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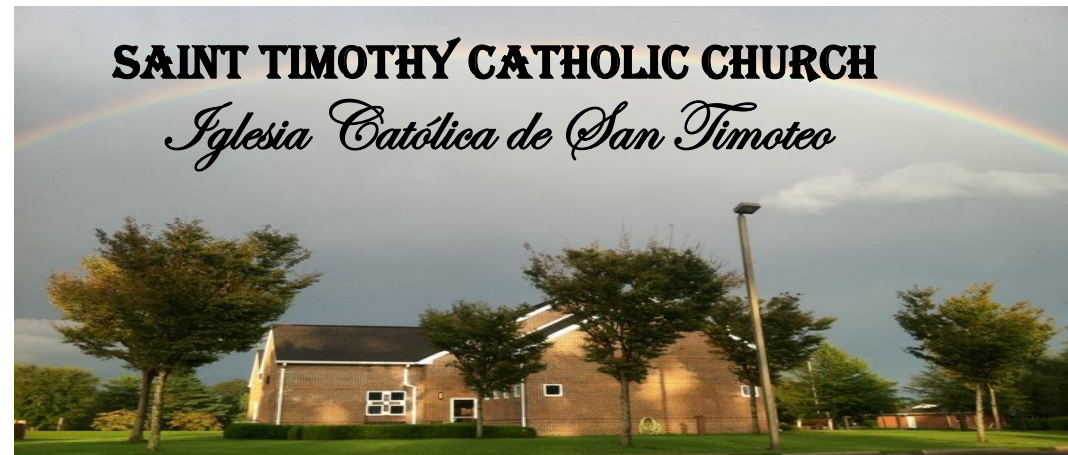
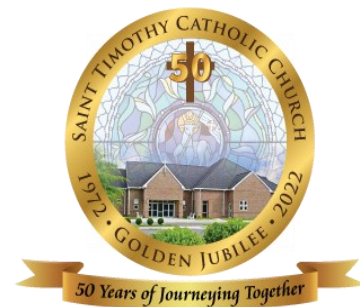
# Mind

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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

5/25/25  
 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
 John 14:23-29

### The Ascension of the Lord

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

### 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.*



### 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?

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*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

John 14:27





Why Do We Celebrate First Communion?

As Catholics, the Sacrament of the Eucharist holds a central place in our faith, serving as the source and summit of our Christian life. The First Communion is a profound milestone in a young Catholic’s spiritual journey, marking the first time they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This sacred event deepens their relationship with Christ and integrates them more fully into the Church community.

First Communion is the reception of the Eucharist for the first time by an individual, typically a child who has reached the age of reason—around seven or eight years old. It is the third Sacrament of Initiation, following Baptism and Reconciliation. Through this sacrament, communicants participate in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, uniting themselves with His sacrifice and resurrection.

The term “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving,” reflecting our gratitude for Jesus’ sacrifice and His continued presence with us. The Eucharist is not merely symbolic; it is the real presence of Christ—His Body and Blood—under the appearances of bread and wine. This mystery of faith is a cornerstone of Catholic belief and practice. The Catholic Church teaches that of all seven sacraments, the Holy Eucharist, and Holy Communion, are the most central and important to Catholicism because the Eucharist occupies a principal role in Catholic theology and practice.

The Eucharist is a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, and a bond of charity. It is the memorial of Christ’s sacrifice and a participation in His resurrection. By receiving the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and the entire Church, both in heaven and on earth.

As we participate in the Eucharist, we are called to reflect on its meaning and allow it to transform our lives. Communion with Christ invites us to live authentically and compassionately, embodying the teachings of the Gospel in our interactions with others.

This year, on June 1, 2025, at the 9:30 Mass, Andres Becerra, Anderson Breuning, William Fowler, Bryan Hernandez, Jasmine Lopez Anastacio, and Emily Matthews will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Let us support our young communicants with our prayers and example, remembering our own commitment to live as faithful disciples.

