



The WORD

April 2023

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

As you read this, Lent 2023 will be coming to a close and Holy Week will be upon us.

I invite you all to the services this week as we prepare to experience the Easter miracle.

As a reminder, here's the schedule:

Palm Sunday:	April 1 st at 7 pm (Spanish-Speaking)
	April 2 nd at 8 & 10 AM *
Tenebrae:	April 5 th at 12 pm
Maundy Thursday:	April 6 th at 7 pm *
Good Friday:	April 7 th at 7 pm *
Easter Vigil:	April 8 th at 7 pm (Spanish-Speaking)
Easter Sunday:	April 9 th at 8 & 10 AM * (with Easter Egg Hunt to follow the 10 am service)



NOTE: All services with an asterisk will also be Livestreamed by our St. Isidore's Guild.

These services open up the mystery of the Paschal Feast and help one to enter more fully into the reality that is the Resurrection of our Lord. Know that our Music Ministry has been preparing special music (including our Bell Choir and a newly reconstituted Children's Choir!) Know that our Altar Guild has been dutifully preparing our worship space with all the beauty that marks this celebration. Through those things, and in celebration of Word and Sacrament, know that you will find the Risen Christ present here at St. Timothy's.

To add to that, we will also celebrate Holy Baptism on Easter Sunday at the 10 am service as we welcome the newest members of St. Timothy's into the Body of Christ. The week following, we will again have another on the 2nd Sunday in Easter at the 10 am service. Join with me in welcoming those joining our community and in pledging your participation to raising them within this parish family.

On a personal note, April 1st marks one year of myself and my family with you in Herndon as your Priest-in-Charge! I noted at the time the irony of that date ("April Fool's Day") twelve months ago. Please know that it has been a wonderful trip around the sun in leadership in your community.

A curiosity of the calendar is that every so often, Easter Day falls on April 1st, April Fool's Day. It last did so in 2018, and will do so again in 2029. I think about St. Paul's statement about the "foolishness of the world" when I think about that juxtaposition. I also recall that, whenever Easter is indeed on April Fool's

Day, that means that Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day! I choose to think that those two calendar dates can be joined, so that we start our Lenten Journey in the dark but in love, and we end in what looks like in great foolishness, but what is, in reality, the victory of the Cross bearing that love for us all!

God Bless,
CHARLES+

Report from the Vestry

Dear Friends,

Our March Vestry meeting was held after the The WORD was finalized for the month. Therefore, there are no notes included here – should you have questions about the Vestry, please reach out to any member. Our contact information can be found in the back of The WORD. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted by Maria LaWalt, Senior Warden

Upcoming Food Drive for LINK

Many of our neighbors are experiencing food insecurity. Over the years, St. Timothy's, along with other local congregations, has supported LINK to meet the needs of the community. Unfortunately this need has increased over the past several years. In fact, SNAP benefits (formerly known as Food Stamps) were decreased significantly on March 1st. This decrease in benefits has been named a "Hunger Cliff" and many people in Herndon and the surrounding communities have gone over the "Cliff".

The Service Ministry has come up with an approach to offer a more proactive approach for the St. Timothy's congregation to help feed those in need. At all services on April 22nd/23rd, Service Ministry members will be handing out cloth bags with a list of items needed by the LINK food pantry. You will see us in the Narthex after each service handing out bags. Please take one and return it the following week (April 29th/30th) with items for the pantry. Whatever you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated.

Other area churches that support LINK have implemented this approach and have reported great enthusiasm and an increase in donations for LINK. This is a worthy cause and we are confident that St. Timothy's, as always, will support our neighbors in need.

Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our neighbors!

Respectfully Submitted by Thomas Bosworth, Service Ministry

Update on Chapoteau, Haiti

Following is a letter from Pr Kesner Gracia, Priest in Charge, in Chapoteau, Haiti with an update from St. Mathieu's. We will be conducting our annual fund raiser for the school in August. Please keep the children, teachers, and families in your prayers, as well as all of the people in Haiti. *Thank you, Carolyn Hamm.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers, our supporters:

First of all, we greet you in Christ and thank you for your ongoing support. So that you may have a better understanding of how the school is functioning, and the situation in the country, we submit this report for your review:

Regarding the school and all of its activities, everything is going very well. The children come to school every day and a hot meal is served to them every day. The parents are happy. We have 9 teachers, 1 director, 2 watchmen, 2 housewives and 3 cooks. We have a total of 17 workers at the school.

