

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, October 17th, 2025



Sunday, October
19th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist &
Anointing

Monday,
October 20th to
Friday, October
24th

9:30am

Morning Prayer via Zoom
(<https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/> for the links)

Wednesday,
October 22nd

11:30am

Mid-Week Eucharist

Sunday, October
26th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist



Sunday, October
19th

8:30am
Adult Education

After the 10:00am service
Volunteer & Fellowship
Opportunities Fair

Tuesday, October
21st

10:00 – 11:00am
ESL Reading & Career
Mentoring Groups

11:00am - 12:30pm
ESL Conversation Group

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Wednesday,
October 22nd

10:00 – 11:00am
Contemplative Art

12:00nn
St. Andrew's Group
Meeting

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Thursday,
October 23rd

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Sunday, October
26th

8:30am
Adult Education

From the Incumbent



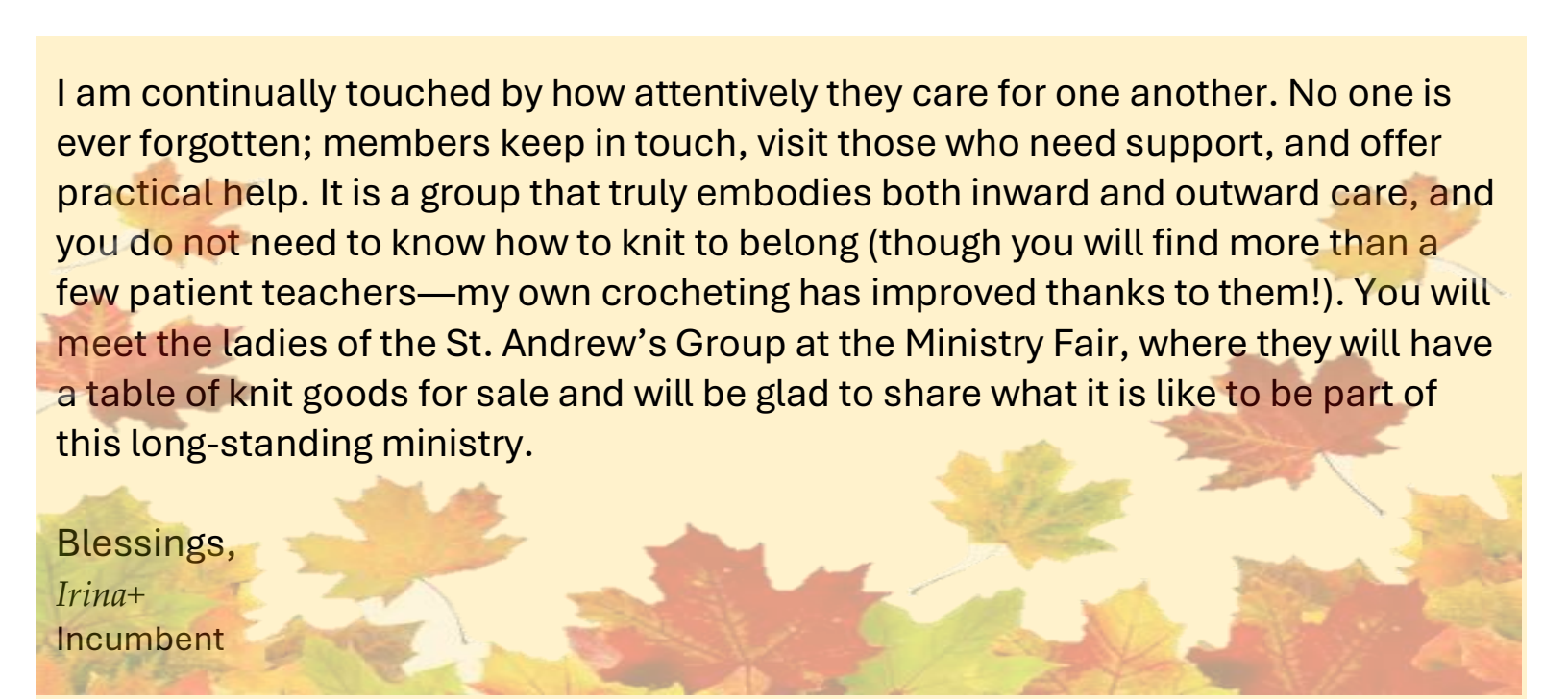
This Sunday, **October 20**, we celebrate the **Feast of St. Luke** (transferred from Saturday)—a physician and companion of Paul, the author of Luke–Acts, and, according to tradition, the first artist to paint an icon of Christ. St. Luke has long been associated with healing and compassion. The liturgy will include the rite of anointing, the symbolism of which I will explore in my reflection, and I will introduce our newly certified lay anointers. Before the service—this week and in the future—you are invited to light a taper or candle in the side chapel as a moment of personal prayer and contemplation before worship begins.