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.” John 6:51*

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 17 - May 18, 2025

- Offertory - \$3,053
- Give Central - \$1,016
- Votives - \$19
- Capital Projects - \$50
- Mass Intentions - \$50

**Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 62  
Sunday 9:30AM - 132, 12:00N - 85**

**This weekend’s second collection is for Diocesan Home Missions  
The next second collection is June 8 for Capital Improvements**

DEL PASTOR

¿Por Qué Celebramos la Primera Comunión?

Como católicos, el sacramento de la Eucaristía ocupa un lugar central en nuestra fe, siendo fuente y cumbre de nuestra vida cristiana. La Primera Comunión es un hito importante en el camino espiritual de un joven católico, ya que marca la primera vez que recibe el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesucristo. Este evento sagrado profundiza su relación con Cristo y lo integra más plenamente en la comunidad de la Iglesia.

La Primera Comunión es la recepción de la Eucaristía por primera vez por parte de una persona, generalmente un niño que ha alcanzado la edad de uso de razón, alrededor de los siete u ocho años. Es el tercer sacramento de iniciación, después del Bautismo y la reconciliación. A través de este sacramento, los comulgantes participan en el Misterio Pascual de Cristo, uniéndose a su sacrificio y resurrección.

El término "Eucaristía" significa "acción de gracias", lo que refleja nuestra gratitud por el sacrificio de Jesús y su continua presencia con nosotros. La Eucaristía no es meramente simbólica; Es la presencia real de Cristo —su Cuerpo y su Sangre— bajo las apariencias de pan y vino. Este misterio de fe es una piedra angular de la creencia y la práctica católicas. La Iglesia Católica enseña que, de los siete sacramentos, la Sagrada Eucaristía y la Sagrada Comunión son los más centrales e importantes para el catolicismo, ya que la Eucaristía ocupa un papel fundamental en la teología y la práctica católicas.

La Eucaristía es un sacramento de amor, un signo de unidad y un vínculo de caridad. Es el memorial del sacrificio de Cristo y una participación en su resurrección. Al recibir la Eucaristía, nos unimos a Cristo y a toda la Iglesia, tanto en el cielo como en la tierra.

Al participar en la Eucaristía, estamos llamados a reflexionar sobre su significado y a permitir que transforme nuestras vidas. La comunión con Cristo nos invita a vivir con autenticidad y compasión, encarnando las enseñanzas del Evangelio en nuestras interacciones con los demás.

Este año, el 1 de Junio de 2025, en la Misa de las 9:30, Andrés Becerra, Anderson Breuning, William Fowler, Bryan Hernández, Jasmine López Anastacio y Emily Matthews recibirán su Primera Comunión. Apoyemos a nuestros jóvenes comulgantes con nuestras oraciones y ejemplo, recordando nuestro propio compromiso de vivir como discípulos fieles.

*«Yo soy el pan vivo que bajó del cielo. El que come de este pan vivirá para siempre». Juan 6:51*

**La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para las Misiones Diocesanas en el Hogar.  
La siguiente colecta será el 8 de Junio para Mejoras de Capital.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Don’t Lose Your Mental Peace

The Sunday school children were all photographed with their pastor sitting in their midst. The pastor was trying to persuade the children to buy a copy of the group photo. “Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, ‘There’s Jennifer; she’s a lawyer,’ or ‘That’s Michael; he’s a doctor.’” A small voice at the back of the room rang out, “And there’s our Pastor; he’s dead.”

Peace and Relaxation

Did you know that... If you can start the day without caffeine; if you can get going without pep pills; if you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains; if you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles; if you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it; if you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time; if you can take criticism without resentment; if you can ignore a friend’s limited education and never correct him; if you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend; if you can conquer tension without medical help; if you can relax without liquor; if you can sleep without the aid of drugs; ...then you are probably the family dog!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights Observation of Memorial Day

The Knights will be placing flags to honor our veterans at the local cemeteries here in Tappahannock this Saturday morning at 9:00AM. After the 9:30AM Mass here at St. Timothy's, we will then honor those who gave their lives in service to our country by laying a wreath at our flagpole.



