



The WORD

February 2024

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

In my family, we refer to the dreariness and cold associated with this time of year as “the JanFebs.” This is the portion of the calendar that has the holiday season firmly in the rearview mirror, and the promise of Spring still a few months away. For Christians, of course, Lent—a time of preparation and penitence—is also on the horizon. To add to it all, in 2024, we will even observe Ash Wednesday on Valentine’s Day.

Your Rector’s WORD article for this month does not offer any reprieve to these “JanFebs” as I will use this space to talk about the following items in our church life: Funerals, our Endowment, and our Columbarium.

1) On the bottom of the “Sacraments” page¹ of our church website, there is a section related to Funeral preparation at St. Timothy’s. There, one can find links to two documents: first, a [Funeral Planning Guide](#) and then a [Family Information Form](#). Both provide lots of information about how to plan for a loved one’s funeral as well as to think about one’s own. Please consider taking a look, and even filling out for yourself what hymns/lessons, etc. that you would want at your burial service. Questions like: “do I want Rite I or Rite II? Casket or urn? Communion or not?” can also be answered. You can return that document to the church, and we will have it on file for if, or rather *when*,



Funerals

Funerals are held at St. Timothy’s primarily for parishioners and their families. Pre-planning of funerals in consultation with the Rector is encouraged. Please see the documents below for additional guidelines.

[2024 Saint Timothy's Funeral Guide](#)

[2024 Saint Timothy's- Funeral Family Information Form](#)
[Information on St. Timothy's Columbarium](#)



¹ (www.saint-timothys.org/sacraments)

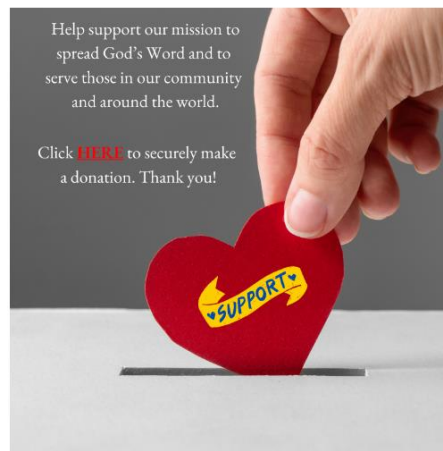
the day comes. Your family will thank you from beyond the veil! Far from being dreary, folks often find funeral preparation to be a liberating experience!

If you have any questions, please feel free to set up a meeting with me (priest@saint-timothys.org) to discuss these matters.

2) Inevitably, discussions related to death and dying lead to questions related to one's estate and how to pass on one's worldly possessions. (If you thought that transition was forced, I refer you to the instructions related to wills, etc., in our Prayer Book. Found on page 445, it comes at the end of the section related to "A Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child"!))

St. Timothy's first created its Endowment Fund in 2000 to provide parishioners with the means to support the parish's long-term future. Guided by Deke Smith, the Endowment Committee looks to grow the Fund so that St. Timothy's can continue supporting its ministries here in Herndon and worldwide. The average Endowment Fund for churches in our Diocese is about \$500,000; Saint Tim's is currently \$131,500. I encourage you to consider St. Timothy's and the Endowment Fund in your estate plans. For more information, one can go to our church website (<https://www.saint-timothys.org/giving/>) or contact Deke (deke@dksic.net) directly. Also, look for a more detailed announcement from the Endowment Committee later in this issue of the WORD.

Stewardship/Giving



Help support our mission to spread God's Word and to serve those in our community and around the world.

Click [HERE](#) to securely make a donation. Thank you!

What Will Be Your Legacy?



Endowment Fund Information

3) Finally, I wanted to write briefly about the Columbarium located inside the Sanctuary. A columbarium is: "a room, building, or wall that is designated for the interment of the ashes of people who have died and been cremated." Here is a more detailed description of the St. Timothy's Columbarium taken from the original brochure:

The columbarium provides a dignified and economical alternative to in-ground burials. It is located in the middle low wall, to the left, as you enter the sanctuary, as shown in the picture on the back panel. There are 90 niches which measure 8" x 8" x 16" deep. Each niche holds one or two urns. Each niche has a marble cover plate which is engraved, much like a traditional gravestone, with individual dates of birth and death.

