



# The WORD

December 2019

Dear Friends,

It is during the month of December that we have the shortest days in the year. December also brings about the end of the calendar year, the hibernation of much of life, and the end of our holiday season. In many ways December can be thought of as an ending month. It is as if the light is going out, and in a literal way, it is.

But for Christians, December also brings beginnings. It is the beginning of the new liturgical year, it brings the beginning of the calendar year, and the beginning of days getting longer, and literally the increase of light. It brings many fresh starts. That can be joyous.

There is no ending without a beginning and no beginning without an ending. Which decides for you who you will be: the endings or the beginnings? It is as simple as that. We get to choose.

The choice is not about choosing one set of facts over another. The light does decrease and the light does increase in the month of December. Both statements are true. Our choice is about with which one we will align ourselves. Will we be people of increasing light or decreasing light?

In many ways it is like the Native American story about the two wolves inside each person. One is a wolf of anger and the other is a wolf of peace. Which one will we feed? The one that we decide to feed is the one that we will become. As December unfolds, I invite you to make a choice. Choose to be people of light instead of darkness.



Christ was born in the darkest month that the light might shine even more brightly. He asks us to choose. Which side will we be on? I choose light and new beginnings.

Advent Blessings,

*Fr. Ricketts*

*Christian Education Corner*



Epiphany Play

We are very excited this year to offer to children the opportunity to participate in an Epiphany Play during the 10:00 service on January 5<sup>th</sup>. If your child is interested, please sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/StTimsEpiphany2020> as soon as possible and no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. You may also use the same sign-up page if you are interested in: helping with costumes, helping with rehearsal, helping with the performance.

\*NOTE: All children who wish to participate MUST attend rehearsal on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30. Rehearsal is expected to last no more than forty-five minutes.



Confirmation

We are excited to offer Confirmation instruction this Winter/Spring 2020 to youth interested in being confirmed into the Episcopal Church.

The recommended age is 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up. The main component will be a Mentoring book study and those study dates will be selected by the Mentor/Mentee (about 3-4 sessions). Other important dates include:

- January 5<sup>th</sup> - Information session and mentor selection (luncheon following church)
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - Episcopal 101 with Father Rich (luncheon following church)
- June 7<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation with the Bishop

~ submitted by Alyssa Stoffer



Club 456

Club 456 is a ministry designed for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The club meets once a month on Sunday after church. They are invited to go on Club 456 outings

where they will enjoy fellowship and fun with their friends. This group will also work on a number of mission projects throughout the year. Club 456 will foster relationships with peers and encourage discipleship through service. The next meeting is **January 5<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 am worship.**





All Saints Day and the  
Culmination of St. Timothy's  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



## ***150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Final Celebration***

All Saint's Day November 3rd, 2019 was a joyous celebration of St. Timothy's 150 years. Fr. Rich celebrated the liturgy using the 1789 Book of Common Prayer and Roger Long led the choir and congregation in beloved and historic hymns. Fr. Rich and the readers impressed the congregants with their expert translation of the prayers by successfully pronouncing the confusing "f" printed in the handout with the "s" sound as was traditional during the time of our church founding. We all participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century prayers and liturgy and the inspiration of centuries-old worship. Thankfully, Fr. Rich spared us the multi-hour sermon common during the 1800s.

St. Timothy's was blessed to welcome former members and longtime friends including The Rev. Ralph Bayfield, The Rev. Leslie Chadwick and former members who had moved away but returned to join us in the celebration. Virginia State Senator Jennifer Boysko presented a legislative proclamation recognizing St. Timothy's 150<sup>th</sup> year. Items from the Time Capsule created to mark the anniversary were displayed including a Washington Nationals World Series Championship t-shirt and notecards with remembrances by parishioners of meaningful times at St. Timothy's. The Time Capsule will be stored safely for opening in November 2043.

Following the 10:00 am service, the Anniversary Committee served a festive brunch for the congregation. The brunch was well attended with parishioners enjoying fellowship and friends.

With the leadership of Chair Holly Hartge, the Anniversary Committee members Shon Beury, Carmela Condro, Helen Guest, Carolyn Hamm, Elaine Horsfield, Bob Kimmel, Maria LaWalt, Mindy Rohrbach and Sandy Wright sponsored several events throughout the year to highlight church history and traditions. Events the committee organized included: a Choral Evensong and Rededication of the Tracker Organ, a Visit to St. Timothy's Past, held at the former church building which is now the Herndon Masonic Lodge, on two

occasions, a photo display of parishioners through the decades, recognition of those married at St. Timothy's and a renewal of wedding vows, an ice cream social (long a St. Timothy's tradition) and a talk by The Honorable Tom Rust former Herndon Mayor and Virginia Delegate, discussing the changes in Herndon since the 1950s. The church website [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org), has a recording of the presentations at the Herndon Masonic Lodge as well as Tom Rust's discussion. The recordings can be found in the History section of the 'About' tab.

The Anniversary Committee is grateful to all who participated in making the commemorative events a success and for joining us in marking St. Timothy's 150<sup>th</sup> year. With God's help, may we look forward to another 150 years in Herndon.

