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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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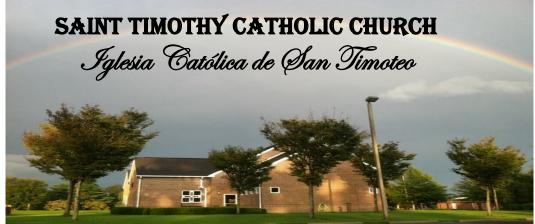
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July 27, 2025

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### PARISH OFFICE

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# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/27/25

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13



# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8/3/25

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21



"I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence."

Luke 11:8

# 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.

# 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.

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### Are You Called to be a Deacon of the Church?

Men between the ages of 30 and 59 are invited to speak with their pastor about becoming a deacon. Eligible men must be registered parishioners in our diocese for a period of five years, and should be committed to the values of justice, charity, and service. This fall, those men recommended to the diocesan office by their pastor can join information sessions on the vocation. The deadline for pastors to submit recommendations is Aug. 29.

The three fall information sessions constitute the process of inquiry. Information will include defining the diaconate, expectations for deacons, and the formation process. For men who are married, their wife is expected to attend all three sessions so that they understand this new vocation.

Those selected at the end of the inquiry period become aspirants for one year, a period of continued discernment. The formation team, with aspirants about prayer, reconciliation, and the need for spiritual direction. This is a very important time in the process. Are you willing to offer yourself up to the service of the Church?

After the year of discernment is complete, the aspirants selected for candidacy will go through an additional four years of formation before being ordained.

In addition to serving at Mass and celebrating the sacraments of baptism and matrimony Deacons may also take on the role of working with couples as they prepare for these sacraments.

Testimony: A longtime parishioner of St. Mark, Virginia Beach, Deacon Kren first heard the call himself 28 years ago. "At the time, I was involved in my parish. I was a lector, I was on the parish council," he said. "Then I read an article in The Catholic Virginian about the diaconate, and everything came together. I decided that this is something I'm called to do."

Like Deacon Kren, if you feel called to this ministry, please make an appointment with me so that I can guide you on how to go about it.

# **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 July 19 - July 20, 2025

Offertory - \$2,138
Give Central - \$667
Capital Projects - \$40
Candles - \$481
Mass Intentions - \$10
Give Central (Week of July 12 - July 13) - \$697

Mass Counts: Saturday 5:00PM - 57 Sunday 9:30AM - 100, 12:00N - 112

This next second collection is August 10 for Capital Improvements

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# **DEL PASTOR**

# ¿Estás Llamado a ser Diácono de la Iglesia?

Se invita a los hombres de entre 30 y 59 años a hablar con su párroco sobre cómo convertirse en diácono. Los hombres elegibles deben ser feligreses registrados en nuestra diócesis durante cinco años y estar comprometidos con los valores de la justicia, la caridad y el servicio. Este otoño, los hombres recomendados por su párroco a la oficina diocesana pueden participar en sesiones informativas sobre la vocación. La fecha límite para que los párrocos presenten sus recomendaciones es el 29 de agosto.

Las tres sesiones informativas de otoño constituyen el proceso de indagación. La información incluirá la definición del diaconado, las expectativas para los diáconos y el proceso de formación. En el caso de los hombres casados, se espera que su esposa asista a las tres sesiones para que comprendan esta nueva vocación.

Los seleccionados al final del período de indagación se convierten en aspirantes por un año, un período de discernimiento continuo. El equipo de formación, junto con los aspirantes, habla sobre la oración, la reconciliación y la necesidad de dirección espiritual. Este es un momento muy importante en el proceso. ¿Estás dispuesto a ofrecerte al servicio de la Iglesia? Tras completar el año de discernimiento, los aspirantes seleccionados para la candidatura pasarán por cuatro años adicionales de formación antes de ser ordenados.

Además de servir en la Misa y celebrar los sacramentos del bautismo y el matrimonio, los diáconos también pueden asumir la función de acompañar a las parejas en su preparación para estos sacramentos.

