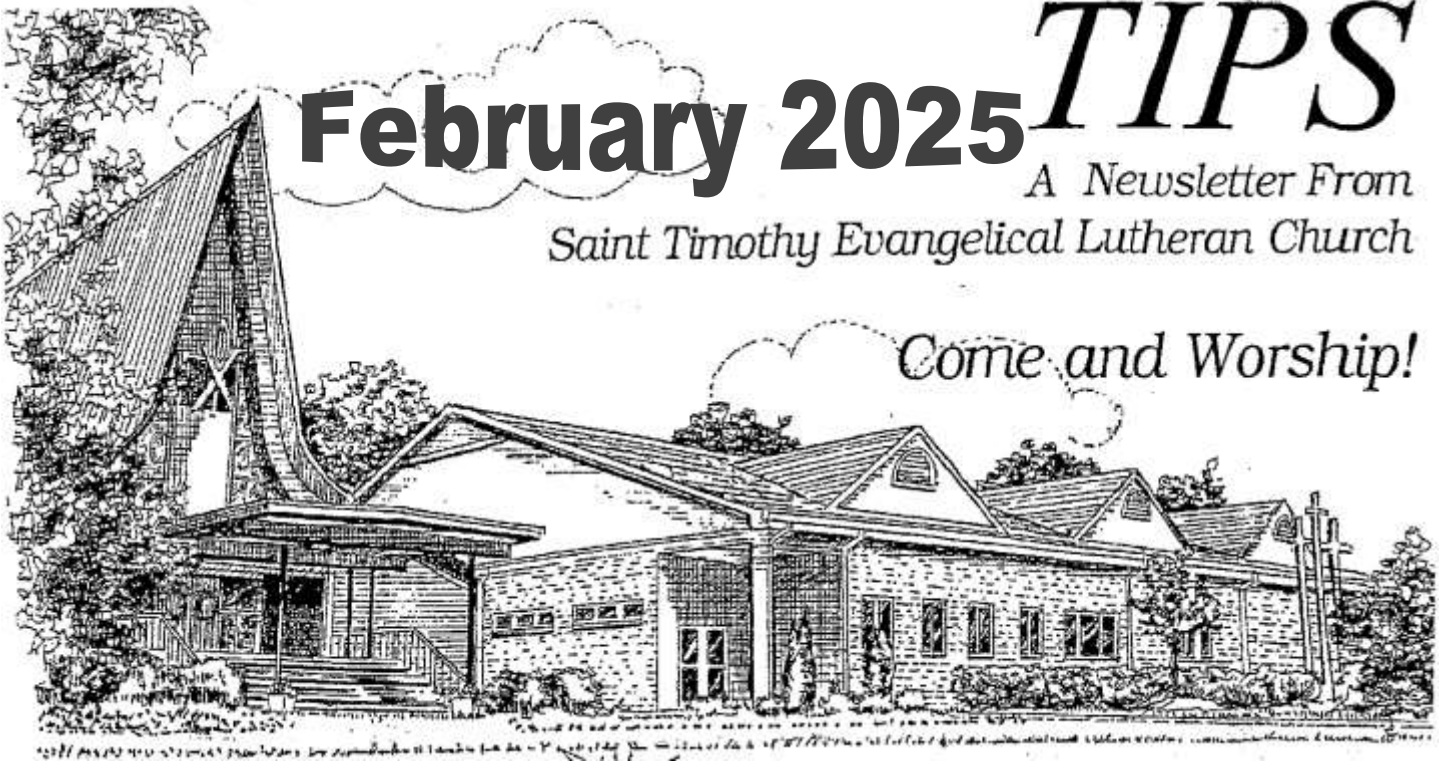


# February 2025 *TIPS*

A Newsletter From  
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come and Worship!*



Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 am  
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am

St. Timothy ELCA is a community of faith creating  
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# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>* Sunday Christian Ed</b> Youth Sunday School &amp; Confirmation Adult Forum in Parlor</p>	<p><b>programs include:</b> Adult Christian Ed in the Bistro</p>					<b>1</b>
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## Word from Our Pastor



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*“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and greatest of these is love.”*

*-1 Corinthians 13: 13*


Focusing on love is a great thing any time of the year, but February seems to be an especially apt time. Of course, this is due to the scheduling of Valentine’s Day, which society has expanded way beyond the feast of St. Valentine. The world seems to be always taking church things and making them into something else (although it’s hard to be mad about something that involves chocolate and roses). And it is never a bad thing to prioritize love. I would just like to celebrate love in many different forms and not just that of romantic relationships. Love is so much bigger than that!

