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## St. Timothy Parish Faith Formation

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### *Our Parish Comes Together to Celebrate Mass*

Over the past few weeks we have been so blessed to have the opportunity for more people to come back to our church and join us for Mass. We continue to work within the required safety guidelines established for the protection of all and we have in place a constant process of sanitizing all areas of our church. Currently one side of the church remains reserved for safe distance seating and the other side is open seating. Parishioners have commented on how pleased and comfortable they have found this experience. Those that are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask, but we strongly encourage those that are not vaccinated to wear a mask for their protection and the protection of others. We are hopeful health conditions might continue to improve and that more parishioners and their families may feel comfortable joining us at Mass in the coming weeks.

*Saturday, 4:30 pm—Sunday, 8:00 am,  
9:30 am (outdoors, weather permitting),  
and 11:00 am*

### *Faith Formation Plans for 2021*

**More complete information and schedules  
may be found on the St Timothy website.**

Family is a precious gift from God and grows stronger when rooted in the love of Jesus Christ. Our plans for Faith Formation this year seek to encourage, support and complement the powerful and awesome role that parents have of passing on our faith to their children. Our Faith Formation program will provide materials and activities that will engage family members of all ages. This will include age-appropriate faith lessons, family opportunities for prayer and service, and faith stories shared by family and enriched by stories from the Bible.

We continue to be cautious maintaining a healthy environment and observing all necessary safety guidelines. We understand that the youngest of children may not have had an opportunity for vaccination. We respect the wishes of all families and are seeking to offer a program that offers parents the opportunity to make the best choices for their family.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Since I must write this message four days before you will read it, today is Wednesday, August 4. It is the Feast Day of Saint John Vianney, also known as the Curé of Ars. He is the patron saint of parish priests. He was a very humble and simple man who struggled through his studies. He was ordained a priest and eventually became the pastor of a parish in the tiny village of Ars in France. Very few of the townspeople were attending Mass. So, he set about rebuilding the parish community. He faced much resistance. The people did not like him because he challenged them to grow in their faith. They tried to drive him out, some by prayer, others by more direct means.

His time there tested his faith. There were days when he wanted to leave but the Holy Spirit kept drawing him back to his duty to God and God's people in this little town that was so hostile to him. Eventually, this good and holy man started to win over their hearts. He taught his parishioners the basics of the faith to help them grow in love of God. He became especially well known for his gentleness and compassion in the confessional. As his fame spread, people came from miles around to go to him for confession. He would spend many hours sitting in the confessional as people poured out their hearts and felt the love, grace and forgiveness of God through his gentleness and charity.

Many years ago, I had the good fortune to travel to Ars. Because of the fame of Saint John Vianney the town has grown much bigger and is filled with tourists and pilgrims. There is now a Basilica attached to the original church. My most memorable experience was sitting in the original confessional seat of Saint John Vianney. To sit in that exact spot where, for many years, he heard the confessions of thousands who journeyed to that little town, was awe inspiring and a religious experience. All these years later, it is still unforgettable.

For a year and a half, we have been stuck in this Corona virus pandemic. It has changed our lives. It has kept many away from church. Now we must deal with the Delta variation which appears to be very contagious. Another reason to keep some from coming back to church. While the reasons are different for us today than they were for Saint John Vianney many years ago, we are faced with the same challenge of bringing people back to church. We need to invite and encourage our family, friends and neighbors to return to rebuild our community as we try to get back to some sense of normalcy.

