

# The Word



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## Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week begins on April 17 this year, Palm Sunday (which is also called The Sunday of the Passion). Our services on Palm Sunday are at the usual times of 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am – but we begin our journey in the parish hall rather than the Sanctuary. After the palm branches are blessed, we will walk to the Sanctuary for the rest of the service. In the course of our Palm Sunday services, we will hear the entire passion story, recalling how Jesus entered Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives, and all that transpired – betrayal, arrest, mock trial and beating, his crucifixion, and death. Our services on this poignant day remind us that Jesus was willing to give his life – and did - to demonstrate the love of God.

We will have a healing Holy Eucharist at 12:15 pm on April 20, Holy Wednesday. A priest will lay hands of every person who attends, anoint each worshipper, and offer a prayer. The priest will come to each person in the pew to anoint (etc.), and serve Holy Communion.

Thursday in Holy Week (April 21) is called Maundy Thursday. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin “Mandatum” which means “command.” We will hear the story of the Last Supper, which Jesus

shared with his disciples, and how he told them to love one another. The Church commemorates the Last Supper as the first Holy Eucharist. In this Passover Jesus offers himself, he becomes the sacrificial lamb in a New Passover, a new covenant. And it will be our last supper, our last Holy Communion, until the Easter feast.



Friday in Holy Week (April 22) is called Good Friday – not because Jesus’ terrible death on a cross is a good thing, but because his death accomplishes a great good. He becomes our sin and dies, and we rise with him on Easter to the new life of grace. By his suffering and death, we are absolved, cleansed of all our sin. We will observe The Stations of the Cross at 12:15 pm (our “stations” are unique hand-painted works of art); we will hear the Passion nar-

rative again, and offer solemn prayers at 7:30 pm. We do not have Holy Communion on Good Friday.

On Holy Saturday our Altar Guild and Flower Guild transform the sanctuary with flowers, banners, and white fabric on the altar.

Easter Sunday is April 24 and, along with Christmas, Ascension, and Pentecost, is one of the great celebrations of the Church! Services will be at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am. The music will be amazing! During each service, children will be invited to cover a cross with flowers – which the Church will supply but you may also bring flowers. And we will host an Easter egg hunt in the front yard of the Church (the Van Buren Street side) – weather permitting, at approximately 12:30 pm. One thousand eggs will be placed for the occasion. And, if the weather is inclement, the egg hunt will be moved indoors.

We will have childcare during all of our Holy Week services.

## Gifts to Glorify the Lord

Fairly soon now St. Timothy’s will launch a capital campaign to raise funds for a new organ and to make general improvements to our Sanctuary. We will also conduct our annual Stewardship campaign to raise funds

for our mission and ministries. And both of these are critical.

Our Tracker organ is almost 150 years old and requires more maintenance than it is worth. A new organ will last at least as long as the Tracker and will raise the spirits of God's people for many generations. It will serve us, and be a great legacy for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. While we raise the funds for this we will continue with all of our ministries – mission trips, Sunday school, youth activities, Sunday and Holy day worship, care for neighbors in distress, support for recovery groups, etc. It is essential that we support our capital campaign and our annual stewardship campaign. Therefore when you pledge (I hope and pray all of our church family members will) please maintain or increase your giving to the general fund (the annual operating fund), and make an additional pledge to the capital campaign. We can succeed with the capital campaign without compromising what we now do.

Please accept my thanks for everything you do that makes this Christian community – St. Timothy's – such a wonderful, grace filled place to worship and share our gifts. God bless you!

-Fr. Brad

**St. Tim's STRIDES for MS National Capital Challenge Walk**  
**Informational Meeting - April 10, 2011**



The Multiple Sclerosis

National Capital

Challenge Walk is September 24-25, 2011. The Capital Challenge Walk MS is a two-day, 50 kilometer experience that tests your strength and spirit, and makes an extraordinary difference in the lives of the 400,000 people living in the United States with multiple sclerosis.

