



The WORD

May 2021

Dear Friends,

Spring has arrived and we are slowly beginning to return to a new normal. I believe the key word in that sentence is slowly. While all of us are ready for the pandemic to be over, the reality according to Dr. Fauci and other medical experts is that the new normal will not fully set in until the end of 2021. Yes, it appears in-person school will return in the fall and other areas of life will resume as well. But it is also true that not everyone is ready to come back or to be in large crowds. I understand that reluctance because even though many are vaccinated, they may have underlying conditions or be in another high-risk category. What this means is our volunteers are not all coming back...at least not for a while.

Most of what we do in churches depends on the work of volunteers. Without volunteers most of what we do cannot be done. When the Head of the Ushers, Gerritt Peck, says we do not have enough ushers to have in-person worship, he is not trying to scare anyone - except me perhaps - he is just stating a fact. Because of pandemic requirements the ushers will have increased responsibilities and duties for in-person worship. If we do not cover these duties, we cannot have in-person worship. I do not expect people in vulnerable categories to return to their ministries until they are comfortable doing so, and that may take some time. What we need - at least for the interim - is for members of our community who have not done a volunteer job before to step



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forward and agree to do one if they are already vaccinated and comfortable doing so. I am especially calling on the younger members of our parish to rework their schedules so they can help pick up the slack at least until we get to a new normal.

For most of my life our church has been preaching the Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure. That means we expect every member of the parish to give to Saint Timothy's with volunteer work (Time), their skills (Talent), and financially with the goal of tithing (Treasure). While the church has very good theological reasons for calling its

members to contribute in these three areas, all communities depend on their members in these same three areas. Currently, our volunteers are stretched very thin. At least for the next year we need some members to step forward to keep things running. In some ways this is a more difficult time for the church than when we were closed.

Here are some opportunities for new people to step forward: Acolyte Master, Hospitality Chair, Youth Group Leaders, Christian Education Chair, Ushers/Greeters, Saint Isidore Members, Registrar, *The Word* Editor, Building and Grounds Chair, etc. This is the short list, but they are important positions. All of our groups and ministries also need members to help carry out their work.

I am also available to discuss these ministries as is any member of the Vestry. Please send me an email or call if you can even temporarily help out.

Easter Blessings,



April Vestry News

St. Timothy's Vestry met on Tuesday, April 20th. I wanted to share the topics and outcomes in an effort to be inclusive and transparent. As a reminder, the vestry meetings are open to all to attend, although only vestry members can vote. Here is a quick recap of the topics we covered. Please feel free to contact Father Rich or one of the Wardens if you have any questions.

Christian Formation/Education – Sunday school has restarted. We are garnering new volunteers to support the program. We have also posted the Christian Education position on the Indeed and Monster job sites. We have already received applications from two qualified individuals.

St. Isidore's Guild – We have configured and installed new computers in the office for the Zoom

operator and the sanctuary. We will be moving to a hybrid solution shortly that allows us to have both Zoom services and congregants at the same time. We are still looking at quotes for the permanent installation of wiring, cameras, monitors, and sound.

COVID Vaccination Required for St. Timothy's Teachers – The Vestry voted to require that pre-school teachers have vaccinations as a condition of employment. There is a distinction between employees and volunteers in terms of requirements, but we recommend that all volunteers be vaccinated if possible. Mask mandates and social distancing will continue to apply.

Returning to Church – The Vestry voted to allow external groups, including Holy Trinity and recovery meetings, to begin gathering in our church. We will hold external groups to the same standards and restrictions as our own congregation. In addition, we will require that they sign a waiver, follow a checklist of precautions, and observe the mask mandate, social, distancing, and restricted numbers indoors.

Treasurer's Report – Our January and February moths provided higher than usual income, likely because several donors pledged their once-a-year amounts. March giving is lower, only 93% of what we budgeted to receive. The church has saved \$5,000, primarily because at the Director of Christian Education has not started yet, so we will honor our commitment to donate \$2,000 for our Diocesan pledge.

Warden's Report – We are looking for a new Word Editor for *The Word* to step into Susy Nixon's position. We now have 100 subscribers on our YouTube Channel; subscribe if you haven't already.

Rector's Report – Bishop Taylor will visit on June 6th for Confirmations and Receptions if we can gather in person (weather dependent). Nora St. Arnold Whitman has accepted the Pre-School Director position and has begun her transition. Todd Grivetti, our new Organist/Choirmaster, starts May 2nd. He brings fifteen years' experience and is

a music teacher for Loudoun County Public Schools.

