



# The WORD

June 2024

**Dear St. Timothy's Family,**

I trust that you received the special email earlier in May announcing St. Timothy's reception of the Becoming Beloved Community Grant from the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. The press release that accompanied it is included below.

I am excited not only about the monetary amount of the grant but also about the larger implications. Being recognized and trusted as a church that is doing effective ministry should mean a great deal to us. It's a great reminder also that we are not alone in God's Garden, that there are others who care deeply about what we are doing in Herndon by way of Latino Ministry, enough to help us in deepening our roots here.



Please do read the press release as it details the hopes and dreams of who we are as "One St. Timothy's"/ "Un Solo San Timoteo."

I want to draw your attention this month to a couple more items that connects us beyond the parish level to the larger Episcopal Church. The first is a familiar one: Shrine Mont, our Diocesan Camp and Conference Center. Rob Huizar, our Retreat Weekend Coordinator, has an article in this edition of the WORD detailing plans for our 2024 weekend.

The second is a reminder that from June 23-28, the national Episcopal Church will meet for its 81st General Convention, as it does every three years. Of special note this triennial is the election of the Church's 28<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop. The Most Reverend Michael Curry, 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop, is retiring later this year so his successor will be chosen [among the following candidates](#) at the General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Please keep the Church in your prayers during that time, and I will follow up next month with the results.

Yours in Christ,  
CHARLES+

## Slate for the 28<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church



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The [Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe](#),  
Episcopal Diocese of Central New York

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

May 21, 2024

The following press release has been issued to the local secular press, in addition to church-related media, with the exciting announcement.

You can read below or check it out at:

[St. Timothy's Receives Grant to Support Growing Latino Ministry | Herndon, VA Patch](#)

[St. Timothy's in Herndon, VA receives grant to support growing Latino ministry – Episcopal News Service](#)

[St. Timothy's Receives Becoming Beloved Community Grant to Support Growing Latino Ministry - The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia](#)

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### **St. Timothy's Receives Grant to Support Growing Latino Ministry**

Earlier this month, the Episcopal Church [announced the awarding](#) of 40 *Becoming Beloved Community* grants to support racial justice, healing, reconciliation, and creation care efforts throughout the world. St. Timothy's Church in Herndon, VA was the recipient of one of the "Impact Grants" in the amount of \$9,350 for its ongoing work in Latino Ministry.

The narrative abstract for St. Timothy's grant proposal read, in part:

*St. Timothy's is an Episcopal Church that worships God in English and Spanish, striving to be "One St. Timothy's"/ "Un Solo San Timoteo." We aim to grow as one congregation of two cultures by deepening our existing relationships, equipping Latino congregants to share in leadership, and creating opportunities for cross-cultural fellowship and mutual understanding. To continue towards this goal and the Episcopal Church's "Becoming Beloved Community" commitment, we plan to augment our current ministry to our Spanish-speaking congregation by supplementing our weekly Spanish-language Eucharist with a comprehensive evangelistic outreach and Christian formation program, led by a full-time bilingual priest.*

The awarding of the grant occurred as St. Timothy's indeed welcomed its first full-time bilingual priest, the Reverend Mario Melendez, in April 2024. Padre Mario, who hails from Puerto Rico and most recently served in the Virginia Beach area, comes to Herndon with his family (wife, Catherine, and son, Thomas) and a passion and energy for the Gospel. He will serve the Latino/x and Spanish-speaking community as well as doing work across the breadth of parish life at St. Timothy's.

St. Timothy's ministry to Spanish-speakers in Herndon began under the Reverend Brad Rundlett (St. Timothy's Rector from 1995-2014, Rector Emeritus since 2023.) In 2005, Brad and members of the congregation were among the leaders in the community working to establish a day laborer center in the area. This occurred after an opposition group tried to force undocumented workers out of the community. Subsequently, leaders of (what would become) the Saturday night service sought St. Timothy's out because of its reputation in the community for inclusion and hospitality. St. Timothy's began a Spanish-language Eucharist service in 2012 which quickly grew to a core group of 50 parishioners from the Latino community in Herndon and the surrounding areas.