I encourage all of you to be vaccinated. Right now it is the best defense against the virus and serious illness. We must all do our part to continue to keep one another safe and healthy. Staying home when you do not feel well. Wearing a mask in unsafe situations. Frequent washing or sanitizing of hands. The simple basics that have kept us safe for the last eighteen months and will continue to get us through to the end of this pandemic. Then with the inspiration and intercession of Saint John Vianney, we can all get to the task of rebuilding our community of faith. Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

*Fr. Petringa*

Welcome

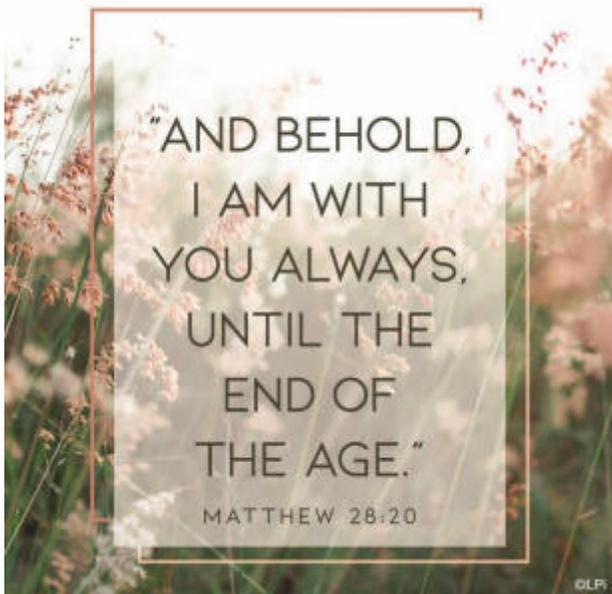
### Question of the Week

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

**Question for Children:** *What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?*

**Question for Adults:** *When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?*



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## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00am Helen Barbato, *7th Anniversary*  
4:30pm Caterina Aiello, *2nd Anniversary*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

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8:00am Marian Pickett, *Memorial*  
9:30am *Pro Populo*  
11:00am Katie Brannelly, *Memorial*

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE

9:00am Wayne J. Partello, *Month's Mind*

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00am Mario Rodrigues, *Memorial*

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00am Kathleen Daley, *Memorial*

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

9:00am Violet Saganey, *Memorial*  
4:30pm Andrew & Lucia Ciarletta, *Memorial*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00am Tara Dixon, *Birthday Memorial*  
9:30am *Pro Populo*  
11:00am Michael Gormley, *Anniversary*



Our official membership roster includes only those who have registered in the parish. If you are not registered and would like to be, the process is easy and only takes a few minutes. Go to our website: [stim.net](http://stim.net) and on the "Home" tab's drop down menu click on "Parishioner Contact Information" to register.

If you have any questions or need a paper registration please contact the office at 781-769-2522 and we will be happy to assist you!



## Calling children in Grades 4 and up to serve at Mass!



Are you interested in being an altar server? During the pandemic we were not able to have children and young adults serve in the capacity of altar servers. The participation and assistance of young people in this role however is still really important to our parish!

With the latest lifting of restrictions, we are indeed now able to have young people serve at Mass again, with certain precautions in place to protect younger servers. We will be offering training sessions in the next few weeks for all new servers and we hope that YOU will participate!

Children in Grades 4 and older are invited to train for this ministry, and we are indeed in need of servers at all of our Masses.

If you are interested in participating, or if you just want more information, please call or e-mail Colleen Campion (781-769-2522, x. 28; [CNCampion@yahoo.com](mailto:CNCampion@yahoo.com)) to let us know of your interest. Once we hear from some of you we can choose dates for trainings that will work with your schedules. We would be grateful for you offering of your time and talent in this ministry!



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### Resumption of Coffee Hour

Have you been missing our weekly coffee hour that used to take place after the 9:30 Mass on Sundays? We are considering resuming that practice, but we do need to create a team of parishioners who are willing to set up and man the coffee hour. Ideally we would have 4 teams, so that each team would serve just once a month. This is a great way for families to participate together in serving the parish! If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please contact Colleen Campion in the parish office, either by phone (781-769-2522) or email: [CNCampion@yahoo.com](mailto:CNCampion@yahoo.com)



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### \*\*\*Something New and Exciting!\*\*\*

As we move into Fall our 9:30 am Sunday Mass will come indoors. This will become our “Family Mass” where all young families of the parish are encouraged to come together to worship and connect with their fellow parishioners. We hope that public health conditions will allow us to return to our wonderful tradition of serving coffee, juice and donuts in the lower church hall following the 9:30 Mass.