The world wants Valentine’s Day to be about romance, but it started out as a feast day of an early church martyr, who wrote letters of encouragement to other Christians afraid for their lives. He would write notes reminding people that God loves them. In this day and age, none of us have to fear being literally fed to lions like the early Christians, but I know that many of us are going through some tough things. And whereas romance can be nice, I think the challenges of our world require something more. We need love in Godly proportions.

The bible is actually full of beautiful passages on love. Passages that can remind us of God’s love and passages that encourage us to love others. In fact, there are more than enough to read verses every single day in February. They are included below, but I will also post them on our church Facebook page. Then you could share them to your own pages and spread the love of God to all your friends and family. Maybe this month, the love of God could go viral instead of misinformation, hateful speech, and toxicity.

If you don’t do Facebook (or even if you do), you can also make traditional Valentine’s Day cards using the bible verses and your own words of encouragement. Send them to your kids, grandkids, friends, pastor 😊, or anyone else you care about!

## Twenty-Eight Days of bible verses on love

						<b>1</b> Deuteronomy 6:5
<b>2</b> Deuteronomy 7: 7-9	<b>3</b> Psalm 86:15	<b>4</b> Proverbs 10: 12	<b>5</b> Song of Songs 8: 6-7	<b>6</b> Matthew 5: 43-44	<b>7</b> John 3:16-17	<b>8</b> John 4: 9-12
<b>9</b> John 13: 34-35	<b>10</b> John 14: 15-16	<b>11</b> John 15: 12-13	<b>12</b> Romans 8: 35-38	<b>13</b> Romans 12: 9-13	<b>14</b> Romans 13: 8-10	<b>15</b> First Corinthians 13: 1-3
<b>16</b> First Corinthians 13: 4-8a	<b>17</b> First Corinthians 13: 13	<b>18</b> First Corinthians 16: 13-14	<b>19</b> Ephesians 3: 16-19	<b>20</b> Colossians 3: 14-15	<b>21</b> Titus 3: 4&5	<b>22</b> Hebrews 13: 1-2
<b>23</b> First Peter 4: 8 – 11	<b>24</b> First John 3: 11	<b>25</b> First John 3: 18	<b>26</b> First John 4: 12	<b>27</b> First John 4: 18	<b>28</b> First John 4:19	





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## Scout Sunday ~ February 2<sup>nd</sup>



Our very own Troop 107 will be joining us in worship at 10:30am. Cliff Konnerth will be sharing a reflection on the scripture that day. After worship, the Scouts are bringing treats for us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to come to get to know them and show how much we love having them here.

(See the Take Note section to read about the Eagle Scout projects recently completed on church grounds!)

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## Valentine's Day Package ~ Cookies Due February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Attention Volunteer Bakers:

- Please be prepared to deliver your baked goodies to the church kitchen by Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>,
- We want to give cookies, not crumbles... please individually wrap your donations for safer transport,
- Please mark your container "For Valentine's Care Packages" so they're not accidentally served at Coffee Hour.



Thank you for your time and care!

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## Weekly Tuesday Events ~ February 4, 11, 18, 25



Meditation with Movement at 1pm ~ feel the stretch, feel the calm! Can't make it every single week, no problem: cost is \$40 cash per month, pay as you go. No mat needed, but a bottle of water suggested. Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study with Holy Communion at 2pm ~ Join Pastor Kimberly as she leads the group through an exploration of timely readings followed by the sharing of Communion. Parlor.

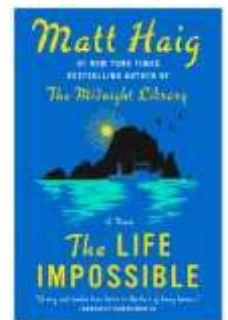
**BIBLE STUDY  
& COMMUNION**

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## Bookworms Book Club ~ February 8<sup>th</sup>

*“What looks like magic is simply a part of life we don't understand yet...”*

When retired math teacher Grace Winters is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no guidebook and no plan.



Among the rugged hills and golden beaches of the island, Grace searches for answers about her friend's life, and how it ended. What she uncovers is stranger than she could have dreamed. But to dive into this impossible truth, Grace must first come to terms with her past.

Filled with wonder and wild adventure, this is a story of hope and the life-changing power of a new beginning. -Goodreads



For Bookworms information, contact Barbara Westerberg at 973.696.1471 on how to join in the friendly discussion.

