

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, August 12, 2018

Proper 14

8 a.m.



C. Dubishar

Weekend Holy Eucharist Services:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist, Rite I

Summer Hiatus, July, AugustChildren's MassSunday, 10:00 a.m.Service, Rite IISaturday, 7:30 p.m.Service in Spanish

Sábado, 7:30 p.m. Misa en Español Rito II

Opportunities for Children

Sunday, 10 a.m. Godly Play (ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2) -Room B1

Summer Hiatus, July, August Spark + (grades 3-5) - Room A-5

Summer Hiatus, July, August Christian Education (*Grades 6-7*) - Room A-8
Summer Hiatus, July, August Christian Education (*Grades 8-12*) - Upper Room

Summer Hiatus, July, August Children's Choir Music Room

Summer Hiatus, July, August 1st & 3rd Saturdays Youth Group (Grades 2-7)

Summer Hiatus, July, August 1er & 3er Sábados Grupo de Jóvenes

Other Service Offerings

Wednesday Healing Eucharist Summer Hiatus, July, August

Saint Timothy's Mission Statement

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.

Information for Our First Time Guests



All children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary during worship. However, for parents of children ages 0-3 years who want nursery care, we have a well-equipped and professionally-staffed nursery at the end of the hall nearest the Sanctuary. Each child brought to the nursery is given a number; only the parents of the child can take the child from the nursery. If a parent is needed during worship, the child's number will appear (in

red LED's) on the black panels beneath the hymn boards on both sides of the Chancel. Parents, please bring diapers, any snacks, and formula as needed for your child.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you have not been baptized, please come to the Altar rail for a blessing during Holy Communion (place your arms across your chest to signify your desire for a blessing). If you would like to be baptized, please speak with the clergy after the service. To receive Holy Communion, accept the bread in your hand and place it in your mouth, then sip wine from the Chalice when it is brought to you (guide the Chalice to your mouth please), or hold the bread,

dip it in the wine when the chalice comes to you, and place the bread with wine in your mouth. If you are allergic to wheat or are gluten intolerant, please let the person serving bread know to give you a rice wafer.

Staff

Regular church office hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with the Rector, feel free to call the office at 703.437.3790.

Fr. Rich Bardusch, Rector (x. 12)

Mr. Roger Long, Director of Music (x. 16)

Mrs. Fernanda Marinkovic, Bookkeeper (x. 13)

Mrs. Monica Despins, Director of Saint Timothy's Preschool

Mrs. Alba Padilla, Ms. Gloria Morán Nursery Attendants

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<u>Vestry</u> (Class year in parenthesis)

Co-Warden – Eugene Nkomba (2019)

Treasurer – Duane Hartge (2019)

Tim Allen (2019) Carmela Condro (2021) Andrew Hamm (2021)

Bill Outerbridge (2019) Sandy Wright (2020)

Catherine Lamoureux (2021) Gerritt Peck (2020)

Co-Warden – Susy Nixon (2019) **Registrar** – Rose Berberich (2019)

Vidai Genovez-Andrés (2020) Adaku Nwachukwu (2021)

Elizabeth Witter (2020)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan Keith Sinclair Deke Smith

Don't forget to place your phone on silent/vibrate during today's service. Thank you!

Proper 14

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Word of God

The Opening Acclamation (BCP 323)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity (BCP 323)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law (BCP 324)

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie (BCP 324)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day (BCP 325)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

A Reading from 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 (Read Responsively)

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,*

more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *

for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Amen

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel; John 6:35, 41-51

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Bardusch

The Nicene Creed (BCP 326)

We believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried;

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (BCP 328)

Leader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men:

Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. **Amen.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially to Michael, Shannon, Susan, and Bob, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. **Amen.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. **Amen.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald our president, Ralph our governor, and Lisa our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. **Amen.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. **Amen.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. **Amen.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Saint Timothy and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin (BCP 330)

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and

we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Absolution (BCP 332)

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words (BCP 332)

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28* God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace (BCP 332)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II, BCP 340)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. **People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus & Benedictus (BCP 334)

Celebrant and People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction (BCP 337)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Administration of Communion (BCP 338)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 339)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal (BCP 339)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Michele Bumbary, Bonnie Bunting, Judy Conroy, Emilia Mbonu, Kerrie Wilson
Counters		Keith and Tina Pinkard
Ushers	8 am	Hal Hallett, Robin Mullet
	10 am	Kent Miller, Bill Outerbridge
Greeters	8:00 am	B. Outerbridge
	10:00am	M. Perry
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 am	Eugene Nkomba, Bunny Wilkins
	10 am	Gayle Rippe, Andrew Guthrie, Edna Whittick, Ted Mankin, Allan Stanley, Chris Brock
Acolytes	10 am	Chudi M, Max F-W, Sophie D., Evelyn S.