The theme of care will continue in the coming weeks with the launch of **Companions in Care**, an initiative I have been developing to nurture and sustain those who already offer pastoral, spiritual, or practical care. This is not another ministry to take on, but rather a way for the clergy to support those whose care for others often goes unseen. Our gatherings, held a few times a year, will include a brief service of prayer and reflection on Scripture, followed by conversation and lunch. The first gathering will take place on **Thursday, October 23, at noon**.

Also this Sunday, during coffee hour, we will host a **Ministry Fair**—an opportunity for each parish group to share its work and welcome others to learn more. Tables will be set up in the parish hall with representatives from across parish life. It is always a joy to see how wide and varied the ministries of St. Timothy's are, and how each person's gifts contribute to the life of the whole.

This week I would like especially to highlight the **St. Andrew's Group**, a women's fellowship that meets on Wednesdays at noon, immediately following our midweek Eucharist. Some members bring their knitting or crocheting, while others simply come for companionship, and everyone brings their own lunch. It is this group that creates the prayer shawls the clergy deliver to those in need of comfort and care. The group also holds periodic sales of knitted and baked goods, directing the proceeds to outreach projects. It was named for St. Andrew because its first meeting took place on his feast day, November 30—exactly 70 years ago this year!

Over the decades, the group has drawn several generations of women, and would be delighted to welcome new members. Jonathan and I try to attend at least part of their gatherings—they also meet on Zoom during the worst winter weather—and



I am continually touched by how attentively they care for one another. No one is ever forgotten; members keep in touch, visit those who need support, and offer practical help. It is a group that truly embodies both inward and outward care, and you do not need to know how to knit to belong (though you will find more than a few patient teachers—my own crocheting has improved thanks to them!). You will meet the ladies of the St. Andrew's Group at the Ministry Fair, where they will have a table of knit goods for sale and will be glad to share what it is like to be part of this long-standing ministry.

Blessings,
Irina+
Incumbent

Wardens' Corner

Peanut/Tree Nut Policy

The parish has a Peanut/Tree Nut Policy in place to protect those who are vulnerable to very serious side effects from these products. With preparations for our annual Christmas Kitchen event on November 29th now underway, we wanted to revisit the topic.

Please be advised that there is to be no cooking, preparation nor packaging of any items containing nuts within the church building. We understand that a plan will be put in place to sell items containing nuts outside our entry doors.

For further information, please contact the Christmas Kitchen convenors, Anne DeGrasse or Marianne Cassin.

Michael, Mary, Bruce and Deb

VOLUNTEER & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19TH
@ COFFEE HOUR**



**Come to Coffee Hour on
Sunday, October 19th
and tour the tables in
Soward Hall, where
representatives from the
various church groups
will explain what their
group does and answer
any questions.**



**With volunteer opportunities
such as the Chancel Guild,
learning opportunities such as
the Round Table or Book Club,
and fellowship opportunities
such as St. Andrew's Group,
there is something for
everyone.**



Christmas Kitchen – Saturday, November 29th

Advance Sale of Tourtières

Start your Christmas shopping early.

Come to the Volunteer & Fellowship Opportunities Fair
this Sunday, October 19.

Large frozen Tourtières available for \$30 (will feed 4 people)

Small frozen Tourtières available for \$15 (will feed 2 people)

Limit of two of each size per parishioner.

Cash or Visa will be accepted.



Empty Preserve Jars

The Christmas Kitchen Team would appreciate if you could bring in any empty 125 ml or 250 ml jars to be reused for this year's preserves. Please leave any jars in the kitchen.