Happy reading!

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## **Contributions Now through February 9<sup>th</sup>**

You don't have to be a football nut to join in this annual activity! Collection bins are in the narthex, so "cast your vote" on who you think will win the Big Game. Your non-perishable item(s) acts as your ballot... and this is one ballot box you can absolutely stuff!

WIN Food Pantry is currently serving 190 families and 120 senior singles/couples. Food insecurity is real right here in town! Specifically requested at this time:

- Canned soup
- Small jars of condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard)
- Gluten-free items
- Low-salt items
- Pasta & rice sides
- Canned fruit
- Canned proteins (i.e. tuna, chicken)
- Small jars of jelly & peanut butter
- Cooking oil
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Shampoo

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## **Needleworks Groups ~ February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Angels Circle meet on the second & fourth Wednesday each month starting at 9:30am.

Carolyn Russo has joined us to tie the quilt layers together. Thanks for the much needed help, Carolyn! Now Mary Laverick is not alone in performing this task.



In December, 30 quilts were donated to the SpringHills Nursing Home. They were well received by the patients.

Debbie Andersen delivered 27 quilts to a friend that brings them to "Family Ties" in Illinois. Thanks Debbie!

Fifty-seven lap quilts delivered in one year made by only a few angels. Just imagine how many more people we could make happy and keep warm with more Volunteers! Will we see you in February? Contact Barbara Kaplan if you have a spare hour or two.

## **Needleworks Groups ~ February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup> (continued)**



Nellie's Knit & Crochet group meets the same dates as the Angels, also in Fellowship Hall, beginning at 10:30am for about 2 hours. Beginners welcome!

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### **Hymn Sing @ SpringHills ~ February 19<sup>th</sup>**

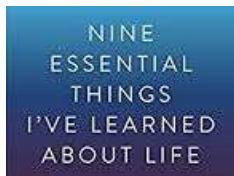
Who: Anyone who wants to spread some cheer  
What: Joyful singing with Residents  
When: 10am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Where: Lobby of SpringHills Post Acute Care center  
at 1120 Alps Road.



Please reach out to Carolyn Russo if you'd like more info.

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### **Adult Book Group ~ February 20<sup>th</sup>**



We are reading & discussing *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life* by Rabbi Harold Kushner.

Discussions are singular and can be joined at any point.

We meet in the parlor at 10:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (weather permitting).

Contact Art or Sandy DeRose for more information!

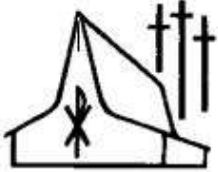
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## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE



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THE REV. KIMBERLY SCHMIDT COOPER, PASTOR

January 16, 2025

Dear St. Timothy's Congregation—

Our campaign to replace the sanctuary roof has drawn to a close. I wanted to thank you all for your generous contributions and efforts during this campaign. Together with friends of St. Timothy, we have raised a grand total of:

\$ 100,951.09.

I would especially like to thank Ken DeAngelis for spearheading the search for a roofing company and narrowing down the choices for Council.

Thank you to Crystal Eggers and the property crew for your efforts to protect the sanctuary during the construction, for checking in with the roofers as the project progressed and helping to clean up afterwards.

Thank you to the altar guild for helping to relocate services to Fellowship Hall during the construction.

Thank you to Karen Sajban and Valerie McGrath for their accounting services and keeping track of all the donations.

I am really proud of the way that everyone pulled together to make this project happen. Thank you again for your contributions.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Duffy  
Council President

## **AN UPDATE FROM ANNE LOFFREDO**

Since December 1, gifts have been given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of: William A. Monsees – designated “New Roof Fund”.

Memorial Funds have recently been used to purchase four cases of Eternal Light candles.

No Memorial Garden pavers have been purchased this month; our paver total stands at 117. The price of a paver is \$300.00. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words “Memorial Garden” on the memo line. Pavers may be engraved with the names of deceased loved ones, or left blank for future engraving. Paver application sheets are available in the narthex. See Pat Winters for further information or assistance. The Memorial Garden is self-supporting and gifts are welcome at all times.



We also welcome contributions to the fund for restoration and enhancement of our Church organ. This work is ongoing. Checks may be made out to St. Timothy Memorial Fund with the words “Organ Repair” on the memo line.