The walk is about reaching beyond your limits: physically and philanthropically. The event is not a race; it is a journey of love, compassion, determination, and support. Through hard work in training and fundraising, you will have the chance to experience something that defies explanation. Not only is this an opportunity for great personal achievement, but it is also an achievement you will share with everyone else who accepts the Challenge.

**St. Tim's STRIDES for MS** (*Steps taken regularly in devotion ending suffering for MS*) is a team of church members, family and friends who have come together in past years to take the challenge. We would like to invite you to an Informational meeting on Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in B-1.

During this time we will provide information about the National MS Society, team volunteer roles, registration, fund raising, and training for the walk. Past walkers can also share their inspirations and experiences in taking the challenge. We hope to walk again in 2011.

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[hollis211@aol.com](mailto:hollis211@aol.com) or 703.499.7936 with any questions. We hope to see you on April 10!

### **New EfM Sessions**

Education for Ministry (EfM) is planning to start a new weekend or evening EfM class that will begin in September. If you are interested in participating or have questions about the program, please email

Janet Koch at [jankkoch@gmail.com](mailto:jankkoch@gmail.com) or Rebecca Page at [sr3page@verizon.net](mailto:sr3page@verizon.net). The current Tuesday morning EfM class will continue, beginning each academic year in January.

### **VBS 2011**

Join us from June 11-14 for this year's Vacation Bible School, "Shake it Up Café!" Children 2 1/2 (potty-trained) up to rising 6 graders are welcome. The cost will be \$35 per child, or \$70 per family. Sign-up will begin on-line and at church on Sunday, April 17.

## Boy Scout Update

On Sunday march 6<sup>th</sup> three Webelos bridged into our troop. On March 19, the troop went camping at Camp Highroads.

St. Timothy's Boy Scout Troop 159 held a special Four-Scout Eagle Court of Honor on March 19, 2011. They are MJ Johnson, Nick Woo, Chris Papas, and Jon Grove. They have been together since Cub Scouts and have achieved Boy Scouting's highest rank! The invocation was provided by Craig Dubishar, who was fortunate enough to have backpacked with MJ, Nick, and Jon at Philmont (over 100 miles on the trail!) in 2009.

Congratulations to these fine Scouts on a job well done!



## Dungannon Youth Mission Trip

The youth group had its first fundraiser: the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on March 8. Rick Wilson deserves great thanks as well as all the others who helped to make this event a great success once again. We were able to raise approximately \$1,000 for the Dungannon fund. Thank you for all who supported it by purchasing tickets.

The dates for the trip are: departing on the July 30 and returning on the August 6. We have posted the forms for this year's trip on the website.

We are looking at having an organizational meeting at the beginning of May. Also, we will also be conducting our tool inventory to determine what needs to be replaced and remarked.

Please check the weekly bulletin and the WORD for upcoming events relating to this trip.

If you have questions, suggestions, or wish to volunteer; contact Chris Brock [christopher.brock2@verizon.net](mailto:christopher.brock2@verizon.net) and Cassandra Riedy [cassandrar@saint-timothys.org](mailto:cassandrar@saint-timothys.org) by sending us an email.

## Stewardship Defined?

Stewardship is a word that is often difficult to define. For me, Stewardship at St. Timothy's means doing what I can to further St. Timothy's mission.

It's not hard to see evidence of our mission if you look around. The church hosts dozens of meetings every week, from 12-step programs to Boy Scouts. We host a top-notch preschool with reasonably priced tuition. We contribute time and money to many local charities, including the Loudon Abused Women's Shelter, the Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic, and Reston Interfaith, to name a few. And we support communities further afield with such programs as the Dungannon and

Lakota mission trips.

Given the abundance of opportunities to help others, there are many ways to further St. Timothy's mission. Of course, it is important to give to our General Fund, but it is also important to donate financially to the many other projects that St. Timothy's undertakes. And we can give of our time, which is just as valuable as money; serve on a ministry; help out on a one-time basis for church functions like Welcome Back Sunday; offer to host a coffee hour; or attend a newcomers' get-together to welcome new members.

