

The Word

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Newsletter • Herndon, VA

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Dear Friends,

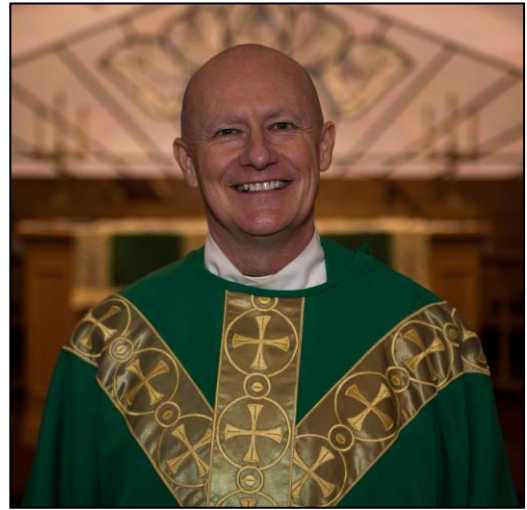
The Season of Epiphany is about revealing who Jesus is. As we move through this time of year, the Scriptures not only reveal who Jesus is, but beg the question of who we are. Who are you? Jesus was known by the deeds he did. Many of those deeds were about healing and making people whole. Some people were healed physically, others emotionally and spiritually. What deeds are you known by?

If Matthew or Luke had written a Gospel about your life, how would they have revealed the essence of who you are? What stories would they tell? Perhaps a good spiritual exercise for the Season of Epiphany would be to write down the deeds that we do, which reveal who we are.

As I reflect on Epiphany and prepare sermons and newsletter articles, I find myself asking a question. If I was not wearing my collar would others know I am a follower of Jesus by my deeds? In the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus tells the parable of the goats and the sheep, which is about the judgment at the end of time, the goats and the sheep are not rewarded or condemned based on what they believe, but on what they do or don't do.

I would argue that churches are like people regarding this idea. Churches are known in their communities by what they do and don't do. I once had a church that had as their signature ministry a soup kitchen. Nine out of ten people in the city knew about the church because of the soup kitchen. The community knew the church by its ministry.

Epiphany is also a good time for churches to ask themselves how the larger community knows it. What do we do at St. Timothy's that makes us



unique and stand out in Herndon? It is an important question as we move ahead because it has to do with who we are and how people know us. Does St. Timothy's have a signature ministry? How does the community know us?

Finally, Easter is late this year and consequently Epiphany is long. There are eight Sundays in Epiphany this season. I encourage you to share your thoughts with myself and other members of the Vestry about how St. Timothy's is known in Herndon and the surrounding communities. Tell us who you think we are.

Epiphany Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Rich" with a plus sign at the end.

Fr. Rich

150 YEARS

A Visit to St. Timothy's Past

On Sunday, February 10th, step back in time to enjoy “A Visit to St. Timothy's Past”. Following the 10:00 am service, the congregation is invited to the Masonic Lodge #264 at 820 Elden Street, Herndon, where St. Timothy's held services from the late 1800s until 1960 when the new building was erected. There will be refreshments and short talks by Barbara Glaskas from the Herndon Historical Society, Ann Crocker, St. Timothy's Archivist (retired) and Sandy Schanne, a current member of St. Timothy's who worshipped in the original structure. You will be able to walk around the building and see the stained-glass window that was a part of the church and remains there today. Plan to join us on February 10th as we continue to celebrate St. Timothy's 150th Anniversary year.

Parking/Transportation

There is no parking at the Lodge. Please consider carpooling from St. Timothy's. If you need a ride, please send an email to 150thAnniversary@saint-timothys.org, including your name and a telephone number. You can also call Maria LaWalt, 703-623-1394, to arrange a ride and assistance with drop off at the Lodge. There is a Municipal Parking Lot at 770 Elden Street.

Directions to Herndon Masonic Lodge/Municipal Parking Lot from St. Timothy's

Exit St. Timothy's Episcopal Church by turning right onto Van Buren Street. At the stop sign, turn left onto Spring Street. Go 0.4 miles on Spring Street and turn left at the light onto Elden Street. In 0.2 miles, turn right onto Grace Street. Take an immediate left into Herndon Masonic Lodge at 820 Elden Street and drop off your passengers. Exit the parking lot by turning left onto Elden Street. There is a Municipal Parking Lot at 770 Elden Street, 1½ blocks from the Lodge, with entrances from either Center Street or Elden Street.