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 27 - June 1 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
5/27	12:00 N	Ken and Elsie Mangano	Weekday	Patricia Degon-Piscopo
5/28	12:00 N	Ken and Elsie Mangano	Weekday	Maria and Jose Garcia
5/29	9:00 AM	†Buddy Darlington	Weekday	Linda Kinsey
5/30	9:00 AM	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	Parish Family
5/31	5:00 PM	Andrew Mallory	Vigil, The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Carol Deverell
6/1	9:30AM	†John and †Margie Kaminski	The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Becky Tobler
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor	Familia de San Timoteo





Calendar

May 25, 10:45AM	First Holy Communion Practice
May 30	St. John Paul the Great Commu- nity Service Scholarship Applica- tion Deadline
June 1, 9:30AM	First Holy Communion
June 7, 9:00AM - 2:00PM	Vacation Bible School
June 7 & 8	Pantry Sunday

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!



**Congratulations** to Salvatore and Maria on the Baptism of their daughter, Josephina Volo.

*Holy God, We pray that you send your blessing on Josephina so that she may grow in Christian maturity and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's witness in the world, spreading and defending the faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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 grandniece's Baptism this weekend. 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

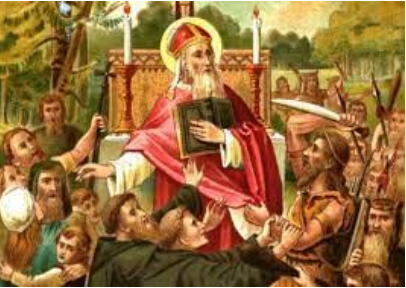
Vacation Bible School

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](mailto:dcampbell@richmond-county.k12.va.us) or leave a message at (804) 238-1279.

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.

Saint of the Week - Saint Boniface



Saint Boniface is known as the “Apostle of Germany” due to his conversion of the Germanic tribes to Christianity. Early in his life, he heard God calling him to be a missionary, and he generously responded. As a result, God did powerful things through him for the good of his ancestral home and beyond. His impact was so great that the seeds he planted in Germany contributed to the shaping of modern-day Europe. St. Boniface is the patron saint of Germany, the Netherlands, brewers, and tailors. He is honored by the Church on June 5.

*Saint Boniface, you heard God calling you as a youth and responded with zeal. You continued to respond to His will for the rest of your life. Through that holy obedience and service, the gift of eternal salvation was bestowed upon many. Please pray for us, that we may have the courage and zeal that you had, so that we will never hesitate to say “Yes” to the will of God. Saint Boniface and companions, pray for us. Jesus, we trust in You. Amen*



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!

*"My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."*  
- John F. Kennedy



# Spring INTO ACTION

## RUN FOR REFUGEES

June 21, 2025

In honor of World Refugee Day, run or walk a 5k to support refugees in Virginia.

Two Ways to Join the Fun

Virtual from Anywhere

Register to submit your time and share pictures and video. Kids are welcome to participate!

Live in Roanoke

Kid Fun Run 7:45am | Adult run 8am  
More details at [cccofva.org/events](http://cccofva.org/events)

REGISTER TODAY →

On site registration in Roanoke from 7:00a.m. - 7:45a.m.

Cash donations, food, diapers, clothing, and shoes for Casa Latina are greatly appreciated.

Career Opportunities

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking to fill the following positions: **Administrative Assistant** for the Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, Virginia. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/3GHLNpg>. **Program and Marriage Preparation Coordinator** for the Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, Virginia. The Office for Evangelization seeks to evangelize individuals and families across the diocese and the coordinator assists in that goal by assisting in the coordination of events sponsored by the office. Additionally, they oversee the implementation of the Unveiled Marriage Prep Program by managing the logistics of each session. They will also help in the creation and oversight of the Spanish Unveiled Program, and as such candidates must be proficient in Spanish, both spoken and written. The Coordinator would be an important part of the team dedicated to supporting the Diocese of Richmond in the work of evangelization. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4cNBz2S>. For questions about either of these positions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at [jobs@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:jobs@richmonddiocese.org).