Testimonio: El diácono Kren, feligrés de San Marcos, Virginia Beach, sintió el llamado por primera vez hace 28 años. "En aquel entonces, participaba en mi parroquia. Era lector y miembro del consejo parroquial", dijo. "Luego leí un artículo en The Catholic Virginian sobre el diaconado y todo encajó. Decidí que esto es algo a lo que estoy llamado".

Al igual que el diácono Kren, si se siente llamado a este ministerio, por favor, pida una cita conmigo para que pueda guiarlo sobre cómo hacerlo.

Esta próxima segunda colecta es el 10 de Agosto para Mejoras de Capital.

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# JOKE OF THE WEEK

# The Tavern and the Power of Prayer

A tale is told about a small town that had always been "dry." One day, however, a local businessman erected a tavern. A group of Christians from a local Church were concerned and they convened an all-night prayer meeting to ask God to intervene. It just so happened that shortly thereafter lightning struck the tavern burning it down to the ground. The owner of the bar sued the Church, claiming that the prayers of the congregation were responsible, but the Church hired a lawyer to argue in court that they were not responsible. The presiding judge, after his initial review of the case, stated, "No matter how this case comes out, one thing is clear: the tavern owner believes in prayer and the Christians do not."



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



# **Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree**



The Knights of Columbus here at St. Timothy's are active and have new uniforms for the Fourth Degree. We have a new member of the Fourth Degree, Jeff Willacker. Congratulations, Jeff!

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, also known as the Patriotic Degree, is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus organization. It emphasizes patriotism and active Catholic citizenship, with members dedicated to serving their Church, country, and the Order.

Here's a more detailed look at the key aspects of the Fourth Degree:

**Patriotism and Citizenship:** The core purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster patriotism and encourage active Catholic citizenship.

**Distinct Uniform:** Fourth Degree members are known for their distinctive uniform, which includes a navy blue blazer, gray trousers, and a black beret.

**Color Corps:** Assemblies organize Color Corps, which participate in parades, public events, and ceremonies, often providing honor guards and escorts.

"Sir Knight" Title: Fourth Degree members are addressed as "Sir Knight."

**Service to Veterans:** The Fourth Degree actively supports veterans and their families through programs like "Serving Those Who Served."

**Relationship to Third Degree:** The Fourth Degree is an extension of the Third Degree and requires members to maintain their Third Degree membership in good standing.

Local Assemblies: Fourth Degree members belong to local assemblies within their councils.

Joining the Fourth Degree:

To join, a Knight must be a Third Degree member in good standing, over 18 years old, a citizen of their country of residence, and a practicing Catholic in union with the Holy See.

There is no waiting period to join after becoming a Third Degree member.

In essence, the Fourth Degree provides a way for Knights to further express their patriotism and commitment to their faith and country.



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# Please Pray For The Sick

# For healing and good health:



Lois Nelms, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Dick Byrne, Frank Castanon, Joanie Copen, Trish Degon-Piscopo, Franki Dahlgren, Anne Glancy, Charles Bowles, Beatrice Newman, Mary

Futchko, Ronald Carter, and Mary Pierandozzi.

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; Ty Brown, USCG; Jose Cota, USA

Pray God keeps them in His care.

July 29 - August 3 / Mass Intentions / Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
7/29	12:00 N	No Mass There will be Rosary	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	
7/30	12:00 N	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	Parish Family
7/31	9:00 AM	†Sister Mary Pat Donnelly	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola	Delores Flessner
8/1	9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori First Friday	Parish Family
8/2	9:00 AM	Salvation of All Souls	First Saturday	Parish Family
8/2	5:00 PM	†Bill, †Betty, and †Susan Durbin	Vigil, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joe Brenzovich
8/3	9:30AM	Carl and Kathy Hayden	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hayden Family
	12:00N	Para el Pueblo	Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiem- po Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo

Catholic Women's Group



# Calendar

July 29

August 1, 8:00AM August 2, 8:00AM August 2 August 2 and 3 August 15, Noon

NO 12 Noon Mass Will be Rosary First Friday Adoration First Saturday Adoration CCD Registration Begins School Supplies Distribution Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation (NO 9:00AM Mass)

If you need a ride to any Mass, please call the office.

If you are without family in the area and you need assistance please notify the office or Father.

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!