The Columbarium contains the cremated remains of over 20 former parishioners and members of the St. Timothy's community. It is a powerful reminder of that "great cloud of witnesses" that joins with us, past, present, and future in the communion of saints. If you want to know more about the Columbarium, please

contact Andy Hamm (andyhamm@verizon.net) or click on the link on our website (<https://www.saint-timothys.org/sacraments/>).

The “JanFeps” can indeed be a gloomy time, as can all this talk about death and dying. I will close then by quoting from pg. 507 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Here lies the so-called Price Rubric, named after Charles Price (1920-1999), one of the primary authors of the 1979 prayerbook. The “Price Rubric” appears at the end of the burial rites, and eloquently describes the Anglican theology on grief, death, and the resurrection:

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

God Bless,
CHARLES +

Saint Timothy’s Episcopal Church Endowment Fund

Your Legacy, Your Church

All gifts are from God, the Bible tells us. We are blessed with living in an affluent country with untold opportunities. When you specify an endowment, your gift will be invested to provide a legacy of support for St. Timothy's in perpetuity because the fund earns interest into the future. Only the interest is spent, and the gift principal remains intact forever.

One way to give is with a bequest. Your will or trust can designate that a specific amount is given to St. Timothy’s Endowment Fund. Such a gift can take the form of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or another type of asset. A bequest lets you pass your gift to St. Timothy’s free of the estate tax.

You can make a gift now and have the joy of seeing your donation put to good use immediately. You also receive an income tax deduction if you itemize on your return. Another suggestion is to directly donate a minimum mandatory withdrawal from an IRA as it will not be shown as income to you and, therefore, not taxable.

If you wish additional information, don’t hesitate to get in touch with any of the Endowment Committee or with Charles+. Your action today to support Saint Timothy’s Endowment Fund will be a lasting legacy to our Church, community, and future generations.

Answering The Call

The troubled world, the chaos and noise,
Only give questions to disrupt our poise;
So little time to hear God's voice,
So little time to consider our choice.
The Voice calls out, but do we reply?
"Here I am, Lord" may not comply.

The troubled, the sick, the poor and the lost
Should have response, no matter the cost.
We should respond without further request
And not ignore our Lord's urgent behest
For comfort, support and gifts from above
Of patience, sympathy and true love.

"Is it I, Lord?" is so often asked,
"What is it, that I should be tasked?"
"Help the poor and care for the sick?"
Will these sweet labors from which I may pick,
Open doors to Heaven and the peace within
Absolved from guilt and free from sin?

This question is so often wondered.
The answer will be intensely pondered.
To love our neighbor where'er they are,
May take us away to countries far,
But all around us is great trouble and need
"Is it I, Lord?" must be answered in deed.

No time to ignore the sick and the poor,
Only time to hear them pray and implore
For help and counsel and God's blessing,
For love and food and aid progressing
To simple life of peace, joy and love,
All blessed by God, who reigns above.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox.



The Closet Board met on January 17, 2024 for its quarterly Board meeting. At that meeting we learned that in 2023:

- The Closet 2023 income was just over \$1,200,000 – a new record
- The Closet gave \$154,250 in grants to community non-profits
- The Closet gave out \$118,355 in voucher money to help those in need (clothing, shoes, housewares, toys)
- The Closet provided \$44,000 total in scholarships to 6 area high schools:
Herndon High School, South Lakes High School, Westfield High School, Dominion High School, Park View High School and Mountain View Alternative High School.

Grant money from the last quarter of 2023 was distributed to All Ages Read Together, Shepherd Center and Stroke Comeback Center.

The Board also voted to send a benevolence check in the amount of \$500 to each of the Congregations that support The Closet.

It is the support of the community who shop and donate at the store and the congregations who provide volunteers that make The Closet a success. It must be noted that The Closet Manager and Staff are to be congratulated to a very successful year.

St. Timothy's February volunteer date at The Closet is **February 7** – hope you can join us at The Closet where we Shop-Donate-Volunteer. The Closet is located at 845 Station Street, Herndon.

If you would like to know more about The Closet...your neighborhood thrift shop, please contact the St. Timothy representatives Holly Hartge (mhhvirginiaz@verizon.net) or Pat Rhoads (PatriciaRhoads@aol.com)

Respectfully submitted by Holly Hartge

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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

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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Welcome New Members

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's or to find out if you are a registered member, contact the church office (office@saint-timothys.org) 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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