



The WORD

August 2022

Dear Parish Family,

The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, 12th bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, died in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on July 2. He was 84.

Lee served as Bishop of Virginia from 1984 to 2009 and so I grew up during his episcopate and (like many of you I suppose) have a lot of “Bishop Lee stories.”

I shared two of them at our “Rite What?” liturgy discussion last month. Those stories featured Bishop Lee’s trademark wit, a touch of his gravitas, and, of course, his deep love of the Episcopal Church. Those stories are put in interesting relief by another that was told at Bishop Lee’s funeral service (linked below) by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina. Bishop Rodman explained how Bishop Lee had designed his own funeral service that was, at that very moment, making the peculiar movement “from Rite I (in the Liturgy of the Word) to the Eucharist which is Rite II and then back to Rite I in the Post-Communion Prayer.” Bishop Rodman paused and then said: “That is by design.... and I think you know who the designer of this liturgy is.”



It would take a team of liturgical theologians to sort out exactly what Bishop Lee intended with that choice, but I bring it up to highlight how Bishop Lee, as a leader, could represent the breadth and diversity of the Diocese of Virginia. He could relate, in essence to both the Rite I and the Rite II crowds, to the young and to the old, to the parochial concerns of the Diocese as well as to the larger issues of the Anglican Communion.

As a counselor at St. George’s Camp at Shrine Mont, Bishop Lee would often come visit us as a staff and sit through our staff meetings. All of us college-aged counselors would be arrayed in a circle, doing the mundane business of a summer camp, trying not to embarrass ourselves in front of our “boss”/ Bishop. At the end, Bishop Lee would say something, with that remarkable stentorian voice, commanding the room in this forceful, gentle way. I remember so vividly him once saying: “You are on the spiritual frontlines of the Episcopal Church and I thank you for what you do here.”

His tremendous recall of names is often cited in the Bishop Lee stories and I remember being the recipient

of that memory one time and just being astonished that someone could recall this skinny kid from Culpeper and know him by name. That ability inspired me then and continues to do so to this day as a part of my vocation.

Please join me in giving thanks for the life and leadership of the Right Reverend Peter James Lee.

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Funeral Service for Bishop Lee (Video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9bwmbipV6I>

(above story occurs at about the 1:37:30 mark)

Funeral Booklet: https://www.episdionc.org/uploads/images/bishop-peter-james-lee-funeral-booklet-july-11-2022_607.pdf



Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

The vestry held its monthly meeting on July 19th at 7 pm at the church. Kathy Lombard, treasurer, was present. Charles ran the meeting.

Kathy Lombard reported that income for June was slightly lower than what was budgeted, but St. Timothy's is still tracking to be above the budget for the year. Expenses are under budget to date.

The vestry conducted a thorough quarterly budget review where we looked at reducing the budget for Parish Administrator and Nursery attendants. It was also decided to send the Region and the Diocese the budgeted pledge amounts for 2022.

The "big clean" - cleaning up and cleaning out St. Timothy's is processing nicely. We will be contacting the Boy Scouts to remove items that are not used anymore.

Charles relayed that an advertisement was posted on Indeed for a new Parish Administrator and we hope to be conducting interviews soon. Also, the Family Day picnic that is held by the Latino Ministry is scheduled for August 20th.

On August 27th, we will have the Piedmont Singers perform an Evensong service at St. Timothy's at 4:30 pm.

Charles let the vestry know that Tatiana Martinez has resigned from the vestry due to family needs. She will continue to be involved at St. Timothy's and Hugh Masters will be filling her slot.

We adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Betsy Bosworth and Carolyn Hamm, Co-Senior Wardens

Block Party Recap!

Our 1st Annual St. Timothy's Block Party was a huge success. We had over 100 folks attend: parishioners, members of the community, young and old! Everyone had a great time!

A special note of appreciation to Melissa Druitt for spearheading this event. And to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event so successful, and to Big Al's Garage for playing such great music, THANK YOU ALL!



Service Ministry: Backpack Drive for Cornerstones

No one wants to think about school starting in just a few weeks – but that day is on its way! The Service Ministry is thinking about it and is busy hosting its annual Back-to-School Drive for Cornerstones. This drive will provide under resourced children in our community with brand new backpacks and gift cards for the purchase of new school shoes.

If you can help, here is what we need:

- Brand new backpacks without wheels or corporate logos, for children of all ages using the following guidelines:
 - Elementary School Backpacks – 15” H x 9” W
 - Middle School Backpacks – 17” H x 9” W
 - **High School Backpacks– 19” H x 12” W (our greatest need!)**
- Gift cards in \$25 denominations to Kohls, Target or Walmart.

You may turn backpacks in on Sunday (see the large bin in the Narthex) or bring them to the church during regular office hours. Gift cards may be placed in the collection plate on Sunday or brought to the church office. If you are unable to get your items to the church, please write to service@saint-timothys.org and we will arrange a convenient time to pick them up.

The drive continues through August 12th. Please consider *putting your faith to work* by supporting the Service Ministry and Cornerstones as we prepare our children to return to school this September. Questions? Write to service@saint-timothys.org or contact Carolyn Hamm directly.

Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Hamm on behalf of the Service Ministry



Photo Courtesy of Cornerstones

New Flooring in Henry Hall

A long-time dream has come true: we have a beautiful new floor in Henry Hall. Technically, it's called Luxury Vinyl Flooring – or LVT – but to those who have worked hard to make this happen know that it's more than just a floor. It's the result of years of Holiday Bazaars, other fundraising and a generous gift from the St. Timothy's Preschool. The floor was installed Monday, July 25th. The photos below don't quite do it justice (color variations occur depending on the lighting) so we hope you will stop by to have a look. Right now, the Hall is open to limited traffic while we put some finishing touches on the space. We will have a formal "grand opening" in the near future.

