

News from the Rector: Holy Week, New Bishop

Holy Week and Easter

This year Easter Sunday is April 8th. This means April 1st through the 7th is Holy Week. We will have services on Palm Sunday (also called "The Sunday of the Passion") on April 1st at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am. These services will begin in the Parish Hall. We will have a Healing service with the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, April 4th at 12:15 pm. Our April 5th Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:30 pm. And on Good Friday, April 6th, we will have a Stations of the Cross service at 12:15 pm and Solemn Prayers at 7:30 pm. Easter Sunday services will be at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am.

These services and the events we commemorate are the very foundation of the Christian faith. It is important for all of us to attend; to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come as well.

A New Bishop

In the Episcopal Church we have five kinds of bishops.

Our Presiding Bishop who is elected to a nine year term; s/he is the Primate of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Each Diocese has a Diocesan Bishop (also called The Ordinary) is the leader of the Diocese; s/he must be at least thirty years old and must retire at seventy two years of age. A Co-Adjutor Bishop is elected by a Diocese to work with the Diocesan Bishop until s/he retires; the Co-Adjutor then becomes the Diocesan Bishop. On April 21st Rev. Leslie, Fr. Brad, and our delegates—Jennifer Boysko, Betsy Knoizen, and Diane Miller—will meet in Fredericksburg with the clergy and lay delegates from the entire Diocese of Virginia to elect a new Suffragan Bishop (the candidates are listed on our Diocesan website www.thediocese.net). A Suffragan Bishop is elected by the diocese to assist a Diocesan Bishop. And finally there are Assistant Bishops who are often retired Bishops who assist a Diocesan Bishop. The Diocese of Virginia is the second largest Diocese in the Episcopal church (Haiti is the largest); we have a Diocesan Bishop (Bishop Shannon), an Assistant Bishop (Bishop Gulick), and we will elect a new Suffragan Bishop in April. +

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Pere Wisnel Plans Return Visit in May

by Genevieve Zetlan

Pere (French for "Father") Wisnel Dejardin return to his St. Timothy's church family on May 13, 2012! As many know, Wisnel was a seminarian from Virginia Theological Seminary with St. Timothy's for nearly two years before graduating in May 2011. After graduation, Wisnel immediately returned to his homeland of Haiti and was assigned to St. Marc's in the far western part of Haiti on the outskirts of Miragoane. Pere Wisnel and Pere Michelin Saint Louis are returning to Virginia from May 12-15. Pere Michelin spoke at St. Timothy's in May

2011 and was the very gracious host of the St. Tim's Haiti mission team for five days in November 2011.

Wisnel and Michelin will join us on the 13th for worship services and a special parish dinner that evening. Father Brad has given the honor of preaching the Sunday sermon to Pere Michelin, and Pere Wisnel will celebrate Holy Communion during all three services. St. Timothy's will hold a Rice and Beans dinner that evening at 5:00 pm to give parishioners a chance to speak with Wisnel and

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Women's Retreat: The Way of Prayer

When: Saturday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish House, Middleburg, VA

Cost: \$20 per person, half of which will be donated to St. Mathieu's School in Haiti. Please don't miss the retreat due to the cost! Scholarships are available.

St. Tim's Women's Retreat—The Way of Prayer: How do we pray? Why do we pray? Who do we pray for? These

are all questions that we will explore at the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) Retreat on Saturday, March 24th. We will spend the day talking about the many ways we can pray—with our senses, with scripture, with our hearts and more. Please plan to join us for this day of fellowship, prayer and a new way to explore your spiritual life.

What to bring and wear:

We will spend some of the time getting to know each other; each participant is asked to bring a religious symbol (e.g., cross, Bible, picture) that has personal meaning and to share its story with the group. One of the planned activities is a deep sitting meditation; please dress comfortably. Each participant is also asked to bring something for lunch. (There is a sign-up sheet in Henry Hall.)

