

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, May 23rd, 2025

Sunday, May
25th

10:00am

Holy Eucharist
The 6th Sunday of Easter

Monday, May
26th to 30th

9:30am

Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May
28th

11:30am

Mid-Week Eucharist

Sunday, June 1st

10:00am

Holy Eucharist
The Ascension of Our Lord

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US



Sunday, May 25th

8:30am

Adult Education

Tuesday, May
27th

10:00 – 11:00am

ESL Reading & Career
Mentoring Groups

11:00am - 12:30pm

ESL Conversation Group

2:00 – 3:00pm

Open Church Drop-In Hour

Wednesday, May
28th

10:00 – 11:00am

Contemplative Art

12:00nn

St. Andrew's Group

Meeting (*in-person & online*)

2:00 – 3:00pm

Open Church Drop-In Hour

Thursday, May
29th

2:00 – 3:00pm

Open Church Drop-In Hour

Sunday, June 1st

After the 10am Service

Festive Coffee Hour in
honour of Rev. Carol

From the Incumbent

This Sunday, **May 25**, we will **bless the church garden** during the morning service and, afterwards, take our coffees out to the garden to get it started for the year. No experience is required to join the gardening team—just a willingness to get your hands dirty and enjoy good company. A light lunch will be provided for those who **lend a hand outside**.



In addition, we will welcome **Maria Reolin**, Executive Director of Flemington Park Ministry, as our guest speaker. FPM is one of the remarkable organizations supported through the diocesan FaithWorks campaign. You may recall our winter clothing drive in support of their work last fall. Maria will speak during the morning service in place of the homily and will be available during coffee hour for further conversation and questions.

Next Sunday, **June 1**, we will continue **working in the garden** after the service, and we will also **celebrate the ministry of Rev. Carol**, giving thanks for the time she has shared with us. In lieu of a sermon, she will offer reflections on her life's journey. We will mark the occasion with a festive coffee hour in her honour and send her off with our prayers and warm wishes for the road ahead—though you will still see her at the church until mid-July.

Finally, **June 8** will be our last special date before we slow down for the summer, marked by a three-fold celebration:

- An **intergenerational Pentecost service**, featuring the sound of many languages; a musical offering from our children, who have been preparing their song since March Break; and special music from the adult choir to match the tone of this somewhat relaxed service.
- A parish-wide **indoor picnic**.
- A parish-wide opportunity to **clean up the church grounds** and continue working on the raised beds and other outdoor areas.

To make this day a success, we **need volunteers** to assist with setup and takedown of the picnic, provide at least **ten salads**, contribute baked goods and condiments if you are able, and help with the outdoor work (please bring any gardening tools you think we could use).

Additionally, we will have a couple of **special displays** in the parish hall during coffee hours in June. The contemplative art group will present pieces we created over the spring (images of our first few creations are attached), and the Outreach Committee will mount a creative display introducing a summer reading initiative designed to deepen our understanding of Indigenous culture and approaches to reconciliation.

Blessings,
Irina+
Incumbent



Wardens' Corner

As you are aware, the Wardens established a Peanut/Tree Nut Policy in January of this year. The Policy has recently been slightly revised to specifically restrict the 'serving or consumption of' nut products anywhere on the Church premises. (View revised policy [here](#)). Based on discussion at our recent Advisory Board meeting, we have put together a series of Frequently Asked Questions which should be helpful in fully understanding the Policy.

1. *Why has St. Timothy's established a Peanut/Tree Nut Policy?*

The parish has established a Peanut/Tree Nut Policy in an attempt to safeguard vulnerable children and adults who suffer from nut allergies which can be extremely harmful to their health. It is a known fact that several parishioners as well as young children who attend Orchard Grove Nursery, a tenant in our space, are severely allergic to nuts.

2. *Is St. Timothy's guaranteeing a nut free environment?*

We cannot guarantee that our environment is nut free at all times, but it is our hope that the Peanut/Tree Nut Policy will raise awareness of this serious challenge, and that all users of our space will comply with the terms of the Policy.

3. *Are there ever any exceptions to the Policy?*

Exceptions may be granted from time to time, but only with the prior, written approval from the Incumbent and the Church Wardens.

4. *Aren't we storing and providing food items containing nuts to the Little Free Pantry on the Church lawn?*

The parish does accept donations for the Little Free Pantry that may contain nuts, e.g. peanut butter, granola bars etc. These donations are immediately stored in a locked cupboard (padlock) near the parking lot door, and any empty boxes also remain locked in the cupboard until safely disposed of.

5. *How are we communicating this policy to users of our space?*

We continue to circulate the written Policy as opportunities arise. A copy of the Policy is sent to Sunday morning Coffee Hour hosts prior to their scheduled Sunday. It has been posted in the kitchen and placed in the Policy Binder outside the Church office. Additionally, the Policy has been provided to all existing tenants in our building and is also provided to any one-time renters of our space.

6. *Does the policy apply to someone bringing their own packed lunch/snack to the church for personal consumption?*

Yes. We are requesting that no food containing peanuts or tree nuts be served or consumed anywhere on the church premises. If applicable, please inform any invited guests of our policy.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Michael, Mary, Bruce and Deb

FaithWorks 2025



I WAS NAKED
AND YOU GAVE
ME CLOTHING,
I WAS SICK
AND YOU TOOK
CARE OF ME,
I WAS IN
PRISON AND
YOU VISITED ME.