We are in an awkward, getting back into it, phase of our church life. We need a lot of volunteer help. The vestry is prioritizing needed positions. We specifically need ushers and a Youth Group lead immediately. We will also need a new Registrar and a Hospitality lead. Please reach out to Father Rich or anyone on Vestry if you are interested.

Father Rich will be on vacation May 6th – 12th; Padre Pedro will be our celebrant.

~ submitted by John Druitt

Virtual Vision Walk 2021 and Eyeglasses Update

I hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy.

Because of COVID-19 our VisionWalk will look different this year. The Foundation has moved all VisionWalks to one nationwide virtual event on June 12th. The mission of the Foundation for Fighting Blindness, which is to drive research to provide prevention, treatments, and cures for blinding retinal diseases, remains unchanged.

Your continued support would be gratefully appreciated. You could help by joining my team, Michelle's Milers, and participating in your own walk and/or donating to my team at <https://give.fightingblindness.org/MichellesMilers>. You can also write a check to Foundation Fighting Blindness and send it to me at 837 Van Buren Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170.

I thank you so very much in advance for your support. Family and friends like you who support this endeavor had made my journey with vision loss easier to bear. I still have hope that there is A CURE IN SIGHT!

Eyeglasses Update: we have collected 25 pairs of glasses, and 15 glasses cases. Thank you to all who contributed to those less fortunate with vision loss.

~ submitted by Michelle Duquette



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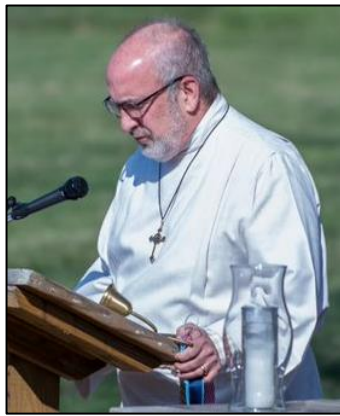
St. Timothy's Pre-School Update

The Board of Directors of St. Timothy's Pre-School would like to announce the hiring of Ms. Nora St. Arnold as the new Director for the preschool. Our current Director, Monica Despina, will be retiring at the end of the current school year. We look forward to celebrating Monica in the June edition of *The Word*.

We are fortunate to continue a legacy of strong leadership of our beloved school as we welcome Nora, St. Timothy's current Assistant Director, to the position of Director. Nora earned her Bachelor of Science degree from George Washington University/Mount Vernon College, Washington, D.C., in Human Development. Nora joined the Pre-School in September 2008 after her daughter graduated from St. Timothy's Pre-Kindergarten program. She began as an assistant teacher in the afternoon program and worked in the mornings as an administrative assistant. During her soon to be fourteen years of employment, Nora has been a lead teacher, an assistant teacher, the music director, an administrative assistant, the person in charge of fundraising and for the last four years, she has been the Assistant Director. Before joining St. Timothy's Pre-School, she worked for thirteen years at a large international law firm in Washington, D.C., where she was the Marketing Assistant to the firm's Chief Marketing Officer.

Nora looks forward to her new role. She wants St. Timothy's Pre-School to continue to succeed in its mission, committed to meeting the individual needs and potential of each child. Her enthusiasm and love for the children shines through!

~ submitted by Jill Norcross



The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia!
Easter 2021



St. Timothy's Welcomes Todd Grivetti as Our Organist/Choirmaster

I'm very excited to join the ministry team of St. Timothy's! I come to you from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Herndon where I have been serving since August of 2012. I have made music in church in some capacity nearly every Sunday since the age of fourteen. I am passionate about encouraging everyone to make a joyful noise.

I live in Reston where I bought my first home just past Tall Oaks Village Center in March of 2020. I live there with my fiancé, Geoffrey, and our Balinese cat, Tyrone. I grew up in Richmond, Virginia, where my parents, and my sister and her family reside. I have degrees in Music Education with an emphasis in choral conducting and organ performance from Shenandoah University and The Florida State University. I have been teaching elementary music in Loudoun County Public Schools since 2007. I currently teach at Horizon Elementary School in Sterling. I look forward to meeting and forming relationships with you! To God be the glory!