Please consider a gift to any branch of St. Timothy Memorial Fund – General Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Laubscher Property Fund, Memorial Garden Fund, Eternal Light Candle Fund, Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – or to Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Memorial giving is good giving!

## TROOP 107 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Over the past few months, three Scouts from Troop 107 have completed Eagle Scout projects at St. Timothy Church.



**Ryan Bedi** built three outdoor bulletin boards for



the Church. The boards allow the Church, as well as any groups that are hosted at the Church, to post items such as posters, notices, events, and more. Each box is built to last; they are made of composite PVC wood and are lined with weather proofing.

Each also includes a lock and key to protect the contents of the box.

**William Koppenal** restored the playground area behind the parking lot. To make the space more usable, he built, sanded, and stained two benches and one picnic table to allow parishioners and Sunday School students to sit and enjoy the space. He also cleaned the entire fence, fixed all the broken slats, put down mulch around the playground area and cleaned the playground equipment.



**Matteo Dugdale** restored the walking trail behind the church and



added a seating area with three benches so members of the Church can sit back and enjoy nature after Church. The original sitting and platform area has also been cleared away and connected to the new trail to allow for additional

seating and enjoyment.

All the Scouts would like to thank Pastor Kimberly and the Church Council for working with them to develop and approve their projects as they look to achieve Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Scouting ranks.

## DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE MARCH EDITION



February is the shortest month at twenty-eight days... yikes! Early submissions welcome.

*All members of the congregation are invited to send in news that they'd like shared with the St. Timothy community at any time of the year!*

If you'd like a free business ad to appear on the end promotions page, please contact Deb in the office.

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## REGISTRATION FOR FROZEN, JR.

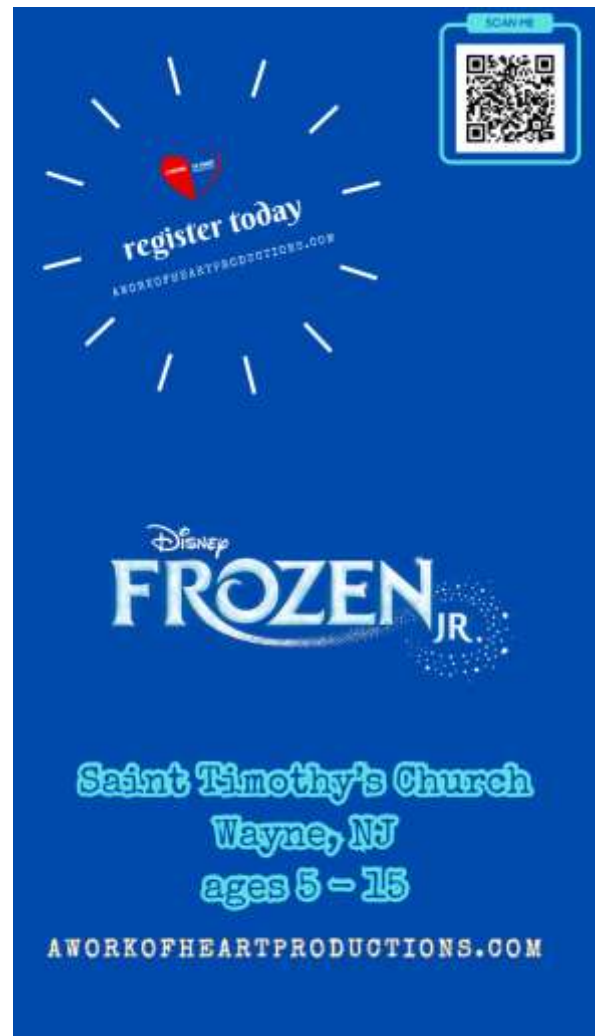
We are so excited partner with A Work of Heart Productions to bring Frozen JR. to the St. Timothy stage in the Spring!

Children ages 5-15 are invited to embark on a journey of self-discovery, bravery, and unbreakable bonds of love and friendship.

Rehearsals begin on February 21<sup>st</sup> and are scheduled on Fridays 4:30-6:30pm and Sundays 3:00-5:00pm until the May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> performances.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code or visit [workofheartproductions.com/signup/p/frozen-jr](http://workofheartproductions.com/signup/p/frozen-jr) for registration. Audition information will be sent upon registration... we will be accepting video submissions after registrations are received, due before 2/21.

