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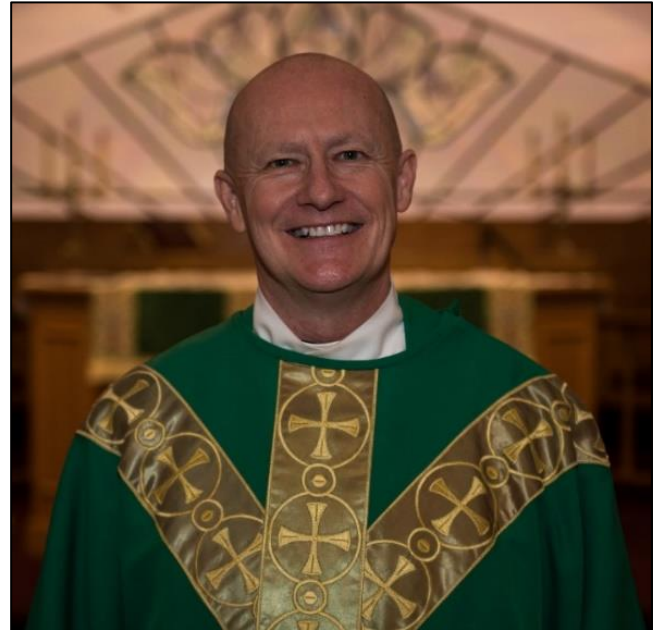
September 2020

Dear Friends,

September is the month when we usually gear up for the program year. It is typically an exciting and hopeful time for me. I look forward to the buzz of new beginnings and expectations of the school year. This September, however, feels different to me, as I am sure it does for many of you, too. While some of our programming has been able to move onto Zoom, other pieces of our program have been unable to do so because of their nature. Most importantly we have not been able to gather in person for many months now and our connections are strained. This is a difficulty for communities such as ours, which are built on interpersonal interactions.

While we continue in a difficult time, not just for us, but for the whole nation, I want us to remember that we are still a body. While many of us feel isolated and cut off, we are still connected. Although we have not met in person, our pastoral care team has been unable to visit people and while daily interactions among staff and members have been curtailed, we have successfully managed to keep most pieces of ministry functioning. We continue to do outreach, deliver food, operate our preschool, check up on our sick through phone calls and host some organizations like the American Red Cross.

Pandemics are no fun and they certainly are not helpful to institutions that are based on personal interactions. So, I want to give you some good



news. St. Timothy's is doing well. The financial commitment of our members has been exceptional. The lay leadership from the Vestry and Finance Team has really stepped up and gone the extra mile. Many of our lay leaders have taken on new and extra responsibilities to make sure we can continue to develop our broadcast capabilities in this new way of doing church. Others have found ways to decrease our expenses and raise additional revenue. We have had to do this because of lost revenue in other areas. It is a good sign for our future that we have been able to adapt to this changed environment.

My expectation is that we as a community are going to have to make even more changes in 2021. While some changes might be temporary others may be

permanent. Some will be seen as steps forward (hiring a communications person to coordinate online worship), while others might be seen as steps backward. The reality is this is a time of increased change and we need to adapt and pivot towards the future. I don't know how things are going to look moving forward, but I am very happy that we have a leadership team in place that is committed to working with each other and committed to the health of St. Timothy's. That makes a big difference.

So, I want to assure everyone at St. Timothy's that even though things seem different now—it is not a usual September—we have the people and the resources in place to make sure that St. Timothy's stays strong and adapts to our changing circumstances. Our community is strong because we are connected and we care about each other. Even more, we continue to do ministry and care for the hurting and most vulnerable. This is our real strength and it makes all the difference in the world.

