como en la circuncisión judía, los niños se convierten en miembros de la comunidad de fe. Habiendo recibido el don de la fe a través del Bautismo, es responsabilidad de la comunidad ayudar a los recién bautizados a abrir ese regalo. Independientemente de la edad que tengan al recibir el Bautismo, cada persona debe llegar a ese punto en la vida en que acepta el don de la fe que se le ha dado y decide vivirlo. La esperanza inherente al Bautismo de niños es que el don de la fe, otorgado libremente y cultivado durante muchos años, se arraigue tan profundamente en el corazón del cristiano que nunca querrá vivir sin él.

Este fin de semana, demos la bienvenida a Josephine M. Volo, quien será bautizada en la misa dominical.

Un Mensaje del Padre Gerald

Espero que durante los últimos meses que he/hemos hablado de la Campaña Diocesana le haya/hayamos comunicado suficiente información para que usted sepa como nuestra parroquia se beneficia por medio del apoyo de los ministerios y servicios que la Campaña Diocesana favorece. Además, quiero recalcar que participar en la campaña implica proporcionar apoyo no solo a nuestra parroquia si no a nuestra Iglesia Católica local. Por ejemplo, ¿sabían que la campaña...:

Complementa el seguro de salud y el cuidado a largo plazo para nuestros sacerdotes que han entregado sus vidas al servicio de la Iglesia.

Forma líderes laicos en catequesis mediante el desarrollo del entendimiento teológico, el fortalecimiento de habilidades pastorales y la consolidación de la identidad católica.

Si aún no se ha comprometido, espero que se unan a mí y a todos los demás feligreses de nuestra comunidad para ayudar no solo a cumplir la meta de este año, sino a superarla.

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 esta importante labor y cooperar con nuestra Iglesia Católica local.



La próxima segunda colecta es el 25 de Mayo para Mejoras de Capital.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Love One Another

One Sunday a priest was finishing a series on marriage. At the end of the service, he was giving out small wooden crosses to each married couple. He said, “Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of Jesus’ new commandment, and you won’t argue as much.” One woman came up after the service and said: “You’d better give me five crosses.”



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



May, Month of Mothers

Knights of Columbus is a fraternal order with a founding mission to care for women and children; we promote and honor our mothers during this month when we celebrate Mother’s Day. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us can return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Our mothers are the good shepherds we all experienced.

This month of May, which is devoted to the Blessed Mother, also offers an excellent opportunity to reflect upon Mary’s role in our lives and in the Church today. While Knights are devoted to Mary under many different titles, we have long had a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our message to all families is to Pray the Rosary.

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.

May 20 - May 25 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
5/20	9:00 AM	†Luke Poulin	Weekday	Patricia Degon-Piscopo
5/21	12:00 N	†Jean Hardy	Weekday	Jean Ann Sanford
5/22	9:00 AM	Steve Aasheim	Weekday	The Honenberger’s
5/23	9:00 AM	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	Parish Family
5/24	5:00 PM	†J. T. Williams	Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter	Dan and Chris Bowden
5/25	9:30AM	†Stanley and †Anna Bohinski, Sr.	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Diana Campbell
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Sexto Domingo de Pascua	Familia de San Timoteo



Calendar

May 18, 10:45AM	First Holy Communion Practice
May 20, 9:00AM	Mass
May 20, 1:00PM	Catholic Women’s Luncheon
May 25, 10:45AM	First Holy Communion Practice
June 1, 9:30AM	First Holy Communion
June 7, 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Vacation Bible School

Mass will be at 9:00AM, Tuesday, May 20. There will be no Noon Mass.

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!

Rosary before Mass

In honor of Mary, during the month of May, the Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before the Saturday 5:00PM Mass and before the Sunday 9:30AM Mass in the Sanctuary. Please come and join in praying a decade and/or adding your voice in saying the Rosary. This Rosary is a prayer to meditate on the life of Christ and Mary and brings us closer to God! Rosaries will be provided!

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!

Raffle

The winning ticket for the baby quilt was won by Dolores Meo! A young volunteer assisted Father Gerald in picking the winning ticket after Mass on Sunday afternoon. Dolores Meo was very happy when she found out, as she said it was the perfect gift for her grand-niece’s Baptism this week-end. Thank you to all who helped make this a success for St. Timothy’s!



Thank you, St. Timothy Parishioners!

I had the pleasure last Monday of delivering food collected here to the SDA Community Services food pantry in Tappahannock. We always weigh the donations, and this week the boxes checked in at 208 pounds. They’re not sitting on a shelf. The cupboard is showing a lot of empty shelves, though it’s not quite bare. Because deliveries from the food bank, including items from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, have dwindled recently, a lot of your donations were immediately put into the boxes to be picked up by customers of the food pantry. So, know that you are making a difference!