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## **CHRISTIAN ED/SUNDAY SCHOOL**

St. Timothy had a new Jesse Tree this year, yay! It's been difficult to get a "tree" from the back 40 here to use each year. We can thank Valerie McGrath, I know I did, for ordering an artificial tree(s) that were also used for the Nativity during the weeks of Christmas. And, it was filled with colorful Bible story ornaments. Our Sunday School students definitely knew "The Reason for The Season."



"The Wonderful Counselor," this year's Sunday School Christmas Pageant was enjoyed by many on December 22 during the Sunday School hour. The Sunday School and Confirmation students all did an awesome job as always. It was serious and a little comical at the same time.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class curriculum has been changed to "The Jesus Storybook Bible". Pastor has used this curriculum in the past and has had positive results. It's a more challenging age group to teach and keep their attention at the same time. This curriculum will keep them engaged while learning.

### **Sunday School Dates to Remember:**

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins

April 13 – Palm Sunday 9:30 service  
with Brunch to follow

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

Dinner and Service

April 18 – Good Friday

April 20 – Easter

With egg hunt between services

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## A Heart 'n Hands Mission Moment

A few days ago, Cathe and I were out purchasing care kit supplies for the mission. As we walked from the car to a small store entrance, we noticed a man standing in a corner off to the side, tucked out of the way, but didn't really give him much attention. Upon exiting the store with several bags, we saw his handwritten cardboard sign.

We loaded our bags into the car, and Cathe said, "I wish we had some care kits to give him. What if we ask him what he needs that we can get right now in this store, and just buy it for him?" So that's what we did. Mike said he needed some food. Not much, just something to get him through a day or two. While Cathe watched his possessions outside, I waited at the register. Mike arrived in a few minutes with a few items in his basket, saying, "This is enough for now." He thanked us wholeheartedly, and we left to deliver our purchases to the church.



While at the church we gathered a fleece jacket, a pair of insulated boots, heavy winter socks, protein bars and hand-warmers to take back to Mike. Again he was grateful, noting that these things would help keep him warm.

I'm relating this as a way to thank all of you for the vital role you play in our ministry. Your donations of used clothing and boots, your monetary donations, many in memory of loved ones, all allowed us to help a person in his time of need in our own community. We often say the Lord works in mysterious ways, but His ways aren't really mysterious after all. Thank you again for helping us provide comfort and care where it is needed.

Bob Davidson

*Lord, we ask that you watch over those in need, that they may find shelter when they seek it, food when they are hungry, clothing and comfort when they are cold, and Your grace and loving encouragement in their darkness.*

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## AN UPDATE FROM CLIFF KONNERTH

In CWS news ... Thank you everyone, your furniture donations continue to help settle refugee families through Church World Service. Deliveries were made this past month to settle a family of eight from South America. Please note while our storage space is more limited here at St Timothy, donations are still appreciated and often CWS can pick them up right away or I can deliver directly. Priority needs are beds, dressers and kitchen tables and chairs.



... **PLUS** NJIC has been successful in finding a good used car for the Rodriguez family. 😊 It is being delivered as we go to press. This will go a long way to greater independence as Wilmar won't have to spend 4 hours commuting each day. Dailyn has also started her own baking business. In the words of Homer Simpson: Mmmmmmm Donuts. 😊 Thank you to those who donated towards this cause.



NJIC also paid a visit to our first sponsored family, the Kanaans. Mohammad is happily working 3 jobs to improve his family's situation, and they greatly appreciate the help they've received from NJIC to resettle here.

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## A VERY SPECIFIC GIFT

Chronic medical conditions can result in regular administration of injections. A sizable supply of 5mm single-use sterile needles are available to someone who can use. Please confidentially reach out to the office (973.694.8316 or [st.tims395@yahoo.com](mailto:st.tims395@yahoo.com)) to coordinate receipt.



This month's **Heart 'n Hands** collection item  
Adult Crew Socks



Please keep this in mind when you are shopping.  
You may place your donation in the blue bin near the front glass door  
on the classroom level.



**2025 FLOWER & ETERNAL CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS**



Did you know that links for online sign-up is available in the "Useful Links" section of the weekly eblast? Or that you can also call the office during regular business hours (weekday mornings from 9am to Noon) to speak with Deb? Though we will always provide the ol' tried and true method of paper sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at church!

Checks for your sponsorships can be made out to St. Timothy Lutheran Church with either "Florist Fund" or "Eternal Candle" in the memo line.