September Blessings,

Fa. Rida+

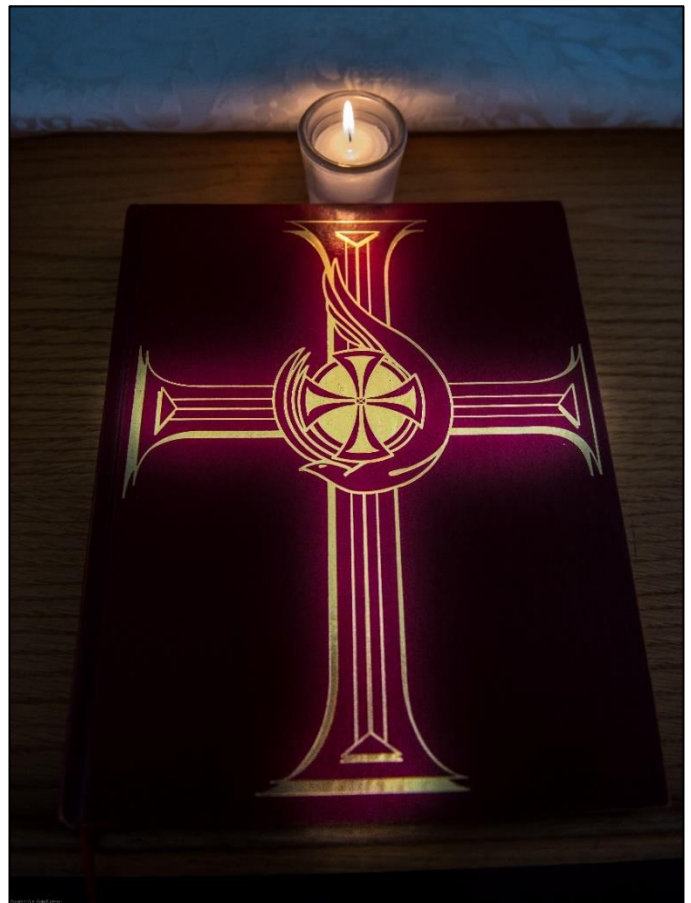
Vestry Notes – August 18th Meeting

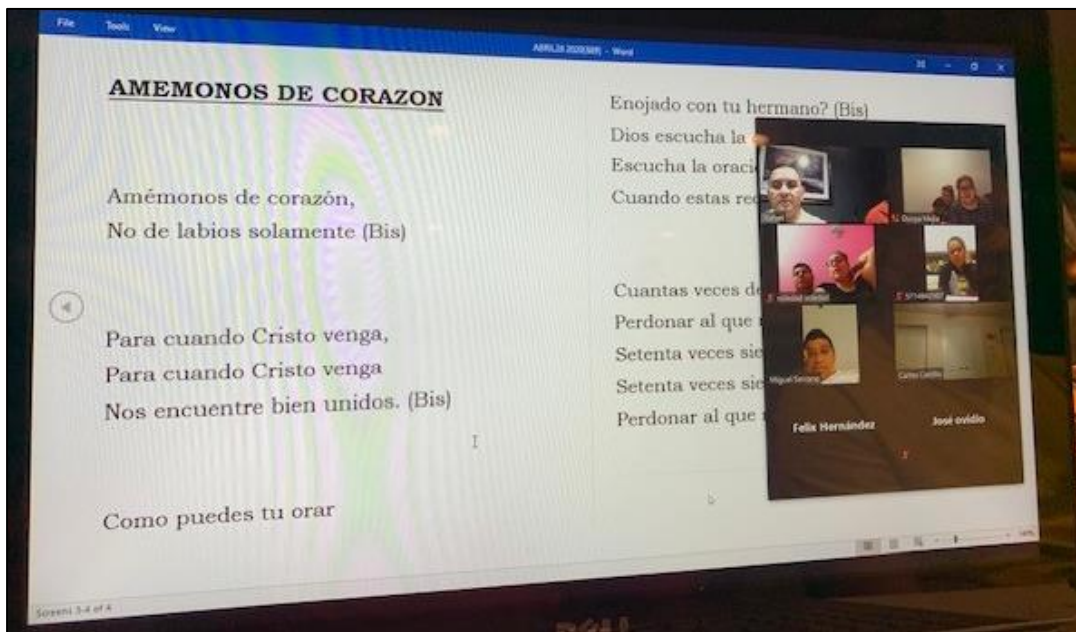
At this Vestry meeting, financial issues were the main focus of discussion. Kent Miller, chairman of Stewardship, gave a presentation concerning the upcoming Stewardship Campaign which will begin in the fall. There is a plan to have an updated stewardship page on St. Timothy's website. You will soon hear more about the Campaign by letter, email, *The Word* and announcements.

Kathy Lombard, the Treasurer, gave a presentation on the 2021 Vision Budget, along with the current Treasurer's Report. She made a recommendation, with the support and research of the Finance Committee, that we participate in the Insured Cash Sweep program offered by Main Street Bank where St. Timothy's has its bank accounts. This program