Shari Dwyer

Catholic Women’s Luncheon

This month’s luncheon will be held on May 20th (our usual date - the 3rd Tuesday of the month), at 1:00PM at the home of Becky Tobler in Aylett! She will be having yummy pulled pork barbecue and will welcome any sides dishes or desserts! Please contact Becky at (757) 897-4840 if you will be able to come and/or if you have questions about what to bring! We look forward to great fellowship with our members and for any interested Catholic women who would like to come!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be Saturday June 7 from 9:30AM -2:00PM. The theme is *Light of Christ*. As of now, we have 7 students enrolled. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Diana Campbell by May 18 so we can finalize supplies and volunteer needs. Water will be involved again. You can reach Mrs. Campbell at dcampbell@richmond-county.k12.va.us or leave a message at (804) 238-1279.

40th Annual Lebanese Food Festival Glen Allen, VA

The 40th Annual Lebanese Food Festival is the event of the season! We are happy to share our food and cultural experiences with you! Join us rain or shine as we offer indoor and outdoor dining. There will be live music and entertainment. As always, admission and parking are free. Service animals only. We accept Credit Cards, and Festival Gift Cards will be available.

The 2025 Lebanese Food Festival will be held at St. Anthony Church:

Friday and Saturday, **May 16 and 17**, from 11:00AM - 10:00PM, and Sunday, **May 18**, from 10:00AM - 8:00PM.

Free off-site parking and shuttle services are available at the Markel Office building located at 4521 Highwoods Parkway. Enter from Cox Rd or Sadler Rd by the Post Office. Take the shuttle to the food festival, and you will receive a ticket for a free piece of baklawa located at the Sweets booth.

SHUTTLE SERVICE HOURS: Friday and Saturday from 11:00AM to 10:00PM, Sunday from 10:00AM to 8:00PM.

For more information, please visit <https://www.lebanesefoodfestival.com/event-info>.

Saint of the Week - Saint Philip Neri



Born in Florence on July 21, 1515, Saint Philip Neri was founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, a community of Catholic priests and lay brothers. He was sent to live with a wealthy family member in San Germano to assist in the family business. St. Philip credited his mystical encounter with the Lord for his Christian conversion. He soon lost interest in material things and the family business, feeling a calling to serve Christ and His Church.

In 1548, with the help of his confessor, Father Persiano Rossa, St. Philip Neri founded a confraternity for poor laymen to meet for spiritual exercises and service of the poor, the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity. Fr. Rossa convinced St. Philip that his work would be more effective if he were a priest. Ordained to the diaconate and then into the priesthood on May 23, 1551, St. Philip Neri served as confessor to the growing number of pilgrims and other priests called on to assist him. St. Philip and the priests became known as the "Oratorians," because they would ring a bell to call the faithful in their "oratory." St. Philip's rule for the Congregation of the Oratory was simple - share a common table and perform spiritual exercises. St. Philip didn't want his followers to bind themselves to the life with a vow and he did not want them to denounce their property. St. Philip's organization was officially recognized by Pope Gregory XIII in 1575.

St. Philip Neri was beatified by Pope Paul V on May 11, 1615, and canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March 12, 1622. He is the Patron Saint of Rome, the U.S. Special Forces, humor, and joy; and the Church honors him on May 26.

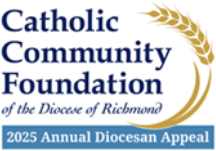
Let’s Talk About Dementia & Resources
Thursday, May 22, 10:00AM – 2:00PM, Essex Library

Presented by the Alzheimer’s Association, Bay Aging, Commonwealth Senior Living – Farnham, Hospice of Virginia, and United Choice Healthcare Staffing. Learn about the basics of dementia — what it is, stages, current status of treatment options — and hear from community partners about their services and resources you can tap.



Catholic Fest, October 11, 2025, at the Diamond

Join the Office for Evangelization, Bishop Knestout, and the entire diocese at a one-day festival in Richmond. The day will be full of music, food, fun, fellowship, faith, and celebrating the Mass as the Diocese of Richmond. Visit <https://catholicfest.richmonddiocese.org/> for updates, but mark your calendars NOW!



2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:
Sharing His Love with Others

A Message from
Father Gerald

Over the past few months, I hope you have gained an understanding of what it means to support the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Yes, our parish is a direct beneficiary, however, supporting the Appeal is also about supporting the Catholic Church beyond the parish. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

Supplements health insurance and long-term care for our priests who have given their lives in service to the Church.

Develops lay catechetical leaders by building theological understanding, shaping pastoral skills, and strengthening Catholic identity.

If you have not yet made a commitment, I hope you will join me in helping to not only meet but exceed this year’s goal!

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.