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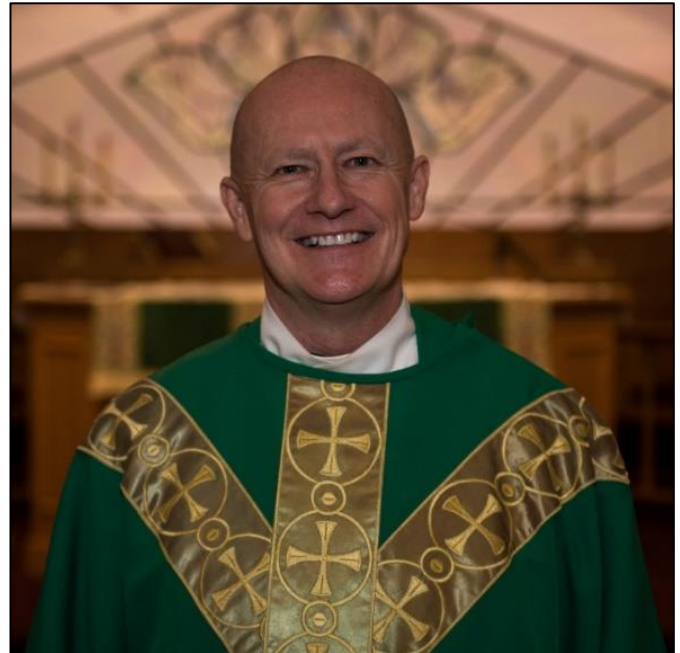
March 2021

Dear Friends,

In this Season of Lent I would like to share with you one of the marks of our success as a community and the opportunity to build on that success. During the Season of Advent in 2020 we had a “Christmas Gift for Saint Timothy’s” campaign. We requested that our members send in a “Christmas Gift” for the church so that we could purchase the equipment needed to upgrade our technology to be able to provide better service through Zoom and online. Going forward, if we are going to be a force in our community this is a requirement. The new Saint Isidore Guild is working on beginning to purchase this new equipment and hope to have it installed by the summer, (the Saint Isidore Guild is what we have renamed our Digital Ministry).

I am happy to report that through the generosity of many members we have raised over \$33,000.00 toward our goal of \$50,000.00. This is a great success and we are almost at our goal. I want to try the same campaign for Easter but am going to rename it “An Easter Gift for Saint Timothy’s.” We only have \$17,000.00 to go till we reach our goal. Would you consider a gift during this Season of Lent towards the purchase and installation of this new technology? If so, please send a check with “Easter Gift for Saint Timothy’s” clearly written in the memo line.

While I know that many of us do not think of technology as a need of the church, the reality is that it is increasingly what will separate thriving churches from dying churches. Without the



technology we cannot connect effectively with people in our community, not to mention reaching out to people who are not yet part of our community.

I want to offer one example from our Lenten Class on Gratitude, which we held on Zoom. As part of our group, we had long time members who have been in Florida for the Winter join us because we were using this new technology. It was great to see them and have them be part of our study, but more importantly it was invigorating for them to catch up with their friends. They will return to Herndon in the spring, but until then this made a world of difference to them. That is part of being a Body. That is part of being a community. And now that is part of being a church.

The need for technology is not about being fancy or trying to act like a mega-church. For us, technology is completely about maintaining and establishing connection. It is about relationship. It is about people, our people.

If you can support us in this endeavor, please help in any way you can. No contribution is too small and no contribution is too large. Thank you so much for the generosity you have already shown and for your continued consideration.

Holy Lent,

Fa. Rich



Diocesan E-News Service

In our continually evolving circumstances, we have all been anxious to have the most current status updates, especially the status of worship protocols and regathering for public worship. As have explained, many of our policies are guided by the Office of the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

And while Saint Timothy's will always communicate the latest information from the Bishop's office, you are eligible to get these **updates directly from the Bishop's office** by [subscribing](#) to the diocesan e-news service.

There's another important reason you should subscribe. Last year, the Diocese made the difficult decision to discontinue the printing of the quarterly magazine, the *Virginia Episcopalian*. In a time of decreasing budgets, a costly magazine was simply not a luxury that our church or the Diocese could afford to continue.