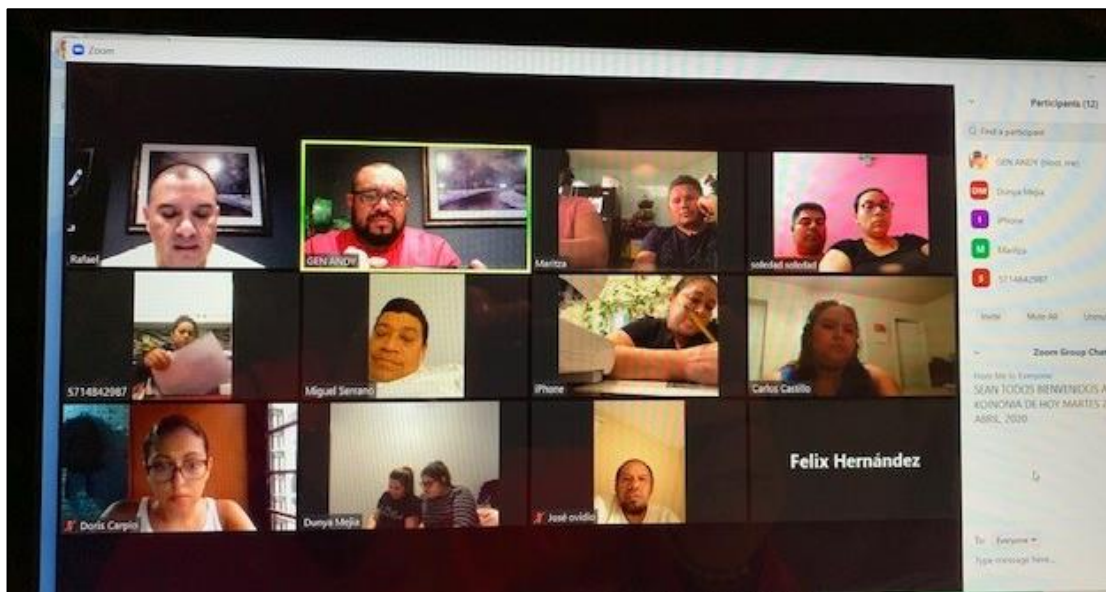
insures money when the total of our accounts exceeds \$250,000 by automatically transferring the excess monies to other banks participating in the program. These monies will receive the same interest as we receive at Main Street Bank. The Vestry accepted the recommendation and voted to approve the plan. Kathy also recommended that Pay Pal be added to St. Timothy's donation page where Clover is also located. Pay Pal/Venmo appears to be more popular with donors. The Vestry agreed and made a motion to that effect, which was also approved by the Vestry.

~ submitted by Carmela Condro





Staying
connected
during our time
apart



photos provided by Vidai Genovez-Andres and Fr. Rich Bardusch

Thunder and Lightning

Thunder and lightning,
Donner and Blitzen.
Threatening clouds, dark sky,
Bright flash, shudder and close of eye.
Wrath of God?
Thor's anger?
Glimpse of eternal energy?
Fear manifested?
Time between clashes seemingly endless,
Luminous shards forecast more.
Rain in torrents does not diminish the sound
Nor does it scatter the light into rainbow crystals.

Lessened rumbles give hope of abatement,
Distant forks, heading for water perhaps,
Raise spirits and hopes of future calm,
Rivulets of rain are almost nothing.
Small nocturnal animals emerge from frail shelter
To face their own predators in search of food.
Dogs and cats resume their sluggish sleep on
cushion
And human breath eases into sleep on soft pillows.

~ submitted by Jill Cox

Thanksgiving for the ministry of Father Pedro Cuevas

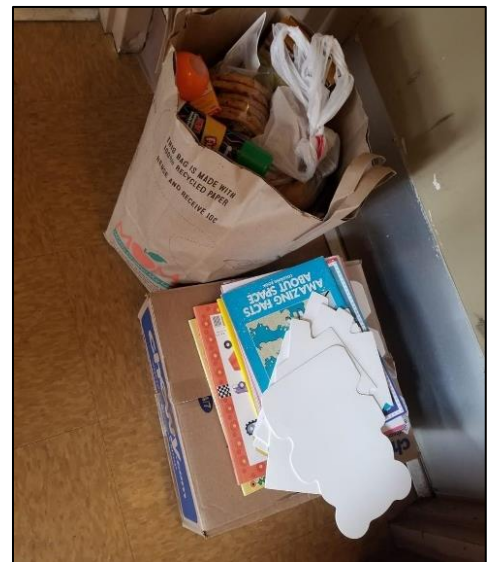
As we move into the latter part of the year 2020, we find ourselves less fulfilled in different areas of our lives. Fear, stress, COVID-19 and social distancing have caused us to move away from the church. During this time of pandemic and without realizing it, many of our parishioners who attend the Spanish language service, as well as other families who are not members of St. Timothy's, have been provided with food assistance and in some cases financial support. All this help would not have been possible without the total dedication to the love of the Lord's work that Father Pedro Cuevas has for the Latino congregants at St. Timothy's.