Unfortunately, we have suspended the secondary section of the school due to a lack of financial means to pay the teachers. Since we are forced to close the secondary section, we do not send students to official exams. While the state requires that each school have a secondary section, this has presented a problem for us.

In Haiti, there is a carnival holiday from February 20 – 23. We take this opportunity to offer a training/seminar for teachers and we will send you some photos.

In terms of the country's political situation, things are getting worse every day. Only the intervention of a specialized international force could help us to finish with this wave of generalized insecurity.

Given your love and compassion for the people of Haiti, I thank you again and salute your continued support. Your fervent prayers are as important as the financial help. For all that you have done, on behalf of the entire Chapoteau community, we thank you and we also assure you of our prayers.

May God bless you and bless as well Haiti and America.

Pere Kesner



Come Create Your Shrine Mont Experience!

Shrine Mont presents a unique experience for each visitor. It is home of the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the ecclesiastical seat of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. It is also a very popular retreat center for a variety of parishes, congregations, families, groups and individuals. It also serves as a conference center for business groups, teams and organizations. Countless families experience Shrine Mont each year for their traditional reunion. Local high school bands experience it a week each summer as they practice on the large open fields for the upcoming school year's performances. Shrine Mont's 1,200 acres in the western hills of the Shenandoah Valley are lovingly experienced by hikers and explorers and trail keepers. The gardens, streams, ponds and natural beauty are a source of inspiration for horticulturists and gardeners – and altar guilds attending a flower-arranging workshop. Hundreds of children and adults experience Shrine Mont each season in the diverse camps and happenings, including camps devoted to serving underprivileged local children and those with special needs. Each summer, Shenandoah Valley Music Festival brings four concert experience weekends, featuring nationally recognized, award-winning artists in country, bluegrass, pop/rock, folk, Americana and classical music. Programs at Shrine Mont, all aligned with its mission to serve as “A Place Apart”, attract hundreds of guests.

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- [Volunteer Work Weekend](#) April 21 – 23
- [Spring Digital Photography](#), May 4 – 7
- [Simply Yoga in the Mountains](#), May 19 - 21
- [Women's Retreat](#) June 4 – 6

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Respectfully Submitted by [Diane Miller](#), who serves on the Shrine Mont Board of Directors and is happy to answer any questions.

EASTER

E aster day - morning of joy!
A ll men and women, girl and boy,
S ay "Alleluia" with such verve
T hat makes each one vow to serve
E very day, night, month and year,
R edeemed from sin by One so dear.

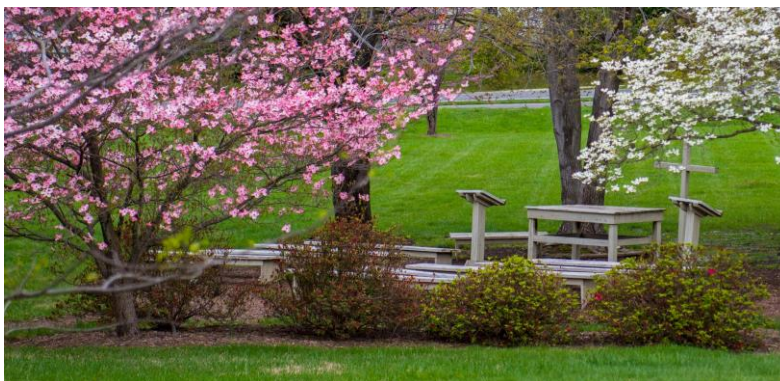
H e gave His life that we might thrive.
E ach day and year in which He, alive,

I nvites us to be a constant friend,
S triving His flock on earth to tend.

R esponding to their need and pain
I n ways that everyone can gain
S ecurity, water, food and care,
E nding all that is so hard to bear.
N o more fear, famine or strife,

A nd all God's gifts be shared in life.
L et us remember God's great love
L oosed from His kingdom far above.
E ach plant and animal, man and bird,
L et love abound and then be heard
U pon earth, on sea and in the Word.
I n the Name of Christ, the Risen Lord.
A men."

Respextfully Submitted by Jill Cox



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Service Times

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.

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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Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- ¹⁶ “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

