

The Word



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Called to be a Priest of the Church

One of our members, Natividad Menjivar, will begin attending Virginia Theological Seminary in August. "Naty" will be in the Anglican Studies program, which lasts nine months, because he has already completed seminary as a Roman Catholic. For several years he served as a Roman Catholic priest in Honduras and Northern Virginia. He began to question his vocation, took a sabbatical year off, and became convinced that had another plan for him. He married Ana, they had a daughter Ashley, and they came to St. Timothy's. After a lot of prayer and soul searching, Naty became convinced that God wanted him to serve as an Episcopal priest. He explored this call with Fr. Brad and our Diocesan Commission on Priesthood, which they confirmed. Bishop Jones and Bishop Shannon also approved this call, Naty applied to Virginia Theological Seminary, and was admitted. Naty and Ana now have another child, Natian.

National, Seminary, and Diocesan grants and scholarships will cover most of their expenses for the nine months that Naty is studying, and we – his parish family – will support them with the remaining amount. When Naty completes his training he

will be recognized as an Episcopal priest. Where he will serve is up to God. If you have any questions about the process of becoming an ordained servant of the Church, speak with Rev. Leslie or Fr. Brad. If you would like to make a contribution to help Naty and his family while he is in seminary, please direct this to St. Timothy's and designate it as "Seminarian support." Thank you!

Help Peter, Nicole, and Roman Doddema move

Having graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in May, Peter and his family are taking a short break (much needed and well deserved) before they move to Kentucky and Peter begins his ordained service to the Church. They are doing the packing and moving themselves! If you have a strong back and a few hours to give, you can help. They plan to leave Alexandria Virginia on July 5th, but you can call or email them for details – 571-839-0389 or textdoddema@yahoo.com.

Gifts to Glorify the Lord

Our capital campaign is underway and we are off to a very promising start. Thank you for your support! God willing we will reach our goal and replace our aging (almost 150 years old!) and ailing Tracker or-

gan with a brand new pipe organ that will provide inspirational music (via the great skill of our extraordinarily talented Music Director Peter Waggoner) and last for several generations. We also plan to improve the lighting, enhance the resonance, reconfigure the choir area, and address some safety features, in the Sanctuary. If you have made a pledge or donation, or plan to, please specify on your check (if you use a check), and on your envelope (which should soon arrive, but if you don't get one talk to Fr. Brad) exactly how much of your donation – in dollars (not percentage) – goes to the Organ Fund, and how much goes to the Reserve Fund. Please do this every time you donate! And God bless you for your gifts to glorify the Lord!

Pentecost!

In the Jewish tradition Pentecost is called Shavuot. It is the celebration of the first harvest, and the commemoration of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai fifty days after the Exodus. In the Christian tradition Pentecost is the celebration of God's gift of the Holy Spirit – to the disciples first (fifty days after the Resurrection) - then through them to the people of God. As relayed in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-31) the disciples were huddled together in a locked room, fearful for their lives. They had every reason to believe that because of their association with Jesus they were in imminent danger. The Holy Spirit

came and infused them with faith and courage, and the ability to teach and preach the Gospel in various languages.

We celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit on Pentecost (this year it is on June 12th) by inviting anyone who speaks a language other than English – or who can sign – to come forward at The Peace, tell us what language they will speak, and then say or sign in that language “The Peace of the Lord be always with you.” In St. Timothy's God's Peace has been conveyed in Spanish, French, Gaelic, Russian, Japanese, Hebrew, Greek, German, Arabic, Navajo, Lakota, and American Sign Language.

If you speak a language other than English, or can sign, please come forward on Pentecost Sunday, at the request of Rev. Leslie or Fr. Brad, and offer the Peace of God to the St. Timothy's community.

General Convention 2009 and 2012

In the summer of 2009 our General Convention passed Resolution C056 charging the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM) with two tasks regarding the blessing of same-gender relationships:

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops, collect and develop theological and liturgical resources, and report to the 77th General Convention [in 2012]

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops, devise an open process for the conduct of its work inviting participation from provinces, dioceses, congregations, and individuals who are engaged in such theological work, and inviting theological re-

flection from throughout the Anglican Communion

To meet these goals, the SCLM is preparing:

One or more theological essays setting forth scriptural and theological foundations for blessing same-gender relationships, one or more rites for blessing same-gender relationships, a set of pastoral and teaching resources that will assist clergy and congregations considering hosting such blessings, and comments on the canonical and legal implications of blessing same-gender relationships in varying civil jurisdictions

The SCLM anticipates developing these materials as an addition to the *Enriching Our Worship* series. For almost twenty years, the SCLM has used the *Enriching Our Worship* series for materials that supplement the *Book of Common Prayer*. As with all supplemental liturgical materials, official resources for blessing same-gender relationships can be authorized for use in the Episcopal Church only by action of General Convention. The SCLM expects that its report on Resolution C056 to the 2012 General Convention will include a proposed volume of *Enriching Our Worship*. The Convention will then decide how to respond.