~ submitted by Todd Grivetti

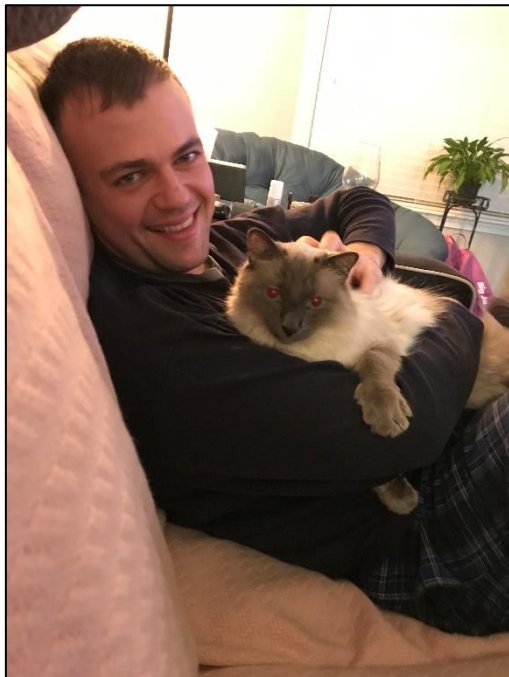


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In Celebration of Earth Day

I was a student at the University of Maine during the late 60s and early 70s, so I was there for the first official Earth Day celebration. I remember standing in the crowd gathered on the commons that day, listening to the speeches made by experts in environmental science. GOD had given us this beautiful world to live in, and all he asked was that we take care of it and all life forms on it. We, in our ignorance and greed, had done the opposite by steadily turning the earth into our personal dumping ground. At the time, there were numerous different groups addressing environmental concerns, but each one was looking at their own issue — be it water,

air, occupational health hazards, etc. In 1970, the Earth Day movement began as a way of joining these uncoordinated efforts into a more cohesive strategy. Earth Day eventually grew from a U.S. only effort into an international phenomenon that continues to grow every year. The world's leaders recognized that it took all of us to wreak the havoc already done and it was going to take all of us to fix the problem.

Earth Day resulted in a host of environmental laws such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Education Act, and the Occupational Health and Safety Act, to name a few. It also led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate these activities. These efforts were not universally popular. They impacted operating costs for many industries. Their lobbyists were out in force trying to kill the legislation. The funny thing was, after the bills passed, they were quick to trumpet the "innovations" created by their scientists to address the new requirements. Those of us who had cars built in the 70s and early 80s will remember their terrible gas mileage and poor performance caused by unleaded gasoline and the anti-pollution devices mandated to reduce exhaust emissions. Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) was implemented. You could even read a label on every new vehicle that predicted what the average expected mileage for each car would be. Not surprisingly, the manufacturers soon developed new technologies that allowed the use of smaller engines with electronics that resulted in greatly improved horsepower and gas mileage. They continue to improve technology for hybrid and electric-only vehicles to increase their CAFE. Of course, to hear them tell it, it was their idea all along!

I recently finished a book by Matt Rawle with our Bread of Life study group, titled *The Grace of Les Misérables*. The book discussed several topics contained in Victor Hugo's book about the French Revolution. Rawle said,

It is important to know that in the short time humanity has been on the planet, we've quickly done a lot of damage; but sometimes anger on one side is only met with anger from another. There is certainly a time to be filled with a righteous and holy anger, but when we start to speak *at* each other instead of *with* each other, our anger, on both sides, becomes an idol that we have a difficult time tearing down, even when our side has won.

How true! Think how much faster we could have done things to preserve this worldly gift from GOD if we had talked with each other instead of at each other.

Together, let's take care of our earth

~ submitted by Darrell Breed

(Editor's note: Darrell Breed is a parishioner at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Sterling, Virginia)





American
Red Cross

Thank you!



St. Timothy Episcopal Church

Sponsor Group

April 14th, 2021

Date of Drive

43

Total Number of Donors

2

First Time Donors

35

Units Collected

105

Potential Number of Lives Saved

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

Service Ministry News

Volunteer Appreciation – In observance of National Volunteer Appreciation Month, we thank all our volunteers for everything you do in support of the Service Ministry’s outreach efforts in our community. Without volunteers, most non-profit organizations would be sunk – and at no other time in recent memory has it been more apparent than during the past year. Your efforts have fed and housed the poor, kept the homeless warm, given school children supplies and snacks, sent love notes to frontline workers, provided holiday gifts to children, and much, much more. Please know how much your efforts are appreciated and in another, safer time we would love to celebrate YOU in person! Please know how much you are appreciated for “*putting your faith to work*”.