One of the beautiful things about St. Timothy's is that there are so many ways to provide Stewardship. I encourage everyone to pay attention to your bulletin for opportunities that fit your schedule abilities. -Kathy Lombard, Senior Warden

## Organ Update and Gifts to Glorify the Lord Campaign Information

After many years of study and prayer, this month Saint Timothy's will finally initiate a capital campaign to replace our failing 145 year old Tracker organ, make needed improvements to the building and create a contingency fund for current and future facility expenses. It has been a long journey since 2002 just getting to our kick-off. Here is a timeline of where we've been and where we're going:

- **2002** St. Tim's initiated a study of the viability of the Tracker organ after notification by then-Organist John Ackley of numerous problems. A variety of experts recommended

that repair was going to be continuous, difficult and expensive.

- **2004** An Organ Committee was formed with new Musical Director and Organist, Peter Waggoner, to study options to replace the organ. Visitations were made to churches with various types of organs, and the committee consulted with organ makers.

- **2008** After 4 years of thorough study, the Vestry voted to accept the Organ Committee's recommendation to replace the Tracker with a pipe organ.

- **2009** Miller, Beam & Paganelli, Inc. was hired to provide an acoustical study of our Sanctuary.

- **2010** Kirby-Smith Associates, a professional fund-raising company, was hired to assess the congregation's ability to conduct a successful capital campaign. The feasibility study was positive and the "Gifts to Glorify the Lord" campaign became a reality.

- **2011** The campaign is scheduled to be held over several weeks in May 2011, with three year projected timeline for planning, designing, and building.

- **2012** The order for a new organ is placed, with 50% of necessary funds collected.

**2014** Installation of organ, improvements made for lighting and acoustics, and reserve funded for future capital expenses completed.

For more detail on the Organ Committee report, the Feasibility Assessment, and other aspects of the campaign, please take the time to read through the various reports on [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org) under "Giving," and prepare your questions for the Q&A after services on May 1, May 8, and May 15.

[You can also contact "Gifts to Glorify the Lord" Co-chair Randy Karn at 703-404-1991 or email him at \[randykarn@cox.net\]\(mailto:randykarn@cox.net\).](#)

## Gifts to Glorify the Lord

### Benefit Concert

**Saturday April 23, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

On Saturday, April 23, St. Timothy's will host a benefit concert as a prelude to the official start of the capital campaign, which is designed to improve the sanctuary acoustics and install a new pipe organ.

The program will feature the works of Handel, Buxtehude, Saint-Saens, Babajanyan, Navarro, and Maksin performed by violinists Mark and Monika Dorosheff, cellist Ian Maksin, pianist Marina Chamasyan, and organist Peter Waggoner.

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$25.00. All proceeds will benefit the capital campaign.

For more information or ticket sales, please email [peterw@saint-timothys.org](mailto:peterw@saint-timothys.org).



## Open Arms Q&A

**Q: At Communion, do I have to take the wine? If I don't want to, what do I do?**

A: No, you do not have to take the wine (or the bread, for that matter). If you would like bread only, hold out your hands for the bread, and when the wine comes to you, fold your arms, crossed across your chest with hands at either shoulder. This position is also used if you would like to come up to the rail to receive a blessing, but do not wish you take Communion. If you would like to receive both bread and wine, you have the option to consume both separately (eating the bread from your hands and drinking from the chalice), or you may consume both together (holding your bread until the wine comes to you, and dipping a small corner of the bread into the wine.)

You may drop your questions in the Question Box located on the wall outside the Sanctuary, below the photos of the Bishops. The members of Open Arms look forward to answering more of your questions in this space.

## Partnership with St. Mathieu's in Haiti

St. Timothy's continues to be blessed by our role in supporting the students of St. Mathieu's. Since September of 2010, we have donated over \$4,000 to provide uniforms, books, and backpacks for eighteen students. The congregation has been generous in providing the funds needed to support the students for the 2010-2011 school year. Because of this generosity, we have committed continued support over the next

several years until the youngest of these 18 children has completed primary school.