Sign up sheets are in Henry Hall, and checks may be given to Keith in the office. Please contact Allyson Showalter with questions: allyson.showalter@verizon.net, 703-742-4016. +

Get Ready! Dungannon Youth Mission Trip

It is time to start thinking about this year's trip. We will be departing on the 21st and returning on the 28th of July. We will be posting the forms for this year's trip on the website. See the contact information below if you need more information or have questions. Also let us know if you plan to attend and have not signed up at this time.

We had our first fundraiser, the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on the February 21st, and we appreciate your support again this year raised nearly \$1000 at this event. I would like to thank Rick Wilson for agreeing to coordinate this event again this year as well as all the other volunteers who made it such a great success.

Please check the weekly bulletin and the WORD for upcoming events relating to this trip.

If you have questions, suggestions, or wish to volunteer; contact Chris Brock, christopher. brock2@verizon.net and Leslie Chadwick, lesliec@saint-timothys.org. +



LINK Publishes "Top 10" List

By Shon Beury

The 2011 holiday season was a tremendous success for LINK. A record 1,754 families received food, toys and warm clothing. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of food and time during a busy time of year.

In 2012, LINK started promoting a Top 10 list of requested donations. In an effort to offer clients a nutritious balance of non-perishable food while meeting some dietary limitations LINK will try to deliver a broader variety of food. The Top 10 list for March is: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, canned fruit, canned meat and tuna, flour.

kidney, black and pinto beans, canned and powdered milk and diapers. (Although diapers aren't food they are in great demand and are always appreciated.)

A regularly updated list of requested donations can be found at www.linkagainsthunger.

org. Please watch for future news about LINK in the weekly bulletin. In May, St. Timothy's volunteers will deliver food each week. Look for a sign-up schedule in Henry Hall beginning in April. Please contact Rob Duchesneau, rob.du@verizon.net for additional information. Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our community.

Silent Auction to Benefit Music Ministry, Sunday May 20

An exciting event is being planned to raise funds for the Music Ministry to replace the historic pipe organ, which has served our music program with grandeur and melodious sounds—thanks to our Music Director, Peter Waggoner.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 20th. The congregation will have an opportunity to bid on all sorts of items, services, vacations and collectibles.

The committee is planning on—line bidding for some items and in person bidding after each service on the 20th. We need:

- 1. Donations of goods, services and collectibles (Valued at \$20 or more)
- 2. Volunteers to collect donations and organize possible online and live auction items.

Want to help and have some fun? Join the committee on Sunday, March 4th after the 9:30 am service and before the 11 am service to join one of the sub-committees. We welcome a volunteer with advertising, public relations or marketing experience to get the word out. Anyone with previous silent auction experience, we welcome your suggestions and ideas! A list of possible items and services for the auction can be found to the right.

We already have some exciting items and we'll be sharing them as time goes on ... art work, an exciting vacation spot and much more!

If you have questions, items or services to donate, or ideas to share, email Sue Van Meers – sbarnette@mayfairtalent. com or Carmela Condro – ccondro@verizon.net. +

What can you donate?

Collectible glassware

New small appliances

Old clocks

Coins

Collectible toys

Gift certificates

RVs, boats, motorcycles

New TVs

Quilts

China

Jewelry

Good-as-new bicycles

New or good-as-new sports equipment

Baskets

Timeshares

Antiques

Silver/pewter/gold items

New or good-as-new furniture

Camping and fishing items

New kitchen appliances

Dolls/collectibles – American Girl dolls, etc.

Tickets to sporting events, concerts, or theatre

Personal services: prepare dinner for four, rake leaves, babysit, run errands, arrange flowers for a special event, photograph a family, install software on new PC, etc

St. Tim's STRIDES for MS Gears Up for Challenge Walk



The 10th Multiple Sclerosis National Capital Challenge Walk is September 22 & 23. St. Tim's

STRIDES for MS is a group of almost 20 church members and friends who have come together to take the challenge, and this year we will be participating in our 5th walk. Last year we raised over \$6,000. We are starting our fundraising early this year, and need to raise \$1,500 for each person who will

walk the two-day, 50 kilometers course. The money is used to fund research, to facilitate professional education and to provide programs and services to help people with MS and their families move their lives forward. We are very excited about this undertaking and hope for support and encouragement from our friends and families.