- submitted by Maria LaWalt



Masonic Lodge #264 (formerly St. Timothy's Episcopal Church)

St. Timothy's Lakota Mission



May 18-25, 2019, St. Timothy's Lakota Team will travel to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to spend time with the Lakota people. Since 2003, we

have been making annual trips to the reservation to extend our hands to serve the needs of the Lakota, to build friendships and to foster cultural exchange. We volunteer our time and talents to support the needs of the community. We spend time each day engaging with the people, learning about their lives on the reservation and striving to break down negative stereotypes. We support projects to repair homes and we play with the local children.

We stay at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center (PRRC), a joint Lutheran/Methodist center whose 'mission is to foster better understanding between Indian and non-Indian peoples and to make contributions to the

life of the people living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.’

The information below is based on excerpts from the Retreat Center’s latest newsletter, which tells more about the PRRC mission and needs:

Teen/Young Adult Ministry

Nicholas Breining has joined the PRRC as their Youth Worker. He is discovering what programming is available for the teen and young adult populations on the reservation and will be implementing a culturally appropriate teen program that will provide life and coping skills with a primary focus on suicide prevention.

Energy Assistance Matching Fund (EAMF)

Winters on the reservation are long and hard. With less funding from both the federal and tribal governments, we anticipate greater demand this year for assistance with heating bills. Matching funds are provided to residents in need.

Cultural Immersion Ministry

Visiting teams, like the St. Timothy’s Lakota Ministry, meet and listen to Cultural Guides who help to address and break down barriers that are supported by negative stereotypes. The primary focus of the experience is creating healthy mutually respectful relationships.

Takoje Wachi Oyate (Grandchildren’s Dance Society)

The vision for the dancers is that they will find pride in their Lakota heritage and be able to use this as a source of strength and courage as they navigate the challenges of life on the reservation. The dancers regularly visit the nursing home in White Clay to dance for the elders living there.

Coordinated Emergency Relief Effort

In October the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps began assisting the people of Oglala to repair homes and replace windows that were damaged by a hail storm in July. This storm caused significant damage to more than 500 homes in that one community.

FEMA did not assign a disaster designation, resulting in a scramble to find ways to fund the repairs.

Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps

There are currently five people working as part of the Job Corps, people from the community working on behalf of their neighbors. Participating in the Job Corps gives individuals an opportunity to earn an income and gain important work experience. This summer was spent working on the roof at the Holy Cross church.

Gift Card Project

When material items are sent from distant places, shipping is costly to the sender and we do not have the space or resources to sort and distribute goods that are not part of our Common Basket Ministry. Instead, gift cards are easily mailed and give us the flexibility to answer requests that we receive for assistance. Cards that are most helpful are from Prepaid Visa cards, and cards from Wal-Mart, Sioux Nation, Conoco, Subway and Pizza Hut.

Threshold/Common Basket Ministries

Donations have enabled us to continue with the common basket ministries that include: sandwiches, diapers & baby wipes, quilts and hygiene kits. The demand for all of these items has increased this past year and with the uncertainty of funding for other programs, we anticipate the need for this type of assistance to continue.

More information on how you can contribute will be sent out soon, but please include the Lakota people in your prayers today. If you are interested in learning more about our St. Timothy’s Lakota Team or traveling with us, please contact Tina Pinkard at mapnbuild@verizon.net or 703-758-2583. We will be finalizing the team in early February. The cost will be between around \$800 and that includes travel, transportation, lodging, food and materials.

- submitted by Tina Pinkard

Capital Campaign News

On Sunday, March 10th, after the 10:00 service, a luncheon will be served and we will launch a Capital Campaign for Bricks and Mortar, Programs, and Mission and Ministries. Please plan to attend to learn more.

- submitted by John Nixon

Holy Trinity Parish and Independent Catholics



The Reverend Martha Tolen, Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish

I have been asked to write an article offering some general history and explanation of the “Independent Catholic” movement (Parts 1 & 2). People also have come to me with questions about Holy Trinity Parish and the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA), of which we are a part. I have included some specific history of CACINA (Part 3) and our governance style, in addition to examples of how we resemble and differ from the Roman Catholic Church (Part 4).