The Spanish-speaking presence at St. Timothy's has since gone through several iterations and models, with the relationship between “Saturday night” and “Sunday morning” sometimes being closely felt, other times more distant. For example, in 2022, a Community Garden, named “Rooted in Herndon”, was planted on St. Timothy’s campus and featured the hard work, planning, and maintenance of both Anglo- and Spanish-speaking members. Likewise, our annual retreat to Shrine Mont and Family Day Picnic witness joyful collaboration, fellowship and worship as “One St. Timothy’s.”/ “*Un Solo San Timoteo.*”

However, the lack of a full-time Spanish-speaking priest on staff at St. Timothy’s tended to mean that the Latino portion of the congregation was not able to grow into its full identity and place within the parish. And, although the faithfulness of many kept it going through the difficult seasons of COVID, staff transitions, and the like, there was always the sense that God has been calling the community into something more.

With the support of this Becoming Beloved Community Grant, St. Timothy’s will be able to increase its outreach to the local Latino community and grow as ambassadors of reconciliation and healing in the world.

The grant application ends with these hopes and dreams:

*We intend to be a multicultural worshipping community, secure in our Episcopal identity, diverse in our linguistic and cultural expression.*

*We intend to be a beacon of God's light and love for those who have found the Episcopal church from other denominations.*

*We intend to be a sanctuary for those who feel discriminated against in the larger culture, and a refuge for those seeking a safe space to be their authentic selves.*

*We hope that we can continue to strengthen the bonds, spiritually and relationally, so that we may more fully live out God's dream for our community.*

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## **Shrine Mont 2024**

Two hours from Herndon, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, is a place that holds a special place in the heart of St. Timothy's – Shrine Mont. Shrine Mont is the Diocese of Virginia's conference and retreat center, and houses The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, the only open-air Episcopal Cathedral in the country.

Shrine Mont holds a very special place in many of our parishioners' hearts. The youth camps have positively impacted many lives, whether as campers or camp counselors, and led to many lifelong friendships. For some, family camps and other events have created moments for those to connect with loved ones or people with similar interests. For others, Shrine Mont is an escape from the hustle-and-bustle of DC, allowing for time to rest and rejuvenate.

But what does Shrine Mont mean to St. Timothy's? Every year, it's "a place apart" where our church can connect with each other, away from the stress of our everyday lives. Our annual retreat allows for rest, devotion, fellowship, and learning, where all may grow in the grace of God. Plus, we get to enjoy each other's company while enjoying delicious Southern home-style cooking.

This will be my fifth year attending our annual retreat, and my fourth year as organizer. I always look forward to our retreat because it's a chance for me to connect with others, especially new members. My favorite part of our retreats has always been the fellowship, whether it's over meals, hanging out in the Vienna House living room at the end of the day, or sitting and chatting on the porch of Warner Cottage. Last year was extra special when some of us went stargazing and saw shooting stars from the lawn near St. George's Camp.

This year's retreat will be happening from September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. We are very lucky to have Padre Mario leading our adult program this year. We will also have a corresponding youth session on Saturday morning. We will have many other activities including hiking up to the cross, an outdoor sing-along, and maybe some marshmallow roasting (weather permitting). We'll end the weekend on Sunday morning with a service at the Shrine. This year, I'm really excited to announce that kids 17 years old and younger can attend our retreat for FREE, so I hope that more families will be able to attend this year.

Registration will be opening up in early June, so keep an eye out for the information in the weekly bulletins and eNews. I'll also be making regular announcements at the weekend services. If you have any questions, you can contact me via e-mail: [RetreatCoordinator@saint-timothys.org](mailto:RetreatCoordinator@saint-timothys.org).



*Respectfully submitted by Rob Huizar*

## Highlights from our 2023 Annual Retreat





## **Update from the Service Ministry**

**Lenten Outreach:** During Lent we collected gently used orchestral and band instruments for Sterling Middle School and Park View High School. Both schools are Title I (meaning that a high number of students are from low-income families) and few students could afford to purchase instruments. Here is a message from Gerritt Peck, a teacher at Park View and our liaison to the schools for this project:

“All the band instruments and strings have found happy homes with our Title1 students who could not afford to purchase their own. There were so many students that wanted to take home the guitars, we had to have them apply for the opportunity to have one. Twenty-eight students applied, each writing an essay on why they should receive one. The music department teachers evaluated them and announced the winners and gave out the guitars this evening at the end of year concert. Tears were shed in happiness and gratitude by many of the students. Once again St. Timothy’s has touched the very heart of the community and made a lasting impact on the lives of these wonderful young people. On behalf of Park View High School and Sterling Middle School thank you, thank you, thank you.”