The good news is that the monthly diocesan newsletter, the e-Communiqué, will now be incorporating some of the great storytelling and features you enjoyed in the *Virginia Episcopalian*, but without the lag time and hefty price tag of a traditional print publication. By subscribing to the diocesan news service, you will receive the monthly e-Communiqué plus announcements from your Bishops as they happen. Rest assured that the diocesan offices will never share your information with any other parties.

I strongly encourage you to [subscribe](#).

~ submitted by Father Rich



Lenten Outreach News and Service Ministry Update

The challenges of 2020 caused upheaval and concern for our country but, as they have many times in the past, the St. Timothy's congregation *lived their faith* by supporting our neighbors. Although many faced financial difficulty, the donations for the Backpack Collection, Angel Tree program and Haiti Ministry reached all-time highs! And support for LINK and other outreach groups continued despite the limitations of modified donation efforts.

In 2021, a different type of support from the congregation is needed for continuing our tradition of serving the community. This year your time and talent are particularly requested as Service Ministry strives to continue serving our neighbors. Service Ministry is excited to propose a unique Lenten Outreach program that will express our gratefulness for the first responders, healthcare providers, teachers and others who have continued working while risking their health. Additionally, with the implementation of in-person learning in the schools, Service can once again partner with Clearview Elementary to provide weekend Backpack Meals for their students. A new liaison to Clearview for this program is needed to lead this effort.

St. Timothy's will provide the food (but not serve the meal) for two dinners at the Hypothermia Shelter on March 27th and 28th. Details about this opportunity and how you can help, will come to you via the eNews.

Finally, our longtime rep to the LINK board is transitioning to a smaller role with LINK. A new volunteer is needed to represent St. Timothy's and collaborate with the congregation on LINK programs. Other opportunities to volunteer for LINK are also noted, including board treasurer and food coordinator.

Following are specific details about the 2021 Lenten Outreach and descriptions of the openings to serve LINK and as Clearview liaison.

Lenten Outreach – Love Notes from St. Timothy's

We are all tremendously grateful to the people serving on the frontlines during the pandemic by providing essential services. This includes teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, grocery store clerks, gas station attendants, postal employees, delivery drivers, auto mechanics, and so many more. Not only are they ensuring we have essential care, supplies, and services, but they are often doing it while interacting with members of the public who could potentially make them ill.

One way to say thank you is to write a short note on a card provided to you by the Service Ministry. The cards are printed with the St. Timothy's Logo on one side and our return address information on the other. The recipient will know that YOU, and St. Timothy's, cares about our community.

What to do next:

- Send an email to service@saint-timothys.org and let us know how many cards you would like, and we will send them to you along with postage stamps. The cards are 5x8 so there is plenty of room to color a picture if you have a budding artist eager to help.
- Address the card to someone you know – your child's teacher, a neighbor who is nurse or paramedic, your local police department, etc. If you can't think of anyone, we have a list of suggestions that we can send you.
- Another option is to write to a senior living community in the area. Many of our senior citizens have been isolated for over a year. The Service Ministry has a list of those establishments as well.
- Mail the card! We will wrap up the project on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

If you have questions please write to the email address above or contact Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@verizon.net).

LINK Board Rep and Continuous Volunteer Opportunities

A simple description of LINK board rep duties is outlined here. The board rep may be anyone from our parish including the Spanish congregation. Many of the LINK clients speak only Spanish and a Spanish speaking St. Timothy's rep would be welcome. Please note, this role can be as limited or as extensive as you choose. All these programs are supported by the Service Ministry and membership in the ministry is encouraged but not required. Contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com for more details.

- Attend monthly board meetings (currently on Zoom), about 1.5 hours/month
- Host board meeting once a year (if in-person meetings resume), about 1.5 hours
- Publicize and promote St. Tim's annual Stuff-a-Truck food collection, 4-5 hours including preparing publicity and collecting food
- Coordinate home deliveries four weeks/year over two separate, two-week periods, approximately two hours per day, Monday-Friday, each week of coordinating
- Publicize and promote holiday programs in November and December, 1 hour
- Transport donations from the congregation throughout the year from St. Timothy's to the pantry (often members of the congregation volunteer to do this), 30 minutes each time
- Update Service Ministry regularly (meeting attendance not required) on LINK events and efforts



Treasurer

LINK is seeking a volunteer to assume the role of Treasurer immediately. A background in accounting with knowledge of QuickBooks is recommended. Average time commitment is 3-4 hours per week, more during tax season. If you would be interested to learn more, please contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com or Lisa Lombardozi, President (president@linkagainsthunger.org).