When the program was initiated last fall, one of the greatest challenges was getting the money to St. Mathieu's for use as it was intended. With all the obstacles Haiti faces, it would not have been surprising for funds to be diverted to other needs. In recent months, changes by the Diocese of Haiti have simplified communication between St. Timothy's and St. Mathieu's and streamlined the process for donating money. The Bishop of Haiti established the Partnership Program in late 2010. This program pairs groups or individuals to a priest partner in Haiti. The priest provides regular reports to their donor partner and updates the donor on news from the parish. The program also provides a simple and safe method for sending goods and funds to specific recipients in Haiti; donations are sent to the diocese at an address in Florida and, from there, the Diocese of Haiti takes responsibility for ensuring delivery to the designated parties. St. Timothy's partners with Pere Michelin St. Louis. Pere Michelin, who assists the priest in charge for Chapoteau, Pere Lafontant, communicates with St. Timothy's on behalf of the St. Mathieu's director and the parish of Chapoteau where St. Mathieu's is located.

Father Brad and members of the congregation have been communicating with Pere Michelin via email since September 2010. Father Brad was able to meet with him briefly during his recent visit to Haiti. As there are no computers or electricity in Chapoteau, and the director does not speak English, we rely on Pere Michelin as the intermediary. The Partnership Program is of con-

siderable benefit in allowing St. Timothy's to support St. Mathieu's successfully.

Since establishing the partnership with St. Mathieu's, many obstacles have been overcome. We began with the names of the students and a limited list of requirements and costs; since then we have defined specific expenses for each child and established regular contact with the local priest and with the director of the school. And, with continued donations and support from the congregation, we have been able to send eighteen children in Chapoteau to school, many of whom may not have been able to attend at all. In coming months we look forward to knowing the students of St. Mathieu's in more personal ways. As we continue to learn about the community of Chapoteau and St. Mathieu's, we welcome the opportunity to share with you. An updated *Frequently Asked Questions* sheet has been placed in Henry Hall near the St. Mathieu's display, and a Haiti page has been added to the Service Ministry page of the St. Timothy's website. Please contact Shon Beury, Service Ministry chair, or any of the members of the Service Ministry to learn more about our St. Mathieu's outreach.

*St. Timothy's Service Ministry ~ Putting Your Faith to Work*

### **World Water Day was March 22, 2011**

Concerned about global water supplies? Maybe not. Concerned about your local water supply? Absolutely yes. Water has become one of the most "endangered" resources globally and locally. While Fairfax County

does a fantastic job at keeping our water clean and drinkable, there simply is not enough to go around. Growing populations also stress and strain the government's ability to provide sufficient drinkable water. Individual conservation efforts (shorter showers, non-watering of home lawns, low-flow faucets and toilets) are very important but the real water users (and abusers) are corporations, industry, and failed water management practices. During the summer months, huge amounts of water are wasted every day by corporations for landscaping needs. Who hasn't seen the classic automatic sprinkler running at a local company's site during the middle of the day (most evaporates) or during a rain storm (duh)? This water is the same drinkable water that comes from your tap. What a waste. What to do? Long-term solutions must be implemented now in order to have a positive impact. First, become educated about water and its use. See <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/world-water/world-water-day/> (See also [http://caringforgodscreation.net/SOC\\_Resources/](http://caringforgodscreation.net/SOC_Resources/)) Second, practice individual conservation efforts. The Diocese of Virginia's Stewardship of Creation Committee has also prepared a "Water Conservation Tips" sheet that is available at <http://caringforgodscreation.net> (or request a copy from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation at [wcdubi@cox.net](mailto:wcdubi@cox.net)). Next, contact your local elected representatives and corporations and industries demanding more responsible use of our water supplies. (A Message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation . . . )

## Earth Hour was March 26, 2011

Last year, the World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour 2010 had hundreds of millions (no joke!) of people who participated worldwide. Wow! This year the event was Saturday, March 26th, 8:30 p.m. local time and was called "Earth Hour Plus!" There was even a new 60+ app released by Apple for the iPhone! What did people do? Turned off lights for an hour. Why? Over a million other people worldwide made a statement about energy conservation and protecting the Earth's (hey, that would be God's) resources! What's the "60+" for? Go beyond this one hour and practice even more energy conservation! See <http://www.earthhour.org/About.aspx> and <http://www.earthhour.org/> Even the Diocese of Virginia's Stewardship of Creation Committee had an excellent list of energy conservation tips (<http://caringforgodscreation.net> (or request a copy from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation at [wcdubi@cox.net](mailto:wcdubi@cox.net))). (A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)