Our Bishop, Shannon Sherwood Johnston, has informed the clergy of this Diocese that we must (1) submit a paper stating very clearly what our own position is regarding such blessings, and how we can to hold this position, including references to theological papers, articles, and books, (2) engage the Vestry in discussion on this matter and determine what the elected representatives of the congregation believe, and (3) engage the congregation in discussion on this

matter and determine what the members of the parish believe. Each rector is to make a full report to the Bishop. This is to be done before General Convention meets again in the summer of 2012.

In 2003 St. Timothy's hosted open forums which more than one hundred adults attended. The great majority resoundingly affirmed welcoming everyone into this Christian community, and without fanfare. I heard, repeatedly, “Don't make an issue of this, just be the Church; welcome everyone.” That was my position all along, and this is what we try to do.

In the months leading to The Episcopal Church's General Convention in the summer of 2012 your clergy, staff, Vestry, and ministry leaders will discuss this, study theological material on same-gender blessings, and plan open forums. Please keep the Church, including St. Timothy's, in your prayers. And remembering our vow to “respect the dignity of every human being” (one of our Baptism Covenant vows, Book of Common Prayer page 305) welcome every individual into this house of God.

-Fr. Brad



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 or call 703.956.6722.

Food Table Ministry

On a regular basis, we offer members of the community a hot lunch here in our kitchen. For this purpose, we have several cupboards that are filled with selections that can be made in the microwave in single serving sizes. Mac & Cheese, soup, snack crackers, applesauce, baby food, water, juice boxes...anything that you think would make a good and filling meal. Please bring whatever you can to share with these members of our community. If you have any questions or can sit for two hours some day to assist these folks, please contact the office , keith@saint-timothys.org, or Katie Mazza.

Helpful Links

- www.awidercircle.org,
- www.vafreeclinics.org/virginia-free-clinics.asp
- www.jsfreeclinic.org
- www.restoninterfaith.org
- www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83
- [: http://leaderresources.org/j2a](http://leaderresources.org/j2a)
- <http://www.stephenministries.org/>

Good Luck to Lisa Erdeljon in Georgia (NOT the USA!)

Youth Group Leader, and all-around star, Lisa Erdeljon, is moving back to Georgia in the Former Soviet Union in June. She will be there for at least three months working on an environmental program for the Georgian Government. Lisa has been one of the driving forces behind the Youth Group



for several years now – often working hand-in-hand with Rev. Leslie to ensure a strong, Christ-centered program was available to our youth. Good luck, safe travels, and God be with you. Also, St. Timothy’s sends a big good luck to Nato (Lisa and Mary Erdeljon’s foreign exchange student who was with them and St. Timothy’s Youth Group for the past year) – she recently returned to her native Georgia (nope, not the USA!).

Afri-Teamistry



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Thanks to all of you who purchased jewelry and crafts at the African Team Ministry sales. Over \$1200 was raised by you for this important cause! We helped churches in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda in their missions to fight AIDS and educate children.

VBS 2011

Join us July 11 for this year’s vacation School,



from -14 Va-Bible

“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. Places are filling fast, and we still need some great parents to help out with class assistants or leaders, and Arts and Crafts. Email Fiona Finnell at fionafinnell@live.com to volunteer or if you have questions.

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. Your help is appreciated. JSFC also requests your help in collecting the following supplies: pill sorters (strip

The Service Ministry ... putting your faith to work!

New Members

We would like to welcome new members to our church family!

New Members 2011 (B: baptism or T: transfer)

02/27/2011

Anthony Vincent Rigas (B)

Zoe Evelyn Rigas (B)

03/05/2011

Natian A Menjivar-Garcia

03/06/2011

Theodore Joseph Milans

St. Timothy's – My Church Home

When asked to share with you what St. Tim's means to me, I must admit, I struggled; not because I had nothing to share, but because I have so much to share. As a military family, we were accustomed to moving to new areas and of course,

new churches, but when we settled in Herndon and found St. Tim's, we knew we had come home.

Over the last 12 years, we've turned to St. Tim's for so many things and each time our church family was there. On 9-11, we came to this building to be with our church family, when our son Scott deployed to Iraq, this was the place and the people we turned to for prayer and support, and when I was diagnosed with a chronic illness, it was the folks of St. Tim's that offered food, love and strength.

Our sons Sean and Alex have grown through Sunday School and Youth group, each having experienced God's love through mission trips to Dungannon and participation in 30 Hour Famine. Chris and I have grown in our faith through opportunities to serve others in Botswana and the Pine Ridge Reservation. These trips have changed each of our lives and brought us closer to Christ.