Backpack Meals Program for Clearview Elementary – St. Timothy’s has been a loyal supporter of the backpack meals program for the past few years. We collect food, both from members of the congregation and local grocery stores, then package the food into meals that are

delivered to Clearview and tucked into children’s backpacks on Friday afternoons. We have had good support for food collection and sorting in the past but are in urgent need of a volunteer to coordinate the program. The effort is conducted once or twice per year. If you are interested in St. Timothy’s continued support of this worthwhile venture, please email service@saint-timothys.org for more information.

Coming Soon – Stay tuned for news on the following outreach efforts in the coming weeks:

- Haiti Agape, May 9th – 23rd
- Foundation Fighting Blindness Virtual VisionWalk – June 12th (see article on page 3)
- Backpack and School Supply Drive, July – August
- Food Deliveries for LINK – August
- Stuff-a-Truck Food Collection for LINK – October

~ submitted by Service Ministry



Let us welcome the
newly baptized.

Fish 154

As with many groups in which everyone looks exactly like each other, except for the odd scar from fishhooks or a slight difference in scale patterns, I could not have been distinguished in the crowd. The Sea of Galilee was large enough to find concealed rocks behind which to hide when the first weighted nets descended from the surface and it was only the most impetuous among us who succumbed to the smell and enticing shape of attached bait or were swept into them by an unexpected eddy made by the splash of an oar or even a diving bird.

Although we are presumed to have little in the way of brains, we have natural instincts about ways in which to escape capture and at the same time continue to swim around to fill our bellies with microscopic bugs and vegetation, etc.

It was no surprise to see a fairly large fishing boat put out on the lake around midnight. The water was calm, there was almost a full moon, and there was very little movement on the shore all around the small village, which sat on a point of land and offered a safe harbor.

The men made little noise as they assembled their nets and set out bait on small hooks attached to the edge. We were all familiar with that and some of us had even found ways to nibble at it without entering the trap as it was dropped deep into the water. The men drew up the net time and time again, but even as dawn broke, they had not been successful in catching even one of us!

Then, hearing a voice calling them from the shore, the men all gathered on the left side of their wooden vessel and foolishly all my comrades, all 153 of them, swam to the other side to glean food from the barnacles and seaweed revealed as the boat tilted. I did not join them as my curiosity about the stranger won over every need to eat. As a consequence, I was not caught in the net that was immediately thrown into the water on the right side of the boat as

instructed and thus ensnared my whole school of family and friends.

Sadly, I watched as they struggled to free themselves all to no avail and I knew that they were destined to provide nourishment for this group, who suddenly recognized a true friend on the beach. It seemed as if they could not believe their eyes and one even jumped out of the boat fully clothed and quickly swam and waded to greet this man whom they evidently thought was dead.

I was lonely, of course, and quite deserted in the warm water, but I knew that I could travel just a little further and join another group, and what a tale I could tell. That story would soon be taken onshore by turtles and seabirds and little creatures that lived on the banks.

In later weeks, I heard that the story of the large catch and the stranger on the shore was being told in all the villages and camps around the lake, and I would not have been surprised to learn that it was being transcribed into a written record as that seems to be one way these humans want their stories to be told.

As Fish No. 154, I did my bit, too, as I told it to the small fry in all the groups I swam with, and knowing them, I am sure the youngsters gossiped with others. Indeed, a pelican from the salty sea, blown off course during a big storm, sought refuge on Galilee and asked if this was where the 153 fish were caught on instructions from a man on the beach.

My life as Fish 154 may be short, but I feel quite blessed and important to tell this unusual story, and I always emphasize the joy of that band of men obeying an instruction, and in it recognizing someone they thought was lost forever. I will probably never know what they did, but I have a feeling it was something big and important (John 21:1-14).

~ submitted by Jill Cox

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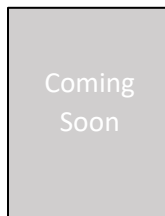
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Service Times

Saturday: 7:00 pm Santa Eucharista (in person)
 Sunday: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I (in-person)
 9:00 am Zoom Service (virtual)
 10:15 am Eucharist, Rite II (in-person)

Please check the website for up-to-date information about worship location (i.e., indoor, outdoor, virtual)

Welcome New Members

Lily and Danica Kecman

Non-registered congregants can participate in all aspects of church worship except for 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 Diocesan matters. 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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Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over
all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he
loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the
ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing
praises.

For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people
of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

~ Psalm 47
Ascension Day, May 13th
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