~ submitted by Shon Beury

## ***Preschool LINK project***

St. Timothy's Pre-School children have been learning about sharing and being kind. They have been bringing in items for St. Timothy's Link Holiday Basket Program.

~ submitted by Monica Despins



Photo by Monica Despins





Many Thanks to the  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Committee







150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration Brunch







Alexis Roque will perform three arrangements for Cello and Organ by Raymond Haan: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”, “Unto Us a Child is Born” and “Christmas Dawn” (based on a German folksong).

To complete our instrumental offering for Christmas Eve, the St. Timothy’s Bell Choir will perform arrangements of lesser known but familiar Christmas Carols.

During our Christmas Eve 7:00 and 10:00 pm services, the Adult Choir will sing three anthems, including one anthem for 3-part ladies’ voices and Flute, “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”, arranged by Don M. Dicie. The distinctive flute obbligato adds a cheerful addition to this piece!

Please plan to arrive thirty minutes early for the 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm traditional services on December 24<sup>th</sup>, because the musical preludes will start at 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm.

~ submitted by Roger Long

### ***Special Instrumental Music for Advent and Christmas***

We have had a busy fall with rehearsals this year with our new emphasis on Instrumental Ministry. It began with the introduction of the St. Timothy’s String Ensemble on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Natalie Dubishar, French Horn, will play a Church Aria by Alessandro Stradella (1642-1682). A middle Baroque period composer, Stradella is best known for his operas and other solo vocal compositions. This horn piece, composed in 1667, is an arrangement of a Church Song or Aria.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will hear selections from the Flute Sonata in B Minor, by G. F. Handel. Laura Robinson will play the flute accompanied by Alexis Roque, cello.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, our bell choir will offer a beautiful setting of the Finnish Advent folksong “Lost in the Night” by Cathy Moklebust. This is scored for Bells and Violin - an unusual combination. Ellen Grace Burke will be our Violinist that Sunday.

For Christmas Eve, we will present pieces especially arranged for Organ and Instruments.

Laura Robinson will perform three arrangements for Flute and Organ by Michael Barker: “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”, “Cold December Flies Away” and “The Wexford Carol”.



### ***Security Statement from Our Rector***

I am writing to make you aware that we have had several attempts by scammers to solicit money from some parishioners while posing as me. First, I will never ask for money from individual parishioners via email. If I ask individuals for money it will generally be in person. I might solicit the entire congregation for funds in an email, but that will be for St. Timothy's or a special mission drive, which would not be covered by our line item budget. Second, I only use one email address for my work: [rbardusch@saint-timothys.org](mailto:rbardusch@saint-timothys.org). These scammers are creating emails that contain my name and look official, but they are not. I will only communicate with you using the above email, no others.

Finally, I want you to know that Saint Timothy's computer system has not been hacked. We believe that the scammers are getting the information off our web page. Additionally, when an individual email is hacked it does not give access to our computer system. They are separate. The information contained on our computer system such as financial and baptismal records is protected by encryption, virus software, and fire walls. We make every effort keep these protections up to date.

Always be careful when someone, anyone, asks for money or information over the Internet. That is not an appropriate conduit for either. If you are in doubt about the genuineness of a request from me, please call the office at 703-437-3790.

~ submitted by Father Rich

### ***Odd Thoughts***

I do not know why, on this Sunday in mid-November, I started to think about some redundant words or some that are not in general use in this modern age. Perhaps being in the shower when the first of the words arose – “dandruff” (stop laughing!) – but I got to thinking of others like “typist, bus conductor, vacuum flask, knickers (short trousers for boys here in the U.S. and underwear in the U.K.!). For some reason these thoughts led me to think of old customs used in

Advent and over the Christmas season. I often reminisce about the much less commercial season of my childhood when there was such an air of expectation and potential surprise.

My young years spread across the six years of WWII, but even with all the shortages and the absence of my father who served in the R.A.F, my mother and my grandparents managed to make the Holy Days very special. No Advent Calendars, but slow preparations at church and school, often interrupted by air raids, brought the important date nearer and nearer. No carols before Christmas Eve and little or no repetitive “seasonal” music in the stores, but the practices in Sunday School for the Annual Nativity Play, plus those for a traditional pantomime in the primary school which was a lot of fun, set the anticipation of a joyful time.

I played the Fairy Queen in a production of “Sleeping Beauty” in a cut down lacy night gown from one of the teachers, a cardboard crown covered with some old wallpaper and a wand made from a shortened broom handle!

My brother and I saved our pennies given as pocket money for small tasks we did around the house during October and November in order to buy a gift for my mother and father after he returned safe and sound, thank God, in 1946. That year we bought him a hammer and a potted hyacinth bulb for my mother which I hid under my bed. There is no doubt that she knew what she was getting as to my dismay it bloomed on December 21<sup>st</sup>! The heavy perfume gave the game away even if the carpet cleaner did not!