Today's Altar Flowers are Given by:

Bill and Loy Bate in Thanksgiving for our 50th Wedding Aniversary

Would you like to remember a loved one who has departed this life, give thanksgiving for family & friends, or celebrate a special anniversary by sponsoring the altar flowers on a particular Sunday? Please complete a Flower Envelope

To all the volunteers that made the First Annual Water Day a success we thank you! Your enthusiasm and help were invaluable.

Have someone you'd like to thank for contributing to St. Timothy's in some way? Send an email to bookkeeper@saint-timothys.org with the person's name and what they did, and we will thank them in a future bulletin & eNews.



Do you need someone to talk to? Call a Stephen Minister!

You can call Peter or Beth Hwoschinsky @ 703.450.8599



Coffee Hour

Our traditional Coffee Hour will be suspended for the summer so that you may join your fellow parishioners on the lawn for a cookout. We will resume things in September!



Highlighted Church Events @ St. Tim's

Visit www.saint-timothys.org and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.				
Day	Time	Event	Location	
All of August		Outdoor Chapel Closed for Refurbishment Cookout after 10:00a.m. service		
Sunday8/12	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Care Meeting Book Exchange	B-1	
Saturday8/18	4:30 p.m.	Latino Ministry Picnic Bike or Walk to Worship	Grounds	
Sunday 8/19		Cookout After Services Bike or Walk to Worship	Grounds	
Monday 8/27to 8/30		Conferencia Nuevo Amanecer	Kanuga, NC	

Highlighted Music Events @ St. Tim's This Week

Visit www.saint-timothys.org and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.

Summer Pick Up Choir

During the summer months Roger Long will continue to lead a Pick-Up choir of week-by-week volunteers. If you would like to participate, please contact Roger by phone (703-437-3790 x. 16) or e-mail (rogerl@saint-timothys.org).





Wednesday8/15	Luke Hall, Mary Perry
Thursday8/16	Max Fang-Weeden, Maritza Hernandez, John Jensen
Saturday8/18	Vincent Roque
Sunday8/19	Robert Harmon Jr, Bob Kimmel

General Announcement

Holiday Bazaar

Yes, that time of year is here again. Our Holiday Bazaar is planned for Sunday, November 11th, from 9 am to 1 pm to raise money for the General Fund. On July 29th, our planning committee had its first meeting welcoming new members and discussing new ideas.

Besides vendor and crafters' tables, there will be a Christmas table. You will be able to donate those Christmas decorations you have accumulated and no longer use. There will be a basket raffle where one or two people decide on a theme and fill a basket with related items valued at \$20 to \$30. People will submit bids until bidding is called to a close. The highest bidder gets to buy the basket. Look for ideas on a sign-up poster or add your own ideas. The bake sale will also have a sign-up poster for baked goods donations.

During August, St. Timothy's congregation and Holy Trinity Parish will have the opportunity to reserve a table to sell products or crafts. An 8' table fee is \$45 and a 4' table space is \$35. In September, table rentals will be open to the community. For a registration form, email ccondro@verizon.net

Shawl Ministry

Our long-time coordinator for Shawl Ministry, Jackie Clattenburg, is resigning in the fall. In order for this ministry to continue we need a new volunteer to step up as coordinator. Shawl Ministry currently meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the evening. We are open to adding a daytime group if there is interest. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, please contact Susy Nixon at senixon@verizon.net or 703-973-4116.

Summer Cookouts at St. Timothy's -August 12, 19, 26

Starting July 15th, we will have a cookout on Sunday after the 10:00 service (rain or shine-we will gather in Henry Hall if it rains). The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments and water. Just bring a dish to share and plan on enjoying time for fellowship with your fellow parishioners. It's a great time to invite a guest to St. Timothy's. Questions? Comments? Would you like to lend a hand? Contact Sarah Hobson (sarahlhobson@gmail.com) or Susy Nixon (senixon@verizon.net).