Christmas Kitchen - Young Shoppers' Room



Can you help?

The Young Shoppers' Room at the Christmas Kitchen is a place for children aged 12 and younger to buy Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Nothing costs more than \$6 and the children are assisted by elves when needed so their presents will be a surprise on Christmas Day.

There are a number of ways people can help make this room a success:

1. Contributions of gift items are needed. Popular items include soaps, candles, mugs, etc. Gifts for Dad are especially welcome as they are usually in short supply. Note that the maximum price for articles in this room is \$6, so please do not be too extravagant (although multi-item sets such as toiletry items can always be divided).
2. Contributions of gift bags, tissue paper and peel and stick gift tags are useful for wrapping purchases.
3. If you are a teenager and like helping younger children, consider volunteering as an elf. If you know a teenager who might like to help, please mention this opportunity to them. Volunteer hours can be counted towards Community Service Hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Hendra 416-998-5795
rosemary.hendra@gmail.com

Donations should be handed in by **Sunday, November 23rd.**

They can be dropped off in the Church Office between 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, or handed to Rosemary Hendra or dropped in the Church Office on Sundays.

Please make sure that the items are marked Young Shoppers' Room or YSR.

Thanks for your help in making this room a success!



All Souls Service

We will be observing All Souls Day on **Wednesday, November 5th** at our Mid-Week Eucharist at 11:30am in the chapel.

If you would like to have a loved one who has died, prayed for at this service, please contact Ashani 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca by **Friday, October 31st.**



Coffee Table Book of Illustrations

The new edition of Rev. Irina's book of illustrations is now available. This edition titled "**A Liturgical Journey in Image and Word**" features digital images, verses of scripture and reflections on the major feasts through the liturgical year.

Cost: \$40 per book

All proceeds (less the cost of printing) will be donated to St. Tim's.

Please contact Ashani,
office@sttimothy.ca to make your purchase.



Registration Now Open for BREAKAWAY 2026

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual weekend retreat, taking place once again at Fair Havens Resort from **Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

Registration is now open! Sign up online using the [Breakaway Registration Form](#) or by emailing Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com. The cost of the weekend is \$230 per adult or \$260 for an individual premium room. There is no cost for children. Cost should not be a barrier to attend. If it is for you, please reach out to Irina as subsidies are available.

Breakaway is a beloved winter retreat that invites our parish community to step away from the city's pace and reconnect in a peaceful, scenic setting. Whether you're a longtime attendee or considering it for the first time, this is your chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together after the holiday rush.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Inspiring sessions for adults led by engaging speakers
- Fun, age-appropriate programs for children and youth
- Delicious buffet-style meals — no cooking required!
- Outdoor adventures at Fair Havens, from cross-country skiing to a wagon ride

We are excited to share that our guest speaker will be **Thomas Reynolds**. A professor at Emmanuel College and a jazz musician, his work explores disability, theology of care, and the healing miracles of Jesus, challenging conventional ideas of wellness, beauty and ability.

We'd love to share this experience with you. Come join us!

For any questions, contact Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com

OUTREACH CORNER

St. Timothy's Winter Clothing Drive Returns

*Keeping ahead of the Cold
One warm coat, boot and mitt at a time!*

The Winter Clothing Drive returns for Flemington Park Ministry, a multicultural community city bringing people together to break barriers of isolation and food insecurity in the Thorncliffe/Flemington Park area.

Seeking: NEW boots, hats, and water-resistant mitts or gloves for ages 4 to 14 (elementary school age). Our goal is to fully equip up to 30 snowsuits ready for Winter.

The opportunities to donate:

- **Saturday, October 4th** between 10:30am – 12nn.
- **Starting October 5th**, every Sundays into early November during the 10am service.
- **Weekdays** (Tuesday & Wednesday) between 10:00am – 2:00pm during the month of October. *(Please use the Ridley Boulevard entrance by the rainbow-coloured fence)*

Thank you! Please help by sharing this information amongst family, friends, and neighbours.

Wishing to donate instead?

Make cheque payable to Church of St Timothy, noting Winter Drive in the memo line and we will buy more snowsuits towards our goal of 30 complete sets.

Questions? Contact Cynthia at cyn.majewski@gmail.com

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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