If you were not in church on May 26th, we recommend that you go online and watch yesterday’s 10am service ([HERE](#)). Our fellow Service Ministry member, Gerritt Peck made an absolutely wonderful presentation to the congregation regarding our Lenten Outreach effort to provide musical instruments to high school and middle school students. Gerritt’s moving presentation is during the announcements portion of the service.

**Homelessness in our Community:** The Embry Rucker Homeless Shelter is overflowing and effective March 31, area Hypothermia Shelters were closed. A large tent encampment housing between 20 and 35 people has sprung up in Reston on Fountain Drive between the Inova emergency room and an assisted living facility. **Cornerstones** is working with the county, through Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn’s office, to open an emergency overflow shelter. The schedule for opening the shelter has been dramatically delayed by the county, leaving these folks to remain in the encampment for an unspecified amount of time. If you are interested in reading more about the homeless situation in our community, this article from FFXNow newsletter has a good summary: [Reston Overflow Shelter for Homeless Encampment](#).

**Cornerstones** is also working with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to build low-income housing near the intersection of Route 50 and Fairfax County Parkway. The project will provide about 30 permanent housing units targeted for those who have faced chronic homelessness. Cornerstones will provide on-site support staffing 24/7. For more on this project, read: [Affordable Housing in Fairfax County](#)

**LINK Food Drive:** The food drive for the LINK pantry will occur in July with exact dates TBD so watch for further details in the weekly eNews. The effort will likely coincide with our annual Backpacks for Kids drive. **And by the way**, if you have a special St. Timothy’s blue shopping bag sitting at home, feel free to fill it and bring it in anytime. There is a collection basket outside of Henry Hall. The LINK pantry is always in need of food items; a shopping list of the most appreciated items can be picked up from the basket.

Thank you for *putting your faith to work* to help our neighbors. For more on the Service Ministry and what we do, please write to [service@saint-timothys.org](mailto:service@saint-timothys.org).

*Respectfully submitted byCarolynn Hamm and Tom Bosworth*

The Herndon Masonic Lodge will hold a family-oriented fun(d) raiser June 22 at Herndon Middle School. The proceeds will benefit the Lodges non-profit SHAPE, which supports scholarships for local high school students, the South Lakes High School Food Pantry, and cleanup of the W&OD trail (among others).



**THE**  
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**MICHAEL**  
**EXPERIENCE**

**JUNE, 22**  
**6PM**

**HERNDON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
901 LOCUST ST, HERNDON, VA 20170

Get ready for a wild ride of laughter and jaw-dropping magic with Chris Michael at Herndon Middle School this June 22nd at 6pm! It's not just a magic show; it's a comedy bonanza where you're not just watching - you're part of the mayhem! Suitable for all ages, it's the perfect way to turn your evening into a hilariously magical adventure. Don't miss out - grab your tickets now!



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## **Announcing St. Timothy's Newest Ministry**

Generations Ministry is up and running. Our first event will be a parish BBQ on June 23 following the 10AM service. More information is coming soon, so mark your calendars. This will be the first of what we hope will be informative and fun events for everyone.

Our mission statement is below. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact us at [generations@saint-timothys.org](mailto:generations@saint-timothys.org)

***To encourage and foster relationships and friendships at St. Timothy's and beyond through multi-generational events, outings, lectures, etc., allowing parishioners and guests to share knowledge, experiences, and talents.***

## **MY SIMPLE GARDEN**

My simple garden is no Garden of Eden,  
But God's creation is still held within;  
His gift of beauty, perfume and bee kingdom,  
Recalls the first Garden for Man to live in.

My simple garden reflects joy and pleasure,  
Unlike the dark menace of that site of betrayal.  
My garden shows scents and colors to treasure,  
Not the dark shadows of harm, hurt and trial.

My simple garden calls birds, bees and creatures,  
Unlike rough voices, and brash metal armor,  
Here in my garden you find restful pleasures,  
No clashing of swords, torn ears and dire clamor.

When shall we return to the first place of calm?  
Our Lord invites us, but harsh world interferes.  
Can we seek peace, comfort, joy and sweet balm  
If we don't open our hearts. eyes and ears?

I will sit in my garden - serenaded by birds,  
And pray to the Lord for charity and hope,  
That all wars will stop and the whole world girds  
The garments of peace and salvation to cope.

We pray then that Eden shall soon be restored  
Without hate, ambition and wealth as a goal,  
Just love, care and worship as once He implored  
And our world once again can truly be whole.

*Respectfully 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 the church office ([office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org)) or fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

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