We thank all of those who have contributed their time, talent and treasure to this project, especially to Mr. Deke Smith, who gathered the samples, worked with the supplier and did the final quality inspection.



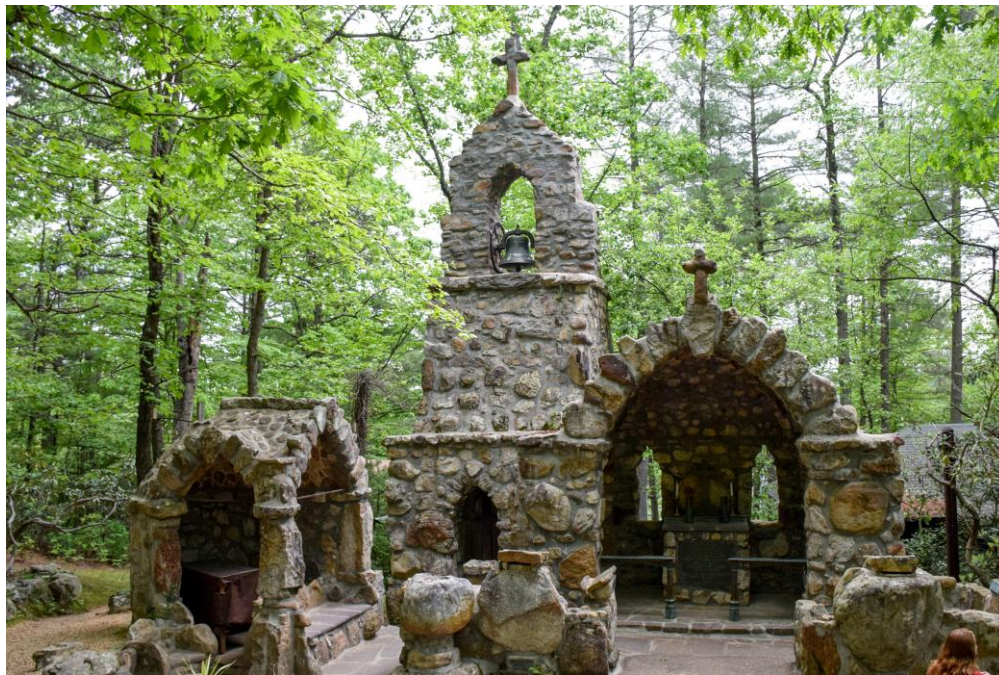
Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Hamm

Shrine Mont Retreat Weekend Sign-Up Available!

St. Timothy's heads to Shrine Mont this year for our retreat weekend, September 16th-18th, 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity to rest, recharge, and renew with your parish family! You can reserve your spot by emailing Donna McGrath, our Retreat Coordinator, at jdksmcgrath@verizon.net.

Please indicate in your email:

- the size of your group;
- whether you prefer single or double occupancy; and
- any dietary or mobility restrictions you have.



Below are the rates for the weekend stay, please know there are scholarships (and day pass opportunities) available:

- Double Occupancy: \$170;
- Single Occupancy: \$220;
- Youth 4 - 12: \$92;
- Children 0 - 3: Free!

In the meantime, check out the Shrine Mont website [here](#) or the photo display/ flyers in the Narthex.

Outdoor Chapel

Thanks to Jim Showalter for the many hours spent restoring a broken memorial bench at the outdoor chapel. The bench's slats were deteriorated, broken or missing, and the ironwork rusted and faded. Jim saved the bench from going into the dumpster.

Jim also designed and built boxes to protect projectors in the sanctuary – also hours of work. Thanks for all of this hard work!



Respectfully Submitted by Andy Hamm

MARTHA AND MARY

How many times do we see the above names in reverse order, perhaps because we are told in younger years that listening is so important and that being too busy to listen is a lost opportunity to learn. While listening to Fr. Charles' Homily on the relevant passage in St. Luke's Gospel a few weeks ago, I recalled several paintings from centuries ago which depicted this account and in particular Vermeer's lovely depiction of Martha in the kitchen preparing food, perhaps being admonished by her mother, while through a window or a doorway, we can see her sister Mary intently listening to Jesus as they wait for the meal to be served.

I have always thought that despite her hands being busy in a bowl, Martha's expression suggests that she is also listening intently and mulling over the meaning and even what she should do with the instructions. It is obvious that it is only the mother who is concerned about the dishes to be offered to this special guest and it looks as if she is chiding her daughter for not paying attention to the ingredients etc.

Perhaps you too have been busy when a special message is being delivered – I know that has happened to me in past years when children clamored for attention – but I have later remembered what has been said and been able to discern the vital message conveyed. I feel certain too, that Martha, like the Virgin Mary, kept these sayings in her heart and thought of them often.

You can find the Vermeer online as well as a few other depictions of this incident by other artists in bygone centuries. Any feeble excuses of being too busy to listen and learn, like those ascribed to Martha, are expunged by a willingness to review and consider the word and actions in the peace and quiet of prayer and study. Each of the sisters and their brother, Lazarus, had different personalities and skills as we do – it is what we do with them that matters and, after all, it was Martha who ran out to Jesus when Lazarus died and begged Him to restore life to her beloved brother.

Thoughtfully, Jill Cox



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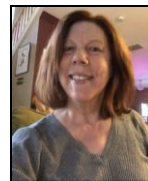
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<u>Service Times</u>		
Saturday:	7 pm	Spanish Service/Rite II
Sunday:	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English)
Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)		
Please check the website for up-to-date information about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

Welcome New Members

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

If we do not have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, send the information to office@saint-timothys.org.

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Psalm 85:8–13

- ⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- ⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.