Next Sunday Bike to Worship

Bicycles will be blessed during both services. Bicycling and walking have a positive impact on the environment, and it is an activity that families can do together. St. Timothy's is joining Fairfax County in the first "Bike & Walk to Worship" event. For questions contact Fr. Rich at rbardusch@saint-timothys.org

Hidden Poverty in Fairfax County

Interested in learning more about how 21st Century Poverty affects your neighbors in Fairfax County? Join Sister Simone Campbell and four local experts for a conversation on the reality of poverty here in Fairfax county. This panel discussion will explore the topics of housing, hunger, immigration, wages, healthcare, and how to get involved! Hosted by the Virginia NETWORK Advocates team. On Wednesday September 15 from 10:00 to 11:30am in St. Anne's Episcopal Church (1700 Wainwright Drive, Reston) If you have questions contact Fr. Rich at rbardusch@saint-timothys.org

Creating a Sustainable Church – The Endowment Fund Ensuring Saint Timothy's will be around for the next 150 years

An endowment is broadly defined as a permanent gift of money or property to an institution for a particular purpose. St. Timothy's Endowment Fund is typical of most church endowment funds because only the investment proceeds are used. The principal cannot be distributed. The Endowment Fund at St. Timothy's currently contains about \$100,000 and is held and administered for St. Timothy's by the Diocese of Virginia. An endowment gift can be made at any time or on a regularly scheduled basis as part of a member's estate plan. In sum, a donor to the Endowment Fund has the assurance that their gift will be a stable source of income and a lasting contribution by them to the ministry and mission of St. Timothy's for generations to come. Deke Smith, Endowment Committee

CONTACT INFORMATION

Submit Prayer Requests Prayer@saint-timothys.org

Reserve a Room <u>Calendar@saint-timothys.org</u>

Make an Appointment with Father Rich <u>rbardusch@saint-timothys.org</u>

Submit an Item for Bulletin & eNews bookkeeper@saint-timothys.org

Request maintenance, building and grounds bandg@saint-timothys.org.

Miscellaneous questions supported by office volunteers office@saint-timothys.org

Join a choir musicdirector@saint-timothys.org

Pastoral Care Requests careteam@saint-timothys.org



August 3, 2018

Dear Diocesan Family,

After many months of intense prayer and reflection, and in close consultation with the Presiding Bishop and our Standing Committee, I am formally announcing that I have decided to resign my office and ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia effective November 3, 2018, prior to the adjournment of our annual convention. I will then serve the diocese in a consulting capacity to facilitate the transition to new leadership. I will fully retire effective July 1, 2019, having served over twelve years as a bishop in this diocese.

First of all, I want to say in all honesty that being the XIII Bishop of Virginia has been the greatest honor and privilege of my life. I love this diocese with all my heart. I have also had extraordinary opportunities in places across the globe. I have learned much about the "big things" as well as about how deeply meaningful the so-called small things can be. After all these years of ministry serving as your bishop, there is something surreal about letting go. I have no idea what will come next, except that I shall take an extended period of rest, which will include times for spiritual retreat and discernment. I know that I shall miss my week-to-week ministry, especially spending time with our clergy and interacting with parishioners, but, actually, I am quite excited to have things so open-ended! Ellen and I shall remain in Richmond, where we very happily bought a home two years ago. We look forward to having more time to spend with friends as well as taking opportunities to travel. I also want to make up for a lot of lost time with my family in Alabama and Georgia.

I am proud of the work and accomplishments that we have achieved together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Several of these accomplishments include:

- the successful resolution of the unprecedented lawsuit returning schismatically-claimed property for the mission of the Episcopal Church;
- the historic success of the capital campaign for our camps program at Shrine Mont;
- embracing and fully including LGBT Christians in our ordination process and in the rite of Christian marriage;
- our recovery of the Church's voice for faith and advocacy in the "public square," raised in our internationally-noted presence at the Charlottesville rally opposing the White supremacy demonstrations, as we had already opened a critical dialogue on the sin and experience of racism;

- the newly re-drawn diocesan Regions that better reflect-and thus will better serve-the demographics and growth of today's Commonwealth of Virginia;
- and (lastly but surely not least) our diocese is growing again and our unity, confidence, and morale are high.

There is so much more that could be noted. I certainly do not claim or imply that "I" did all this, but we did, and I am rightly proud of this era I have shared with you in the life of the Diocese of Virginia.

My reasons for reaching this decision that a change of leadership is now good and wise begin with the fact that I feel that I have given my all. Quite simply, "the time" has come. I truly believe that I have done all that I can to accomplish what I feel I was called here to do. And so, I am convinced that it is now time for new vision and new energy for the Church in our diocese.