### **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.

# **Religious Education**

Registration for CCD begins August 2 after Masses. We are in need of one instructor for the 2025-2026 Religious Education program for the elementary (grades 3-5) students. Please reach out to Diana Campbell at dcampbell@richmondcounty.k12.va.us or leave a message at (804) 238-1279 if you are interested. All volunteers must be Virtus trained or receive the training at their earliest convenience.

# **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.



### **School Supplies Donations**

The Human Needs Committee humbly requests your help and support in donating school supplies for the children of our parish family, our community, and area. Suggested items include pencils, pens, crayons, loose-leaf paper, composition books, and 1½" and 2" binders. Boxes will be in the Commons to receive your donations during the weekend of July 26-27, and we will distribute the school supplies the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3, after all the Masses. We thank all of you for your care and concern and are overwhelmed and humbled by all you do for all God's people! ~Becky Tobler

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Any one who 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!

# **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!

# **Parish Yard Sale**



Our parish yard sale will be **Satur**day, September 6. Start getting those donations ready! We'll start accepting them in August.

### Save the Date!

Our parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Mark your calendars; you do not want to miss this!



# July 27, 2025

The Catholic Women's Group had an enjoyable get together at Fitzgerald's on July 15. It was a large crowd with Father, several members of the church, and the hosts for the upcoming retreat in October! We discussed the upcoming pilgrimage to the Basilica in October as well as other items. The August get-together will be on the 3rd Tuesday, August 19, at the Kilmarnock Bed and Breakfast, and we hope to visit St. Francis de Sales church then, also. Look forward to seeing you there!



# **Career Opportunities**

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking to fill the following positions within the Catholic Community Foundation: Administrative Coordinator - Executive and Board Affairs. For the full ad and how to apply, please click https://bit.ly/46fv47S. Marketing and Communications Manager. For the full ad and how to apply, please click https://bit.ly/3Ukw8Qk. Parish Fundraising and Stewardship Officer. For the full ad and how to apply, please click https://bit.ly/46N1wyu. The Diocese is also seeking to fill the following positions: Internal Audit Manager for the Office of Finance, in Richmond, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <a href="https://bit.ly/4dfR0kq">https://bit.ly/4dfR0kq</a>. Program and Marriage Preparation Coordinator for the Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, VA. For the full ad and how to apply, please click https://bit.ly/4cNBz2S. Executive Director -- Sacred Heart Center, in Richmond, VA. For the full ad and how to apply please visit https://warrenwhitney.isolvedhire.com/jobs/1546029. questions regarding any of these positions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist/Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

# Plant roots through your plan By including a bequest in your will this spring, you can create a legacy that supports our parish and ministries for years to come. FREEWILL

### Saints of the Week - Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

"... Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus." John

Why does John's Gospel single out these three this way? In this passage, "love" does not only mean the perfect charity in the Heart of Christ for all: it also indicates that Jesus had a special relationship with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. This fact is helpful to ponder as it gives insight into the authentic humanity of Jesus: He formed friendships and He enjoyed spending time with his friends as both God and man.

Luke 10:38-42 tells the familiar story of Jesus entering the siblings' home in Bethany, where He is a guest for dinner. Martha, busy preparing the meal, rebukes her sister by asking Jesus to tell Mary to help her with the meal preparation. "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." Jesus responds, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Would Martha have spoken so bluntly if she did not know Jesus well? It's clear that Jesus is very familiar with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. This excerpt highlights the very real human friendships Jesus had with others. Martha's work of preparing the meal should be seen as a labor of love. Though she is frustrated, that doesn't change the fact that her service is a service of love and is very important to the fostering of the siblings' friendship with Jesus. Third, the image of Mary sitting at Jesus' feet is an image of the contemplative life in which we are all called to sit at His feet in adoration. This "better part" must remind us that nothing is better or more important than prayer. The activity and good works we do will always pale in comparison to the act of adoration of God. Furthermore, only when adoration and worship of God come first, do good works follow.

Collectively, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are the patron saints of siblings. Martha is also the patroness of cooks, homemakers, and restaurant workers, Mary is the patroness of spiritual studies and lectors, and Lazarus is the patron saint of gravediggers. They are honored by the Church on July 29.