Food Coordinator

LINK is seeking volunteers to help coordinate food deliveries to our families/individuals. A knowledge of Excel (we use Google Sheets) and flexible hours during the day to contact the clients via phone calls are needed. Bilingual volunteers who speak Spanish are especially needed. This position requires about two hours per day during a two-week shift; 2-3 shifts per year are requested. If you would be interested to learn more, please contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com or Lisa Lombardozi, President (president@linkagainsthunger.org).

Liaison to Clearview Elementary and Backpack Meal Coordinator: *Helping Hands...Feeding Friends*

Despite our many blessings in Fairfax County, we know that food insecurity is still a major issue, affecting more than 23,000 local children pre-pandemic. **Post-pandemic, estimates indicate this number has doubled.** With schools planning to return to some in-person learning this month, we connected with our Clearview Elementary School contact recently and learned that weekend backpack meals are an essential, continuing need.

We are losing our St. Timothy's representative and need someone to be our liaison to Clearview Elementary School and help coordinate the backpack meal program. There is no required minimum time commitment for this role. The

person needs to keep in ad hoc contact with the Clearview representative (by email or phone) and coordinate dates and logistics for the program. This program is a labor of love for our entire church, and we found so many parishioners helped with donations, assembly, and delivery. It is hard to believe that just one year ago, we did our last drive (see picture), delivering nearly 200 meals and valentines to children in need at Clearview. **If this program is something you feel we need to continue and you can support, please reach out to service@saint-timothys.org.**

~ submitted by Service Ministry



photo provided by Shon Beury

Perseverance – The Story of a Boy and the Starfish

There once was a man who lived near the beach. Every day he would wake up and the first thing he would do was to take a walk along the shore. On a day much like any other, he was surprised by what he found on this morning escapade. There were dozens of starfish all over the beach. It was very strange. Maybe the bad weather or the November winds were responsible for this phenomenon.

The man looked sadly at the situation. He knew that the starfish would not survive more than five days out of the water. All these creatures would die if they weren't already dead. As he walked among them, he thought "how sad", however he could not think of an inspiring solution.

Upon walking a bit further down the beach, he saw a boy who was running on the sand. He seemed quite sweaty and distressed.

"What are you doing?", the man asked the boy.

"I am returning all of the starfish to the ocean," the boy responded.

He looked quite tired. The man thought for a moment. The task the boy was taking on seemed absurd to him. He couldn't help but speak his mind.

"What you are doing is useless". He said, "I've been walking for quite a while and there are thousands of starfish. This makes no sense," he pointed out.

The boy, who was holding a starfish in his hands responded, "Hey! It sure matters to this one!"

This inspiring legend of the boy and the starfish shows us the value of small actions and perseverance. Sometimes we don't see the value of the modest things we perform. This happens because we are not focusing our behavior on the value of things. Instead we focus on the result. It is as if we see the world in terms of quantity and size, instead of meaning an essence.

The inspiring story of the boy and the starfish tells us that small actions do make sense and a difference and have meaning. The truth is that if it is worthwhile to start seeing life in this way,

I ask each of you however young you are, to think of small ways in which you can help your parents, brothers and sisters, and neighbors. It may be as simple as saying "I love you", clearing the dishes, picking up toys, stroking your pets or waving to a neighbor who may not see many people at this moment. I know how excited and pleased I am when I receive photos from my grandchildren and short "notes" and pictures from the great-grandchildren or even when our dog, Mia, licks my hand as a "thank you" for the snack I have given her.

~ submitted by Jill Cox



Winter Scenes



An Easter Gift for St. Timothy's



Our Future Begins with You

Why an Easter Gift for St. Timothy's?

During these months of livestreaming and videoconferencing, we have seen our worship attendance growing and the distance between each of us shrinking. Geographic distance has collapsed and folks who have moved away are returning to our parish family. The flexibility of online *virtual* participation has been enabling increased engagement in our worship, our ministries, and in our parish life. In addition to all that, the love of our parish family has reconnected us to our home-bound and mobility-limited parishioners. As Fr. Rich has so simply stated, we realize that we will never **not** livestream again! This coming programming year will be one of slow progression to the new normal. We started regathering outdoors for in-person worship last summer, but it was temporary. We do not know when we will be able to resume in-person regathering for formation, ministry group meetings, or fellowship events. With this technology, we will be ready to support our worship, mission, and ministry for the coming year of transition, as well as the future mission of the Church.