It was here that Chris and I renewed our wedding vows and where our grandson, Ryan was baptized. We've shared laughter at Shrine Mont and tears at the funerals of friends. A few years back we were blessed to be a part of the building campaign that enlarged our space so we could continue to accommodate the preschool and over 20 support groups, and we've watched many seminarians come through our doors as novices and leave as vibrant, dedicated servants of God.

St. Tim's does mean so much to me and to my family, and I pray every day for Brad, Leslie and the wonderful, loving friends we have here. Chris, Scott, Ryan, Sean, Alex and I know how blessed we are to be a part of this warm, loving church and hope to continue to be a part of the life of St. Timothy's for a very long time.

Cheryl Brock

Day Of Sunshine (Birds Of Passage. Flight The Second)

*O gift of God! O perfect day:
Whereon shall no man work, but play;
Whereon it is enough for me,
Not to be doing, but to be!*

*Through every fiber of my brain,
Through every nerve, through every vein,
I feel the electric thrill, the touch
Of life, that seems almost too much.*

*I hear the wind among the trees
Playing celestial symphonies;
I see the branches downward bent,
Like keys of some great instrument.*

*And over me unrolls on high
The splendid scenery of the sky,
Where though a sapphire sea the sun
Sails like a golden galleon,*

*Towards yonder cloud-land in the West,
Towards yonder Islands of the Blest,
Whose steep sierra far uplifts
Its craggy summits white with drifts.*

*Blow, winds! and waft through all the rooms
The snow-flakes of the cherry-blooms!
Blow, winds! and bend within my reach
The fiery blossoms of the peach!*

News from the "Caring For God's Creation" Corner

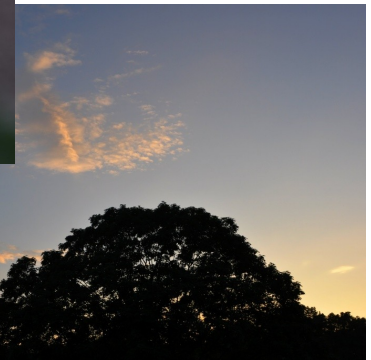
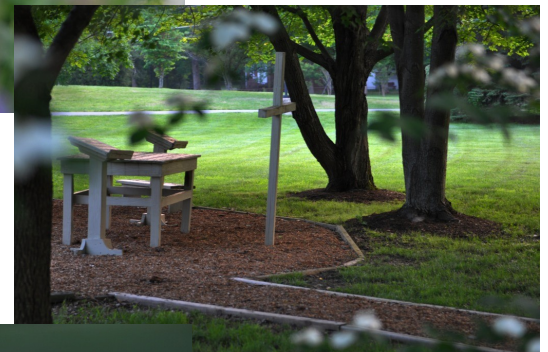
Okay, so the people behind these news tidbits might not realize it, but they are Stewards of Creation just like you and me! Recently, various newspapers and magazines have reported some good, and some not so good, news:

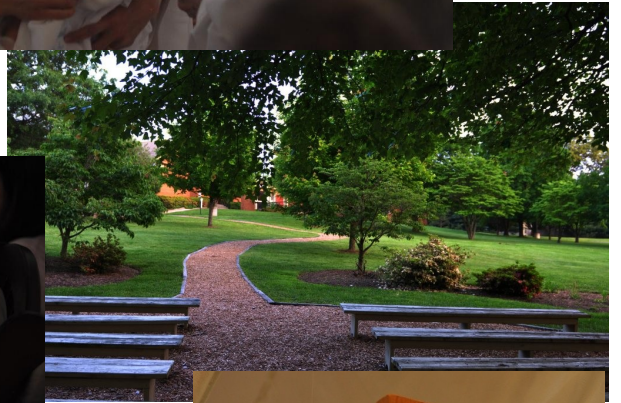
- California increases a previous mandate of 20 percent renewable energy by 2020 to 33 percent. U.S. energy secretary calls the law a model for other states. Some believe the law could create 100,000 jobs.

- The Federal budget includes cuts in the following green building programs: (1) \$1.6B from the GSA; (2) \$500M from the DOE; (3) \$150M from HUD; and (4) \$50M from the Sustainable Communities Initiative. Short sighted? Likely so, but, unfortunately, being "green" is often viewed as luxury spending dollars. However, as we all know, a sustainable future is critical to all of us.

- Washington, D.C., has more LEED-certified buildings per person than any other region in the country. Really? This is great news! Oregon State University's 6.5MW cogeneration power plant earn LEED Platinum and features (1) rainwater capture; (2) reuses of generator steam to heat buildings; (3) natural ventilation and lighting; (4) a 38 percent reduction in emissions; and (5) fifty-two percent more energy efficient than required by state building codes. If Oregon can do this, why not in Virginia? Talk it up with your local representatives. Discuss it with your work. Hey, it's okay to be active and proactive Stewards of Creation!

(A message from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation)





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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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. –5:00 a.m.

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

Friday, June 24, 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 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.*