After some time for refreshments, we will invite and encourage our families to come together for faith lessons and experiences that reach out to the whole family. These Sunday after Mass gatherings will be 30 minutes in length and will always provide something for the family to take home. Please watch for Faith Formation emails and our St Timothy Bulletin for more information about this Family Faith opportunity. Please come and join us and invite other families!

#### Kindergarten Through Grade Five

Our kindergarten through grade five plan for the Fall Season will offer the option of home study or grade-level zoom gatherings twice each month with Joanne Curry, St Timothy Faith Formation Director. The zoom gatherings will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. In the new year we hope there may be an opportunity to also offer some in-person gatherings at St. Timothy.

#### Middle School

Grade six students will be offered the choice of home study or zoom lessons with Rich Griffin, St Timothy Middle School Coordinator. The zoom lessons will be offered on Monday and Tuesday evening 6:00-7:00. In addition, there will be several opportunities for grade six in-person gatherings held at St Timothy Parish. Parent assistance with these gatherings will be most

welcome.

Grades seven and eight combined will have six in-person lessons complemented by home lessons to be completed between the in-person sessions. These sessions will be offered once a month on Monday or Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:30 and will include prayer, faith lessons, service opportunities and socialization. Parent assistance with these gatherings will be most appreciated.

#### Confirmation

Confirmation preparation is a two-year program. The most important part of preparing for Confirmation is attendance at weekly Mass and receiving the Eucharist. This year our classes will be in person and we have planned our Confirmation program so that the students may attend the 11:00 Sunday Mass and have class following Mass 12:00-1:00.

Confirmation II (grade 10) classes will begin in October and we look forward to the celebration of Confirmation in the spring. Our Confirmation Ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2022.

Confirmation I (grade 9) will have a meeting in November and classes will begin in January. Students attending Catholic high school are welcome, but not required, to attend Confirmation I. Please complete a registration for your ninth-grade Catholic high school student so we will have your contact information for all Confirmation information (there will be no registration fee).

Due to our health situation last year, there may be students who did not attend Confirmation I. If this happens to be your situation, please contact us and we will assist you in working out a plan for Confirmation.

We believe “service” is an important part of our Catholic faith. For Confirmation students we ask that this “service” be participation in parish events, rather than counted hours. At the beginning of the year all Confirmation I and Confirmation II students will receive a list of parish activities. Each Confirmation I and Confirmation II student is asked to participate and help in at least two activities.

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We invite you to register your child, grades Kindergarten through Confirmation II (grade 10), for the upcoming year of Faith Formation. Information and registration forms may be found on the St. Timothy website ([sttim.net/religious-ed](http://sttim.net/religious-ed)). We are asking that all registrations be received by **Monday, August 23** so that we may order materials and make plans to meet your needs. Your input is important! If you have questions or ideas to share about the upcoming year, please contact us!

We understand that many families may be struggling to make ends meet. This year we have continued the reduced fees for our Faith Formation Program. Anyone experiencing financial hardship is invited to contact or email Joanne Curry at [jcurry@sttim.net](mailto:jcurry@sttim.net).

We look forward to a wonderful year working together as our faith grows in the hearts of our children!  
*Joanne Curry, Faith Formation Director*



### Questions about St Timothy Faith Formation Program? Would you like to register in person?

Joanne Curry, Faith Formation Director, would like to help you!  
Visit on Sundays: August 15, 22, and 29; 9am -12 noon in the Faith Formation Office, Lower Church Hall (enter through front church doors)  
Phone: 781-762-4868 (Religious Education office @ St. Timothy's)  
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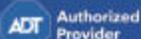
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