Without delay and in the midst of the crisis of the pandemic, Father Pedro established contact with La Gracia Episcopal Church of Alexandria and was

able to obtain weekly food donations, taking them to the homes of many members of the Latino community. The way in which Father Pedro has assisted St. Timothy's Latino community with pastoral care in the midst of this crisis has been a great blessing.

As we continue praising our Heavenly Father every Saturday for five months, Father Pedro has brought the Holy Word through the virtual service. Thank you, Father Pedro.

~ submitted by Vidai Genovez-Andres



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Now More Than Ever – Our 2020 Agape for Haiti

September is here; a September unlike any we can remember. The year 2020 has been extraordinary in so many ways. We have felt the impacts of COVID-19, witnessed protests and climate change and marked the tenth anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti — the very beginning of St. Timothy's extraordinary relationship with St. Mathieu's school in Chapoteau. The help we have brought to the students and teachers in this remote mountain village (where there are no roads, no electricity, no running water) is a literal lifeline.

Even more extraordinary, though, are the relationships we have entered into, so many of which have been revealed this year to be two-way blessings. We receive emails from Pere Kesner Gracia (the Priest in Charge responsible for St. Mathieu's), Wilpha (the local lay eucharistic minister that St. Timothy's supported all the way through completion of his college degree), and the many other children and young adults we see when we visit (Ambioli, Werly, Monly, Luke, OB and many others). All of them write with prayers for us:

Werly writes, "My prayer are still with us every day cause God is our only hope. Know where[ever] you are, God are with you and protect you."

Pere Kesner Gracia writes, "Due to the worldwide disaster that is facing humanity, I am thinking of you and holding you in my daily prayers so that your family, friends and relatives be safe and protected until the pandemic Covid-19 pass away ...This is true, since we are all confined to our homes but our heart is not isolated from one another, we remain united in spirit, prayers and faith."

We could not have said it better ourselves.

We remain united in spirit, prayers and faith, no matter what happens in the world around us. We will not abandon the children of St. Mathieu's just because we ourselves are experiencing difficulties.

During three Sundays in September (13th, 20th, and 27th), St. Timothy's will hold its annual Agape fund-raising efforts to support St. Mathieu's school

(give online or by check, but please, give). You may remember from past years that we usually have this Agape fundraiser in May, but that was not possible this year. And even now, as our children in the U.S. and in Haiti plan their return to school, this event will be entirely virtual. We will protect each other while we work to raise the funds to protect the lives and education of our children in Haiti. Tune in to the Zoom service each week to see photos of our children, hear special messages from our friends in Haiti, and experience the faith and hope that come from being a part of something so much larger than our own problems — from being a part of God's will for the world.

Now, more than any time since the devastating earthquake ten years ago, our Haitian friends need our support. The political unrest, the drought and, now, an economic downturn caused by COVID-19 restrictions all cause even more stress on an already broken system. Your prayers and your financial support are the key to one more year of keeping our school open and the key to the extraordinary loving care of God that we at St. Timothy's have shown our friends in Haiti for over ten years.

~ submitted by John DrUITT





St. Timothy's
Enduring
Mission in
Haiti



Stillness

No movement in tree buds
Yet life is stirring
As blossom bursts forth.

No movement in grass stalks
Yet life is burgeoning
With ants and beetles below.

No movement in clouds
Yet life is passing
With shadows and streaks of birds.

No movement in water,
Yet life is floating
With silent silver forms below.

No movement in crib
Yet life is forming
With each sweet baby breath.

No movement in air,
Yet life is fleeting
With each soft kiss of breeze.

No movement to disturb
Yet life is a blessing
Of God's creation.

~ submitted by Jill Cox





Remembering
times of
fellowship
together and
looking forward
to a time when
we can return



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Pictured left to right: John Nixon, Carmela Condro, Tatiana Martinez, John Druitt, Rose Berberich (Registrar), Nancy Miller, Catherine Lamb, Andrew Hamm, Ralph Tildon, Brian Flusche, Allison Dodd, Catherine Lamoureux, Fr. Rich Bardusch and Alex Schumann (not pictured: Duane Hartge, Treasurer)



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Service Times

Saturday: 7 pm	Virtual (Spanish)
Sunday: 8 am	Outdoor Chapel (English)
10 am	Virtual (English)

Please Note: reservations are required for in-person services due to limited group sizes required because of COVID-19. Please contact the church office by phone or email to make a reservation.

Welcome New Members

(no new members this month)

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 do not have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, update your information at www.saint-timothys.org or send the information to 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) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

The Word is published monthly and emailed to members and friends the first week of the month. It also appears on the website. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify the church office (office@saint-timothys.org). Copies of *The Word* are also available in the office.

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Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

~Romans 13:8-14
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost