



The WORD

October 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Without exaggeration, Saint Timothy's has just faced one of the hardest years in our 150-year history. The COVID pandemic required us to worship apart or outside much of the year, reducing our ability to pass the plate or conduct fundraising events. We are fighting isolation and heavy attrition. Our pledge base has dropped from 230 families in 2017 to 101 today; 23 of these pledging families departed in 2021. This drop results in a \$100,000 projected gap in our operating budget for next year. And this gap comes just when we are seeking a new spiritual leader to anchor our church and our future. However, there is hope on the horizon. God has been with St. Timothy's every day of this journey and he will not abandon us now.

St. Timothy's operating budget comes entirely from our donations. These donations keep our church open and in good repair so that we can worship indoors and out, we can afford to retain our administrative staff; mission and recovery groups can meet; and our ministries can work locally, nationally, and internationally to help the poorest of the poor.

St. Tim's is poised to take advantage of the new growth coming to the Herndon community if we can just stay operational for the next few years. Our preschool has more than 80 students enrolled this year and the waiting list is filling up quickly. Some of these children's families will join our church each year, revitalizing our children's programs. The Herndon metro will open outside our doors soon. St. Timothy's can serve as the first place for young professionals to drop off their children on the way to work. And our projected Community Gardens, grounds, and outdoor chapel may offer the first contemplative rest stop for those coming into Herndon to work. There are plans to revitalize the area between Spring St. and Elden St., bringing new multi-lingual families to our doorstep. Our Latino community continues to thrive. We will work to invite new members from this influx of people, with the goal of rebuilding our pledge base to 300 families and beyond in the next five (5) years. 300 pledging families would offer nearly \$1M a year to support our church and drive our missions forward in the community and around the world. Imagine St. Timothy's Sanctuary filled again with



new families, children, and volunteers, ringing out with laughter and music. We can continue to help our community even more with real impact through our church missions, feeding the homeless, supporting the poor, and fundamentally growing in God's love.

All we are and everything we have is a gift from God, a sacred trust. As stewards of God's providence, we are called to exercise fearless generosity, learn to live more simply, and radically reduce excess consumption of the world's resources. The vestry has recommitted to 100% pledge participation this year, with a double-digit increase in our pledging percentage over the previous year. We will be sharing more information about this year's finances and next year's anticipated budget soon. If there has ever been a year to come together and support our church in unity, this is it. Let's set St. Timothy's on a strong path for the next 150 years.

St. Timothy's 2021 Vestry

John Druitt, Catherine Lamb – Wardens

Thank You from Father Rich

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful blessings you have given me. The last four years have been times of joy and fun, and I am grateful for them. Thank you also for the wonderful goodbye parties on the 4th and 5th of September. Thank you for the many gifts you have given me these last few weeks and especially for the generous gift card and the framed photo of the altar at Saint Tim's. I will proudly display it in my next office and think of you all fondly.

Blessings as you move forward and please know that I continue to keep you in my prayers.



Pastoral Care Team - Our Father sent a whisper

Our Father sent a whisper upon the wind.....

seeking those that want to serve and care for God's children, our sisters and brothers. The whisper gave life to Holy home Communion, spiritual and in person, praying with and for those in need of love and care, sending cards and supporting prayers and reaching out to listen and support - one person to another. Our Father's whisper stilled our minds and filled our hearts with His love and care, for those in need of His touch.

Who are we? We are your St. Timothy's Pastoral Care Team and we are here to serve and share God's love, grace and support to our St. Timothy's family and surrounding communities.

If you or anyone that you know needs a touch of God's love, we can be reached at careteam@Saint-Timothys.org. We are waiting with open arms to share God's love, grace and support.

Submitted by Karen Wilkins

Coffee Hour Returns

Thanks to Keith and Carol Sinclair for hosting our first fantastic coffee hour following the 10:00 service on Sunday, September 26th. Our Supply Priest, Mally Ewing Lloyd, was able join us on the front lawn of the church to have an informal talk of the day's sermon.

Additional hosts are needed to help with this effort. Please contact me at 703-309-8287 or add your name to the sign-up sheet for the date of your choice. We still have openings!!



Submitted by Julie Gray-Roller

Shrine Mont Retreat

The annual Shrine Mont retreat took place September 17-19 this year and was a blast! While many attendees stayed for the entire weekend, a number of people took advantage of the day pass option offered this year to enjoy the beautiful Saturday afternoon. In addition to visits to the cathedral and hikes up the mountain, guests were treated to a presentation by Diane Miller on St. Timothy's position in the diocese and wonderful music by Julio Cuellar. In the afternoon, St. Timothy's held a bilingual service with readings and liturgy in both English and Spanish. Father Pedro preached a moving message reminding the congregation to look to its children while Julio and Selva Cuellar and John Druitt played beautiful worship music. To close out the retreat on Sunday morning, Diane Miller led a lovely and contemplative service at the shrine. The weekend was a reminder that St. Timothy's is so much more than just a building--we are the body of Christ no matter whether we worship in Herndon, the Shenandoah Valley, or anywhere else. A huge thank you to Eric Barr, Vidai Andres, Tameisha Henry, Danny Wechtenhiser and all who played a part in organizing such a wonderful getaway!

Submitted by Julie Thompson-Gomez



Pictures from Shrine Mont



Photographs by Wm. Craig Dubishar

October Fund Raising Plans

St. Timothy's will host its First Annual Trunk or Treat to benefit Henry Hall on Saturday, October 30th.