March is MS Awareness month and we hope you will help us observe it by participating in some of the events we will be announcing through the bulletin all month long. Please consider volunteering to help out any way you can or contacting us with any ideas you have on how we can meet our goals. The positions available on the team are walker, crew member, & volunteer. Please check our team website often for updates and upcoming events at www.msandyou.org. Contact Chris Brock at Christopher.brock2@verizon.net or 703.437.3968 or any team member with questions. +

Congregation Q&A

Q. What are those three skinny wooden things standing in the narthex?

A. A pipe organ has many metal pipes, right? Not always! Pipes can be made of a number of different materials. Those three tall brown skinny things standing in the Narthex and the downstairs lobby are just like the pipes in our 145 year old Tracker organ. Made of wood, they are subject to heat, humidity and deterioration. Imagine trying to get the same sounding note on a rainy day as on a dry day when the wood expands and contracts as the weather changes. The blasting heat of a furnace can dry out the wood and cause splits that require costly repairs. The Capital Campaign invites you to take a few minutes and look over the three pipes in the Narthex and lower lobby so you can become familiar with the problems of maintaining our organ. Everyone has a chance to participate in the Capital Campaign. One of the pipes in each lobby has been designated to receive coin contributions. So, have the whole family gather extra change and drop it in the next time you come to church. Remember, it only takes 100 pennies to make a dollar-so every penny brings us closer to our goal!



Submit your questions to the Question Box hanging on the wall in the narthex below the pictures of the bishops.

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Michelin in depth. The dinner will also be an opportunity for members of the community both within St. Timothy's and from outside the congregation to donate to the school in Chapateau.

The Service Ministry and the Haiti Mission team have outlined a series of goals to pursue over the coming years as we solidify our relationship with the village of Chapateau and with Haiti:

1. Fully fund 20 students education at St. Mathieu's school. Currently, we support 18 students, but there are about 100 more that cannot attend school at all because they cannot afford it. We hope to increase our support to 20 students. It costs about \$400 a year to send a child to school—often an impossible amount for the average Haitian family, but quite achievable for us (after all, on

average we spend twice as much per year just for cable TV). That money not only provides books and shoes, but buys uniforms (made locally), pays teachers and, just as critical, provides one solid and nutritious daily meal of rice and beans. If you would like to sponsor a student, please speak with Shon Beury.

- 2. Provide one university scholarship of \$1,000. It costs about \$1,500 a year to attend University in Port-au-Prince. With a college education, a Haitian can become part of the middle class and earn a comfortable lifestyle, saving enough to help other family members.
- **3. Raise funds for improvement of the school.** St. Mathieu's needs roof and structural repairs. The school has no kitchen, making meal preparation

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unsanitary and nearly impossible during the rainy season. Such improvement projects will cost \$24,000 to \$35,000, but can be accomplished over many years as funds become available. In addition to making the buildings safe and useable, the improvements will provide jobs and contribute to the local economy.

To be a part of building up the students of St. Mathieu's, make your check payable to St. Timothy's with "Haiti School" on the memo line.

Please mark your calendars now for this very special event and join us to give a huge St. Timothy's welcome to Pere Wisnel and Pere Michelin. For more information, please contact Shon Beury, Service Ministry, or Genevieve Zetlan, Haiti 2011 mission team.



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Submission deadline for the next issue: Friday, March 23, 2012

Questions, articles, or ideas, and comments for The Word are always welcome. Send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put "The Word" in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

Becoming a Member

Are you an official "member" of St. Timothy's? If you're not sure, check with Nikki O'Malley. She is in the office on Wednesdays, or you can reach her at nikki.omalley@gmail.com. To transfer your membership to St. Tim's, please contact Nikki or visit the website and fill out the Parishioner Information Form: www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf

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Service Times

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. Eucharist, Rite II Godly Play, ages 3-9 Nursery Care

11:00 a.m. Eucharist, Rite II Sunday School Godly Play, ages 3-9 Nursery Care

Wednesday 12:15 P.M. Eucharist and Healing Service