MATT. 25:35



Works of faith
for over 25 years



This is the time of year when we launch FaithWorks, the annual appeal of our Diocese. You will have received your information by email or regular mail. You can donate by cheque made payable to Church of St. Timothy or by e-transfer to office@sttimothy.ca. Please note FaithWorks in the reference.

On Sunday, May 25th, we will welcome Maria Reolin, Executive Director of Flemingdon Park Ministry, a FaithWorks Ministry Partner.

Thank you for supporting FaithWorks and our goal of \$12,000.

St. Timothy's Community Garden Update – Sunday, May 25 – Let's Garden!

We're so excited that this Sunday, after the Church service, we will begin our clean-up and planting! This initial gardening day promises to be excellent!

Melanie Billark has done a superb job creating a gardening plan for the vegetables. We have a wide range of seedlings, including cabbage, kale, Pok Choi, lettuce, squash, peppers and more. We also have a selection of herbs, a few flower seedlings and a range of potted perennials.

You don't need to be a gardener – beginners are welcome! It's a great way to meet fellow parishioners, get some steps in, and contribute to our community garden.

I would also like to remind you that we have two other planned gardening dates, and we are looking for people who would be willing to participate in garden maintenance and harvesting throughout the summer. Lastly, we are

looking for volunteers for our indoor picnic and contributions of salads and desserts. Volunteer lists are posted on the bulletin board. Questions can be directed to Deb up to May 26 and, after that date, please speak to the clergy or wardens or send your enquiries by e-mail to the church office.

As a reminder, our key dates are:

May 25 – Our initial planting of the raised beds and the clean-up of the flower bed surrounding the Church sign, if time permits. Melanie and Deb will ensure soil, mulch, gardening gloves and extra tools are available. However, volunteers are asked to bring gardening tools where they can. A light lunch will be provided for those who participate in this first gardening effort. June 01 will be our alternate date, if it rains.

June 01 – We will complete additional plantings, including introducing new plants in the bed under the Church sign. This will also be our opportunity to stake our growing seedlings. Deb will provide perennials, and any contributions of plants are welcome. Melanie will take the lead.

June 08 – In keeping with last year's event, this will be our general clean-up of the church grounds and possibly some additional planting, as time permits. Melanie will take the lead that day and will, again, provide guidance on how we prune and trim existing plants and bushes. Volunteers will take on the sizable task of cleaning all the beds. Melanie would also like to identify two or three leads, who can help co-ordinate the clean-up, giving our volunteers direction and assistance.

This will also be the date of our **Indoor Picnic**! Volunteers are requested to assist in setting up the luncheon. Contributions of salads and desserts are welcome. A sign-up list is posted on the Church bulletin board for picnic volunteers, including two to four individuals to take the lead in making these arrangements, and another for those wishing to contribute to the menu! Again, please feel free to speak to Deb directly and after May 26, please direct your questions to one of the clergy or wardens.

OUTREACH CORNER



Bringing some sun relief to those who use our Little Free Pantry.

A call out for **Deodorant and Sunscreen Products**



The hot weather is here, fast and furious!

If you have extras or can contribute...we will add to our stock over the summer.



During April and May, the Old Orchard Blossoms is once again selling gift certificates for a “Classic Afternoon Tea for One” at t-buds tea shop, located at 3343 Yonge Street (north of Lawrence). Gift certificates are \$45 each (including tax).

Each tea service includes:

- 5 tea sandwiches
- a Mediterranean-inspired chickpea salad
- a savoury mushroom pastry
- 2 freshly-baked scones served with jam and crème mascarpone
- a macaron and petit four (mini-desserts)
- loose leaf tea of your choice (or in tea bag form for take out)

Options are eat-in at the restaurant (reservation required) or take-out (boxed). Gift certificates are good for 13 months, April 1, 2025 through April 30, **2026** (excluding May 10 & 11, 2025, Mother’s Day).

Get a head start on gift giving for the next year and support the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers Campaign and support a local business. These will make a great birthday gift, teacher gift, Christmas / Hanukkah gift, mother-daughter/son outing or a date with your bestie.

t-buds is generously donating a portion of each tea gift certificate to the Stephen Lewis Foundation’s Grandmothers Campaign. We thank them for their generous support. To order, please send an email to: OldOrchardBlossoms@gmail.com. Order deadline is May 31, 2025.

Once you have a certificate, contact t-buds to make a reservation or request a boxed afternoon-tea-to-go. Please mention that you have a gift certificate.

Thank you for your support!

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY

MOORELANDS SUMMER CAMP - WORK WEEKEND

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SEPTEMBER 12-14
2025

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2023

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Donating to the Church

We encourage all of you to continue to give generously in support of the work that continues at St. Tim's. The needs are great.

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – If you are already on pre-authorized giving you do not need to do anything and we are very grateful for your continued support.

If you would like to shift to pre-authorized giving, even if only in the short term, please contact Jane Hutchinson, at envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca

- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to mail those envelopes in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.
100 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, ON, M5M 2E2
Cheques should be made payable to **Church of St. Timothy**.

- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers. To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to office@sttimothy.ca



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