Fast forward to much later years around 1990 when I had returned from the U.S. to help my parents who were declining in health and needed extra support. I was privileged to attend several performances of the “Mystery” plays. These plays originated during the Middle Ages in an attempt to “educate” the common people who could not read or had no access to books. They were geared to audience participation in terms of cheers and boos and were usually performed in the beds of carts which brought farm produce to the towns. Chester and



York Cathedrals have maintained regular performances. In Chester, they are performed every five years, the most recent was in the cathedral in 2018 and the plans are already made for 2023! In York, they are performed on the Feast of Corpus Christi, sixty days after Easter in May or June (there is a short YouTube video of the 2012 performance available).

I usually went to All Hallows by the Tower (founded in 675 A.D.) in London. The plays were performed in rotation with other more modern versions including a musical version called “Fan the Flames”. The range of the scenes went from the Creation to the Nativity, although there were others that went further to the Crucifixion, but it is believed that this was a later addition perhaps in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Apart from an introductory prayer and a final Advent hymn there was no religious component, but I feel sure that people who could not read learned landmark episodes in the Scriptures just as they did from the lovely painted walls in many medieval churches, some of which have been revealed and restored, having been covered by a thick lime wash during the Reformation. More about those in a future article.

All this from the consideration of DANDRUFF!  
Who knows where thoughts may lead?!

~ submitted by Jill Cox



## *Upcoming Events*

<i>Annual Christmas Eve Illumination Set-Up/Clean-up</i>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm/Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am</b>          We are looking for any and all to join us on Christmas Eve just outside the main entrance by the bell. We will have the “production line” ready so we can make and set out approximately 400 luminaries around the church property. There will be Christmas music and plenty of comradery! With sufficient help we will be done by 3 pm. Does the fun stop there? NO! Join us on December 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to clean up the property and properly dispose of the bag candles. Please bring large yard garbage bags to assist with clean up. Questions? Please text Craig Dubishar at 703-850-1751.</p>
<i>Annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont</i>	<p><b>Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am – Planning Meeting</b>          Save the date for St. Timothy’s Annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia, May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is the second planning meeting, but we welcome anyone who would like to help. We will meet in the Christian Education Office. Contact Susy Nixon at <a href="mailto:senixon@verizon.net">senixon@verizon.net</a> for additional information or if you have questions.</p>
<i>Centering Prayer</i>	<p><b>The first and third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in room B-1</b>          Please consider joining Father Rich and the Centering Prayer group for quiet meditation and fellowship.</p>
<i>Bible Study</i>	<p><b>Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in St. Timothy’s kitchen.</b>          If you have questions or would like to join, please contact Nikki O’Malley at <a href="mailto:nikki.omalley@gmail.com">nikki.omalley@gmail.com</a>.</p>
<i>Shawl Ministry</i>	<p><b>The first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and the second Tuesday of each month, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Narthex.</b></p>





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## Events at St. Timothy's



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Shawl Ministry	5	6	7 Antietam Centering Prayer
8	9	10 Shawl Ministry	11	12	13	14 Youth Group
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Centering Prayer Winter Solstice Revels
22	23	24 Luminary Set-up	25	26 Luminary Clean-up	27	28
29	30	31				

*(Print and save this calendar of events at St. Timothy's.)*

### ***2019 Vestry with Liaison Assignments***

Elizabeth Witter (2020) – *Senior Warden*  
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*Pictured left to right: Fr. Rich Bardusch, Vidai Genovez (Andres), John Nixon, Adaku Nwachukwu, Carmela Condro, Elizabeth Witter, Allison Dodd, Andy Hamm, Brian Flusche (not pictured: John Druitt, Catherine Lamoureux, Gerritt Peck, Sandy Wright)*





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**Service Times**

Saturdays: 7:00 pm Santa Eucharista  
 Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I  
 10:00 am Eucharist, Rite II  
 Godly Play ages 3-2nd gr.  
 SPARK+, 3rd-5th grade  
 Christian Education  
 Nursery Care  
 Wednesdays: 12:15 pm Eucharist and Healing Service

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**Welcome New Members**

Rebecca Anne Vittes (baptism)  
 Raquel Hurtado Lozanno  
 Carlos Enrique Vittes

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-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org) or send the information to [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact Mindy Rohrbaugh ([blessed2boma@gmail.com](mailto:blessed2boma@gmail.com)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

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**Submission deadline for the January issue:  
 Saturday, December 21, 2019**

**Please Note: this will be a hard deadline because of the Christmas holiday**

**Submit articles to:  
[wordeditor@saint-timothys.org](mailto:wordeditor@saint-timothys.org)**



Then a shoot shall grow from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall spring from his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what he sees nor decide by what he hears; he shall judge the poor with justice and defend the humble in the and with equity; his mouth shall be a rod to strike down the ruthless, and with a word he shall slay the wicked. Round his waist he shall wear the belt of justice, and good faith shall be the girdle round his body.

Then the wolf shall live with the sheep, and the leopard lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall grow up together, and a little child shall lead them; the cow and the bear shall be friends, and their young shall lie down together. The lion shall eat straw like cattle; the infant shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the young child dance over the viper's nest.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for as the waters fill the sea, so shall the land be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. On that day a scion from the root of Jesse shall be set up as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall rally to it, and its resting-place shall be glorious.

~ Isaiah 11:1-10  
(New English Translation)  
Second Sunday in Advent