Part 1 – An Overview of the Independent Catholic Movement

As early as 1890 – and ending in 1936- the US Census tracked religious groups, and recognized “other Catholics” beyond the Roman Catholic Church. Years later, in 2017, the Roman church publicly gave Independent Catholics a label. The September 19, 2017 issue of the Catholic Reporter had an article on the bishops of Bolivia meeting with Pope Francis and discussing independent breakaway groups of Catholics gaining ground in that country, referred to as “parallel churches.”

The article mentioned “The Brazilian Catholic Apostolic Church, established in 1945 by former Bishop Carlos Duarte Costa, who objected to the Roman Catholic Church’s stance on papal infallibility, priestly celibacy, divorce, and allowing priests to have (jobs).” While the message to the bishops was a warning to be wary of such groups, the Independent Catholic movement was thrilled with the publicity and recognition.

Catholic Churches have existed for nearly 300 years which have chosen to deny that the Bishop of Rome (Pope) has jurisdiction over all other bishops. (This is not to ignore the Great Schism of 1054 between the Eastern Orthodox Catholics and the Roman Catholics.) Some church historians say that they started in the Netherlands (Utrecht) in 1724. The French Revolution and the American Revolution accelerated their growth. In 1819, a group of Catholics in Charleston, South Carolina started an independent church with the help of Utrecht. In 1892, Joseph Rene Vilatte became the first independent bishop in the United States, and he started the American Catholic Church in 1894. But they were only part of the movement in independence from Rome. Descendants of the Anglicans who settled in Virginia in 1607 formed the Episcopal Church in 1789. The Greek Orthodox Church came to Florida in 1768 and Russian Orthodox monks evangelized Alaska in 1794.

About the same time, at St. Peter’s Roman Catholic parish in New York City in 1785, a schism developed. Fr. Charles Whelan was the pastor, and was portrayed as a poor preacher who lacked social skills. The members insisted Whelan resign, and took control of the church funds, refusing to pay Whelan, creating what is called “the 1st schism in a Roman Catholic Church in America.” In the years to follow, small groups of Roman Catholics in America continued to break ties with Rome. (Next month: *Recent Independent Catholics*)

- submitted by Rev. Martha Tolen

Reflections on the Mission Trip to Haiti

I heard a soft knock on my door on our first morning in Cange and realized it was Craig awakening me for our 6 am morning walkabout. We met some old friends and enjoyed the beautiful sunrise. After a hearty breakfast of traditional Haitian soup (**Soupe Joumou**), bread, and peanut butter, we excitedly dressed for church as the bells welcomed the community to mass. As the service opened, we were captivated by the angelic singing of the chorus and the exceptional music of the church orchestra. Pere Kesner delivered three different sermons in English, French and Haitian Creole, appealing to all of the worshippers in attendance. I was inspired by his words and by the compassion he displayed through his interactions with the congregation. After mass, we met Wilfa's family. I could see the gratitude and happiness in their faces for the assistance we have given Wilfa towards his education. I left church that morning feeling uplifted and happily welcomed back to Haiti by these beautiful people.

Our Monday 6 am walkabout was incredible. With blue skies following an evening of rain, fog had drifted into the valleys to create a beautiful Haitian kaleidoscope of colors. At one point, the sun broke through the misty fog and literally lit up the Zamni Lasante compound. I saw this as a sign that this was going to be a great day to visit St. Matthieu's School. Hiking down to the lake, we could see the dugout canoes gliding in to transport us to Chapoteau. The views the entire time were breathtaking, the quiet punctuated by the slap of the paddle and the splash of baling water from the leaking canoes. After arriving on the opposite shore, we began the hike up to the school. Upon entering the school compound, we immediately headed to the shade of the mango tree in the school yard. Christophe, a teacher, brought us fresh coconuts to quench our thirst. We spent the morning interacting with the students. They were so playful and outgoing that the time flew by as we played hide and seek, soccer and jumped rope. When classes began, I was happy to visit several of the classes. In one class, before the teacher arrived, I attempted to teach the students to count from 1-10 in English. They were so receptive and participatory that we were laughing and high fiving the entire time, leaving me both exhausted and exhilarated. We met

back at the church for student photos and a meeting with the teachers. I was struck by the eloquence of the teachers in expressing how happy and grateful they were for the assistance St. Timothy's is providing the children of Chapoteau and for giving them a safe environment in which to learn. Although it was a short visit, I left St. Matthieu's feeling very positive about the school and the work of St. Timothy's in supporting this poor yet resourceful community. What fun we had slipping and sliding back down the muddy hill and paddling back across the lake.