What is Trunk or Treat?

Adults decorate cars and hand out treats from their trunks. Children dress in their Halloween costumes and go car-to-car collecting candy.

Decorating your trunk can be easy. It can be as elaborate or as simple as you wish...but please remember that this is a family event and we don't want anything scary that could scare the little ones! There are many great ideas like fall harvest, sports, animals, Legos, cartoons, games, etc. Not creative? Just pop open your trunk, bring a lawn chair, put out a treat and enjoy all the wonderful costumes. *Pinterest* has many fun ideas if you need inspiration.



If you would like to participate, please complete our family registration form and return it with a \$20 fee no later than Friday, October 22nd. You can pay by cash or check made payable to St. Timothy's Pre-school.

The parking lot opens at 1 p.m. for set up and decoration. All participating cars must be in place by 2:00 p.m. Trick or Treating will begin at 2:15 p.m. There will be prizes for costumes and cars.

Questions? Please e-mail Sttimothypreschool432@gmail.com



During the month of October, please bring in donations of clothing, toys, and household items for the Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, November 6th, from 9 to 1 and place them in Henry Hall. Look for the Yard Sale sign. DO NOT bring old computers, TVs, VCR equipment, furniture, large appliances, textbooks, cribs, or car seats. If you prefer to sell your own items, contact: ccondro@verizon.net There will be a \$20 fee. The community is invited to participate. Tell your neighbors they may join us to sell their items. They will need to set up and clean up their own space.

The Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7th from 9 to 1. We need donations of your no-longer used Christmas donations during the month of October. Place them in Henry Hall. Look for the Christmas Decoration sign.

If you know of any crafters or vendors who may be interested in participating in the Holiday Bazaar, have them contact: ccondro@verizon.net The table spaces are \$35 and \$45.

There will be empty baskets in the Narthex this month for people to fill with a theme of their choice. Look for the sign-up poster near the baskets. The baskets will be raffled off during the Holiday Bazaar. Beginning bids will be \$20 to \$30. Be creative and have fun filling a basket.



Submitted by Nora St. Arnold and Carmela Condro

Community Engagement – “Imagine our world when love is the way.”

- Most Rev. Michael Curry

In keeping with our devotion to reaching out through our doors to invite others into St Timothy’s, the Community Engagement Team is developing plans and opportunities to brighten our beacon of hope for the Greater Herndon Area.

We meet weekly on Wednesday evenings to brainstorm ideas and collaborate on projects – Join us! We’d love your ideas and assistance.

The **9/11 Bilingual Candlelight Remembrance Vigil** was attended by 60 people (several were from the outlying community). We gathered in prayer and song to pay homage to everyone who lost their lives or their loved ones and those who were injured during the attack.



Padre Pedro opened the vigil with prayer, followed by **Melissa Druiitt** who shared remarks and a timeline of the horrors of September 11, 2001.

St Tim’s members, **Carol Yanagihara, Shon Beury, Gayle Rippe, Rafael and Lilian Nando, Miguel Serrano, Andres Genoves** (who also translated the program), and **Tatiana Martinez** (who translated the political statements at the event) read quotes and statements selected by **Jill Cox** that were contemplative and reflective.

State Senator Jennifer Boysko and Town Council Member Signe Freidrichs also made remarks, and we invited attendees to share their thoughts and emotional reminders of that day.

Rick Landers, a local musician, performed an original song for the event, and **John Druiitt** led us in singing “Amazing Grace.” Pastor Page from Herndon United Methodist Church closed the event in prayer.

The vigil was covered by the Connection Newspapers. Click [here](#) to view the article.

The Community Engagement Team is grateful for the assistance of everyone who participated in the program

and to those who helped make it a success:

Bob Christianson: *Behind-the-scenes organizer, and set up/clean up extraordinaire*

Dave Dopsovic: *Set up/clean up*

John Druitt: *Audio technician and lead us in beautiful rendition of “Amazing Grace”*

Scout Troop 159: *Set up and breakdown of chairs, and parking assistance*

Where one finds hate – stand up for love.

Where one finds lies – stand up for truth.

Where one finds Death – stand up for Life.

Where one Finds divisiveness – stand up for unity.

If not you – who?

If not now – when?

- *St. Francis of Assisi*

Submitted by Janet Dopsovic



A Nun's Prayer In Old Age

I have been sending various prayers and meditations to a group of 30 people for about two years and just recently sent the following prayer written by an unknown 17th century Nun with a definite sense of humor, which is worth sharing with many others. I think we take prayer so seriously sometimes, that we forget that God must have a sense of humor and shares every aspect of our lives which is why we are all different physically and emotionally, yet precious in His sight.

A NUN'S PRAYER IN OLD AGE

“Lord. Thou knowest better than I know myself, that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful not 'needy', helpful not 'bossy' with my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as time goes by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pain but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but a growing humility but a lesser cockiness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, I do not want to be a saint – some of them are hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And grant me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

This unknown nun must have had a great sense of humor and humility! I think I would have liked to meet her.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Cox

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| Service Times | | |
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| Saturday: | 7 pm | Spanish Service/Rite II |
| Sunday | 8 am | Rite I (English) |
| Sunday: | 10 am | Rite II (English) |
| | | Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website) |
| Please check the website for up-to-date information about opportunities to worship | | |

Welcome New Members
(no new members this month)

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

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.

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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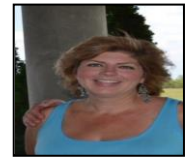
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Matthew 10:40–42

⁴⁰ ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’