Equally important as a factor in my decision is that my wife Ellen and I are looking toward sharing an active and full life in retirement years. As I reach the age of sixty (after serving the Church for over thirty years), and being in strong health, I have confidently chosen to claim this season of life for the fuller nurture of our personal life. Someone else can assume my responsibilities as Bishop of Virginia, but no one else can love Ellen as I do.

As I write this letter I realize with certainty that my decision is for the best. While I am aware that there is some speculation about my retirement, please know that this letter conveys what is in fact my own personal truth about my decision to resign. You should also know that it is in consultation with my closest friends, colleagues, and advisors that Ellen and I agree that it is time for me to move on, in God's grace for us and for the Diocese of Virginia. Be assured that the Presiding Bishop's office will be in communication with our diocesan leadership regarding the next steps and the particulars for episcopal leadership in Virginia going forward.

I look upon my ministry as bishop among you in terms of having shared milestone moments of God moving decisively in the lives of Virginia Episcopalians. We have grown together as disciples of Jesus Christ. That is what the Church is all about. In the end, I am profoundly gratified by what I believe to have been a consequential episcopate.

Faithfully yours,

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston

XIII Bishop of Virginia



Media Release

[August 6, 2018] The Reverend Canon Michael Barlowe, Secretary of General Convention, invites Episcopalians from across the church to apply for appointment to the various interim bodies created by General Convention. These committees, commissions, and task forces carry out the work of the Episcopal Church between conventions. A list of the interim bodies and the scope of their work is available at https://houseofdeputies.org/2018/07/31/nominations-for-interim-bodies-of-general-convention-due-august-20/

Serving on an interim body is a way for Episcopalians across the church to participate in its governance. While the Joint Standing Committees are only open to bishops and deputies to the 79th General Convention, all other interim bodies are open to all members of the Episcopal Church. Appointments to standing commissions are generally for six years while appointments to joint standing committees or task forces are generally for three years. Information regarding the work of a specific interim body may be found by clicking on its <u>name</u>.

For more information or to submit an application, please select either the English or Spanish language survey. Applicants will be asked to indicate their interest in up to three interim bodies. The deadline for nominations is August 20, 2018. Appointments will be made by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies and announced in late September. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the General Convention at gcoffice@episcopalchurch.org.

Bulletin & eNews Submission Reminder

Submissions for the Sunday bulletin and eNews are **due** Monday by 9 a.m. of the week they are published unless otherwise communicated. If you would like to submit a church-related announcement, you can email bookkeeper@saint-timothys.org. You will receive a reply via email to confirm your submission was received.



Saint Timothy's Prayer List



Submissions added this week are in italics.

Health: Jennifer Healing: Jane

Long Term Needs: Lauren, William & Dora, Don, Ryan, Rose, Stephanie, Anders

Prayer List Volunteer Coordinator: Jill Norcross Email requests to Prayer@saint-timothys.org with the name of the person and prayer request. Request details will only be placed on the Pastoral Care Team listing; first names only will be placed in the bulletin. If you don't have access to email, call the church office & leave your request with the Director of Parish Operations, 703.437.3790 x. 10. Prayer requests, unless specifically requested as a Long-Term Need (in cases of prolonged illness, etc.) will remain on the Prayer List for three Sundays with the exception of Thanksgivings which remain for one week.



St. Timothy's Episcopal, founded on November 1, 1868, is a member of Region V of the Diocese of Virginia, one of the Episcopal Church's 9 original dioceses and the largest diocese in the domestic U.S. The bell from our 1881 church building has been electrified and continues to ring before every Sunday service and major holy day. Our 1870 James D. Moore Tracker pipe organ was restored and reinstalled April 2017.

We have a long history of outreach within and beyond the Herndon/Reston community. We staff The Closet, which had its beginnings at St. Timothy's in the 1970s. The first homeless shelter in Fairfax County began in our Henry Hall in 1984 and became the Embry Rucker Shelter, which we continue to staff. We run a school supply drive and holiday Angel Tree in addition to supporting LINK, Helping Hungry Kids,

and Cornerstones, among others. We serve the poorest in our state, our nation, and our hemisphere with yearly mission trips to Dungannon, VA, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD, and Chapoteau, Haiti.

We worship 4 times per week, in English and in Spanish, and we welcome everyone who would like to worship with us and become a part of our community. If you are visiting us, please sign the guest book in the Narthex and introduce yourself to our clergy and vestry members.