## Food Table Ministry

The Food Table Ministry is a recently formed ministry at St. Timothy's, created to address a growing need in our parish. Many hungry visitors come in to the church during the week in need of assistance. As their numbers have grown, the clergy and parish administrator have identified a need for volunteer assistance in directing these guests to the food pantry in the kitchen for an immediate hot meal, handing out grocery store gift cards, or distributing bus tokens.

The days and times volunteer assistance is most needed are Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 10am and 2pm, although it would also be welcomed at any other time. Volunteers who speak Spanish would be an extra help, but the ability to speak Spanish is in no way a requirement. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed and appreciated. Suggested "shifts" are 10:00am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-2:00pm; however, a shift of less than 2 hours will also be gratefully accepted. All volunteering for this ministry will be welcomed.

If we get enough volunteers, we are also hoping to schedule volunteer pairs for each shift, to assist each other with tasks as well as keep each other company when there are no visitors. Perhaps you already know of someone you'd like to pair up with!

Since these volunteers will be located at a table (hence, the name of the ministry) just outside the church office, a few other tasks may be asked of them in addition to assisting the hungry visitors, such as signing for ages delivered and directing other visitors. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please contact Katie Mazza for more information at [katiemazza@yahoo.com](mailto:katiemazza@yahoo.com) or (703) 421-3979.

## Book and Supplies Drive

Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic (JSFC) and Vecinos Unidos, of the non-profit partnership Connections for Hope, are seeking donations of new or gently used children's book. Please consider giving to these two worthy organizations. JSFC provides books for children seeking medical services at the clinic. Vecinos Unidos provides after school homework assistance and summer programs for children

through 5th grade who cannot find the help they need at home. Both organizations encourage reading and would like to offer books for the children to take home. Your help is appreciated. JSFC also requested your help in collecting the following supplies: pill sorters (strip of day by day compartments), 500 mg Tylenol Extra Strength, wide ace bandages, narrow ace bandages, toothpaste and toothbrushes. To learn more about these organizations visit [www.connectionsforhope.org](http://www.connectionsforhope.org) or call 703.956.6722 .

## Helpful Links

[www.awidercircle.org](http://www.awidercircle.org),

[www.vafreeclinics.org/virginia-free-clinics.asp](http://www.vafreeclinics.org/virginia-free-clinics.asp)

[www.jsfreeclinic.org](http://www.jsfreeclinic.org)

[www.restoninterfaith.org](http://www.restoninterfaith.org)

[www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83](http://www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83)

: <http://leaderresources.org/j2a>

<http://www.stephenministries.org/>

*The year's at the spring  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hillside's dew-pearled;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
God's in His heaven -  
All's right with the world!  
~Robert Browning*

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**Services**

Sundays

**8:00 a.m.-** Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**9:30 a.m.-** Holy Eucharist,  
Rite II

Children's Chapel

Godly Play, ages 3-9

(Nursery Care Available)

**11:00 a.m.-** Holy Eucharist,  
Rite II

Sunday School

Godly Play, ages 3-9

(Nursery Care Available)

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.- Holy Eucharist And  
Healing Service

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The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is:

**Friday, April 15, 2011**

Questions, articles, or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments. You may send materials via email to [wordeditor@saint-timothys.org](mailto:wordeditor@saint-timothys.org) and put Word in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos.

Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

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**Our Mission:**

*As people of God, we joyfully worship God, spread the WORD of God's love, treasure all people, and serve others everywhere in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore, with God's help, We:*

*Open our doors to everyone,  
 open our hearts in worship,  
 open our eyes to the Spirit's gifts and  
 open our arms to embrace God's work.*