Eternal Candle ~ [CLICK HERE](#)

Altar Flowers ~ [CLICK HERE](#)





# FEBRUARY

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2/1 Dawn Brassel	2/15 Michael McHugh (sr)
2/2 Lori Bleeker	2/15 Justin Oosterwyk
2/2 August Koch	2/16 Richard Westerberg
2/2 Brandon McAleer	2/17 Chris Phelan
2/3 Nelly Koch	2/18 Peggy Gerding
2/3 Loretta Kratky	2/18 Hailey Oosterwyk
2/4 Colin Loftus	2/19 Jackson Scillieri
2/4 Kevin Loftus	2/25 William Mains
2/5 James Sansone	2/26 Gary Goskowski
2/7 James Fetherston	2/26 David Taranto
2/10 Deb Califf	2/27 Fallon Goskowski
2/10 David Hayes	2/28 David Richardson
2/15 Michael McHugh (jr)	2/28 Kimberly Cooper



2/1 Sandy & Art DeRose
2/1 Karen & Mike McAleer
2/4 Janet & Wallace Romaine
2/16 Patricia & Doug Zangrilli

*Know someone who should be on this list but isn't??*

*Please email Deb at [st.tims395@yahoo.com](mailto:st.tims395@yahoo.com)*

*or call the office at 973-694-8316!*

**COMING NEXT MONTH!**

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## **Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday**

Our yummy Pancake Supper is on the books for March 4<sup>th</sup>. So mark your calendars and look for details in the coming weeks in Announcements & E-blasts!

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## **Ash Wednesday Services**

Services including the distribution of ashes will take place at Noon and 7pm on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Cabaret4ACure**

After rehearsing for three months at St. Timothy, it's time for the big show:



15th Annual  
**Cabaret4ACure**<sup>®</sup>  
benefiting  
Theo Nieglos, battling Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumor  
&  
Penelope Apicella, battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Sunday  
March 23, 2025  
1-5 pm  
Hanover Manor  
16 Eagle Rock Ave  
East Hanover, NJ

Join us for an  
afternoon of  
food, fun,  
& entertainment  
along with fabulous  
Tricky Tray and  
50/50 Raffle!

**TICKETS**  
\$65 in advance / \$70 after 3/17  
by 3/16 while available

Includes four course dinner, musical performances,  
"Tier 2" raffle ticket sheet, & door prize ticket  
Tickets are non-refundable; Ages 10 & up

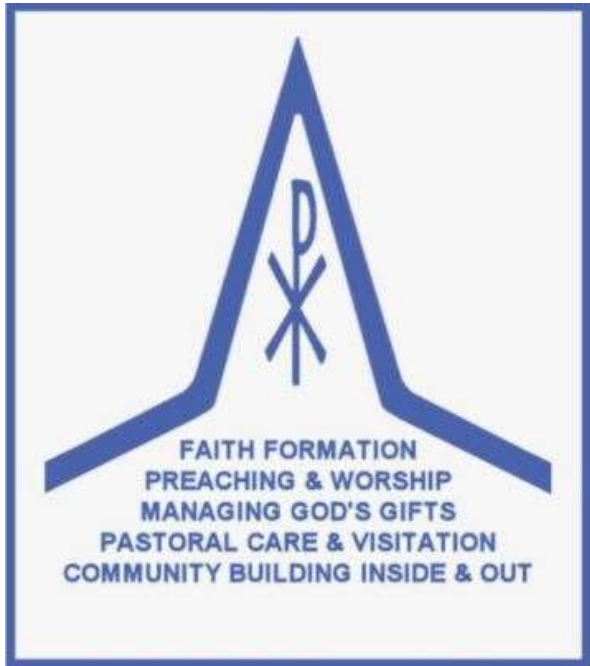
For additional information please contact us:  
973-580-8555 cabaret4acure@gmail.com www.cabaret4acure.org

ADMIT ONE



<b>DATE</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>A/V</b>
Feb. 2	Valerie McGrath	Karen McAleer Laura Dec	Kayla Fagan	Art DeRose	Carolyn Russo	Samantha DeRose
Feb. 9	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Lori VanDerStad Jeff Riotto	Andrew Koppenal	Josh Abrahamson	Colleen Duffy	James Koppenal
Feb. 16	Diana DeAngelis Lori VanDerStad	Chris & Sue Phelan	Samantha Scillieri	Robin Koegel	Bob Davidson	Craig Beyer
Feb. 23	Nancy Farina	Doug Zangrilli Karen McAleer	Jayden Fagan	Laura Dec	Marie Beyer	Samantha DeRose

# St. Timothy Business & Service Directory



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