Tuesday was a bit of a sad day as we were headed back to Port au Prince. On the way, we stopped to see a primary school, where students were learning in small dirt buildings. They were studying butterflies and were so beautiful and attentive that it brought tears to our eyes. The ride down the mountain was exhilarating. Thankfully, we were in the hands of a master driver, Pere Kesner, and arrived at our hotel safe and sound. The rainy evening was highlighted by our meeting with Pere Wisnel and his wonderful family.

While much of the Haitian landscape is breathtakingly beautiful, many scenes illustrate the struggles of the people and can leave you with an ache in your heart. But it is their strength and resilience that fills me with inspiration and their hospitality, joyfulness and love that bring me joy and hope. I was so happy and proud to be a part of the Haiti Mission team. The respect, wisdom, care, joy and love shown by the team members towards each other and to our Haitian hosts made this a very special experience. I cannot wait to return.

~ submitted by Frank Wagner

(Frank is a parishioner at St. John Neumann Church in Reston and also a member of St. Timothy's Haiti Ministry)



Cozy service on a snowy Sunday morning

Sharing Teaching Tips with our Friends in Haiti

After the Storm



Grade one student writing numbers (photo by Frank Wagner)

In its long-standing relationship with Chapoteau School in Haiti, St. Timothy's is now exchanging educational techniques with our friends in the Caribbean nation.

Teaching Idea—January 2019

Puzzles can help improve critical thinking and problem solving. Students generally enjoy working on puzzles, especially when they can work with classmates. When they have found an answer, they should determine if others agree or disagree with their answer. Allow students the opportunity to explain and defend their solution. Teachers can work on the puzzles as well. Try to adapt the puzzles to make them easier for different levels. It is recommended to work on one at a time.

- submitted by Frank Wagner



Installation of new Verger, Danny Wechtenhiser, and Lay Eucharistic Minister, Patrick Hobson

Even in the turmoil of storm and recovery, charity and love has not been forgotten.
Sacrifice and donations thrive despite the stress and loss of comfort.
Pleasures will be simple, consumption of luxuries smaller.
But gathering of families will be treasured and remembered for all future years,
And the grace and mercy of God will be sought and received
In love and gratitude from believers and non-believers alike,
As they pursue their dream of peace and happiness in an united world,
Full of God's love and the spread of that Love from person to person,
Each and every day.

- submitted by Jill Cox

(note from Jill: I wrote this after Hurricane Sandy I think or maybe Katrina, but it is applicable to any disaster and these days I think of people who have to cope without the support of government or aid groups and wish the thoughts and actions could be true for those people, especially for the children in Yemen, Myanmar and so many other places where war and violence are causing such misery and hardship. Please pray for them every day.)



This Epiphany sheep is done

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Service Times:

Saturday: 7:30 pm Santa Eucharista

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite 1

9:00 am Children's Eucharist

10:00 am Rite II service with Holy Communion

Godly Play ages 3-2nd grade

SPARK+, 3rd-5th grade

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Welcome New Members

January

Evelynn "Evie" Risdal – Baptism

Iker David Zepeda-Castillo – Baptism

Please be aware that there are MANY active congregants who have been attending and donating to St. Timothy's for many years that are not registered members. Our goal is to aid the transfer of all congregants interested in being registered members of St. Timothy's.

Non-registered congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship with the exception of serving on the Vestry and participating in elections. However, the more registered members St. Timothy's has recorded the more delegates we can send to the conventions, giving us a stronger vote in Diocese matters.

If we don't have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timotheys.org or send the information to office@saint-timotheys.org.

To transfer your membership to St. Tim's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Nikki O'Malley (nikki.omalley@gmail.com) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timotheys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

Submission Deadline for the next issue:

Friday, February 22, 2019

Submit articles to:

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Almighty God, whose Son our savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world; Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen

(Book of Common Prayer, page 215)