St. Timothy's Digital Ministry

We have an exciting opportunity for a new ministry at St. Timothy's – The St. Timothy's Digital Ministry. This group of volunteers has worked each week since April 2020 to produce and present a livestream with the highest quality and most personal appeal. Team members will work with the new technology, focusing cameras, creating graphics, balancing sound, and producing the livestream production. The team may also do the same for other events such as formation lectures, weddings, funerals, and diocesan liturgies. We will need more volunteers to grow this ministry, so consider joining us today.

Fundraising Goal

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by Sunday, April 4, 2021.

This amount will cover the \$45,000 cost estimate for the entire project and \$5,000 to keep in reserve for any future improvement or maintenance needs. While we would love to see 50 households give \$1,000 each, we also understand that not everyone can give this amount now. Please give whatever amount you can to support this project and our future vision – the campaign ends when we have reached our fundraising target.

Technology Improvement for the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Henry Hall



Three high-definition remote controlled cameras installed in the Sanctuary – Each camera will have full tilt/pan capabilities, 36x zoom, pre-set capabilities, and low-light imaging for evening services/ events. We'll be able to pan to musicians, our baptismal font, and our beautiful Tracker organ.

Control Room – The Control Room for livestream production will be installed on-site, with a high-performance computer to run the system for livestreaming and for image and sound input processing. The video system will also have a joystick controller for the cameras.

Two livestream monitors installed in the Sanctuary – With one installed on each side wall, we will dramatically reduce the need for printed bulletins. We will also install a “confidence monitor” in front of the first pew for the clergy and LEMs to view the livestream at all times.

Sanctuary Audio System improvements – Our audio system upgraded to replace the old mixer, amplifiers, and install the hanging microphones which will enhance the live-streaming the Sanctuary as well as recording of music, increase the number of wireless microphones, install new antennae, and professional mounting of the audio equipment in the sound closet.



Training and a 12-month Service Plan – The plan calls for onsite training of staff members and key volunteers, as well as a renewable service warranty.



Yes, St. Timothy's, there is an Easter Bunny!

Email [Wanda Rixon](#) with your intention to support this campaign.

Here are the best ways to donate:

- Pay on PayPal – Click to pay on PayPal and select *An Easter Gift* for St. Timothy's in the Fund field to pay directly from your bank account
- Send a check – Mail a check to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, writing *An Easter Gift* in the memo line
- Use your bank's BillPay feature to send us a check (add *An Easter Gift* as a note)



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Thank you!



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Sponsor Group

February 4th, 2021

Date of Drive

38

Total Number of Donors

9

First Time Donors

37

Units Collected

111

Potential Number of Lives Saved

When you made the decision to host a blood drive, you helped change lives.

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2021 Vestry with Liaison Assignments

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Service Times

Saturday: 7 pm	Outdoor Chapel (Spanish)
Sunday: 9 am	Zoom Service (English) (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)

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

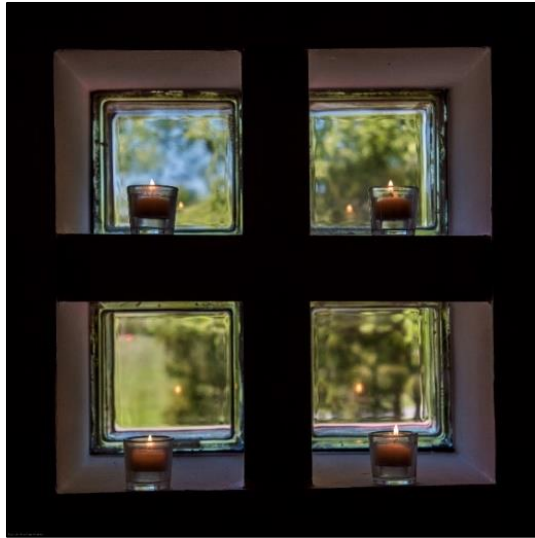
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Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

~ John 3:14-21
Fourth Sunday in Lent
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